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NEWS AND OPINION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The editorial department of *The News-Review* has been visited recently by a few people bent on knocking the editor's ears down because of opinions expressed in news or advertising columns. As the editor's ears are exceptionally large, the batting down process would be painful so we once again wish to impress upon readers the fact that a newspaper's opinions appear ONLY in the editorial column. Any opinions contained in news or advertising columns almost without exception show the source of the opinion, either through quotation from a named individual, through the by-line of the writer or by signature.

Frequently newspapers carry opinions in their news columns in direct opposition to views expressed in the editorial column. No opinion in the news or advertising columns need necessarily be the opinion of the newspaper.

The News-Review, for instance, publishes the writings of various political and economic observers. Very frequently these writers are in disagreement with views expressed in *The News-Review's* editorial column. In every case the writer is identified.

We do not believe we would be operating a good newspaper if we gave our readers only one side of any controversial question. We believe, on the other hand, we are providing good service when we endeavor to present all the arguments, including our own.

We never ask agreement with opinions expressed in our editorial column. If we take sides on a controversial issue, we are presenting our own opinions. We respect the right of anyone to disagree.

Frequently a news item appears concerning some local project and expressing the opinion of some person connected with the promotion of that project. Invariably the news item identifies the person making the quotation or the one from whom the statement of opinion was received. It does not necessarily follow that the sentiment contained in the quotation or statement is the opinion held by *The News-Review*. It also is true that an advertiser in purchased space may make certain statements with which some readers may disagree. Unless the opinion is stated in the editorial columns of this newspaper, it is not necessarily our opinion.

It is quite clear from recent occurrences that some people do not understand this distinction between news and editorial opinion. We hope the difference has been explained.

The News-Review welcomes any item of news in which opinion may be stated, providing the item is newsworthy and the source of the opinion may be quoted. It is not at all necessary that we agree with the opinion expressed.

Speed Regulations On Hospital Grounds

Motorists refusing to heed the appeal of the management at the Veterans Hospital for careful driving on hospital grounds may cause a great hardship to the public in general if it becomes necessary to close the reservation to public travel. Good reason to ban the public is found in the following statement from the hospital management:

For many years signs have been posted at the Veterans Hospital designating speed zones. These regulations have generally been disregarded by motorists in passing through the hospital grounds. Recently motorists have been stopped and cautioned by the hospital guards that violations cannot be tolerated.

There is a very definite reason for desiring to keep the speed down on the hospital grounds. At the present time there are about 600 patients in residence there, and as many as possible are out on the grounds for exercise, relaxation, and other assignments. All of these veterans are physically or mentally ill, so are not sufficiently alert to watch for traffic. It is the danger of injury to patients that makes speed limits necessary. The noise of traffic is another factor that must be considered as much there as at any general hospital. Quiet is essential at all times of day and night.

Roads through the hospital grounds are actually private roadways built by the Veterans Bureau for hospital use. So driving through the grounds is technically trespassing. Many Veterans Hospital grounds are fenced and guarded to permit only those on business to enter. The hospital management has no desire to keep people from visiting or using the roadways for their own convenience, but using the hospital drives as speedways is far from being a courteous use of that privilege. It is hoped that it will not be necessary to prohibit people from traveling these roads, but the manner in which people have been driving is requiring that some action be taken in order to prevent accidents to patients. Consequently, the guards at the Hospital have been instructed to stop traffic violators, warning them on the first offense, and giving them a summons to the court for any further offenses. The speed zones are clearly marked, so there is no reason for violating the regulations. Due to the noise and traffic hazard that they create, trucks are prohibited except when on official business at the hospital.

Several times in the past when the Oak Street bridge was undergoing repairs, the hospital bridge was used as a detour and emergency crossing. Use of the bridge saves many motorists two or three miles and 15 minutes of driving, so it is hoped that the people of Roseburg will cooperate and help to keep this road open for reasonable usage.

LETTERS to the Editor

Quality of Coffee In Eating Places Rapped

ROSEBURG—Was reading last night about restaurant owners raising the price of coffee to ten cents per cup.
Now I really don't think any of us would mind paying ten cents for a GOOD cup of Java. But where in Roseburg can one get said GOOD cup of coffee? My husband and I have frequented practically every eating place

here and have sadly failed in finding just one good cup of coffee. Haven't the restaurant owners learned yet that the public can still recognize the taste of the coffee strecher we used during the war? They might use SOME coffee in their brew, but very little.
Now I feel better since I have blown my top about this very interesting matter which has gripped me for a long time.
Come on, folks, and speak your piece!
MRS. H. D. YOUNG,
Roseburg, Ore.

The praying mantis is said to be the only insect that can turn his head around and look over his shoulders.

OUT OUR WAY



Donna Faye and Mary Lou had been very busy all morning. Every time I glanced up from my desk I could see them there on their porch, doing something to a cardboard box.

Later, going over on an errand, I saw their morning's work, and it was both ingenious and artistic.

With their modeling clay, the kind you find at toy counters or get from a school supply house, they had furnished a doll's house. Around the open front edge of the box they had contrived a frame-effect of alternate yellow and green rounds pinched flat and pushed against the cardboard.

Easy chairs were made of two colors: one for the "wood," the other for the "upholstery," pictures, both frame and design, were really clever; there was a yellow and green rug under the dining table, with a sleeping cat.

"That's Pretty," said Donna Faye, "and," added Mary Lou, "here's Pretty-Two over here in the basket." Sure enough there were our two pets, a white cat and a kitten, a most flattering

thought when you consider that the girls have six cats and kittens of their own!

A corner cupboard, lamp, and I don't know what-all, completed the downstairs. Upstairs were cardboard beds with dolls in them. "Real pillowcases!" I was urged to see for myself how the pillowcases "came off." Modern plumbing was not forgotten, and other conveniences dolls could enjoy were modeled out of the clay. Oh yes, there were cardboard clothes-closets with hangers and clothing hanging therefrom. A morning's work? Fun!

Last winter I went over one day and they were in the kitchen working busily with the clay at the kitchen table. On a large piece of cardboard they were modeling a barnyard, complete with rail fence. The animals were beautifully made, and needed no labels to identify them.

It seems to me that children in the country have advantages, too. They have time to think things through without interruption, and time to develop their ideas to completion.

Hospital Planning Must Eye Future, H. N. Jacobson Says

"Our hospital planning must not be considered only from today's needs, but must include plans for still greater growth of the Roseburg area," said H. N. Jacobson, local lumberman, following announcement of his appointment as chairman of the major gifts division of the Douglas Community Hospital Building fund campaign by H. O. Parqeter, general chairman, today.

The campaign for \$300,000 from public subscription to build a new fireproof hospital will open Sept. 13 and close Oct. 6.

"The major gifts division of our campaign organization is second in importance only to the memorial-medical division. From Mr. Jacobson's division will come all the contributions that fall into the \$250 to \$1,200 class," Parqeter said.

"We will be looking with great interest at the progress of the major gifts division. Through it, many of the people of Douglas County will be able to give tangible evidence of their support for this community project."

Jacobson pointed out that about 600,000 people a year are coming to Oregon and the rich timberlands of Douglas County are attracting a good portion.

"However," the new major gifts chairman added, "we cannot hope to continue to grow in wealth and attract the skilled workers we need, unless we help to provide one of the basic necessities of a healthy and progressive community—a modern hospital with the latest scientific equipment."

Today's demands of the community must be met and we must envision and anticipate tomorrow's needs. The Douglas Community Hospital program is planned with a view toward easy expansion to accommodate still greater population needs of the future.

Traffic Rules At Veterans Hospital To be Enforced

All motorists who violate traffic regulations while driving through the Veterans Administration grounds will be subject to fines or revocation of the privilege of driving on that government reservation, according to an announcement by Dr. John I. Haskins, manager of the Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital. Speed zones are clearly marked and the guards have been instructed to apprehend all violators, who must then appear before the Justice Court, Dr. Haskins reports.

The first offense will result in a warning and will be recorded against the vehicle and the driver. Further violations will necessitate an appearance before the Justice of the Peace. Continued violations will result in suspension of the right to drive through the hospital grounds.

"The roads through the hospital area are not supposed to be a thoroughfare for general public traffic," said Dr. Haskins. "However, we want to cooperate with the community in every way possible. If people will observe the posted regulations, we will probably be permitted to keep the road open to the public as we certainly wish to do. But if some patient is injured by a careless driver, we will be forced to confine the use of roads strictly to hospital business. Trucks must keep out and cars must use extreme caution and obey speed regulations."

LOGGER KILLED
MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—Injuries suffered in a logging accident were fatal yesterday to Jim Driskell, 28, of Butte Falls. Driskell worked as a "booker" for the Joe Hearin Lumber Company. He was helping to load a truck yesterday when a log rolled from a nearby pile. He was crushed against the wheels of a truck.
His widow and two children survive.

By J. R. Williams

Editorial Comment
From The Oregon Press

BY THE DRINK OR IN THE PACKAGE?

The Bend Bulletin Results given out after a Portland poll on the question of selling hard liquor by the drink are so close that the promoters of the measure to legalize such sale are given no assurance of an affirmative majority when the proposed amendment to Oregon law is voted on at the general election this fall. Upstate as well as big city sampling was used in testing public opinion, so that if scientifically done, the poll should be a fair indication of current opinion. The affirmative scored 46 per cent, the negative 44 per cent, leaving 10 per cent who gave no opinion.

It is in the 10 percent that the answer would lie if the issue were to be resolved today and it must be assumed that the "no opinion" responses include whatever number is against sale of any kind, whether by the glass over the bar or in the original package over the counters of state liquor stores at present. It is not likely that the 10 percent is largely made up of those who are simply against liquor and consequently against any method of sale. As the question was phrased, they could express no preference.

Their minority is small indeed, but it is large enough to constitute a balance of power. The fact that older persons questioned were more inclined to prefer sale in state stores, while younger ones liked the "over the bar" idea gives another angle in interpreting results in reference to the election. Older citizens, it has been our observation, are more likely to visit the polls on election day than are the members of the younger generation. In a poll, such as is under discussion, the issue is brought to the individual instead of the individual setting forth on his own account to deal with the issue. This in itself would tend to change the percentages given to favor continuation of the established system.

In the foregoing there is naturally much that is conjecture. Some of it may be influenced by remembrance of Oregon's history in liquor legislation, of local opinion, of the fact that the state voted out saloons well before national prohibition. Later, Oregon did vote repeal, but its Knox law was a compromise which, by minimizing abuses of the right to purchase alcohol, would prevent another reaction to prohibition. Recollection of saloon days is not a pleasant memory is it more pleasant to think back on the days when the eighteenth amendment was in effect. We believe that it would be well to avoid the return of either and we would like to believe that the results of the Portland poll may indicate that this will be the course which Oregon will choose to follow.

Wholesale Prices Hit New High Last Week

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP)—Wholesale prices, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, hit an all time high by advancing 0.5 per cent in the week ended August 7.

BLS said its index reached 169.2 per cent of the 1926 average. The previous high was 168.9 on July 17.

The present level of the index is 1.4 per cent above a month ago and 11.2 per cent over a year ago.

Average wholesale prices for farm products increased 0.7 per cent during the Aug. 7 week and wholesale food prices averaged 1.2 per cent higher.

S. P. Section Boss Jailed in Slaying Of Negro Worker

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 12 (AP)—Clarence Edgar Ellis, 32, Southern Pacific section gang foreman, awaited possible charges in the Lane County jail today, pending an autopsy and investigation in the fatal shooting yesterday morning of Earl Bowers, 37-year-old Negro section hand.

Jailed here with Ellis after the shooting near Cascade Summit were Gad Williams, 45, who carried an unlicensed 38 caliber Colt automatic when arrested; James Butter, 41, Lloyd Headspeth, 27, Robert Lee McCoy, 33, and Samuel Walton, 47, all section hands.

The five are being held as material witnesses, with Williams accused of carrying a concealed weapon. All claim they had no part in the hostilities.

District Attorney C. E. Luckey said today that formal charges would not be filed until after the autopsy, which is scheduled today. Headspeth, one of the witnesses, told investigating officers that Ellis fired two shots into Bowers, left the body in the road, and drove to Abernathy station, where he called state police.

VA Appraisal Of Property For Sale Available

Any owner or builder who contemplates sale of property to veterans now may obtain a Veterans Administration appraisal in advance, Clifford Fields, V. A. representative for this area, pointed out today.

This service enables the seller to know the V. A.'s "reasonable value" figure before he offers the home, farm or business structure to a veteran for purchase with a GI loan, Fields explained. For sale purposes, the appraisal will be valid for 60 days. The prospective seller would pay the usual appraisal fee.

During the first months of 1948, Oregon lenders made 1,195 GI loans amounting to \$6,363,673, the VA aide reported. These were covered up to \$3,004,401 by government guaranties.

"This marks a 55 per cent decline below GI lending for the year before," he commented. "High prices and building costs, lack of a secondary market for the lenders, and a dwindling acceptance of the low 4 per cent interest rate are the chief brakes on the GI program."

In Oregon, the VA has approved 12,044 loans thus far, including 9,782 on homes, 1,610 on small businesses and 652 on farms. These loans were for a total of \$59,702,924.

Municipal Band Dates Concert at Vets Hospital

Under sponsorship of the State Elks Association, the Roseburg Municipal Band will play a concert at the Veterans Hospital next Monday at 7:30 p. m., announced Fuller Johnson, State Elks veterans entertainment chairman.

Under the direction of Lem Bitner, the band will play an hour's program outside the building for the pleasure of the patients.

The general public will be privileged to attend.

Trophy awards for the winning softball team and players will be made.

The Elks, said Johnson, will serve refreshments to all the hospital patients during the program.

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