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PLANNING THE FUTURE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce adopted four major objectives at the start of the current year's activities: (1) improved recreational facilities, (2) organization and support for the Community Chest, (3) improvement of East Second Avenue South, (4) increased and more adequate civilian hospital facilities.

In a bulletin issued to the membership, Louis J. Fullerton, president, reports that all of these objectives have been realized, pointing out that:

Parks and playgrounds have been acquired and improved. Playground equipment has been installed and more is on order. A wading pool is under construction. Our municipal swimming pool will be completed by September first. It will be in use next summer if dressing rooms can be provided.

East Second Avenue South has been extended west to Stephens street and is now being reconstructed from Jackson street east to the city boundary.

Our Community Chest is a functioning organization. Present civilian hospital plans call for the erection of a new community hospital and a major expansion at Mercy hospital.

The Chamber of Commerce is to be congratulated on attainment of these objectives. It is true that they are not complete, but action, at least, is in progress on each.

Parks and playgrounds still are needed. That project must be continued in force and operation to meet needs of expanding population.

The East Second Avenue South improvement will be brought to completion in the near future.

The Community Chest is functioning and the Chamber of Commerce still is studying ways and means of improvement.

The hospital program is shaping up nicely. Mercy Hospital is to be greatly expanded and a Community hospital is expected to result from a financial solicitation now being organized to start in mid-September.

The report by the president does not include the many other valuable services performed during the year. Many objectives not named still are ahead of the organization, but a new program now is being proposed based "on the urgency of our needs."

Questionnaire Mailed to Gain Ideas

Chamber of Commerce members are receiving questionnaires asking a list of projects which it is believed should be undertaken for the future. Each member is asked to list seven objectives. From suggestions received the board of directors will outline a new program, setting up goals for future activities.

The Chamber of Commerce, we are sure, has no desire to limit collection of suggestions to its own membership exclusively. It would welcome constructive opinion from any residents of the community, if mailed to the secretary. The questionnaires, however, are going only to members because, obviously, it would be impossible to contact all residents.

Members are being asked whether they would approve or disapprove bond issues or tax levies for storm sewers, street lighting, street improvement, airport improvement, city hall expansion, city-owned parking lots, swimming pool dressing rooms, additional school buildings.

Opinion regarding permanent location of the Pacific Highway through the city is solicited.

Members are asked to list seven "most important civic projects" for Chamber of Commerce promotion.

We would suggest that the public in general join in formation of the program for the future. If you have an idea for a "Better Roseburg" mail it in to the secretary.

"Crank" letters are not wanted. They come without solicitation.

Babe Ruth hit 729 home runs during his professional baseball career. He struck out 1,330 times. Which goes to show that the public is interested only when a man hits the ball; his misses aren't held against him as long as he produces results if only occasionally.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague in

The Oregon Statesman

Frankly this Communist business is very confusing. In May we had a big debate in Oregon between two presidential candidates on the subject: Shall the Communist party be outlawed?

Candidate Stassen said they should be outlawed. Candidate Dewey said they shouldn't, or they would be driven underground. Measured by results in Oregon and the nation, Dewey must have won the argument.

Since then, however, revelations indicate that the Communists have had a very active underground though the party had legal status. A procession of confessed and penitent Communists have hit the newsstand—and the headlines—with stories of Communist spying and transmission of secrets to the Soviet Union. At Moscow, and tales about present or former government employees in responsible offices who were pipelines of information or Communist partisans. All of these deny the allegations, or refuse to testify.

The Communist party has never been outlawed, but the government has found indictments against a dozen of its top leaders.

Again, though the Communist

party has never been outlawed, no Communist is permitted to hold a federal job, and no union can get recognition from the National Labor Relations Board until its officers sign affidavits they are not Communists.

Dewey said we shouldn't outlaw the party because that would be an invitation to some government to outlaw the Republican or Democratic parties and would be a denial of political freedom of thought. Yet we "outlaw" unions with Communies in official positions, and we put a bar against Communies holding federal offices.

Freedom of thought and freedom of speech are "civil rights" but a Congress committee cites for contempt (which the court upholds) the Hollywood contingent which refuses to answer the question "Are you a Communist?"

The House passed the Mundt-Nixon bill which it was said would not outlaw the Communist party—but which clearly puts them outside the pale. Its theory was like the policy of King James with reference to the Puritans; to "harry them out of the land." But the Senate refused to pass the bill.

It is all very confusing. Just what is our national policy toward the Communists as individuals and as a party? Now it seems inconsistent.

Perhaps it must be inconsistent. No government will tolerate treason, spying, disloyalty; but our Constitution guarantees political freedom. How can we reconcile the two with special reference to the Communists?

It seems evidently was right

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



THE SHORT CUT

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Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

There are so many little stories of faith-lighted courage which rest in my heart—and in yours, too, no doubt—like jewels in a jewel case: It is refreshing to look them over now and then and enjoy them.

One of my favorites is the one I heard many years ago over a radio program called, if I remember, "Miracles of Faith." Something that happened hundreds of years ago in Wales: in an old ruined castle. Perhaps you remember the story?

A "man of God," the story goes, had been inspired to train a number of younger men to teach the word of God. Then came famine and stress of every kind, until one day the group assembled as usual in the old ruined castle were without food. Totally without food.

The teacher, with faith-lighted courage, asked them all to be seated around the bare table; asked each one to lift up his heart in prayer, and to expect an answer.

In the silence a tiny mouse made its way to the table-top, and then, frightened by a sound, scurried away. But before it fled, it

dropped on the table a grain of wheat. A perfect grain of wheat. The hungry ones, refreshed by prayer, pondered the grain of wheat, seeking to understand... One grain only—but were there not more where that came from? Inspired by the idea they began to search. In the old ruined castle, secure behind walls of mud-bricks, they uncovered a hidden granary full of wheat, perfect, dry, stored against a day of need.

The uninspired might have looked bitterly at that grain of wheat and asked, "What is one grain of wheat among so many?" "God helps those who help themselves." After we have taken all the human footsteps which our earnest thought can show to us, we can still help ourselves by prayer, a confident expecting of the need being met. For our only need is for an idea, is it not? Not something to hold in one's hand, to measure, to buy for a price—just an idea by use of which other things come.

Centuries ago a discouraged woman was asked, "What hast thou in the house?" Always "in the house" are ideas—and with the ideas we meet the need.

When he said the Communies already operate underground as well as aboveground. But is there no such thing as a Communist who is also loyal to the United States?

These are grave questions which concern not only the country's safety but the integrity of its political principles. In raising them I am merely thinking out loud—and thinking out loud probably for a good many loyal Americans, non-Communists, who are confused over the present performance and confused also over what ought to be our national policy toward Communists.

Lightning Check By Use of Dry Ice Experiment Plan

SANDPOINT, Idaho, (AP)—Research men who hope to curtail lightning fires by stopping lightning at its source are busy experimenting on the Kankaid National Forest.

So far the work has emphasized the measurement identification of lightning-producing clouds, but the experimenters are ready to try to break up the lightning by dropping dry ice on clouds when atmospheric conditions are right.

In charge of the work are H. T. Gibson, fire research head of the Priest River Branch of the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, and Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, General Electric Company research specialist.

Schaefer discovered the method of seeding a cloud with dry ice to produce rain.

The goal of the present research is to drop dry ice pellets of a certain size and in certain amounts on "seeds" or developing clouds. The moisture in the upper part of the cloud then will turn into fine snowflakes and drift away harmlessly instead of rising into a towering cumulus cloud above and generating a lightning, researcher men believe.

A plane is standing by to make the test when atmospheric conditions are right.

BLIND MAN SNARES PIG

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. (AP)—It took a blind man to capture an elusive pig on Johnstown streets.

Several police and bystanders sought for an hour to catch the escaped porker reported eating in a resident's garden. Finally, Glenn A. Fisher, who is totally blind, lured the pig into a duck pen with a piece of bread.

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Peacetime Pay Rates to Disabled Vets Increased

Pacific Northwest veterans with service-connected disabilities incurred in peacetime service will receive increased compensation checks from the Veterans Administration on September 1, the VA announced.

The increases will be made automatically. Veterans entitled to them need not apply or write VA offices.

Public Law 576, 80th Congress, specifies that peacetime rates for compensation shall equal 80 per cent of comparable wartime rates. Previously, peacetime rates averaged about 70 per cent.

Compensation rates are based upon the percentage of disability suffered by the veteran as a result of service-connected injuries or illnesses. Percentages for which the VA is authorized to pay compensation range from 10 to 100 per cent. Additional allowances are provided for amputations, blindness and others.

Under present wartime rates, disability pay starts at \$13.80 for 10 per cent up to a maximum of \$60 for a 100 per cent disability and additional "statutory" awards.

The new peacetime compensation begins at \$11.04 a month instead of \$10.35 for 10 per cent disability, up to a maximum of \$28.80 instead of a previous limit of \$27.

Soviet Announces Rule Of Danube River Traffic

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Aug. 23.—(AP)—The Danube River—Central Europe's one outlet to the sea—will remain under Soviet control regardless of the fate of the new Russian-dictated Danube pact.

(The Western powers refused to sign the pact which was initiated in Belgrade last week by Russia and her satellites.)

This control is virtually the same as that enjoyed by the Russians since the end of the war. Western delegates to the Danube conference pointed out that under the new pact no shipper of any nationality could traverse the entire navigable part of the river from Central Germany to the Black Sea without Russian approval. And it was made clear by Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vishinsky at the meeting that Western "economic penetration" is not wanted.

New Drug Found Effective in Hay Fever Treatment

CHICAGO, Aug. 23 (AP)—A new drug has been more than 90 per cent effective in treating 142 cases of hay fever and other allergic conditions, an Illinois physician reported.

The best showing was obtained against hay fever, with "good results" reported in 66 of the 68 hay fever patients treated.

The drug is theophorin, one of the antihistamine group. Dr. John Peters of suburban Oak Park reported on its use in an article in the Illinois Medical Journal, official publication of the Illinois State Medical Society.

His findings: The drug was effective in controlling symptoms of 91 per cent of patients suffering from both hay fever and asthma. There were three failures in a group of 34 such cases.

In 16 cases of asthma, the drug was effective in 75 per cent of the patients. All of the failures were in patients suffering from bronchial asthma. The drug was 100 per cent effective in pollen and grass asthma.

Dr. Peters said theophorin appears to be the least toxic of the antihistamines. Only 15 of the 142 patients treated suffered such undesirable reactions such as gastric disturbances, insomnia, nervousness and sweating.

Allergic reactions such as hay fever are caused by the release within the normal body cells of the chemical histamine. The antihistamine drugs combat this chemical. Research workers have developed several antihistamine drugs in their search for one that would not produce undesirable reactions.

14-Year-Old Mother Exhibits 7-Pound Son

COLUMBUS, Ga., Aug. 23.—(AP)—A 14-year-old mother proudly exhibited a seven-pound son Saturday.

The child was born to Mrs. Sherman J. Foster who married her 19-year-old soldier-husband two years ago after a "whirlwind" courtship of two months. Foster is stationed at Fort Benning.

In the Day's News

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undertook to get her back into Russian jurisdiction. She told him: "NO, I don't want to go back; I want to stay here."

In our note to Moscow, our state department asserts that our government will not turn her over to Russian authorities AGAINST HER WILL. If she wants to go, well and good, but we won't FORCE her to.

We add, for good measure: "The government of the United States cannot permit the exercise within the United States of the police power of any foreign government."

We mean by that we won't permit the Russians to send their cops into the hospital to TAKE HER BACK.

That, stripped of diplomatic language, is the long and the short of it.

THE principle involved isn't anything new. In fact, it's very, very old. It has cropped up in our history many times. European governments have always claimed jurisdiction over their subjects throughout all their lives, no matter where they might go.

In our great-grandfathers' time, that contention was put this way: "Once an Englishman, ALWAYS an Englishman." That is to say, the fact that he might move to America and become a naturalized American citizen didn't alter the fundamental fact that he was born a subject of the British king. The contention was that he was BORN an Englishman and remained an Englishman no matter what he might do.

That contention lay at the root of our war with England in 1812. The British then insisted on the right to stop our ships and take English-born sailors off of them. We went to war with England again after the Revolutionary war rather than concede that right. The same principle is involved in this latest ruckus with Russia.

THERE is a lot of mystery in connection with this school-teacher business. Why do the Russians want them back?

We can only guess at the answer. But we do know that all over the world the Russians have been reaching out for their nationals (meaning people born in Russia). They took thousands of them back from France. They've been grabbing them everywhere, when they can lay their hands on them. We have a nasty suspicion that a lot of them are taken back home and shot against a wall.

Maybe it is none of our business what Russia does with these people after she gets them back home. But it always has raised the hair on the back of our necks when any foreign government tries to reach into America and take back some BORN SUBJECT who has come to America to find sanctuary against oppression.

We like to think of our country as a HAVEN FOR THE OPPRESSED, and it goes against our grain to have our ideas along this line disregarded. That still goes in the case of these Russian schoolteachers.

TRAFFIC FINES LEVIED

Several nationally levied from the Municipal Court of Ira B. Riddle include Aven Harold Lavesey, speeding, \$20; Albert J. Heidenrich failure to yield right of way, \$10; Lawrence Herman Mead, \$10, speeding, and Gordon Dampier, no operator's license and illegal muffler, \$5.

Jo Ann Amorde Acquires Another Beauty Title

EUGENE, Aug. 23 (Special)—Jo Ann Amorde, Oregon's home-grown Venus, the blonde Sutherland, Oregon, miss who in 1947 carried the state's beauty colors to the finals of the Miss America contest, has added another title to an already long list.

The University of Oregon co-ed has been named winner of the National College Queen of Queens contest as the university entry. The contest is sponsored yearly by Pic Magazine from entrants representing colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Jo Ann was also selected Emerald Cover Girl on the campus for 1947-48. This is an annual event sponsored by the Daily Emerald, student-published newspaper.

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