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YOUR THREE CENTS WORTH

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The News-Review subscriber pays approximately 3 1/3 cents for each issue of the paper delivered to his door by carrier, yet he is serving him tens of thousands of men and women in every part of the world. Except for the organization built up by the press for collection and dissemination of news, and the inventions by which news material, pictures and general information may be transmitted, no sum of money, no matter how large, could bring together all the news appearing in one issue of the News-Review, for trained and experienced reporters, editors and technicians in every part of the world must be knit into a smooth-working organization to produce the modern newspaper.

An airplane crashes in a remote spot on the other side of the world. Immediately the local press services gather details. Correspondents transmit the news to the foreign bureaus of the American press associations. The news is cabled to the United States. Within a matter of minutes bulletins have been flashed to each of the district bureaus of the continental United States for transmission over local loops. Thus, in Roseburg, over the leased wires of the Associated Press, the News-Review, within a few minutes after the airplane crash in China, receives details of the accident and the names of victims and survivors. Yet it was only a comparatively few years ago that 28 days elapsed before papers in the United States had details of the fall of Port Arthur to the Japanese in the Russo-Japanese war.

In every city and hamlet of this country men and women trained in the profession of gathering, disseminating and publishing the news are working for News-Review subscribers who pay only 3 1/3 cents for such services. A letter from a friend, carrying the news of one family and one place, bears a 3-cent stamp. News-Review subscribers get letters daily from hundreds of people, yet those receiving their paper by carrier pay only one-third of a cent more than the postage on a single letter, while mail subscribers pay less than the cost of one 3-cent stamp.

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The News-Review's leased wire is served from the Seattle bureau office. Daily papers in Oregon and Washington are on the loop. At regular intervals throughout the day the wire is "split," the Portland A.P. office transmitting news of special interest to Oregon members only, while Seattle sends news of importance only to Washington members. The individual papers have equipment whereby they can break the circuit at any time and transmit their own news to all papers on the loop. Thus newspapers of Washington and Oregon are knit into a compact news exchange, while receiving news from the various trunk wires and sending out their own news to the world at large.

In addition, each newspaper has its staff of reporters, editors and feature writers gathering news of local interest for publication in the hometown paper.

When a person speaks his mind we sometimes refer to his act with the slang phrase that "He got in his three cents worth." The three cents a newspaper costs the subscriber, however, brings the minds and hands of many thousands of people into the service of the reader in furnishing news, information, opinion and entertainment.

Dental Assistants Plan Organization

A group of local dental assistants assembled for a dinner meeting last week with Madge Kingley, 5th district trustee of the American Dental Association. The local group plans to organize a local society for study purposes.

A guest at the meeting was Dr. Eleanor Carlson, who offered the group her assistance.

Cornelia Palmer was elected temporary chairman and Shirley Clark temporary secretary. Next meeting of the group will be Tuesday, Oct. 5, at Carl's Haven. Those present at the meeting included Helen L. Gallant, and Pauline Parrott, assistants to Dr. Earl A. Neure; Mrs. Faye Bradley, assistant to Dr. Kenton T. Bradley; Doreen Purdy, assistant to Dr. Bruce Hettrick; Donna Crawford, assistant to Dr. F. W. Field; Dr. Carlson, and Miss Clark, and Miss Palmer, assistants to Dr. E. K. Bryant.

France Faces Strike Of 325,000 Coal Miners

DOUAI, France, Oct. 4.—(AP)—A strike of some 325,000 French coal miners that could paralyze the nation's industry if prolonged began quietly today.

At two mines near here groups of pickets from the Communist-dominated General Confederation of Labor gathered at mine entrances. Neither police nor sol-

diers were in evidence. The walkout threatened to cripple coal fields in the north of France and in the Pas de Calais area.

The strike was called for an "unlimited duration," by the Communist-led federation of miners. The non-Communist workers' force, claiming 120,000 members, said it would join the strike "effectively but not actively." The non-Communist French Confederation of Christian Workers agreed to strike for only 48 hours.

Northwest Faces Pagan Turn, Pastor Declares

PORTLAND, Oct. 4.—(AP)—A church founded here when Portland was a community of 100 persons was told on its 100th anniversary yesterday that the Pacific Northwest is in danger of turning pagan.

Dr. Newton E. Moats, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Seattle told a centennial audience here last night that the Northwest is behind the rest of the country in church-going.

Twenty five per cent of North-westerners are church members. Moats said, compared to 35 per cent of the country as a whole. Calling upon the churches to appeal to the 2,000,000 newcomers to Washington and Oregon, he said:

"If we do not rise to the opportunity, the Northwest will be pagan, not christian; secular, not religious."

Five Protestant denominations joined in last night's Centennial at the First Methodist Church.

OUT OUR WAY



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

"It seems odd to me," Mrs. Bitwuns remarked, "that other people can work things out according to plan. Everything goes together like a jigsaw puzzle with no huge china cabinet left over, and a buffet in the kitchen that looks like a mezzanine."

"That's what they say," Mr. B. disposed of that firmly. "Now let's get back to the point. How do you want these stairs rebuilt? He made sweeping motions with his hands. 'This way?'"

The contractor hastily waved his hands in the opposite direction. "This way, Mr. Bitwuns. She wanted 'em that way, you know. But that means practically rebuilding the house, and we decided—"

"Sure, sure, I just misspoke," Mr. B. waved his hands to match the contractor's. "Now then, honey, the 'honey' was slightly strained in tone, do you want them this way? Will you please answer one question with yes or no—that is, if you can?"

"Don't be silly. Of course I can. But I certainly don't like the idea of the fireplace on the south wall!"

"Let's not get off the subject. Especially let's not get started on the fireplace. We're discussing how to rebuild the stairs."

August Traffic Death Lowest In Oregon History

Oregonians climaxed a summer of record traffic volumes last August by establishing the lowest death rate in the state's automotive history. Secretary of State Newberry announced.

With 27 traffic deaths in an estimated 380 million miles of travel, the state emerged with a death rate of 4.6, well under any previous Oregon figure and far below the national average. The nationally-recognized basis for determining highway safety, Newberry explained, is the number of deaths per hundred million miles of actual driving.

Newberry said the low August death rate resulted from a drop in the number of fatalities while car travel was reaching an all-time peak, outstripping traffic volumes in August of 1947 by ten percent.

August gasoline sales topped all existing records at \$48,996,891 gallons. Taxes on this gallonage grossed \$2,449,844.57, of which approximately 13 percent will be returned to non-highway users as refunds.

Saturday Deaths Lead

Almost half of Oregon's fatal traffic accidents are taking place on weekends, Newberry has revealed.

Saturday is the leading death day with Sunday a close second, on the basis of state-wide accident reports. Together, these two days accounted for 77 of the 159 fatal smash-ups reported in the first six months of 1948, Newberry said.

Leading factors accounting for this ratio were said to be heavy weekend travel and more after-dark driving at that time.

"This is something motorists enroute to football games must keep in mind," Newberry warned. "Darkness, often heightened by rain, doubles the traffic hazard after the game."

With the number of cars on the road now at record levels, he said, a wary eye on traffic road surface conditions, and the speedometer will help to offset the added danger.

DRUNKS, VAGS IN COURT

Arrests by city police over the weekend were reported disposed of in Judge Ira B. Riddle's Mu-

nicipal Court as follows: Wilbur Charles Ruffner, Roseburg, drunk on a public street, committed to the city jail for 10 days in lieu of a \$20 fine; James John Kuiver, San Francisco, vagrancy, 10 days, committed; Daniel Patrick Hayes, San Francisco, vagrancy, floated; Lloyd Delbert Bateman, Grants Pass, vagrancy, floated, and Daniel Joseph Currie, Roseburg, drunk, committed to the city jail for 15 days in lieu of a \$30 fine.

"But, Algie! I told you how I wanted the stairs and you said—" "I didn't say. Seems to me the man that's going to do the job ought to know more about it than a woman who's trying to copy some picture in a book. And stop talking about the fireplace! It's stairs!"

"Well, if you had put the stairs the way I wanted we could have had the fireplace on that wall, too, and I don't see why—" "Here we go again," Mr. B.'s voice was louder than really necessary for this entire audience was in the same room. "It can't be here and it has to be there. Now do you want the stairs this way or don't you? Will you say yes or no?"

Mrs. B. sounded puzzled. "I don't see why you keep asking me how I want them when I've told you and they can't be that way? That's the way they were in the picture!"

Mr. B. was obviously near to his blow-off degree, although Mrs. B. couldn't imagine what she has said to upset him this time. "All right, Algie," she said soothingly, "Let's have the stairs however you think would be best."

"Now," said Mr. B. approvingly, with an air of great relief. "Now we're getting somewhere."

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By J. R. Williams

In the Day's News

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the atomic bomb.

This writer has a notion that if Russia HAD THE BOMB she'd keep as mum as an oyster until the time came to use it.

COLUMBIA University announces the discovery of a new green mineral RICH IN URANIUM. The stuff examined by Columbia came from mines in the Belgian Congo (in Africa) where it was found in the form of small crystals clinging to mine walls. It is about 60 per cent uranium. How plentiful it might prove to be throughout the world is not known.

The new mineral (which has been named Senglerite, for Edward Sengler, its Belgian discoverer) appears to let Russia into the picture, since it is a close relative of another mineral named tyuyamunite, which has been found in Russian Turkestan.

SO FAR, uranium is the chief source of fissionable material. Chiefly because of Russia, the world's interest in uranium (or any other source of fissionable material that may later be discovered) is for military use in bombs.

It could REVOLUTIONIZE a peaceful world. For example:

A reputable atomic scientist asserted the other day that with even reasonably abundant atomic power California and the whole arid Southwest could distill plenty of fresh water from the ocean to meet all their present and future needs.

And at reasonable cost.

NOTHER thought: A sea water is rich in minerals (including gold and magnesium). The by-products of atomic distillation might more than pay the cost.

BACK to politics—as always in election years.

Truman, home from his tour, sneers that Republicans can achieve UNITY by "electing a GOP President and congress who will lead them (unitedly) in a heading dash toward another depression." . . . Wallace, in California, blasts the un-American activities committee, which has been showing up communists in our midst. . . . Dewey, in Wyoming, calls again for American unity at a time when "world communism is on the march."

LET'S try summarizing what they've all been saying to date:

TRUMAN: "Give 'em hell. Let the chips fall where they may. If I'm defeated, the world will end, so far as I'm concerned, anyway."

WALLACE: "Truman threw me out. I'm going to get even with him. If it kills Old Sam. Samson had something when he pushed down the pillars of the temple."

DEWEY: "United we stand, divided we fall. If it comes to war, Democrats will die as well as Republicans, and just as patriotically. If it comes to war this time, all the chips will be on the table. If we're going to keep the chips, we've got to stick together."

INCIDENTALLY, let's give the devil his due. Wallace, addressing a dinner crowd at Ciro's cafe in Los Angeles, led off with: "At any rate, at this one, I'll find all the tomatoes in the salad."

Who'd have thought he has a sense of humor?

Only One Official At Coos Bay Out For Re-Election

COOS BAY, Ore., Oct. 4.—(AP)—Coos Bay will have a complete new city administration next year with the exception of the recorder.

Mayor Raymond McKeown and the six incumbent councilmen refused to be candidates for re-election.

At a special election last week, the city relieved City Manager Evan Peterson of most of his powers, and vested them in the Council. Although the move was supported by a 3 to 1 majority, the Council immediately reinvested Peterson with his former powers—but only until Dec. 31 when the new administration takes over. Peterson's resignation as of Dec. 31 has been accepted.

Robert Marsden Jr., retired theater owner and chairman of the citizens' committee that instituted the charter changes weakening the city manager's position, is the lone candidate for mayor. Another leader in the special committee, Dr. R. S. Morrow, is a candidate for the council.

City Recorder Oscar Gulovsen, whose job was changed from appointive to elective by the special election, is the only candidate for recorder.

Councilmen, mayor and recorder will be named at the Nov. 2 general election.

Mayor of Gervais For 32 Years Quits

GERVAIS, Ore., Oct. 4.—(AP)—Gus J. Moisan, 72, who went into Gervais city politics because "the council needed a little new blood," is giving new blood its turn again now.

Moisan is retiring after 42 years on the city council and 32 years—unpaid—as Gervais mayor. "I think a mayor is too old at 72 to do his job right," explained Moisan.

The grandson of an Oregon pioneer, Moisan has run Gervais since the days when "the entire town's water needs were served by a public pump. Cows ran wild over the town, the streets were mud and were lit with kerosene lamps. One of the marshal's chores was lighting these lamps at dusk, then blowing them out at 10 p. m."

One of his first accomplishments was to bring electricity to Gervais. Later he developed the city water works; helped build the first union high school in Marion County.

Mayoring being an unpaid job, Moisan has earned his living by carrying mail, being postmaster, and—more recently—operating a real estate and insurance business.

Offending Jap Editor's Punishment Reduced

TOKYO, Oct. 4.—(AP)—A three-year prison term and 10,000 Yen fine imposed on publisher Kazuo Yonekura were reduced to a year and a 500 Yen fine.

Yonekura, also a Communication Workers' Union official was found guilty by a provost court of publishing derogatory remarks about occupation personnel.

The sentence was reduced by Maj. Gen. W. M. Miles, commander of the 11th Air Borne Division of the U. S. Army.

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Rev. MacArthur Will Speak at North Bend

Rev. W. A. MacArthur, Roseburg Methodist pastor who attended the assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, Holland, this month, will be the principal speaker when the Southwest Oregon Presbytery meets at the North Bend Presbyterian Church Oct. 11 and 12.

Mace, as well as nutmeg, is delicious sprinkled on baked custard before baking. Try it on bread pudding and on sugar cookies, too.

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