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THE ICE IS BROKEN

Roseburg's too-long-delayed expansion has made a complicated start. Sundale, Taylor's Addition and West Roseburg have voted to join the municipality. The West Roseburg election has been voided, but the fact that the proposal to join the city received an affirmative vote, after having once been rejected in the same area, shows that the need for expanding city boundaries is at last being recognized by more and more people and that eventually other sections, too, will come to realize the advantages of belonging to an organized municipality.

We like to avoid the use of the word annexation. When we speak of annexation the thought enters the mind that the City of Roseburg has some ulterior motive to serve in striving to bring territory under its authority. The fact is that these heavily populated communities immediately abutting the city boundaries have far more to gain from joining the municipality than has the city in accepting them. Cooperative community growth is more descriptive of our local situation than the word annexation which, however, must be used because there is no suitable synonym.

Anyone familiar with the City of Roseburg knows full well the mistakes made in the past. Our street arrangement is atrocious. Our sewer system is built on a patchwork plan. Our utility installations are not too good. These conditions resulted from lack of planning. New plans were laid out and accepted without giving thought to their place in overall city development. As a result we have dead-end streets, streets running off at angles, streets that are much too narrow, traffic bottlenecks, sewers that are too shallow, poor lighting, and many other faults.

Immediately adjacent to the city limits business and residential areas are built up almost as solidly as within the city. The same haphazard methods prevail. There is no uniformity in setbacks, no sanitary facilities, no provision for utility installations to carry additional loads for the future. The faults to be found in the original City of Roseburg will be repeated in each of the suburban areas if the city's boundaries are not extended and a long-range development plan formulated.

We anticipate that the Roseburg community will at least double in population within the next few years. Our population may be roughly estimated at 15,000 for the Greater Roseburg area. Development of our timber resource assures an ultimate population of at least 30,000 as rapidly as we can build the industrial plants, residences and business houses to accommodate that number of people. The communities now in the suburban fringe will be solidly filled and beyond them will be other densely populated sections.

If this growth is to be orderly and with the welfare and safety of the people protected, the expansion program should be planned and controlled. That can be accomplished only if the whole area is brought under authority of a municipal organization.

We need authority to plan main arteries for traffic, uniform placement of buildings to provide regulated setbacks, protective spacing between buildings, proper depths for sewers, construction in accordance with fire codes, etc.

Present haphazard development will prove exceedingly expensive in the years to come, while certain faults will plague the community forever, just as the City of Roseburg must tolerate its street mess resulting from lack of vision on the part of residents and officials in past years.

Today we are more aware of the need for overall planning than were residents of earlier days. We have a city planning commission, zoning commission, etc. We need improved inspection service. But our planning must be kept very largely within the narrow confines of the present city, due to lack of authority over the adjacent sections. Yet the suburban area is now so solidly populated that it is as much in need of planning and municipal control as the city proper.

The ice has been broken. Expansion of the city boundaries is assured in a small way. Other communities should be giving serious consideration to their own problems, keeping in mind the fact that development soon will be far beyond the present mark. Should we continue to grow Topsy fashion, or should we be providing protection? Should we have an orderly development, or allow the faults, resulting from lack of planning authority, to be multiplied many times?

Dog Maternity Brings Suit for \$1,600 Damages

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Nov. 5.—(AP)—Sophie, a French poodle, is a distraught mother after nine years of happy, trusting spinsterhood, complains her owner in a \$1,600 suit filed here.

The damages were demanded of Dr. P. H. Hand, Millbrae Pet Shop proprietor, by Miss Doris Bothwell, San Francisco textile designer.

She said that while Sophie was in Dr. Hand's care, he failed to fend off the advances of a black cocker spaniel. The suit alleged Sophie's whelping of nine pups impaired her show dog value by \$500 and took 40 hours of Miss Bothwell's \$25-an-hour designing time for puppy sitting.

Dr. Hand replied Sophie was neurotic and having puppies did her good.

Ohio Engineer Named Grants Pass Manager

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Nov. 5.—(AP)—John F. Porter, Gallion, Ohio, was named as city manager and water commissioner of Grants Pass at Wednesday's council meeting.

He succeeds C. V. Signor, who

resigned a month ago. The new manager is expected to take over his duties late this month, Mayor Morris Milbank said.

A civil engineer graduate of the University of Cincinnati, Porter has served as director of public service in the cities of Troy and Gallion, Ohio.

Columbia River Span At Umatilla Said Favored

UMATILLA, Ore., Nov. 5.—(AP)—W. R. Nugent, president of the McNary Development Association, told the group here that the state apparently is in favor of constructing a Columbia River Bridge at Umatilla.

Nugent had just returned from Salem, where he conferred with State Highway Commission officials.

The Association, Nugent disclosed, is seeking amendment of Senate Bill 562, which provides for building bridges across the tops of dams. Engineers report that such a bridge is not feasible for the McNary project.

Copies of a resolution requesting the amendment were sent to both Oregon and Washington congressional delegations.

Disappointed Again



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

So many weeks. The Girl Scouts and the National Art Week share this one, and then there are also various Days.

If we had been given a daughter there is no doubt in my mind about how much good there would have been waiting for her when she became old enough to be a Girl Scout; a Brownie, too, for that matter.

Of course, Scouting, both for girls and boys, is like everything else when it comes to getting out of it just about what you put into it. If a boy or girl really takes a pride in earning the badges and honors, in doing the projects encouraged in the work, in demonstrating the Scout laws in his or her own living, then I have no doubt as to the value in returns for such faithfulness.

Of course the burden of proof of the value of Scouting does not rest solely upon young shoulders. Our boys, for instance, had one scoutmaster who was an inspiration to them. He brought out the very best in the group. He had a keen sense of humor, and unstinted patience. He took them all into the High Sierra and we parents saw them go off with him

without the slightest concern.

But there was one scoutmaster, temporarily, who had not the gift of handling boys. The boys lost interest in the serious side of scouting; they had more "horseplay" and "roughhouse" than they did anything worthwhile. And it was the very same group of boys, please notice. The man, himself, was a good father, a good neighbor, and he did his best without a doubt. But he just didn't have that gift of handling boys. So there must be cooperation! I presume it is the same in Girl Scouts, too, is it not?

One does not have to be a parent to be a good leader: A Sea Scout "skipper" was in his late twenties, I think. But what he could do with his "ship"! The boys would be down there in the harbor fairly slaving on their Navy boat, "scraping paint," a mean job if ever there was one!

Dear me, I thought I could combine Art Week and the Girl Scouts. Instead I got off on the subject of boys and wise leadership. Well, by a coincidence, a gift, a painting of the sea rolling up on rocks, came into our home, this week. So maybe we have observed Art Week after all.

In the Day's News

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through, he was just himself. The chances are he is just himself now.

The experts and all their advice never even nicked him. He just went ahead and saved his wood in his own way.

YOU'VE got to admit that he had courage.

Practically deserted by the leaders of his party, he buckled in. In the good old way, American candidates for office have been doing for generations, he gave the opposition hell. All of us smart guys laughed at him. We said: "Poor Harry, he's a nice little guy, but he just doesn't know what it's all about."

Well, he knows now. He knows he WON—in his own way. It must be a rather nice feeling.

SO far as Harry Truman is concerned, the term "little man," applied to him in half-sympathetic commiseration, becomes an accolade. He can say in all sincerity: "Sure I'm just a little man—but there's a lot more like me—enough of them to keep me where I thought I ought to stay."

He can paraphrase Lincoln a trifle and say to himself: "The Lord must love us little people, because He made so many of us."

AS to the experts—the so-called scientific pollsters of opinion whose job is to tell us in advance just what is going to happen when the time comes—they have at least proved that the human mind can't be measured with instruments of precision.

You can measure out oats with

Truman Opposes 'Crow' Diet for Bad Guessers

WITH TRUMAN EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—(AP)—President Truman rejected yesterday a suggestion that those who forecast his defeat be forced to "eat crow" in public.

At Jefferson City, Mo., he read a telegram from the Washington, D. C., Post, which offered to arrange a dinner at which its own writers and other wrong guessers would eat "breast of tough old crow en glace" and the president would have turkey.

Mr. Truman said he had been in many election campaigns and "after an election is over I never bear any malice."

"The man who is defeated feels badly enough without being crowded over. And that's what I'm going to tell them."

In a single year, more than 100 billion container units of all kinds are made in the United States for packing goods sold at retail.

Arrested Youths Confess Vandalism On Halloween

PORTLAND, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Two Portland youths were arrested yesterday charged with Halloween vandalism that put a tall fir tree over streetcar tracks and knocked out electric service for six hours.

Detectives, traction company, power company and school agents had been assigned to the case after the falling tree endangered passengers on the Council Crest streetcar.

Detective Joe Blewett said both youths had signed statements admitting they had cut the tree and stretched a line from it across the tracks so that when a streetcar passed the tree would topple.

He identified them as John C. Adams Jr., 18, and Robert Mullins, 17. Blewett said both were members of prominent families living in Portland's southwest district.

The detective said the youths told him they had no idea the tree-felling would cause so much damage. Radio station KGW was off the air for six hours during the evening, as a result of the line break.

Adams also admitted in his signed statement, Blewett said, that a year ago he and other boys dynamited a Council Crest streetcar waiting station.

Party Bid Legal Question Following Host's Death

CLEVELAND, Nov. 5.—(AP)—Friends of Fred Owens have been invited to a party. But Owens, who wrote the invitations, won't be there. He died Oct. 25.

His last wish, in his will was "a big party for my friends and God bless them all."

However, Probate Judge Nelson J. Brower is not sure he will approve it since there were no witnesses.

If he does, Attorney Louis A. Perry says there is about \$350 set aside for the event. If he does not, the estate will go to his daughter, Mrs. Betty Bowers of Columbus.

Perry says she is willing to waive the money in favor of the party.

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