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WELCOME, SHRINERS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg will be visited Saturday by a host of Shriners, converging upon the city for their Thanksgiving Ceremonial. The Wearers of the Fez were entertained in Roseburg in 1946 and we are gratified that our spirit of hospitality was so well received that they are returning in even greater number than before.

An official welcome has been extended by our Mayor, City Manager and Chief of Police, but we are certain the visiting Shriners will find their real welcome in the friendly spirit of hospitality with which they will be received by Roseburg's public during their too-short visit in the city.

Although Saturday's Ceremonial will be a "fun session," it has a most serious significance for it will mark the initiation into the Shrine of a large class of candidates. These candidates will long remember their excursion across "hot desert sands." But at the end of their pilgrimage they will have the heart-warming knowledge that they are full-fledged members of an organization that has won the highest prestige and honor for its inspiring work in restoring to normalcy and health the deformed and diseased bodies of many little children. They will henceforth be associated in a program that, despite its external trappings of fun and frolic, has a tender, compassionate heart and a charity that cannot be measured by any material standard.

No words are sufficient to describe the accomplishments of the Shrine through its various hospitals. Thousands upon thousands of men and women who today occupy prominent and useful places in society were rescued from limited lives only because the Shrine cured their deformity or disease. The world owes much to the men who wear funny hats and dress in colorful Oriental garb and spend much time and energy in fun and good fellowship.

Roseburg is indeed honored to have them as guests.

Why Not a GOOD Winter Highway?

Press reports note the closing of the McKenzie Pass highway. Other of Oregon's routes across the Cascades soon will be closed, leaving only a few of the major arterials which may be traversed during the winter months, and then only as much money is spent in keeping them plowed free of their frequent snow coverings. Still neglected is the one route which offers the best crossing of the Cascade range—the North Umpqua highway.

The North Umpqua route has one advantage lacking in all other Cascade roads—the climb is made outside the snow belt.

After following the North Umpqua River, the road rises sharply from the river grade to the plateau region before reaching the area of heavy snowfall. In fact, the Copeland Creek grade, where the North Umpqua road makes its principal climb, is covered with snow only a comparatively few days out of each year. While the road still continues on an upward grade for considerable distance to the summit, the climb is very gradual.

Cost of snow removal is far less on comparatively level ground than on steep grades. Furthermore, travel on snow or ice surfaces is less hazardous on the level than on a mountain grade. The distance from which heavy snow removal would be required is much less on the Umpqua route than on any of the arterials which the highway department will service during the winter months. These are factors which, in our opinion, should cause the Highway Commission to encourage and aid the earliest reconstruction of the North Umpqua road on major highway standards. It is certain that it would be the last of the Cascade roads to be closed by storms if all were given equal service.

We Don't Publish Anonymous Letters

During recent weeks the editorial department of The News-Review has received a number of communications which it would have been glad to publish had the writers identified themselves. We have stated previously, and we again repeat, that we do not publish a communication unless the name of the writer accompanies the letter. If the writer has good reason for withholding his name from publication, he has that privilege. We will respect his confidence, but it is necessary that he identify himself to the editorial department. Otherwise the letter, regardless of its contents, goes in the waste basket.

Settlement Of Dock Strike May Come This Week

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 19.—(AP)—Reliable waterfront sources predicted today that a settlement in the 78-day old West Coast maritime strike may come before midnight Sunday.

A 10-day period of negotiations under the so-called Roth-Murray peace formula expires today. Under terms of the formula, devised by President Almon E. Roth of the San Francisco Employers Council and agreed to by CIO President Philip Murray, the last offer of the employers is to be submitted to the CIO longshore membership if peace has not been achieved in the 10 days of negotiations.

An observer commented the period could be extended by agreement on both sides but added a prediction extension would not be necessary. The CIO longshoremen constitute the key group in the strike of five unions which began Sep-

tember 2. Yesterday CIO ship radio operators sat down with employers in their first bargaining session since the strike began. Talks continued between a ship owners committee and the longshoremen and CIO Marine Cooks and Stewards.

Longshoremen's demands for a 15 cent wage hike to \$1.82 an hour remain to be settled.

DANCE STAGS TABOO
Joe Seaton, Roseburg, Men's Dorm president at Southern Oregon College, has announced that no stags will be permitted at the formal Christmas ball, sponsored by the dorm Dec. 3, in Susanne Holmes Hall. A queen, who will be crowned at the dance, is to be chosen by popular vote or by committee appointment.

PLEADED TO 'FRAT'
Floyd Lewis, Roseburg, is listed among neophytes pledged to Theta Delta Phi, Southern Oregon College men's honorary scholastic fraternity. Lewis was among eight initiated Nov. 10. Following the formal initiation in Churchill Hall, a ham dinner was held in Susanne Holmes Dining room.

OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams



If your local library doesn't have the book you need, you are entitled to the facilities of the State Library, although not direct as when you live in the country. One puts in the request through the local librarian—who is delighted to help—are our librarians everywhere the help-invest people: I recently learned of still another service available through the State Library: "We will try to get the book for you if you wish," said the card replying to a request. Little did I realize what that reply included. But when I was in the Library recently, Miss Stephens waved a hand at the huge catalogue file of cards lining the walls of a big room: "And all of our cards are also on file in the Biblical Centers," she said. What was a Biblical Center?

Well, the country is divided up geographically into Biblical centers, and our Northwest one is in Seattle. But you avail yourself of its services through your State Library, which procures the needed book or material and is responsible for it while you have it. It may be a rare book, valuable beyond money-value, but if you really need it, there it is for you if it is in any one of the Biblical Centers!

They are, intended, the little leaflet says, "to serve libraries,

research scholars, authors and readers." "They facilitate the borrowing of books between libraries by routing requests to the proper sources" to quote just one reason for their existence. "The use of inter-library lending improves local library service by tying the many libraries of the nation" (think of it, the nation!) "into a closely knit system."

Then, too, "they serve as a clearinghouse for all regional cooperation among libraries—bibliographical, book-buying, subject specialization, cataloging."

Of course, they are "non-profit organizations." To think I have lived all these years without having the slightest knowledge that such a service existed! Why, it's like Aladdin's magic lamp, isn't it!

In doing some research work I have been helped by the National Archives as well as the Library of Congress, but the actual source books seemed as far away as the moon, so far as getting to them was concerned. Now it would seem that the actual book or record might be available if one's local librarian (if living in town) or one's state librarian is assured the need is genuine, and the request is made by a responsible person. Tuck this item in your memory, young high school students, for the future!

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

AN EFFORT TO HELP ARTHRITIS VICTIMS

(Oregon City Enterprise)

It is estimated there are more than 7,000,000 Americans who suffer from arthritis and rheumatism which means that about one out of every 20 are victims of these allied crippling physical ailments.

Except as individual surgeons and some hospitals have tried to concentrate on the age-old disease—speaking particularly of arthritis—relatively little has been done in an organized way. Its baffling character is admitted; it is no respecter of persons and except for some specific developments related to other diseases no nationwide research aimed at discovering the causes or to alleviate the pain has been financed and no fellowships of note have been offered for the work.

However, something is about to be attempted. The Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, P. O. Box 1300, General Postoffice, New York, has been organized and from November 15 to December 11 an effort will be made to raise \$2,000,000 with which to do some of these things necessary before individual physicians and surgeons can hope to make much more advance.

Arthritis which brings pain reaching agony at times to its victims is said to be the world's oldest identified disease. The ancient physician Hippocrates described rheumatic fever and gout and the Romans had some physiotherapy and rest camps for Caesar's legions whose members were afflicted. Prominent figures of history suffered from it, among them, Benjamin Franklin, Louis XIV, Alexander the Great, Josiah Wedgwood, Eva Tanguay, Kubla Khan, Ben Jonson, Charles Darwin, Martin Luther, Pope Gregory I, Tallrand, Win in Churchill, Lionel Barrymore and Sir Isaac Newton.

The newly formed Foundation will plan and finance a medical research program; publicize proved methods of treatment; provide fellowships for intensive study and seek to provide clinics where pain-ridden patients can get some relief.

Floyd B. Odium, president of the Atlas Corporation which has

Meat Price Hikes In '49 Foreseen

PORTLAND, Nov. 18.—(AP)—Meat prices will be higher next spring and early summer, a retail dealer spokesman believes.

George R. Dressler of Chicago, executive secretary-treasurer of the National Association of Retail Meat Dealers, said yesterday he saw three reasons for the boost: Decreased livestock herds, increased population, and higher purchasing power in prospect if another round of wage increases is given.

He told the Oregon Independent Retail Meat Dealers Association that when higher prices come, a demand for price controls is likely to be heard. He said the Democratic party pledged itself to lower food costs and showed some interest in price controls.

Agitation for controls comes, he said, from "shortsighted and misinformed" leaders in labor and consumer groups and from some politicians.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Suit Filed

ANDERSON—Dan vs. Edyth Mae Anderson. Married at Vancouver, Wash., May 3, 1948. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks that he be declared the owner of their equity in real property in Canyonville and of their car, upon payment to the defendant of one-half the value of payments made since the date of their marriage, and that the defendant be declared owner of their furniture and household goods.

Seven Polio Cases From Douglas Given Hospital Attention

Seven cases of infantile paralysis are reported in Douglas County and all are now patients at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene. It was announced today by A. E. Henninger, chairman of the Douglas County Chapter of the Infantile Paralysis foundation, following the monthly meeting Thursday.

Four cases are reported at Yoncalla, one at Sutherlin, one from near Tenmile and one at Dillard.

It was announced the local chapter has sponsored an operation on Rita Warren of Reedsport.

Bills totaling \$2500 for the past month were authorized to be paid. In addition the county chapter voted a contribution of \$250 to the National Foundation, and paid back \$600 advanced to the county by the National Foundation in 1944.

Plans were also laid for the 1944 March of Dimes campaign the latter part of January.

Cost Of Care Very High

It was hoped, said Henninger, that the year would go by without an epidemic in this county. As evidenced by the bills paid, he said, the cost of caring even for these few cases is extremely high. While the National Foundation may be called upon for advances when epidemics occur and

change (one pig for one pair of shoes) was destroyed, millions of farmers went broke and the terrible depression of the early 1930's got its start.

Repetition of that depression (resulting from destruction of the even balance of exchange of products produced by human labor) is what the master of the National Grange is trying to prevent.

He REJECTS the theory of an economy of scarcity, maintained by governmental controls designed to MAKE THINGS SCARCER whenever the price of them begins to drop, and proposes an economy of plenty to be maintained by EVEN EXCHANGE OF THE THINGS THAT EVERYBODY PRODUCES.

He recognizes that the ability of everybody to consume is limited ONLY by the ability of all of us TO GET. He is telling us that if we have sense enough NOT TO GET HOGGISH and try to get everything for ourselves and to hell with the other fellow we can have the PLENTY that we all want.

GIVE it some thought. It's a far sounder theory than trying to make everybody rich by making everything scarce.

funds are needed, as a rule the national organization is usually calling upon counties where surpluses occur to assist in epidemics in other parts of the country, Henninger said.

In attendance in addition to the chairman were Mrs. Iris Helliwell, vice-chairman; Mrs. V. V. Harpham, secretary; Maurice Newland, treasurer; Evelyn Coen, women's chairman; Del McKay, Roseburg city chairman; Dr. E. J. Walmscott, health advisor, and

Mrs. Mary Barrett, county health nurse.

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