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LEND A HELPING HAND

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg is lagging far behind in its Community Chest drive. Failure to reach the quota does not indicate any lack of generosity on the part of Roseburg residents but is due to the fact that the canvass for funds has not proceeded according to plan. That the goal can be reached is evidenced by the fact that about one-half the money has been raised although less than one-half the territory organized for contacts has been solicited.

Reorganization of Community Chest workers is announced together with plans to attempt a speed-up of the drive and bring about early completion. One chairman has exhausted himself in an effort to carry on the work and must give some attention to his own business, after donating a great deal of time over a period of several weeks. The balance of the campaign will be directed by a committee headed by Bill Adair.

It is to be hoped that the committee will receive complete cooperation and that the Community Chest goal may be reached without further delay.

Everyone, we are sure, is familiar with the purposes of the Community Chest. There is no need to dwell here upon the need for the money set up for the coming year's budget for everyone knows that the amounts still are inadequate to properly finance the various projects, institutions, organizations and services listed as beneficiaries. Our purpose here is to appeal for as much voluntary help as possible and to urge cooperation in the final effort of the committee to complete the canvass.

Roseburg, in our opinion, has reached the place where we must start thinking of a more businesslike way of conducting our solicitations for funds. We must soon do as many communities are doing—employ firms which make a business of this type of work. Our first efforts will, of course, meet minor resistance. Some contributors will object to a donation, knowing that the firm conducting the canvass will receive a percentage as compensation for its efforts. On the other hand, the businessmen who must, under our present system, spend many hours away from their businesses and give much time and effort in repeated civic solicitations, doubtless would be willing to contribute much more liberally if they could be relieved of the duty.

No one has a moral right to voice criticism of the workers who have been organized for the Community Chest canvass and have failed to carry out their assignments unless the critics, themselves, have carried out the work specifically assigned to them. There are a few such and they have a right to criticize. But they are few in number. Consider on the other hand the hundreds of people who COULD be assisting but who are doing nothing, and the thousands who, to date, have not even contributed.

It is true in any community that only a very few people are sufficiently civic minded to assume the task of solicitation. These people serve on each and every drive. They finally reach a point where they are either worn out or cannot afford to sacrifice more time from their own business activities. In a town growing as rapidly as Roseburg the number of civic workers does not increase as rapidly as population. Normally it takes time to recruit civic workers. Furthermore, because of rapidity of growth, the area to be solicited is constantly expanding. Thus our Community Chest campaign has hit tough sledding. There are too few workers and too much territory.

A small group of workers still is sufficiently enthused to refuse to accept defeat. These workers are organizing for a final effort designed to raise the funds still needed to reach the goal. They are deserving of a helping hand. They are making personal sacrifices, for none can well afford to spare the required time from his own business.

It is to be hoped that the Committee will be given full cooperation. Persons not contacted and desiring to make their contributions by mail may send checks to the Roseburg Community Chest, in care of the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce. Firms or individuals not so far contacted could aid materially if they would notify the Committee that they have contributions ready to be picked up if a solicitor will call.

After all, why should we expect one man or any group of men to be responsible for raising the funds for our Community Chest? The Community Chest is the responsibility of every adult resident of the area. The only purpose of a chairman and committees is to give the collection and handling of funds needed organization.

So let's "Lend a Helping Hand," not only to the various agencies named in the Community Chest but to the local workers as well.

Teachers Lacking For Deaf and Mute Children

PORTLAND, Nov. 20.—(P)—An acute shortage of teachers limits aid to an estimated 2,000,000 children in the United States with hearing and speech defects, a researcher into the problem said here.

Dr. Halliwell Davis, research director for the Central Institute for the Deaf at St. Louis, said much progress has been made in teaching deaf and mute children to read lips and to speak—but there are too few teachers to handle the work.

The Central Institute, he said, is concerned primarily with teaching teachers. At the Institute are 130 children who are being taught to read lips and speak and who are expected to be prepared for high school or college.

with Dr. A. R. Tunturi of the University of Oregon Medical School as an advisor in the Navy's medical research program. The Navy, he said, is concerned in the problems of diagnosis and hearing aids.

Plaintiff Gets Judgment On Timber Sale Claim

Judgment in the sum of \$1,144.00, plus six percent interest, was given Mabel Haun, plaintiff, in a suit against Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Harrison, defendants. The judgment order was signed by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly upon failure of the defendants to appear in answer to the charge. The amount authorized was in payment of 566,636 feet of timber allegedly sold by the plaintiff to the defendant in June of 1948.

OUT OUR WAY



THE GIFT

He who gives a child a book Gives that child a sweeping look Through its pages Down the ages. Gives that child a ship to sail Where the far adventures hail. Gives that child a vision wide As the stars abide . . . Gives that child great dreams to dream. (William Stidger)

I hope you, too, heard our State Librarian's discussion of "The Road to Freedom in Books" the other day, in which she quoted the above. If the child is thoroughly familiar with the Bible stories read entertainingly from the original text (Later on he can

discover the many beautiful retold stories!) his taste in reading will develop so that the comics will be no great problem. His taste for good reading will act like channel buoys to guide him along, with a little watchfulness on the part of nearby adults, teachers and librarians. But oh, there must be much reading aloud, stories and poems shared happily by the child and the older reader. It shouldn't be a task to read to a child! If the adults around him "love to read," he will naturally grow into it, too. Faith Baldwin captures the thought in a lovely poem (do read it aloud!):

MOTHER AND THE STORY HOUR

When candlelight and firelight paint shadows on the wall,
And children's funny shadows seem so grown-up and so tall;
When bread and milk are cleared away and clocks a warning chime,
Then Mother weaves a little spell of Once Upon a Time.

Her voice is like a happy song, and in the fire's glow
You see a million wonder folks that softly come and go—
Dear Alice, with her round-combed hair, slips down a rabbit hole,
While Davy and the Goblin start their journey to the Pole.

Aladdin rubs the magic lamp; the Sleeping Beauty stirs;
And Cinderella is aware how small a foot is hers;
The wee Lamie Prince goes sailing in his fairy cloak on high;
And Jack climbs up the beanstalk green, 'most halfway to the sky.

Oh, nightgowntime and storytime, how very dear they are,
With Mother's eyes to shine on you, more kind than any star,
With Mother's voice and Mother's hands to weave a golden net—
The dearest Once Upon a Time that no child can forget.
(Faith Baldwin)

In the Day's News

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making progress. But as long as the talks have to be held on Stalin's ground and on his terms—so long as he can keep our side COMING TO HIM—there can be no hope of getting anywhere.

You can't get around hard, knobby facts of life like that.

When you try to, you're just kidding yourself. When you begin to kid yourself you're as good as lost.

If we're ever able to make a satisfactory deal with Russia (a deal that will enable Communism and freedom of the individual to live side by side on earth) it will be AFTER we have convinced the rulers of the Russians that we are too tough to be run over.

WHAT we must get into our minds is the firm, unalterable conviction that this struggle between totalitarian communism and the freedom of the individual human being to do as he pleases within the limits of the rights of others is one of the FUNDAMENTALS OF LIFE in this generation.

There can be no compromising.

It's either us or the communists who run Russia. It's just that grim.

To get an understanding of it, we have to go back two thousand years into history. PERSIA was a totalitarian state like Russia. The Greek city-states were democracies, similar to ours. Persia, encouraged by the fact that the Greeks never had been able to stick together, set out to SMASH THEM. (Persia's rulers feared that if these Greek ideas of the rights of the individual spread the Persian totalitarian

racket would ultimately be done for, Russia's rulers fear the same thing.)

But the Greeks, preferring death to loss of their way of life, STUCK TOGETHER UNTIL THEY SMASHED PERSIA.

(After that, unfortunately for the world, they fell apart again and snarled and snapped and bit each other in the leg until Greek liberty was lost. But as long as they stuck together they were invincible.)

Anyway, we'd better recognize the fact that at this moment in history, which is OUR moment, Russia is our problem and until we solve it nothing else matters.

Births Announced at Mercy Hospital

MARTIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Martin, 526 East Court street, Nov. 16, a son, Benedict Leo Jr.; weight eight pounds.

POUFFE—To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Plouffe, Roseburg, Nov. 16, a daughter, Diane Elaine; weight eight pounds, fourteen ounces.

CROOK—To Rev. and Mrs. DeLoz Crook, 113 Harvard Avenue, Roseburg, Nov. 17, a daughter, Sheryl Ann; weight seven pounds, twelve ounces.

SCHLEEN—To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schleen, route 2, Roseburg, Nov. 18, a son, John Francis; weight six pounds, thirteen ounces.

Institution Teen-Ager Kills Attendant, Aged 77

GLENWOOD, Ia., Nov. 19.—(P)—Sheriff Robert I. Moore said today a teenage inmate of the Glenwood State School, an institution for the feeble minded, fatally beat a 77-year-old attendant last night and then escaped with another young inmate.

A three-state alarm was sounded for the two boys identified by Sheriff Moore as Thomas W. Price, 18, and Dale Clark, 14.

By J. R. Williams

Quota of Needed Articles Received By Red Cross Unit

The Douglas County Chapter, American Red Cross, has received a quota from the San Francisco area office, requesting the following articles: 40 men's bed jackets, 15 women's bath robes, 25 layettes, 50 wash cloths, and an indefinite number of knitted afghans, "beanie" caps, sweaters and socks, announced Russell Stephens, local executive secretary.

All materials or yarn for these articles will be furnished upon request by the Red Cross.

Volunteer workers are needed to produce these supplies. The women meet each Monday between 1 and 4 p. m. in the production room of the Armory, and all who are interested in assisting are urged to be present, said Stephens.

Persons unable to come to the Armory but who wish to do knitting in their homes are advised to call the Red Cross office, phone 832, and the production committee will see that they are supplied with the yarn and instructions for making the needed articles, Stephens said.

Roseburg Elks Initiate Candidates at Eugene

Twenty-five members, including seven officers of the Roseburg Elks Lodge, went to Eugene Wednesday night and the ritualistic team conducted initiatory services for the Eugene lodge. A class of nine candidates was initiated.

The Roseburg team is the Oregon State champion, adjudged at the convention held here last June. The Eugene lodge held the same honor last year. The degree staff anticipates putting on initiatory services in two or three Southern Oregon towns this winter.

COMMITTED TO JAIL

Three persons have been committed to the city jail after pleading guilty to drunk charges in the Municipal Court of Ira B. Riddle, Friday. Elmer Frettle, Roseburg, was committed for 10 days in lieu of a \$20 fine; Earl Glover Beck, Roseburg, 10 days in lieu of a \$20 fine, and Ernest Harold McReynolds, Kansas City, 20 days in lieu of a \$40 fine.

JUSTICE COURT FINES

Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield reports the following traffic fines: Louis D. Sweely, illegal warning device, \$10; James A. Dye, axle overload, \$10; Glenn E. Parich, speeding, \$15; Noel P. Dockey, overload, \$25; War-

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Sarah Aikins, 79 Passes at Riddle

Sarah Ellen Aikins, 79, resident of Riddle for 33 years, died after a short illness at her home Thursday. She was born Jan. 25, 1869, in Aledo Ill., and came to Oregon 39 years ago. She was a member of the Eastern Star of Riddle.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Elta Bond, Winetka, Ill.; Miss Janice Aikins, Hollywood, Calif.; Miss Melba Aikins, Riddle, and two sons, Alva, Eugene, and Lyle, Riddle; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services in charge of the Roseburg Funeral Home will be held Monday, Nov. 22, at 2 p. m. in the Baptist Church of Riddle with the Rev. Kenneth Knox officiating.

Interment will follow in the Riddle Cemetery where Mrs. Aikins will be placed beside her husband, the late George Aikins, who preceded her in death in 1944.

Vital Statistics

Divorce Decrees Granted
HUMPHREYS—William F., from Irene Helen, Humphreys. Custody of two children granted the defendant and \$25 monthly support allowance is to be paid upon termination of payments on a conditional sales contract for furniture being purchased. Property in Millers Addition was given to the defendant and a 1941 model car to the plaintiff, in accordance with an agreement between the two parties.

SMALL—Mary J., from Eugene F. Small. Custody of their two children and \$100 a month support granted plaintiff.

WIRFS—Cecil Charlotte, from Herbert Wirfs. Custody of one child and \$100 a month support granted plaintiff.

VOLUNTEERS TO DANCE
The Reedsport Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual New Year's benefit dance again this year, after failing to do so last year because of inability to secure a dance hall. This year, the dance will be held in the Reedsport High School Gym on New Year's Eve. The customary noise-makers will be furnished by the firemen.

Tulane Stadium at New Orleans, scene of the annual Sugar Bowl football game, is the largest steel stadium in the world, with 85,000 seating capacity.

SCENE ABOUT TOWN

By "Stoop"

Standin' at Oak-Jackson corner wuz cockney-accented George Jackson & Irwin Short—pair o' hard-workin' Legionaires—discussin' takin' over Buckingham Palace laundry concession.

Such service. Less than three days after blaze destroyed Wally Rapp's suds station phone reportedly wuz replaced. Man Friday Elmore Hill sez they'll reopen Nov. 29.

Dissension sed to be spreadin' to taxpayers as racehorse owner report fairgrounds track in such poor condition it's unfit for even training workouts.

Pat on back o' Donn Rada-baugh, movie mogul, fer schedulin' no top attractshun flickers durin' Elks three-day Xmas Benefit Revue Dec. 2-3-4.

Good cawfee stop en route north is 99 W & E Cafe, Junction City. Nickel a cup and they're right friendly about it. Good mud at ROYAL'S grocery, end of Oak bridge, is a dime, but you git king-sized cups with refills gratis. Open Sunday evenin's, too.

Watch fer entertainment-bookin' of personality similar to that of music-man "Pee Wee" Hunt at Duffy and Verna's CLUBBE 99. Good place to spend this eve too, wut with dinner dancin', live band, hot-buttered toddlers and mixtures, and table-hoppin' by R. R. The Rope Renfro.

Pide Awd. (ed. explan.: Paid ad.)

Linfield and Whitman Grid Contest Winners

(By the Associated Press)
Two Northwest Conference eleveners were wearing the scalps of furriners on their belts today, Linfield, winner of one of six

ren E. Brumfield, overlength load, \$10; John V. Anderson, overload, \$35; Donald L. Houser, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$10; George A. Butler, illegal warning device, \$10; Monte G. Barton, no muffler, \$10.

league clashes, grabbed a 6-0 victory over the Oregon College of Education on a bog-like gridiron at McMinnville last night. Whitman, which grazed on conference opposition for but one win in six starts, also found the non-league pastures greener. The Missionaries invaded Pendleton to score a 38-13 win over Eastern Oregon College of Education last night.

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