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WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Soon we will be writing "1949" as we step into the new year.

The first of the year is inventory time. Not only do business houses check profits and losses for the year just past, but they plan for the ensuing year, endeavoring to estimate their needs in the light of existing trends and foreseeable alterations in conditions.

It is well, too, that individuals and communities take inventory. It is interesting and instructive to see how far we have come and, insofar as possible, to ascertain where we are going.

The past year has been a most successful one in the Umpqua Basin. We have seen much improvement in our industrial picture. While the tempo of new industrial installations slackened, the year was devoted to improvements and expansions fully equaling in volume of dollars spent, production capacity and new employment any previous period of new installation.

In both business and industry, 1948 has been largely a period of consolidation, expansion and adjustment. Many businesses which came into Roseburg during the immediate postwar days built new fronts, remodeled interiors, installed new equipment and furnishings, added departments, increased merchandising lines and made other improvements. Throughout the greater part of the year there seldom was a week that some portion of the sidewalks on Roseburg's main streets was not blocked by safety barriers erected by contractors while making alterations to fronts of business buildings.

The year also has seen construction of many new homes. There has been a slight improvement in the acute housing situation, but this is believed to be only temporary and seasonal.

The conditions described in Roseburg are to be found reproduced in every community in the Umpqua Basin. The year has been one of continued growth, but featured by expansion of existing industries and business activities, in contrast with the influx of new firms in the immediately preceding years.

It is not to be assumed that 1948 was without abnormal numbers of newcomers to the industrial, business and professional fields, but the total probably was slightly below that of the preceding two years.

The most encouraging sign of 1948 has been the upsurge of community spirit, civic-mindedness and community enterprise. We have seen exceptional cooperation and a most commendable revival of public spirit.

School districts throughout the whole Basin have attacked vigorously the problem of providing adequate schools. Several millions of dollars will be spent in the near future to erect school buildings to meet our great need.

A Community hospital program has resulted in subscriptions amounting to more than \$350,000 to be used in construction of additional hospital facilities.

Public subscriptions were made to assist the Salvation Army in financing a proposed new chapel building.

Our city government, working with increased income in the traffic department, through collections from traffic meters, has entered into a much-needed program of street widening.

The resistance to enlargement of the city's boundaries shows indications of breaking down. Two small annexations have been authorized. West Roseburg voted once to come into the city, but the election was declared void because of a technicality, and a following election saw the proposal defeated by a narrow vote. Riverside is preparing to finance a sanitary district, a most commendable plan but one which we anticipate will be found so expensive that it will become the immediate prelude to annexation.

We hope our annexation headaches can be settled in time for Roseburg to be properly listed in the 1950 census. We will lose heavily in prestige and dollars if our boundaries are not extended by that time to include the areas that actually belong within the municipality.

And what of the future?

In our opinion, based upon available raw resources to be manufactured and marketed through our various industrial plants, together with the changes certain to come in the field of specialized and chemical manufacture in the wood industry, we have not yet reached more than the halfway mark in our population increase. Population in the Umpqua Basin, we predict, will double from the present total—perhaps quickly but more probably over a period of from five to ten years.

Our inventory, however, must include the certainty of substantial growth, continued boom conditions, higher-than-average prosperity level, and the necessity of meeting demands of health, safety and service as our expansion continues.

Father of Football Star Killed in Auto Crash

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 28.—(AP)—Lewis M. Provo, father of Fred Provo, former football star at the University of Washington, was killed in an automobile crash here early yesterday.

Provo, who lived in Vancouver, went off the road a mile north of here and plunged over a 12-foot embankment. The car hit on its nose and bounced over three

times, ending in the front yard of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Middaugh, Route 4. Death was believed instantaneous. Provo was about 51. He was alone in the car when it crashed.

Surviving are the widow and daughter; son Fred, now a professional footballer with the Green Bay Packers, and son Douglas of Vancouver.

Birds have been seen taking baths when the temperature was only 10 to 20 degrees above zero.

OUT OUR WAY



THE KIDDER

By J. R. Williams



By Vianett S. Martin

When we passed the turnoff for Galice I remembered the story of the way that place is supposed to have received its name: told in the American Writer's Guide for Oregon.

The story goes that in the early days there was an old Indian living thereabouts who used to watch for the "pack train" men to strike camp, whereupon he would pull his blanket around himself until only his eyes were visible. Then, seated on the ground near the camp fire, he would watch every move made by the men in getting their supper ready. He tried their patience beyond its limit, apparently.

"Nika tika mucka mucka," he would appeal, and the packers, not being able to turn a deaf ear to a seemingly hungry Indian, would give him food. One night they had filled old John "fair to busting" only the next morning to have his eyes appealing for more food, and his reiterated "glee!" his way of saying ha-ha. They decided to teach him a lesson: they gave him slice after slice from a side of fat bacon. At last the Indian could hold no more and shook his head: "Waka tika glooce."

Then the packer drew a six-shooter, cocked it, and pointed it at old John. He ordered the Indian to continue eating, another slice . . . another . . . until the Indian, regardless of the gun, could hold no more. His stomach

revolted. . . He lost his appetite for "glee!" and the creek has borne the name "Galice Creek" ever since. At least that's the way the story goes it says here.

I looked longingly up the road as we passed the turnoff. It's an old mining town, I read, with ruins of the old Rogue River powder house and arsenal built in 1854. I think Merlin was up that same road. That's where the earliest anthropological remains found in Oregon were discovered, in the old pit houses, ruins of prehistoric times. It is also the site of early gold mining activity.

Isn't Highway 99 from the Mexican border to Astoria the most interesting route? Every mile of it! Along its way has travelled through the years history in the making. And every turnoff sign is alluring with its promise of unseen country; don't you enjoy going over a trail new to you? I do! And we like to get "lost," too, and wonder what is around the next turn and where we'll come out. For that matter, we got lost once on the way home from Pasadena to Long Beach! Somehow we missed a turn in the dark, and when EJ finally got out and looked at a signboard we were a good bit on the inland route to San Diego. But there—we left home at 10 one night for Mexico! Sometimes it's fun to break out of humdrum routine and do something "different." Don't you think so?

In the Day's News

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Arab troubles in the Holy Land.)

APING the "civilized" peoples, the head-hunters of the state of Was, in Burma, armed only with bows and arrows, revolt against the Burmese government . . . the Burmese government sends troops, armed with all the latest modern weapons, against the rebels.

AND so on throughout the news. Nation is suspicious of nation. Individuals are suspicious of other individuals. Workers are suspicious of employers, and vice versa. The result is this troubled world.

It wouldn't be so tragic if we didn't have at hand a rule that would END all these troubles. This is the rule:

"Do ye unto others as ye would that others shall do unto you." That rule, if universally followed, would bring to us the kind of world we want. The odd part of it is that it would PAY IN DOLLARS AND CENTS, as well as other satisfactions.

LETTERS to the Editor

Teaching of Democracy Held Needed in U. S.

ROSEBURG.—Sometimes I wonder if the ideas for which Hitler stood, instead of being crushed with the defeat of the Nazis, didn't just move over into our own country! For in reading the newspapers and magazines, I

am continually coming across incidents occurring in the U. S. which many people would suppose could happen only in totalitarian countries. Newspapers give the following:

Just before Christmas Davis Knight, a white Navy veteran and descendant of a Union captain in the Civil War, was sentenced to five years in prison although he was not even accused of having done anything which any right-minded American could possibly consider criminal. He had merely married the girl he loved (a girl of his own white race) just as so many GIs married their girls at the end of the war. For this he received the five-year prison sentence! Someone (surely an enemy!) had investigated his ancestry and brought forth the accusation that his great-grandmother, supposedly a Cherokee Indian, had a little Negro blood in her. This, the state of Mississippi claims, makes Davis Knight a Negro, and Mississippi has a law against intermarriage between Negroes and whites. If he had married a Negro they could doubtless have imprisoned him for that, since he is a white man! What a Christmas present for a brave Navy veteran from his grateful (?) country! Will the people of the U. S. will the veteran organizations, stand for such rank injustice?

There must be millions of whites who would be unable to prove the exact pedigree of their great-grandmothers should an enemy bring forth an accusation concerning her!

I have also read recently of two colored men (one a war veteran with overseas battle service) who were killed because they took an interest in politics and ventured to vote, as all adult Americans ought to do. Not only was the murderer of the war veteran acquitted but the veterans' family were forced to sell their fine large farm and flee for refuge in other parts of the country.

While trying to teach democracy to Germany and Japan, why don't we teach it to people here at home who act as if they had never heard of it? Or at least why don't we see that the forces of law and order restrain such people from openly trampling in

to the dust the ideals for which America stands?

(MISS) EVELYN BOWEN,
Melrose Route, Roseburg, Ore.

Joe Louis Accepts Papers in Heart Balm Action

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Champion Joe Louis yesterday ended a seven-month legal fight by agreeing to accept service of a \$500,000 heart balm suit against him.

The agreement was reached in Superior Court between Sol Friedman, attorney for the Rev. Matthew C. Faulkner of Atlanta, who is suing, and Truman Gibson Jr., the heavyweight champion's lawyer.

Since May Louis has held that two attempts to serve him with the papers in the suit were illegal. In one attempt the summons was handed to Louis' wife, Marva, in her Chicago home. In the other Louis was served while playing in a golf tournament here.

Louis had contended his legal residence is at 406 Edgewood Avenue, New York City, and that he must be served there.

The minister alleges that Louis alienated the affections of his wife, Mattie Carrie, a Negro model. Gibson said he will move that the suit be dismissed.

Generator on Spokane River Razed by Blast

SPOKANE, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A 4,500-kilowatt generator blew up early today withdrawing that much power capacity from the hard-pressed northwest power pool.

Washington water power company officials said the explosion in the company's Nine-Mile Plant on the Spokane river started a fire which was put out in four minutes. However, one section of Spokane went without power for 45 minutes.

Regular overloading of the generator because of the northwest power shortage was blamed for the explosion. Officials said it should be repaired in 10 days.

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Mrs. H. S. Pardee, Ex-Resident Of Canyonville, Dies

NORTH BEND, Dec. 29.—Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Harriet Scoville Pardee, 67, cook at the Roosevelt school cafeteria and former owner and editor of the Canyonville Echo, who died suddenly Friday in Keizer hospital. Burial will be in Canyonville.

Mrs. Pardee moved to North Bend from Canyonville in 1940 following the death of her husband, S. M. Pardee. She operated a real estate business here for several years. Prior to her marriage in Grants Pass in 1907, she published the Canyonville newspaper. She was born in Freeborn, Minn. She was a life-long member of the Methodist church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Fred Schepman, Coos Bay, and Miss Elsie Pardee, Seattle; two brothers, Eugene Scoville, Benicia, Calif., and Ray Scoville, Medford; four sisters, Mrs. Jessie Quaff, Coquille; Mrs. Fred Person, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Mrs. Frank Blattner, Grants Pass, and Mrs. J. A. Fenn, Canyonville, and two grandchildren.

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