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CONGRATULATIONS!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Our congratulations go today to our neighboring publication, *The Grants Pass Courier*, which this week moved into its new building.

The Courier now is housed in one of Southern Oregon's finest publishing plants. The newspaper is being printed on a new 16-page Uni-Tube press, a press of the same make as the one installed last spring by *The News-Review*. Monday's edition of *The Courier*, the first to be printed in the new plant, carries a complete change in format and a new heading, in which an artist's drawing of the new building is linked with the title.

The Grants Pass Courier is published by Amos E. Voorhies and his son, Earle E. Voorhies. The senior Mr. Voorhies is the dean of Oregon publishers, having been engaged in the publishing business in one location longer than any other publisher in the state. He has headed *The Courier* organization since 1897.

The Grants Pass Courier has a long-standing reputation for keeping in the forefront of mechanical progress. Mr. Voorhies has always shown a keen interest in advancement in the science of printing and has kept his newspaper plant well furnished with the most modern machinery and equipment. *The Courier* several years ago pioneered in the field of pictorial news presentation at a time when small dailies had few facilities for engraving. In later years the engraving department has become an essential adjunct to publication of small town dailies and all Oregon newspapers have had much inspiration and assistance from the early work done in this field by Mr. Voorhies and his son.

Under the able supervision of Editor Frank H. Streeter, *The Grants Pass Courier* is performing an outstanding service in its field. The residents of our neighboring city have a right to feel very proud of their newspaper. The management of that publication has indicated faith in the continuing progress of Southern Oregon by their large financial investment in building, machinery and equipment and deserve the best cooperation the community can give.

Again we extend our congratulations to Mr. Voorhies, his son, the editor and the staff and employes of *The Grants Pass Courier* as they begin this new year in a completely new plant, opening a new era in the expansion of their plant and the community served.

Legislative Leadership

The 1949 session of the Oregon Legislature will have one important advantage over some of the previous meetings—the leadership has been chosen, organizational work already is well advanced, and the Legislature should be in a position to start its grind with little delay, instead of spending several weeks on preliminaries.

It is generally accepted that Senator William E. Walsh, Coos County, will serve as president of the Senate.

Senator Walsh is exceptionally well qualified for this position. He was elected last November to his third four-year term. His past experience makes him thoroughly familiar with Senate procedure and he has shown himself highly capable as a legislator. While he was assured of the presidency of the Senate after a very close race, he is the type of man who will harbor no grudges against Senators who may have supported his rival. He will endeavor to conduct the affairs of the Senate in a businesslike manner. An exceptionally able parliamentarian, Senator Walsh can show authority when necessary, but has the rare ability to secure cooperation without being forced to use the power of his office.

Senator Walsh, a practicing attorney at Coos Bay, has served as district attorney for Coos County and has been very active in civic and fraternal affairs.

The House of Representatives also will have most able leadership through the selection of Representative Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford, as speaker.

Representative Van Dyke has served through three sessions. A lawyer, active in Republican political affairs, he has a brilliant record in civic and fraternal work. He has shown outstanding leadership in past sessions of the State Legislature and his elevation to the speaker's rostrum was so well assured that little advance opposition was in evidence as preparations were made for the forthcoming session.

The 1949 Legislature will have a difficult time solving the many problems to be submitted to it. It should be a source of satisfaction to all interested persons that the session will convene with its leadership established, committee appointments carefully studied in advance and preliminary work well in hand.

Fire Alarm Brings Aid To Distracted Father

NEW YORK, Jan. 6—(AP)—For two and a half months, Thomas Cutler, 50, has been cooking, washing and mending for his four young children.

Tuesday, he led the four to a fire alarm box and turned in a false alarm. He told a policeman:

"I wanted to get arrested so someone would take care of the children."

Taken before a city magistrate, Cutler said his wife left home last Oct. 16. He said he tried unsuccessfully to find help he could afford to care for the children. He finally got a leave from his job as a railroad worker to care for them himself.

Magistrate Robert F. Mahoney promised to try to get a social service worker who could at least prepare the children's breakfasts and help get the older ones off to school.

Then he paroled Cutler on the false alarm charge, and sent him home—with the children.

Youths Arrested After Service Station Holdup

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 6—(AP)—This city, plagued by teen-age trouble, had another outbreak today.

Police are holding two Marysville, Calif., youths in connection with the holdup of a service station early Tuesday.

The attendant, Leo North, said the two teen-agers held a shotgun at his head and robbed the cash register of $66.50.

Three hours later police picked up the Californians.

Status Quo

Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

When one lives in the same town, or has frequent contact with the senders of greeting cards bearing only the signatures of the senders, such cards do very well. And the saving in postage is considerable.

But for those of us who have left all along life's trail many friends from whom one usually hears only at the holiday season, well—I like Freda M's idea! "How do you like my idea of using last year's cards with little 'books' in them for letters?" she asked in the newsy greeting she wrote this Christmas. "I make them while I enjoy the radio with the family—it's one thing one can do at such a time!" There were half a dozen 'leaves' in the little booklet made of plain white paper caught inside a very pretty Christmas card—and oh, it was a newsy letter!

I like Carmen C's idea, too. "I begin my Christmas letters Dec. 1," she always remarks in her letters, "so I don't have to hurry!" So, soon after Dec. 1, along comes one's first Christmas greeting, newsy and friendly and delightful. She thinks to tell all the little things one needs to know to catch up since the last letter.

The greeting cards seemed lovelier than ever this season! I just wished I could buy as many as I liked of the most expensive and send to everybody I thought of! It seems to me that the greeting card industry ought to keep the post office out of the red! My word, there's a card for every day in the year now, and for every relationship and friend. But lovely as they all are, there's nothing like a newsy, homely, chatty, friendly letter, is there? No one enjoys the cards more than I do, no indeed! But I still like the letters—don't you?

Speaking of letters: With a large family of brothers and sisters, such as I acquired with marriage to an ex-Texan, it seemed a hopeless task to keep up with correspondence, although to an old child, as I had been, such a landslide of brothers and sisters seemed like a Christmas all by itself! So EJ and I, (he seems to think wife should do most of the letter-writing, although he thoroughly enjoys receiving the letters!) hit upon the idea of making a lot of carbon copies on thin paper. It's like a family gathering; they seem all together as we write! And then we put the pages into envelopes and address them: one gets the original, and we never know which one. The rest get carbons—and everybody is happy. They like the idea, too, they say, for there is a feeling of togetherness as they read, too. It is better than the round robin idea we used at first—and quicker.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

TANNIN FROM DOUGLAS FIR BARK

(Oregon City Enterprise)

Probably the public little knows it, but the development at the Oregon Forest Products Laboratory atached to Oregon State College, indicating that tannin can be extracted from Douglas fir bark in commercially economical quantities, has a long history of Chamber of Commerce pioneering. Tannin, of course, is used in tanning leather, and going back some years before the war, when Oregon needed industries seriously, no one but the Chambers of Commerce were doing much about it. Progress was slow. Chambers of Commerce scant funds were used to make research and to interest capital in trying out the Douglas fir bark. Nothing much happened, but Chambers of Commerce are pretty largely responsible for getting the Oregon Forests Products Laboratory and now some tangible progress is at hand.

From the laboratory we learn that a light even-colored leather can be produced using Douglas fir tannin. There is enough fir bark available. Extraction plants could be set up in many places and a considerable industry established to supply the tannin to the eastern and middle west tanneries.

United States imports about 70 per cent of its tannin today. Douglas fir saw log production is about seven billion board feet annually. About 12 to 14 per cent of the sawlog is bark, with the tannin content being from 8 to 18 percent of it. Thus in the West there's enough tannin available for extraction to supply the nation's tanning industry.

Thus, once again the pioneering work of Chambers of Commerce has laid the foundation for another Oregon industry, a good thing to remember as dues-paying time rolls around again.

FACTS OF LIFE

(Klamath Falls Herald and News)

Years ago I worked under a managing editor who felt that no higher honor could be paid a newspaperman than to call him a reporter. When he referred to himself in the third person in his column, he called himself a reporter. Among those in the craft, the title has always had connotations of respect and honor.

The other day, a story made the rounds that Louis B. Mayer, the movie magnate, had said he was "very much insulted" when "mere reporters and photographers" sought to interview him for news about himself and his bride, Lorena Danker, 41, at a California resort. Mayer was quoted as saying that he shouldn't be expected to talk to anybody less than newspaper owners or press service heads.

As might be expected, that caused quite a stir in the ranks of working newspaper people, among them one Sam Angeloff of the Tacoma Times. Mr. Angeloff was inspired to write an open letter to Mr. Mayer, which I think readers will find interesting in view of the background described above:

"My Dear Mere Mr. Mayer:

"So your dignity has suffered an upset because 'mere reporters and photographers' have asked to interview and snap pictures of you.

"My heart bleeds for you, sir. It aches because owners of newspapers didn't drop their work and go rushing to you, the man seeking happiness in his twilight.

"Hidden in your tower of ivory, you must believe that newspaper men in actual life behave just like the ham actors do in your grade B flickers.

"Get off the movie lot, Bub, and get the facts of life.

"It's mere reporters who interview the president of this wonderful country, a great man in his own right.

"It's mere reporters who talk to the kings and queens.

"It was a mere reporter who was selected to tell the world about the atom bomb, more gigantic than any motion picture you have ever put out.

"It's mere reporters who turn up the cheats, the phoneys, the ballot box stuffers, the crooks and the killers.

"It's mere reporters who let the air out of wind bags.

"It was mere reporters who helped put you where you are today. And, it's mere reporters who can bring you back to earth.

"I hope you come to Tacoma some day, Mr. Mayer. When you do I know one 'mere reporter' who will decline an assignment to interview you.

"By God's grace, a mere reporter, Sam Angeloff."

THE WILD SWANS INCREASE

(The Oregonian)

Report from Roseburg and Grants Pass that a small flock of wild swans, lately seen in those parts — and fired upon, too — belongs to the Portland area has been, in this latter respect, subsequently disallowed in the news comment. Our town has no wild swans wandering at large, though not long ago a whistling swan was killed near Fairview. It is interesting in this instance to remark that farmers who had befriended the beautiful big migrant, before it was laid low by an unknown gunner, say that it had learned to come when called to a repast of wheat sprinkled into the lake. Under the close protection they have received for many years, the whistlers lack something of wildness.

Sometimes the considerable flock of swans on Siletz bay is mistaken for an assembly of wild birds. These, however, are permanent residents of Lincoln county, and they are European whooping swans—being the increase of the redoubtable Duke and his mate on Devils lake, where Multnomah's sheriff, Martin T. Pratt, liberated the two birds at his summer home a dozen years or so ago. Wild whistling swans surely alight there also, from time to time, but the difference is that the American birds are not resident all the year, merely appearing as visiting migrants.

In the late '30s, what with drouth in the nesting areas, and one thing and another, the whistling swans became scarce, indeed, but of recent years the species has prospered exceedingly, so that whereas it used to be a red-letter day when one saw a wild swan, now the great birds not infrequently are seen in flight or at rest. More have appeared this autumn at Malheur refuge than for many years past. Instead of it being remarkable that Roseburg and Grants Pass have been visited by swans, it would be strange had they not been on the itinerary.

INVESTMENT SLUMPS

(Oregon Statesman, Salem)

According to Arnie J. Suomela, master fish warden of the state, the investment in fixed gear for fishing, now put out of business through the late initiative, represents an investment of from $300,000 to $500,000. It is mostly in fish traps and seines which cannot be directed to other uses. While this is a substantial investment to be put out of business by law if the ban helps to maintain the run of salmon in the river, then wealth will be conserved on a long-time basis. Quite probably, too, the original investment has been pretty well depreciated through years of use. Seining for fish in the Columbia has been done for 100 years, and traps have been in use since about 1879.

Some birds take shower baths, sitting and spreading their wings in the rain.

Big Game, Upland Birds Being Fed In Snow Regions

Deep snows and extreme cold weather over the state may have serious effects on both the big game and the upland game of Oregon, it was announced today by C. A. Lockwood, Oregon state game supervisor. He pointed out that although extensive feeding operations are being carried on and will be increased, the lack of browse on the winter ranges cannot be offset by even the most elaborate feeding programs.

Heavy snows in the Baker area have driven elk and deer down onto the ranches in the valley and for two weeks the game commission has kept a crew busy establishing feed lines and carrying on other operations to alleviate damage. Mr. Lockwood emphasized that these measures are not long range solutions for the big game wintering problems but strictly emergency measures.

Eighty-one tons of hay have been purchased for the feed lines in the Baker, Sumpter and Keating areas. Many ranchers are cooperating by rendering assistance in plowing out roads and assisting with the feeding.

Upland birds are being fed extensively through the cooperation of many sportsmen and ranchers throughout the state. In the Baker area alone nearly two tons of grain have been purchased by the commission any many donations of grain have been received.

Extensive quail trapping will begin this week. In some sections of the state many coveys of quail have banded together due to the heavy snows. In these large concentrations the birds are easy victims to predators. This is also intensified when feeding is being carried on. Portions of these coveys will be trapped and transplanted to places where feed is available. Others that will be trapped will be held through the winter at the game farms and then will be released in the spring in regions that have suffered severe population losses during the winter.

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

Somebody pulled a pistol and cut loose. When the ruckus ended, one man was dead . . . he, at least, has nothing more to worry about.

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IN New York, as the New Year began, some 2,000 teen-agers started a riot in a downtown street . . . they pillaged store counters and tried to turn over a patrol car . . . police, called out in force, managed to break up the mob . . . one cop was hospitalized for cuts and bruises . . . the dispatch adds: "Camparatively, it was a quiet evening in New York."

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IN Miami, after the King Orange Jamboree parade, a "mob" set fire to the boxes and crates on which spectators had stood to watch the parade . . . hundreds of young people later rushed a drug store and looted counters of their merchandise.

A police captain says:

"It was fantastic. A mob of youngsters, apparently unorganized but all intent on looting and fighting with police and firemen."

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OFF the cuff, without stopping to reflect, it sounds pretty bad. Saner second thought tells us that people tend to grow less rambunctious as they grow older. Realization of that fact, which history fully confirms, helps to calm our apprehensions about the younger generation.

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THOSE who stayed at home on New Year's eve and read the paper (or a good book), went to bed early and slept soundly spent, according to modern standards, a stodgy evening. But they have clearer heads—and probably more money left in their pockets.

Sometime, when you haven't anything else to do and are a little bored with yourself and inclined toward self-pity because of your lot, read Emerson's essay on Compensations.

It will do you no harm. If you read understandingly, it will do you a lot of good.

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MULTNOMAH County's sheriff-elect, after considerable trouble, raised his $110,000 bond and made it stick. It is charged that during his campaign he made false statements about his age, his war record and his educational background. As a result of these charges, the bonding outfits are cautious.

Well—

We all fib a little about our ages. We never paint our war records any worse than they were. Nor do we normally intimate that our educational backgrounds could have been better.

Still—

Public office is a public trust. It would be BETTER if candidates resisted the wholly human temptation to touch the record up a little to make it look better. Caesar's wife, you know, must be above suspicion.

Dutch Sentence Three U. S. Fliers to Prison

TANDJOENPINANG, N. E. I., Jan. 6—(AP)—Three American fliers were convicted by a Dutch court Tuesday of illegally importing arms into Indonesia. They were sentenced to prison terms ranging from four years to 18 months.

The Americans were seized at Dutch Airoboe Island, northwest of Singapore, Sept. 14. Their Catalina plane carried 40 cases of arms and ammunition from Manila. The fliers contended they thought the arms were to be used for fighting against Communist insurgents in Malaya.

Sentenced were: Albert W. Onstott, 26, Yuba City, Calif., four years; Connie W. Seigrist, 27, Gore, Okla., three years; William B. Hallam, 35, Portland, Ore., 18 months.

Look Magazine Sued By Joe Louis For $500,000

CHICAGO, Jan. 6—(AP)—Champion Joe Louis Tuesday sued Look Magazine for $500,000, alleging he was libeled in the current issue by statements about his financial condition.

His attorney, Truman K. Gibson Jr., said Louis declared he was not interviewed by any representative of the magazine before the article was published and that no interviews were given by his manager or the treasurer of Joe Louis Enterprises, Inc.

The damage suit claims the article stated untruthfully that Louis is always broke, and owes $175,000 in back income taxes.

Fire Destroys Warehouse Of Flax Corporation

CORNELIUS, Ore., Jan. 6—(AP)—The Washington County Flax Corporation's warehouse, containing the entire 1948 flax crop from this area, was destroyed by fire shortly before midnight Tuesday.

Glenn Ritchey, president of the flax firm, estimated loss at $50,000. Ritchey said he thought the fire started from spontaneous combustion of the flax straw.

Firemen, handicapped by icy roads and intense heat of the flames, were able to save only the adjoining buildings which contained flax processing machinery.

Cold and Hunger Kill Thousands in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Jan. 6—(AP)—The cold streets of Shanghai in December yielded 4,727 dead.

Benevolent societies reported 3,879 of them were children. Some were abandoned by parents who could not feed and house them.

The deaths were caused by cold and hunger.

Baby With Two Heads, Three Legs Fails to Live

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 6—(AP)—A baby with two heads and three legs was born in a nearby hospital Tuesday night. The child died after one hour.

Doctors said the body was an arrested case of Siamese twins.

The 27-year-old German mother was reported recovering.

Demos' Control Of Foreign Relations Group Stirs GOP

By MARVIN L. ARROWSMITH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6—(AP)—A decision by Senate Democrats to take a three-vote edge in the Foreign Relations Committee stirred a storm of Republican protest Tuesday. GOP Senators called it as a threat to the bi-partisan foreign policy.

The Senate Democratic Steering Committee agreed yesterday to assign eight party members to the important Foreign Relations unit, and to give the Republicans only five places. In the last Congress, controlled by the GOP, the division was seven Republicans to six Democrats.

The Democrats' decision to abandon the seven to six ratio in the Foreign Relations Committee came as a surprise. There had been talk it would be maintained in the interests of the bi-partisan foreign policy.

Senator Vandenberg (Mich.), chairman of the committee during the GOP-dominated 80th Congress and now ranking minority member, called the decision "regrettable and not particularly impressive in its bi-partisan hospitality."

Senator Lodge (Mass.), another Republican member, declared: "It's a pity. It's certainly too bad."

The sharpest criticism came from Senator Morse (R-Ore.), whose application for membership was voided by the decision.

He termed the step "a shocking repudiation of the bi-partisan foreign policy in the Senate," and added:

"It is obvious that the decision of the Democrats will make it possible for them to play partisan politics with the issue of war or peace."

And a Republican who asked not to be named said:

"It is the worst thing the Democrats could have done. They have picked themselves a fight on foreign policy. This means that from now on we Republicans will go after some of the key boys in the State Department, something we have refrained from doing."

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Report of the Condition of

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Roseburg, Oregon

as of December 31, 1948

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Bank Balance	$ 18,710.86	
Notes Secured by Stock	1,600.00	
D. R. Loans Not Disbursed	58,113.51	
Notes Secured by D. R. Mortgages	1,400,258.67	
Notes Secured by Mortgages	2,400.00	
Advanced to Borrowers	645.31	
Interest Receivable	260.37	
Sale Contracts	9,238.97	
Federal Home Loan Bank Stock	12,400.00	
Government Bonds	45,000.00	
Home Office Building	24,000.00	$1,572,627.69

Disbursements

Investment Stock	$1,255,071.66	
Loan Stock	2,023.90	
Building Account Reserve	11,400.00	
Contingent Reserve	26,983.36	
Surplus	8,812.00	
Deferred Profit	1,963.29	
Other Reserves	217.72	
Money Borrowed	177,186.00	
Incomplete D. R. Loans	58,113.51	
Undivided Profits	30,856.25	$1,572,627.69

State of Oregon, County of Douglas, ss.

I, H. O. Pargeter, Secretary for the above association, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. O. PARGETER, Secretary.

ATTEST: SAM J. SHOEMAKER, President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of January, 1949.

W. F. HARRIS, Notary Public for Oregon.
My commission expires Nov. 17, 1952.