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STREET RENAMING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The project for renaming Roseburg streets has been returned to the planning commission for additional study, which, we believe, was a wise decision.

Renaming city streets is a task to be taken seriously—one deserving of much study. It should not be hurried.

Many factors must be considered, some of which were ably pointed out by Mayor Albert Flegel. The mayor mentioned that some of our streets bear names with much historical and sentimental value. Too, a street change causes much confusion for a number of months, particularly for mail carriers, who must remember both the old and new names. Business firms have letterheads, envelopes, statements, etc., on which addresses are printed and which would of necessity be discarded.

But these are not serious problems and the period of confusion should end within a reasonable time. Roseburg's population is heavily balanced by residents comparatively new to our community. Historic names attached to our streets carry little importance to these people unfamiliar with the city's past. While history plays its part in civic pride, sentiment should not interfere with progress.

The point is, we believe, that, if a change is to be made, we should endeavor to avoid another period of confusion, within a relatively few years by being as nearly certain as possible that our original decision is right.

Roseburg—and we are speaking of the community, not just the city proper—is sure to continue growing. We will have at least twice our present population within a comparatively few years and eventually will probably double again. How soon the first stage of the second boom begins depends largely upon how soon our industrial possibilities are recognized and acted upon, coupled with national economic status. The third boom will result from introduction of chemical wood waste utilization which, at the present rate of progress, is not too far distant.

These prospects for continued growth indicate the importance of developing an orderly expansion, in which street naming is a vital factor.

A stranger entering a town, looking for a stated address, needs a system whereby any given location may be found without difficulty. One method of achieving this desired condition is to number streets consecutively in one direction and name them in alphabetical succession the other way.

Roseburg's hodgepodge street layout offers some obstacles to the orderly system of titling, but these obstacles, we believe, are not insurmountable.

The suggestion has been made that the first renaming involve only the south, central and north parts of town, and that other sections, particularly Laurelwood, West Moreland, The Grove, etc., be left unchanged temporarily. Each of these sections then could be treated individually at a later date, if found desirable, and coordinated with the main pattern.

Good ideas possibly are in the minds of some of our residents. We have people from all over the United States now living in our town and many of them have resided previously in cities with good street naming systems. If these ideas were to be given the planning commission something perhaps could be worked out from them to assist in the problem at hand.

The planning commission doubtless would welcome any such suggestions.

Communications addressed to the Roseburg Planning commission, in care of City Manager Matt Slankard, City Hall, Roseburg, offering any ideas about the street renaming project, could be of much aid in further consideration of the project.

Heavier Taxes Would Stunt U. S. Economic Growth, Financier Says

By BRUCE BISSAT

Thomas B. McCabe, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve system, believes our economic growth may eventually be stifled if we don't reduce income taxes so Americans will be more venturesome with their savings.

McCabe, a Republican, is a former Pennsylvania banker and manufacturer. This is his first important utterance since he became chairman.

Undoubtedly there will be many efforts to dismiss the statement as just another business man's blast against high taxes. It's true, of course, that business has always wailed about the "troublesome" effects of income levies. From the start each new boost in rates has been opposed as certain to destroy initiative.

But the fact that the American economy has continued to grow and develop through all these increases should not blind us to the possibility that the arguments may at some point become valid.

On the day McCabe's statement appeared, the Census Bureau reported a total U. S. tax bill for fiscal 1948 of \$5,500,000,000. That is close to 25 percent of the national income.

When a fourth of the country's income is being siphoned out of the economic stream into government, isn't it reasonable to examine carefully the effect this drain is having on our productive system?

It may be trite to say it, but it is after all our economy which supports our various governmental enterprises. We cannot indefinitely expand the latter without

Reports of My Death Vag Greatly Exaggerated



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET
By Viaknett S. Martin

"The Sun Comes Up," I notice in the current advertisement, is in Roseburg this week. How I did enjoy the film! Probably because the story, "Mountain Melody" which ran in the Post as a serial, was a book that stays in one's memory as a melody.

I have heard that stars dread to act with a scene stealer such as a dog or a horse, or that worst scene-stealer of all, a baby! But Jeannette MacDonald appeared to enjoy her work. She is one of my favorite actresses because her name is never in the news except professionally, and in a nice way. She is, it seems obvious, an exemplary wife, and happy with her husband. It's too bad the other type gets so much publicity; after all, there are such fine people in Hollywood, the kind who shun publicity except professionally.

Lassie is such a beautiful dog! She does draw the eyes away from humans in the picture! Even in the Wizard of Oz I found my eyes looking to see where the little dog was—what was his name? Toto? and there he would be, tagging along. I like horses, too, and can watch fine horses

ple. It's quite a job to estimate THIS YEAR what the incomes of all the people will be NEXT YEAR. If this year is a boom year, with money flowing like water, incomes will tend to be high. If next year turns out to be a "recession" year, incomes will be down.

In the Day's News

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\$60,000,000 deficit. (Presumably for the biennium.)

HIS statement calls for a little explanation. In figuring out their budgets, states (and cities and counties and NATIONS) follow a system that differs sharply from the practices of private business institutions. Private business people first estimate as realistically as they can how much money they will be able to take in, and AFTER THAT they decide how much money they can afford to spend.

That is to say, private business people cut their garment according to the amount of cloth they will be able to obtain. Public bodies, having the power to tax, do it exactly opposite. They first tot up the amount they are going to spend and then they LEVY A TAX TO RAISE THAT AMOUNT OF MONEY.

Governments, you see, having the power to tax (which means the power to reach into the pockets of all the people and take whatever is needed) first cut the pattern for the garment and then go out and levy on the people for the cloth that will be required.

In the old days, when practically all governmental bodies EXCEPT the federal government relied chiefly on the general property tax, that worked out without much guesswork. The taxing authorities simply levied a tax rate of so much upon the assessed value of tangible property and the property owner then plunged up OR ELSE.

With the advent of the income tax, the situation changed. The income tax, as its name implies, is a tax on the incomes of the peo-

LETTERS to the Editor

Criticizes U. S. For South Korea Policy

PORTLAND—Dr. J. C. Crane, a missionary in South Korea for 36 years and just home from that country, spoke on the problems of South Korea before a service club.

He described South Korea as the last foothold of free government in North Central Asia, and paid tribute to the patriotism of its people who resisted communism in the recent rebellion.

According to Dr. Crane, the economic problems of South Korea were caused, in large measure, by U. S. A. when it turned North Korea over to the Russians who had done nothing whatsoever about driving out the Japs. We gave Russia that part of the country which contained its coal, iron, gold and electrical industry, which is concentrated on the Manchurian-Korean border.

America's diplomacy indicates that there was too much vodka at Tehran and Yalta and that Stalin didn't do the drinking. The missionary thinks we're plumb stupid.

There's one thing about my country that I don't understand. We are a nation made up of all races, we travel over the world more than any other people and yet we are diplomatically dumb.

As Will Rogers said, "The United States never lost a war or won a conference." The best fighters on earth, we are the world's foremost appeasers. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, toed an umbrella to Hitler's hideout at Berchtesgaden and surrendered, but we haven't sense enough to get out of the rain.

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Six Revivalists Killed, 20 Hurt In Collision

FULTON, Miss., Aug. 18.—(P)—A heavy lumber carrier plowed into the center of an open-bed truck loaded with a gay crowd of revivalists near here Tuesday night, spreading six dead and 20 injured along a 100-foot section of roadway.

Highway Patrol Inspector G. L. Hobbs said the lumber truck rammed the other vehicle as it turned into a side road leading to the church.

The revivalists were members of the Church of God. They were being driven to a church meeting.

Economy Reason Cancels Antarctic Expedition

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(P)—An Antarctic expedition that was to have been led by Rear Adm. Richard E. Byrd this fall was called off by the Navy Tuesday for "compelling reasons of economy."

Plans for the expedition have been underway for more than a year. It had been given the code name of "Operation High Jump 11." It was to be the second phase of the expedition which took navy explorers and scientists to the south polar region in 1946.

"DRUNKS" PENALIZED

Judge Ira B. Riddle reported the disposition of the following cases when they appeared in municipal court Wednesday on charges of being drunk on a public street:

Wm. Aileen, Sutherland, committed for 10 days in lieu of \$20 fine; Arthur Thompson Arant, 85, Roseburg, forfeited bail of \$20; Ishmael Harrison Locke, 30, Glad, committed for 10 days in lieu of \$20 fine.

Wilbur C. Ruffner, 43, transient, was committed to the city jail for seven and one-half days in lieu of payment of \$15 fine when he pleaded guilty to a vagrancy charge.

Marriage Of Reds Subject Of Holy Office Decree

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 18.—(P)—A decree published by the holy office Tuesday allows Roman Catholic priests to perform marriage ceremonies for communists, if the communists promise to raise any children of such unions in the Catholic faith.

The Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano, said the decree would allow the marriage of a militant communist to a professing Catholic, and also would permit marriage of two communists who were not active in party affairs. It did not say how it would affect two active communists who might want to be married by a Catholic priest.

The recent decree of excommunication published by the holy office July 13 placed militant communists in a special status of excommunication pronounced by the Pope. It had said further that those who exposed themselves to the doctrines of communism knowingly would risk punishment by the church. Excommunication from the church involves the denial of the Sacraments, of which matrimony is one.

L'Osservatore said the marriage of militant communist with a professing Catholic will require the same guarantees as the marriage of a Catholic to a non-Catholic.

In such cases the church asks a formal promise that children of such a marriage will be baptized and reared in the faith and that the non-Catholic spouse will not interfere with the religious life of the other. The marriage is not celebrated in the church but in the chapel or the parish house, without an accompanying ceremony of the mass.

Audience Highly Enthused By Play On Ashland Bill

By SHIRLEY MACK

An appreciative audience viewed with enthusiasm the Oregon Shakespearean Festival association's production of "Romeo and Juliet" presented for its third showing last Saturday night.

The atmosphere of Ashland's outdoor theater in lovely Chautauqua shell is conducive to thoughts of Globe theater, where Shakespeare's works were first produced.

Several Roseburg residents have witnessed the recent Shakespearean productions. There are five separate plays in the repertoire. Final showing of "Romeo and Juliet" will be Friday night.

Many a Shakespeare lover, watching pretty blonde Mary Jane Pitts portray Juliet, easily imagined himself back in the England of Elizabethan days. A clear, sweet voice, refreshing simplicity and youthful candor made the 16-year-old Portland high school girl ideal for the lead, as Juliet was but 14 years.

The capable portrayal of Romeo by Ashland's own Ralph C. Burgess Jr. further intensified the true Shakespearean interpretation given the drama by this fine group of thespians.

Director Richard Graham skillfully portrayed Mercutio, reflecting his extensive professional stage experience. As Juliet's nurse Angelica, Margery Bailey captivated the entire audience with her sly delivery of the somewhat earthy lines.

The one weak role in the play appeared in the interpretation of Friar Laurence by Patrick S. Bilks, who seemed both unsure of his lines and the correct tonal approach for line delivery.

In addition to good work on the part of all actors involved, much credit for the success of the production belongs to the costume department for adding another touch of authenticity.

The festival, now in its ninth year of Shakespearean production, is certainly worthy of bigger and better notices, on the part of Oregonians in particular. Such an outstanding and unusual dramatic presentation deserves the finest acknowledgment. Ashland and Oregon should be proud of this fine dramatic undertaking.

Bulb Gardens' Employes Sue For Back Wages

PORTLAND, Aug. 18.—(P)—A group of 60 employes of Sherwood bulb gardens have filed suit for \$7,500 in back wages and asked that the firm's assets be frozen pending settlement of their claim.

Attorney James Landy said the various enterprises of L. E. Marcus were involved. Marcus trading policies recently were under fire in a state department of agriculture hearing for renewal of a license.

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Seattle Officer, King Abdullah In Chess Contest

SEA—TLE, Aug. 18.—(P)—Deputy Sheriff Pat Bliss is fixing to devote full time to "beating hell" out of King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan, in chess, that is.

Pat has been battling King Abdullah for three years, but has had to devote most of the time to earn a living as deputy sheriff. He plans to retire on Sept. 1. "I'm going to devote part of my

Corporations' Top Pay Publication Is Abolished

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—(P)—Final House action Wednesday sent to President Truman's desk a bill repealing a requirement that the Internal Revenue bureau publish an annual list of compensations paid by corporations to persons receiving \$75,000 or more.

Preparation of the list involves examination of over 600,000 corporate returns each year, and Congress decided this represents an administrative and cost burden not justified by the value of the information obtained.

The Senate Finance committee pointed out that much of this information on big salaries paid by corporations already is available to the public through reports of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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