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VOTE IS GRATIFYING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The virtually unanimous vote in the North Roseburg Sanitary district, where residents approved a bond issue to provide funds for a sanitary system and sewage disposal plant, was extremely gratifying.

The need for improved sanitation in that area is critical. While construction of necessary facilities will impose a heavy tax burden on all property involved, the fact that property owners were so overwhelmingly willing to accept this load is very encouraging.

To inject a hopeful note, we would like to predict that the presence of sewers and facilities for sewage disposal will prove so attractive to prospective home builders that the area will expand very rapidly, and, as a property valuation increases, the tax cost will be spread more thinly.

Now, having made the major decision relative to its sanitary problem, we hope the district will give serious consideration to the matter of uniting with the City of Roseburg. (We don't like the word "annexation" for it is not properly descriptive, although it is the only word commonly used in connection with expansion of municipal boundaries.)

One of the several reasons why the district should join the city, in our opinion, is that it undoubtedly could save a considerable amount in the cost of its sanitary installations.

We couldn't, of course, guarantee lower construction cost than obtainable through a contract system. But we have much faith in the ability of City Manager Matt Slankard to get things done cheaply. We're putting Matt on the spot, but when we consider the extremely low cost of Roseburg's swim pool, and the fact that he is installing a street lighting system at much less cost than originally estimated, plus the many other low cost installations by the city, we believe that the North Roseburg Sanitary district could well consider union with the city as a means of securing Slankard's supervision over construction of the sanitary system.

His principal experience prior to coming to Roseburg was in that particular field.

We haven't mentioned the matter to Matt, and we'll probably have him on our neck for even suggesting it, but we believe it is something worth considering.

West Roseburg again is considering an annexation election. Petitions are being circulated asking the Roseburg city council to arrange for a vote.

West Roseburg has been hot and cold on the issue. Annexation was approved at one election, but the vote was thrown out because of a technicality in election procedure.

The necessity for sanitary installation is as critical west of the city limits as in the North Roseburg district. In fact, the condition in both communities is extremely dangerous.

It is true that each district must pay for its own sanitary installations regardless of whether it is or is not a part of the city. Even within the city, sewer installations and street improvements are charged to the property directly benefited.

But, again, we come to the point—strictly a matter of opinion—that the job could be done at less cost through supervision by the city manager, plus coordination between existing municipal facilities with new installations.

The North Roseburg district has an advantage over West Roseburg in that it has a larger assessed valuation. There is some question whether there would be sufficient valuation in West Roseburg to permit issuance of enough bonds to pay the cost of sewer lines and disposal facilities, even though the latter expense might be shared with the North Roseburg district through joint utilization of the same plant.

But through annexation, West Roseburg can put the credit of the entire city behind its bonds and thus raise sufficient money to do the job right.

And, again, assurance would be gained that the tax load would be lightened through increased property valuation, as people building homes want access to a sewer system and will avoid, if possible, sites lacking sanitary facilities.

The two districts, in our opinion, not only would save money in initial installation costs, through union with the municipality, but would greatly lighten maintenance and operation charges in the future.

Tax records show that approximately 80 per cent of a municipality's taxes are paid by high-valuation business property. Thus, if municipal boundaries were extended to embrace the two districts, the cost of maintaining and operating the sewer system and disposal plant would be spread over the entire city, including all of the business and residential sections of Roseburg, and the property directly served would pay only a small fraction of this annual expense.

Army Pep Tablets Put Child On Frolicsome Binge

LEEDS, England, Aug. 25.—(AP)—For 27 hours, two-year-old Janet Wheelwright was the liveliest kid in town.

She couldn't get to sleep. Throughout the night, she sang, danced and chattered. She played with every toy in the house. She built towering castles with her books. And still the sandman stayed away.

Exhausted, her mother took her to a doctor. She skipped and hopped the two miles distance. A sedative put her to sleep.

Later, it was discovered Janet had chewed on some army pep tablets belonging to her brother, Dennis, who had just returned

home after service with the royal airforce in the Middle East.

Pendleton Cyclist Badly Hurt In Crash

PENDLETON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Theodore Ehrhart, 42, Pendleton, suffered a fractured pelvis when a motorcycle he was riding crashed into a car Tuesday six miles east of Weston on the Weston-Tollgate highway.

Solmer Oliver Thompson, Weston, driver of the car, escaped with minor bruises. His passenger, Tilda Smith, Weiser, Idaho, suffered from shock and was taken to a Walla Walla hospital.

More Bumper Crops



Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

Do you have one of the handy little needle-threaders put out by a sewing machine concern? I had one for years and thought it might do for a sack needle, but I liked fine needles and thread. Then one day I tried it. It's the slickest thing! You slip the fine wire loop through the needle's eye; drop end of thread through the loop, pull gently on the threader, and presto—your needle is threaded! Especially good for the sewing machine, but will work with any needle. Threading a needle with a strand of wool is no bother at all now.

Speaking of sewing machine concerns: A woman I know had a skin-tight dress form made. It was beautifully finished and matched her own figure except in one detail. Despite the fact that she had explained the reason she wanted the form was so she could fit shoulders better, the shoulders on the dummy had been built out, or extended, so the owner was no better off than before (being an amateur in sewing). When it reached the point where the dummy stayed tucked away, useless, the woman decided to do something. She cut off the extra width until the shoulders matched her own. Now she has what she wants, even if the form looks less pretty.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

(Crow's Lumber Digest)
Why should the people of Oregon burden themselves with a \$10,000,000 bond issue for a project that will not bring a major payoff until after they are dead? They did this last November when they voted to reforest the Tillamook Burn and other areas of the state's timber holdings.

Some more or less intangible returns will be realized earlier, but, unless methods change rapidly, it will be fifty or a hundred years before these trees can be harvested and turned into cash. It is not too difficult, ordinarily, to sell people on taxes for needed highways, schools or similar public enterprises which they and their children can use and enjoy right now. But how often have the citizens voted bonds to help assure prosperity for their grandchildren and great grandchildren? Not very often, unless there were also some immediate benefits.

Ten million dollars is not a lot of money, the way government expenditures go these days. Representative Homer D. Angell of Oregon has just figured out that the federal administration spends a million dollars every twelve minutes. Ten million dollars is a lot of money, though, for a state like Oregon with a population of about 1,600,000—a state which needs many millions for highway expansion and improvement, and many millions more for schools and other civic projects. It is a lot of money to spend for future generations when the present one needs these other things so badly right now.

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In the Day's News

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munists tell us it is and our system is as BAD as the communists tell us it is, the common Russian down at the bottom of the heap ought to be doing pretty well by his time.

I'd say that if communism is even HALF as good as its boosters claim and our system half as bad as its detractors insist the benefits enjoyed by the general run of Russians ought to be making us a little envious by this time.

WELL, I don't know. I've never been allowed inside Russia. Very few people are allowed inside Russia—that is to say, very few OUTSIDERS are allowed inside Russia.

Either the Russians are so well satisfied with their system that they're afraid we'll copy it if we're ever permitted to get a good understanding of the way it works, or they are so ASHAMED of its shortcomings that they seek to cover up the truth from us.

At any rate, we don't know too much about the status of the average Russian.

BUT some new stuff is out. Some time back the Norwegian General Federation of Trade unions got curious and sent delegations to study conditions in both Russia and the United States. These Norwegian union workers made a report of their findings. The report was addressed to their own organization. It has just been made public. Among other things, it mentions that:

"An average American worker earns a loaf of bread with five minutes of work; it takes an average Russian two hours of work to earn a loaf of bread.

"An American buys a pound of meat with half an hour of labor; a Russian has to work a whole day to earn a pound of meat.

"An American can buy a wooler; suit after 25 hours of work; a Russian has to work two months to earn a woolen suit."

THE Norwegian trade unionists concluded their report with the interesting observation that their visit to the United States gave them "greater confidence in the ability of democracy to solve its problems."

That is terse, but significant.

TRY to be realistic in my thinking. So it seems to me, after reading this Norwegian report, that there is a screw loose somewhere in the communist system.

Sutherland

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thames and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Baumgardner motored over the McKenzie Pass last weekend and visited at Bend and Redmond. Mrs. Thames and Mrs. Baumgardner spent last weekend with Mrs. Abene's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Adams, proprietors of the Wood-Winds cottages at Glenden Beach, near Taft, on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Webber are vacationing at coastal points. Mr. and Mrs. Royal Abene Jr., spent last Saturday in Eugene transacting business and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmage Agnew and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwards of Crawfordville, Ind., were recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Francis. They were school boy pals of Mr. Francis, and have toured through the South and are en route to Glacier National park.

Barbara Fiola and Ruth Hochstetler from Hammond, Ind., the latter the niece of Mrs. Walter Willoughby, visited at the Willoughby home recently on their tour from Chicago to California and Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Imel of Reno, Nev., visited last Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slack en route to Washington, where they will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. William Van Volkenberg and children spent a week vacationing at Los Angeles visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Stella French accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Mildred Chapman of Yoncalla, to Eugene last Wednesday where they spent the time shopping.

Mrs. Elsie Norton of Roseburg spent several days last week visiting at Fair Oaks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton.

Sarah Nelson of Kansas City, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Turner, east of Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Verner Abene shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Slack and their son, Marvin, and Mrs. Brittain Slack shopped and transacted business in Eugene last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peterson left one day last week for Chehalis, Wash., where they will visit with Mrs. Peterson's parents and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Martinson and children, shopped and transacted business in Roseburg Saturday.

Miss Dolores Martin spent last weekend in Portland with her sister, Mrs. A. H. Horst.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fuller, brother of Mrs. Robert Hall of St. Paul, Minn., arrived in Sutherland one day last week and will spend a month in this city visiting with the former's sisters and their families, Mr. Robert Hall and Mrs. Tony Meis.

Mrs. Robert Hall, who has been visiting for the past ten days at Yakima, Wash., with her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Everett Holgate, returned to her home in this city last Wednesday.

Mrs. Belle Cook's son, Dean, is reported as being confined in the veterans hospital in Portland with a back injury.

International Agreements To Solve Fishing Problems Are Expected Within Year

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Within a year the United States and its mightiest neighbors may put into effect new fisheries agreements which are unprecedented in scope.

When they do, said Hilary J. Deason, chief of foreign activities for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife service, the nations involved "will be moving together for the first time toward cooperative solution of problems many of them have recognized, discussed and worried about for half a century."

Deason commented to a reporter on agreements, ratified by the United States last Wednesday, affecting multi-million dollar fishing, canning and recreational interests throughout the North Atlantic and eastern Pacific oceans.

They involve: 1. Haddock, rosefish, cod and halibut of the northwest Atlantic. Other signatories to this convention are Canada, Newfoundland, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Great Britain and northern Ireland.

2. Tuna off the Pacific coast of North and Central America. Separate agreements have been ratified with Mexico and Costa Rica.

The northwest Atlantic agreement would set up an international commission to collect and distribute information on means of maintaining the four major fisheries of those waters.

It was signed at a meeting here last February. When four of the countries have ratified the agreement it will go into effect.

The separate tuna agreements with Mexico and Costa Rica also were signed this year. Deason said the Mexican legislature may ratify soon after convening next month. Similar action by Costa Rica is expected later.

The Mexican agreement is bilateral, but the Costa Rican convention will admit other interested nations when and if they wish to join.

Tuna, Salmon Lead
The U. S. tuna industry is the richest of the nation's offshore fisheries. Domestic production of canned tuna in 1948 was valued at more than \$125,000,000, and was second in worth only to that of canned salmon.

"Our knowledge of tunas in the Pacific is particularly negative," Deason said.

"We don't know where or when the Pacific tunas spawn or the size or age they must gain before first spawning. We don't know how large the populations of tuna are, or what fraction of them is being exploited.

"We know they are oceanic fishes not limited to the continental shelf. Albacore may migrate across the Pacific, bluefin across the Atlantic.

"In 22 years the tuna-fishing industry has increased seven-fold, but there are signs that even now diminishing returns may have set in."

The State department estimates that the U. S. share in Pacific tuna research will be \$400,000 a year, with an additional cost during the first two years, for capital expenditures, of \$350,000.

Legion Frees Vet From Clutch Of Cruel Stepfather
MONTESEANO, Wash., Aug. 25.—(AP)—An army veteran who lost his left leg in a Japanese bombing was being cared for by the American Legion today after telling authorities he had been his stepfather's "prisoner of fear" for 18 months.

The stepfather, identified by Sheriff Mike Kilgore as Frank Chase, 52, was held in the Grays Harbor county jail on a charge of third degree assault.

Kilgore said the veteran, Henry Chum, 29, was found Monday by neighbors who investigated after hearing shouts.

The veteran's hair was four or five inches long and matted, his clothes tattered and his body bruised and welled, Kilgore said.

The sheriff said Chum told him he left the army in 1943 after his leg was amputated above the knee as the result of a Japanese bombing in New Guinea. His mother had died a month before.

With a 60 percent disability allowance of some \$120 a month he purchased a chicken farm on a GI loan at Oakville, midway between Elma and Centralia.

He said he was induced by Chase about two years ago to give him full power of attorney, and that he has been virtually a "prisoner of fear" for the last 18 months.

An aroused Oakville American Legion post took up the case Monday and were seeking Chase when he was arrested. In his car were a loaded .45 caliber revolver, an unloaded 30-30 rifle and an unloaded 22 rifle with ammunition for all.

Kilgore said the power of attorney given Chase was never recorded. A new power of attorney was given the American Legion. Doctors recommended after an examination that Chum be placed in a Veterans administration hospital.

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