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## POWER POLES DOOMED

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The California Oregon Power company is planning to remove power poles from Jackson street between Douglas and Cass streets.

For several years Copco has been persuading property owners on that street, as buildings were remodeled, to change electrical circuits to permit bringing lead-in wires from the rear instead of the front.

The block between Douglas and Washington streets is completely clear at present. Three business houses in the block between Washington and Oak still receive electricity from the front instead of the rear, and one business house is holding up the change in the block between Oak and Cass streets.

It is anticipated that the few holdouts will be notified in the near future that changes must be made and a time limit set.

City Manager Matt Slankard reports that Roseburg's new street lighting system is progressing rapidly and that erection of light towers and brackets is the next step. Some trouble has been experienced in obtaining regulator equipment, but Copco has managed to borrow a set of regulators until the equipment purchased by the city arrives, so one anticipated delay has been eliminated, although the city will have the added expense of transportation.

It is to be hoped that simultaneously with completion of the new street lights, it will be possible to remove the unsightly power poles from Jackson street. Appearance of the street would be greatly improved. If the power poles cannot be taken down at such an early date, the action should follow as soon as possible.

All Jackson street business houses can be connected with power lines on Main street or in the alleyway between Rose and Jackson streets. The cost in making the change involves installation of a lead-in circuit from the front to the rear of each building.

## Fishing Goes On Sustained Yield Plan

The Oregon Fish commission has established commercial fishing quotas for Nehalem, Alsea, Siuslaw, Yaquina and Coquille bays. In a recent order the commission has set the poundage which may be taken from each stream annually. The over-all effect is to reduce the total commercial catch from the five streams about 25 percent.

This plan should have been put into operation many years ago. Had the commission acted earlier, there undoubtedly would have been much less demand for complete closure of all coastal streams, except the Columbia, to commercial fishing.

Actually, the quota system, properly handled, could be made to operate as a sustained yield practice—limiting the take in proportion to escapement so that ample fish are permitted to reach spawning beds to preserve future runs.

We doubt that the streams in their present condition can support both sports and commercial fishing, but it is possible that the quota system, given strict enforcement, may be the solution to a critical problem. At least it is a step in the right direction and one delayed altogether too long.

The commission, in our opinion, is to be commended for making a start, even at this late date. We doubt, however, that it will overcome the demand by sports interests for complete closure—a demand that has been building up too long to be halted easily.

## Do We Want Radical Politics In Oregon?

Senator Austin Flegel, Portland, brother of Roseburg's affable mayor, Al Flegel, issued a political fight call at a recent democratic picnic at Klamath Falls.

He warned that the party, "hasn't any room for poor candidates, for dishonesty or incompetence."

But the record of the Portland democrats, trying to "start something" in Oregon politics, hasn't been too good along lines of the policies laid down by Senator Flegel.

Portland's grandstanding, irresponsible democrats didn't help their cause in the last legislature, and the present fiasco in Multnomah county, where a democratic sheriff is facing recall and the party's state treasurer is in the lime-light certainly cannot be said to be politically favorable.

Oregon has always had a strong, responsible and able, but conservative, democratic party. Party lines in this state have been loosely drawn. Candidates have been selected for their abilities rather than their party affiliations and democrats have shared important offices in all departments from local to state level.

For our part we can see no need for the radical type of politics being fomented by Dick Neuberger and his followers.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Defense Of Yoncalla Police System Is Told

YONCALLA—I would like to state in behalf of the city of Yoncalla that we have never had a speed trap nor do we have one now. We have a woman judge. We also have an efficient policeman. Both are hard working, conscientious and faithful in their duties which they conceive to be that, among others, of protecting the lives and property of the public as comes within their jurisdiction. They make no rules of their own, but abide by the laws

of the city, the advice of a competent attorney and other constituted authority.

Nor are they unduly severe on traffic violators. And in connection with these same violations I wish to call attention to some that have happened in the past several months:

A dynamite loaded truck sailing recklessly through the town, a number of head-on collisions between tourists themselves, a side-swiped school bus, three citizens knocked down, (one on the sidewalk), local cars hit, not to mention many others of minor nature.

We welcome the tourist. And we, together with other valley towns have much to offer our guests: scenic beauty, healthful climate, recreation areas, and to those who choose to remain with

## Every Man A King



## Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

When horse-racing in Roseburg is no longer in the news, three might enjoy a horse race that happens as often as three opens the covers of "The Friendly Persuasion" by Jessamyn West (Harcourt & Brace, 1945). That is if there is not a Quaker preacher as Eliza, Friend Jess Birdwell's adored wife, is, and the race on First Day on the way to Meeting!

"By sugar, Enoch," said Friend Jess to his hired man whose green eyes were flicking knowingly over Lady, the oddest looking horse ever seen in Maple Grove. "I tell thee I was getting tired of taking Eliza down the Pike every First Day like a tail to Godley's comet. Have him start late, go round me, then slowly down so we'd eat dust. Riled me so I was arriving at Meeting in no fit state to worship . . . this mare Lady's got the heart of a lion and wings of a bird. Nothing without pinfeathers is going to pass her!"

So it was that when the Reverend Marcus Augustus Godley drew close the next day, things went contrary to his expectations. Contrary to Eliza's, too . . . who couldn't understand why so unready looking a horse should

us, many business opportunities. In our own little town our eating places are clean, the food good, the service attentive and friendly. Our merchantile establishments are attractive and we strive to please those who stop long enough to find out what we have to offer. To the latter we would say, we have a new \$200,000 high school building under construction located on a 40-acre tract of land south of town; an area provided by the foresight of our people, ample to take care of the school and for a junior college at some later date. We have just voted a \$60,000 bond issue to enlarge our water system, and, as we had no previous indebtedness, we are in a splendid financial condition.

We have a fine grade school which will be reconstructed when the new high school is completed.

From the little town, rich in historical interest, the valley spreads away in every direction over softly rolling fields to the encircling fir clad hills, whose trees are now being brought in to keep our mills and people busy. These trees are for most part ripe and ready for the harvest. When they are cut out the forest growth will mature with the years. To the east lies beautiful Scotts valley, its rich acres now golden with the harvest, green with mint and corn, in the midst of which is Welles Mineral spring.

North is Boxwell springs, the medicinal virtue of which was well known to the Indians and the early settlers. It's real value to mankind was discovered by that peerless pioneer, Conrad Snowden.

Back and beyond us to the east lies the Bohemia district, rich in gold, silver and other mineral wealth, all locked now within its icy heart, to be opened in some future time for the benefit of all who are fortunate enough to live in its vicinity.

I hope the California papers tell the tourists all about us. But we want it to be the truth. We ask everyone to drive carefully, obey all traffic laws and slow down when they go through a town, big or little, and if when making a turn in the business

## Traffic Law Violators Deserving Of Arrest

ROSEBURG—Regarding your editorial in which you quote from a letter written by a lady who had a peeve against the small towns of the county, I doubt if we need to worry much about the number of friends she will be able to influence.

Scarcely a day passes that we do not have a report of an accident caused by someone who disregards a traffic sign of some kind. Some are only bent fenders, but many are serious. One of the most serious accidents reported to me during my years in the insurance business happened about 4 o'clock in the morning, on a night in January, in a downpour of rain. No one was supposed to be on the street at that time, and in such a storm, but there was, and the car which was disregarding a safety sign caused a serious injury.

At the approaches to Canyonville, Sutherlin, Oakland and Yoncalla there is no excuse for any motorist to not see the signs calling attention to speed limits. If they do not want to take such a sign seriously, they should not object when they are brought into court.

Without exception, you will find the motorist who disregards the speed limit sign also pays no attention to the highway sign calling attention to a curve, but takes the curve at a high speed, and on the wrong side of the highway.

The complaint of the lady you mention, in which she blames the officers and lady judge, reminds me of the statement almost invariably made by the man who has had his license revoked for drunken driving. These people come to us for assistance in having the license restored, and all they had "only one glass of beer" when the officer arrested them; were not drunk, but were just stopped by an officer who wanted to make an arrest.

I am of the opinion that the motorist is not stopped unless he

## In the Day's News

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American bases.

It can strike practically anywhere in the world, if it has to, from bases in continental United States. The B-47 embodies most of the principles of offensive air strategy advocated over the past couple of decades by Seversky and his followers in this country.

THIS is the point:

Having committed ourselves to this principle of warfare, of which the B-47 is the present chief weapon, we must see to it that manufacture of the B-47 and the successors to it is carried on at the safest and most easily and effectively defended location we can find anywhere in the United States.

HERE are the factors that are involved:

1. Russia is our only potential enemy.

2. SEATTLE IS THE NEAREST POINT TO RUSSIA IN CONTINENTAL AMERICA.

ONCE we get these factors clear in our minds, we can understand that Seattle is the poorest place in the United States at which to produce this weapon upon which we are staking our military future—perhaps EVEN OUR FUTURE AS A NATION.

It is obvious from a glance at the map that places like Wichita, in the very heart of the vast interior of the United States, will be easier to defend against determined enemies than places like Seattle, located on the rim of our country—and the rim nearest to Russia at that.

That is the situation in a nutshell.

WE can't blame Seattle for hating to lose the great Boeing payroll. There isn't a one of us that wouldn't feel about it exactly as Seattle people do.

But it isn't a problem of Seattle development. It isn't a problem of the industrial development of the Pacific Northwest—or even of the Pacific Coast.

THE PROBLEM IS THE PRESERVATION OF THE FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES.

THE time has passed in this country when we can afford to look upon our military establishment as a political football to be kicked around according to the desires of communities, large or small, that want growth based upon location in their area of military facilities.

From here on out, we must look upon our military arm as DEFENSE AGAINST ENEMIES and nothing else.

Otherwise, we can perish from the earth.

is traveling some fifteen or twenty miles more than the speed limit. If the officers could make a few more arrests of people who disregard warning signs, and especially those who pull around a car without proper clearance ahead, our highways and streets would be a safer place on which to travel.

I say, more power to the officers and courts, including the Lady Judge, who are making an honest effort to enforce the law. (Name on File)

## Sheriff Carter Warns On New Bus Stop Law

School buses which have again taken to the roads must be regarded in a new light by other traffic motorists were reminded today by Sheriff O. T. Carter.

State law now requires all vehicles to stop when meeting or overtaking a school bus which has stopped to load or unload passengers. You must remain stopped, Sheriff Carter pointed out, "if and so long as any children are leaving the school bus or crossing the roadway."

The new law may take some getting used to, since Oregon law formerly permitted vehicles to pass a stopped school bus at 15 miles an hour, the sheriff said. All traffic must now stop, whether overtaking the bus from the rear or approaching it from the front. The only exception is traffic going the opposite direction on a three or four-lane highway, which may pass the stopped school bus with caution.

"The law applies to school bus stops within city limits as well as on rural roadways," the sheriff stated. "It was enacted as a safeguard for school youngsters and it will be enforced."

Over 30 other states, including Washington and California, have similar laws in effect.

## Michael Claude Pellerin, Californian, Dies Here

Michael Claude Pellerin, 63, died very suddenly at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hansen of Wilbur, Saturday, Sept. 3. He had arrived Friday from Bellflower, Calif., for a visit. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Jeanne Orchard. He was a veteran of World War I and a rig builder for oil wells. The body was sent to Bellflower, Calif., where services and interment will take place. Arrangements were in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

## Graveside Services Held For Leo Hart's Infant

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo K. Hart, Sutherlin, died at a hospital in Roseburg Saturday, Sept. 3, after a short illness. He was born in Roseburg July 17, 1949. Besides the parents he is survived by a brother, Leo K. Hart Jr. Graveside services were held in the I. O. O. F. Masonic cemetery at Cottage Grove Monday at 2:30 p. m. Arrangements were in care of the Stearns mortuary, Oakland.

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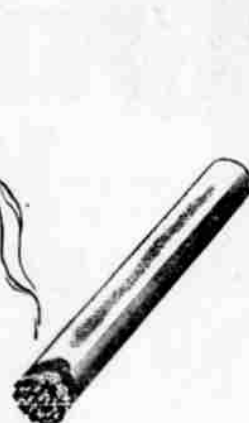
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