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## OUR NEIGHBOR PROFITS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Cottage Grove Rod and Gun club will dedicate its new clubhouse Sunday, Sept. 18. We expect the event will attract considerable attendance from this area, for the work of the Roseburg Rod and Gun club in procuring a recreational site unequalled in Oregon, and erecting a clubhouse and trap grounds, has created much general interest and has inspired a wave of similar activities throughout the state. Local sportsmen particularly have been very interested in the successful venture of the neighboring club at Cottage Grove and many doubtless will attend the dedication ceremonies.

Roseburg's mayor, Al Flegel, is to participate in the dedication.

The Cottage Grove club, which has a membership of about 400, has erected a two-story frame building on a 2 1/2-acre site, slightly more than five miles north of town. Materials and labor were donated for construction of the building, which houses an indoor rifle range on the second floor. The club also has installed four traps, has an outdoor rifle range, and plans construction of a casting pool. The grounds are being equipped with picnic facilities.

Throughout all of Oregon organized groups of sportsmen are becoming interested in recreational installations. Rod and Gun clubs are entering into the civic field, through promotion of facilities for meeting places, sports, preservation of recreational areas, promotion of better hunting and fishing, etc.

In our opinion, this field has been too long neglected. The successful work of the many sportsmen's groups will be of increasing importance as Oregon's population continues to grow, requiring more recreational space and installations, while nothing will contribute more to the success of a profitable tourist industry than improved hunting and fishing, and preservation of natural resources.

People are learning to look more and more to leadership by organized sports groups in the increasingly important problem of conservation. Sportsmen are not yet fully organized to meet their responsibility, but it will not be long until conservation leadership is much more thoroughly equipped to handle the task.

Oregon has two statewide organizations, the Izaak Walton League and Oregon Wildlife Federation. Both groups are still comparatively loosely knit. Plans are in the making, however, for an organization in which all sports groups may be affiliated, yet preserving autonomy in local clubs, and area control through councils representing each major watershed.

When all sportsmen's clubs are brought into united effort, with facilities for interchange of information and aid, Oregon will have machinery through which to conduct conservation, recreational and tourist promotional activities more effectively.

A sample of what sportsmen are able to accomplish through organization has been demonstrated nationally by the Dingell bill, which recently passed both houses of Congress and is now before a joint committee to iron out minor differences.

The bill will provide aid to states for fishery restoration. Oregon is expected to obtain large sums of money during the coming years to be used in fish conservation and propagation.

The money comes from excise taxes on sports angling equipment. This tax already is being collected, but has been used exclusively for federal purposes. The Dingell bill earmarks the revenue for aid to states. Seventy-five percent of the cost of a state project may be paid from this federal-aid fund; the balance, 25 percent, to be paid from the state's game funds.

A similar bill, relating to hunting, known as the Pittman-Robertson act, has assisted the State of Oregon in purchase of large acreage for public shooting grounds and for considerable work on range habitat and management.

Both bills resulted from prolonged efforts on the part of sports groups all over the nation through their respective state and national organizations. States will be enormously benefitted.

Here in our own area there recently has been organized the Umpqua Basin Conservation Council, which unites the activities of all sports groups in the interior section of Douglas county. Close relationship exists between the Umpqua Council and the Southwestern Oregon Sportsmen's Association, which embraces Curry, Coos and Western Lane and Douglas counties. A major project adopted by the Umpqua Council is that of acquisition of land for public recreational purposes, for which the sum of \$10,000, through council efforts, was included in the county budget for this year.

We believe that communities served by large and active sports groups are extremely fortunate.

We know that Cottage Grove already has received much benefit from its own Rod and Gun club, not only through the recreational facility to be dedicated Sunday, but from much arduous and conscientious work in the field of conservation of resources. Acquisition of recreational aids is only a minor part of the real worth of the club to the community.

## Some People Will Steal Anything, Police Aver

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—It seems some people will steal anything.

Police report the theft of a car with no foot pedals and with special hand levers on the steering wheel.

It belongs to Lawrence J. Kitzman, 27-year-old Navy veteran from Newport News, Va. Kitzman, who is partially paralyzed, lost the use of his right leg at Bougainville.

The tendency of the vulgar is to embody everything. Some individual is selected, and often injudiciously, as the representative of every great movement of the public mind, of every great revolution in human affairs; and in this individual are concentrated all the joys and all the hatreds, the admiration and all the contempt which he ought rightly to show with a whole party, a whole sect, a whole nation, a whole generation.

AN IGNORANCE OF THE WEST (Salem Capital Journal)

Anyone who has been east of the Mississippi river will agree with Senator Wayne Morse on his concern over lack of proper appreciation of the west.

Oregon's junior senator, visiting the state fair here, is worried over eastern senators not recognizing that development of the west will benefit all the nation, including the east. It is a struggle, according to him, to put over the point that industrial development of the west will create national wealth, spurring industrial activity in the east as well as in the west.

It is this concern over lack of appreciation of the west that tends to argue, for instance, for regional development by the people in the area working with established governmental agencies. The people know the region. They have faith in what can be done in that region. And the governmental agencies which have been helping develop the area know it well, too.

The opposite method of development, of course, is the proposed Columbia Valley administration. This CVA is clearly a bureaucratic administration, under complete domination of Washington, D. C., and subject to the whims of politics and possibly to people who don't know the area. Leaving development of the Pacific Northwest to the region itself, instead of to a CVA, need not foster a narrow sectional view, either. Instead it would leave the basic decision as to funds where it has always been—in the congress. Oregon's senators and representatives, in that connection, are of the ability and stature to continue to explain the state's interests in light of the nation's interest.

The initiative to plan and bring

## Just Knock Twice And Ask For Joe



## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Because there are no children in the home to get ready for school this lovely, end of summer morning, I made an earlier start on laundering the living room curtains than perhaps you did—if that happens to be your "first thing I do this morning no matter what!"

But oh, even after years of a house that is too quiet, I miss the hullabaloo that went with early days of school, and sometimes other days. "Where's this?" "Where's that?" "Sure I knew I was going to need it, but gee whizz. . . ." "Mom, there's a button come off this sleeve!"

When I first arrived at the age when I proudly sewed on a button, my dear Dad would say with a twinkle in his brown eyes: "Well, my dear, the shirt may come off the button but the button will never come off the shirt!"

I sewed 'em for keeps, all right, pin, shank and everything. But boys' shirts lost their buttons—or their shirts came off the buttons? Or what was more dismaying, a piece of the material stayed right with the button. But I'm not telling you anything, am I?

If you have dear, blessed, noisy boys! How I wish there were boys in ours . . . or even grandchildren!

When we first heard that Son and his year-old baby boy could not come here as we had planned, I was so disappointed. Then as usual I resolutely cheered myself by thinking "all things DO work together for good" in the divine Plan, even if we can't always see it. Maybe that Texas judge with his "second and fourth Saturday afternoon stipulation" was, unwittingly, in Cupid's service.

First we heard grateful, relieved accounts of how good the "people" were whom Son had found to take care of the wee lad; then the letters were more specific: there was a girl in the home who "just loved" the baby, and whom Grandson "just loved" too! Age wasn't specified; we assumed the girl was a school girl . . . but now the three are starting life together, all very happy, and a very young husband has an 18-year-old wife; very pretty, "a country girl, Mom. You'll like her!" I'm sure I shall!

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### 'GIVING 'EM HELL' AGAIN

(Salem Capital Journal)

President Truman jumped the gun on the 1950 congressional election campaign with a brilliant defense of the 81st congress, conspiracy of the selfish interests, beat the drums for the Brannan farm plan, the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, and a prediction of triumph for his "fair deal" welfare program. His speech at Pittsburgh to industrial workers centered on the labor issue, that at Des Moines on the farm issue, were in the swinging, superlative style of the "give 'em hell" campaign of 1948, which set a new style for presidential utterances.

Mr. Truman reiterated his abuse of the republican controlled 80th congress, but strongly endorsed the democratic controlled 81st congress, which in its continuous eight months session has failed to enact but a small portion of his program and has a record for an administration controlled congress of non-accomplishment. Appeal to prejudice and class hatred permeated his utterances.

The president's speeches and his actions, too, recall what Fisher Ames, 1758-1808, one of the ratifiers of the Constitution and representative from Massachusetts 1788-97 an orator of note, said in one of his speeches:

"To be the favorite of an ignorant multitude, a man must descend to their level; he must desire what they desire, and detest all they do not approve; he must yield to their prejudices, and substitute them for principles. Instead of enlightening their errors, he must adopt them, and must furnish the sophistry that will propagate and defend them."

It also recalls what Thomas R. M'Cauley, 1820-59, the historian, wrote along the same lines, which applies more to the late Franklin Roosevelt than to his predecessor:

"The tendency of the vulgar is to embody everything. Some individual is selected, and often injudiciously, as the representative of every great movement of the public mind, of every great revolution in human affairs; and in this individual are concentrated all the joys and all the hatreds, the admiration and all the contempt which he ought rightly to show with a whole party, a whole sect, a whole nation, a whole generation."

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## Four Granges In Josephine County Nominate Boehl

GRANTS PASS, Sept. 13.—(AP)—Four subordinate granges of Josephine county have nominated Victor Boehl, Josephine Pomona Grange master, for State Grange master, the position now held by Morton Tompkins.

Boehl was nominated at meetings Saturday night at Fruitdale and Shan creek. He already had been named by Rogue River Valley and Redwoods Granges. Under Grange rules, three Granges must nominate to initiate a candidacy.

Boehl operates a 60-acre farm here. He served as Redwoods Grange master four years and Josephine Pomona master from 1946 to the present. He has been president of the Grants Pass Irrigation District board since 1943 and a member of the board since 1936. He has served three years as president of the Rogue Valley Irrigation association and, in that capacity, has led the fight for the Bureau of Reclamation program for irrigation and flood control for the Rogue and its tributaries. He has been active in the Oregon Reclamation congress and in local corps. He was chairman of the wartime Farm Transportation committee, a member of the Farm Ration board and farm member of the Selective Service board.

## Unexplained Death Is Being Investigated

TACOMA, Sept. 14.—(AP)—The unexplained death of a 15-month-old child and the serious illness from malnutrition of another three-month-old baby are being investigated by Pierce county officials.

The child, Laura Lee Vickery, died at Pierce county hospital Saturday night. The mother, Mrs. William Vickery, said the baby had fallen down stairs. She and her husband have been charged by prosecutor Patrick M. Steele with non-support of a minor child because of the severe malnutrition of Laura Lee's three-month-old brother Bill.

The baby boy, being treated at the hospital, is in serious condition.

Laura Lee died under peculiar circumstances, said St. Germain. An autopsy was performed this morning but the examining doctor has not yet made a report.

## Two Americans Released By Russian Captors

BERLIN, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Mal Victor Milner Jr., 30, and his father, 36, were released by the Russians Tuesday after more than 72 hours in captivity, U. S. authorities announced.

The news was disclosed after unconfirmed reports had said two Americans on their way to receive the pair also had been seized by the Russians. This report originated with German border police and U. S. authorities said they had no knowledge of it.

Milner and his father, both of Hollywood, had left Frankfurt Saturday on an automobile trip to Berlin and disappeared. Last night they were turned over to a constabulary party on the American-Russian zone border near Nov, Vavara, authorities at the U. S. checkpoint at Coburg disclosed.

should be with the leaders of the region and with the governmental agencies in the field here. This outline of procedure keeps development with the people most vitally concerned and those that know the region. It also avoids and keeps to a minimum a lack of appreciation from the already industrially developed east.

## Witness Says Youth Brags Of Shooting

DOVER, Del., Sept. 14.—(AP)—A witness testified Tuesday that 16-year-old Robert Brennan killed an elderly Virginian and then returned to the living room of his farm home saying calmly: "I finished the old man—I shot half his face off."

The dramatic account came during the second day of the lonely hearts murder trial of young Brennan and his mother, Mrs. Inez Brennan, 45.

The witness was Mrs. Dolly Dean, 26-year-old widow who said she was a boarder at the Brennan farm when Wade N. Woodridge, 67, Bedford V. carpenter, was slain last Oct. 10.

Mrs. Dean said Woodridge, whom Mrs. Brennan met through lonely hearts correspondence, arrived at the farm Oct. 10. On the next night, she said:

"We all had dinner and then he (Woodridge) went to the barn to look it over.

"I heard a gunshot and I ran out to the porch. I saw Bobby come back with a gun in his hands. I asked him what happened and he said: 'I shot the old man.'"

Mrs. Dean said the Brennan family—Mrs. Brennan, Robert and sons George, 17, and Raymond, 23—buried Woodridge's body in the Brennan farm pig pen, went through his clothes and possessions and kept most of them.

Some Accessories  
Raymond and George must stand trial later on charges of being accessories.

Robert's age may rule out death sentences for himself and his mother.

Under Delaware law an accomplice can receive no greater penalty than the principal in a murder case. Traditionally, convicted slayers under 18 have seldom been hanged in Delaware—the state's method of execution.

The two Brennans have also told in their statements, state police said, of shooting Hugo Schulz, 61, on his Concord, N. H. farm, bringing his body to Delaware for burial in the same pig pen and then in the dump.

## Honor Student Paroled After Burglary Attempts

OREGON CITY, Ore., Sept. 14.—(AP)—A Chicago high school honor student was paroled to his father by Judge Earl C. Latour-ette Monday after the parent pleaded that an attempted burglary resulted from three weeks in bad company.

Dean Arthur Culver, 19, Chicago, was sentenced to five years and immediately paroled to his father, Bernard W. Culver, a Chicago engineer. The father told the court that the boy had graduated with honors and received a scholarship to the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Culver was arrested at Jennings Lodge last Wednesday with Leslie Allan Jacobson, 18, also of Chicago. They were thwarted in their burglary attempt by Edward Whittington, owner of the local cream parlor in which they were caught.

Their car was crammed with stolen goods admittedly taken in a series of robberies while traveling west.

## Some Of Multnomah's Democrats Like Elliott

PORTLAND, Sept. 14.—(AP)—One fourth of Multnomah county's Democratic Central committee members support, 148 to 51, Sheriff M. L. Elliott. He faces a recall threat to his office.

The ballot was taken Monday at a meeting called by Chairman Nicholas Granet. About 200 of the party's 800 precinct workers attended.

Five members spoke from the floor in favor of the young sheriff after Granet announced the ballot plan. No one spoke out against Elliott. Later, State Senator Richard Neuberger, a Democrat who has opposed Elliott's tenure in office, criticized Granet's handling of the meeting. He said the chairman had used "Granet's rules of order—not Robert's rules."

## Miss America Declines Mrs. America's Offer

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—(AP)—Eighteen-year-old "Miss America" said today she isn't going to match her curves against those of "Mrs. America."

Jacques Mercier, Litchfield Park, Ariz., wearer of the pulchritude-crown awarded at Atlantic City, N. J., last week, told newsmen she isn't going to take up the challenge of Mrs. Frances L. Cloyd of San Diego, Calif.

Mrs. Cloyd, named "Mrs. America" at Asbury Park, N. J., last weekend, has said: "I'll match my shape against her's any day."

But Miss Mercier turned down the dare. "I'm not a missus yet, so I'm not going to compete with her."

Besides, she added: "I've entered the highest kind of contest there is and I'm not going to enter another as long as I live."

## Small Girl Is Fatally Injured When Hit By Car

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 14.—(AP)—An 11-year-old girl was fatally injured Monday night on highway 97 in the town of Crescent, bringing Klamath county's 1948 traffic death toll to nine.

The girl, Barbara Jean Maynard Crescent, was struck by an old model car operated by Robert Paul Greenan, 21, also of Crescent, as she walked along the highway. She died in 20 minutes.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Tournament Of Roses Float Proposal Opposed

ROSEBURG—Let us not try to enter a float in the Tournament of Roses parade at Pasadena. Large and wealthy cities have entered floats in the past. It is easy to stumble into something like this blindly—something we know nothing about.

Floats in the parade have cost from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and just the flowers alone on some will cost \$1,500 and \$2,000 or more. Our Portland Rose Festival parade is a small affair in comparison.

We have been getting too much promotion for a long time. Let's settle down and be Roseburg again. Let's be our natural selves, lest we destroy ourselves.

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Roseburg, Ore.

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## FROM THE NEWS OF 51 YEARS AGO

Robbery at Myrtle Point  
Dastardly Act of Two Masked Men  
At about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening, Mr. Gant, who had removed his boots, was sitting before a warm fire contemplating a crash and window splintered all about him, and glass and splintered window sash was falling all about him, and before he could recover from the shock and and in a gruff voice demanded his money, with a threat of violence if it was not promptly delivered.

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Heavens to Betsy, Mr. Gant! A body couldn't feel safe in those days, what with masked men jumping through windows at you. Human nature being what it is we know robbery in all its forms is as rampant and as costly as in 1898. Play safe and ease your apprehensions with an insurance policy that protects you from loss by robbery. It's the cheapest protection you can buy.

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