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## PERHAPS, MAYBE, IF

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Modern newspaper methods, in which news columns are devoted to factual reporting while opinion is confined to editorial or by-line columns, afford opportunities for propagandists. We would not have it otherwise, but frequently the reader fails to obtain a true picture or understanding of issues or events.

In Saturday's *News-Review*, for instance, a front page story from Bend, Oregon, recounted statements made by C. Girard Davidson, assistant secretary of the interior, in an address to the quarterly conference of the Izaak Walton League of America, Oregon Division, with reference to the proposed Columbia Valley authority. Mr. Davidson made a very fine talk on the subject of conservation, and need for more money to "bring federal expenditures for conservation activities into balance with expenditures for river control programs."

In describing the current lack of interest and activity in conservation projects in the Pacific Northwest, he said that "The largest concrete dam in the world and the largest hydroelectric power plant in the world are front page news, but the steady drop-by-drop erosion of our topsoil is something much more intangible."

Mr. Davidson told Waltonians that with CVA in operation more money would be available to perform conservation activities. He recounted that a fisheries program had been outlined for the lower Columbia river, calling for expenditures of \$3,000,000 annually for a period of 10 years, but that appropriations to date had permitted expenditure of only \$1,000,000 per year. He contended that under the CVA money would be available to bring and keep the work up to date.

Mr. Davidson was asked from what source funds would come to meet these proposed additional expenditures. It was pointed out by the questioner that federal government spending already is in excess of income. It was asked, in clarification, whether money for conservation would come by robbing some other projects, through increased efficiency in operation, thus producing savings which might be used by conservation projects; through recoveries under the offset benefits provision of the CVA bill, or by increasing deficit spending.

Mr. Davidson, in reply, gave answers consisting chiefly of "perhaps," "maybe," and "if." In other words, after a positive statement of availability of funds for conservation work, he began qualifying, when asked for specific details. His reply, in effect, was that through better cooperation and planning it would be possible to include conservation in the over-all program and thus submit a better "case" for the conservation cause, and from total appropriations create a better "balance" between all projects.

Personally, we cannot develop much enthusiasm for a radical change in governmental management, setting up an all-powerful, three-man dictatorship over a vast empire, when it must be based on a "perhaps, maybe and if" policy.

It was our good fortune to have a personal talk with Mr. Davidson during breakfast. We believe him to be thoroughly sincere in his beliefs. But throughout his talk he frequently referred to the "intent" of the framers of CVA legislation. He admitted that the bill concentrates a great deal of power and authority in a few hands, which he maintains is an advantage to the area, but that the "intent" in the use of such power is for area development, improvement and welfare.

Even if we accepted his argument as logical, there remains the possibility that the trustees of this power might not act in accordance with the good "intent" in the minds of the framers of the bill.

Personally, we would not permit our best friends—friends in whom we had the greatest confidence and trust—to point a loaded gun at our head. No matter that they might have no "intent" to pull the trigger—someone might jiggle an elbow.

## Tales Of Horror And Heroism Told By Survivors Of Ship

TORONTO—(AP)—Huddled in hospital corridors and the lobby of a downtown hotel, burned and hysterical passengers of the *Noronic* told Saturday of a night of horror and heroism in which they were hauled or scrambled from the burning ship.

For a half-hour after flames enveloped his ship, Capt. William Taylor was still standing in the bows, throwing ropes to passengers clambering over the side. As he was being taken ashore on a fireman's ladder the ladder broke and he fell into the icy bay and had to be pulled out.

Passengers said that before the captain left the ship he burst in cabin doors, hauling women out on deck.

**Surrounded by Flames**  
Lucille Roberts of Detroit said she saw a man on an upper deck surrounded by flames.

"As I watched the flames licked around him and you could hear him scream the last time. Then he disappeared."

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Orth of Detroit huddled in a waiting room scanning stretchers as they were brought ashore.

Mrs. Orth rushed suddenly to the door.

"Here's one of them," she shouted. On the stretcher was her sister, Irene. After Irene was put in an ambulance Mrs.

Orth waited, watching for her sister-in-law, Mrs. Lucille Orth, **Wakened by Shouting**

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Stover of Sombra, near Sarnia, Ont., said they were awakened by the shouting.

"We went hand-over-hand along a hauser from the ship to the shore," Mrs. Stover said.

Some passengers were dazed as they came ashore.

In a downtown hotel lobby Mrs. Joel Bailey of Kalamazoo, Mich., sobbed for her husband.

"I don't know where he is. The last I heard from him he called to me from the upper bank of our bathroom. I'm afraid he didn't get out of the room. I wish I knew."

Alfred Peterson, a watchman, said the fire was "a lot worse" than the blaze that destroyed the *Noronic's* sister ship the *Hamonic* at Point Edward near Sarnia July 17, 1945. Peterson was a survivor of the *Hamonic* fire in which one man was drowned and \$100,000 damage caused.

"People were screaming and jumping without thinking," he said. "Bodies were falling all around me on the deck and soon the screams were mingled with the moans of the injured."

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## "Hey, I've Got Votes, Too"



## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Listening with pleasure to the Old English Morris Dance as it came over the radio to stir up in my heart memories of programs seen there, I was reminded of a letter to this column some time ago in which the writer spoke nostalgically of certain old tunes. He listed seven of which he was especially fond, English and Scotch airs.

The idea occurred to me that a radio station, if the program were well advertised ahead, might give much pleasure to many others of the older generation by having a special program of such tunes?

The ones listed in the letter were: "Stirling Castle," "Bells of Edinburgh," "Bonnie Dundee," "Hyde Park Corner," "Victoria Waltz," "Pride of the Dee," and "Ash Grove."

However delightful the tunes of the day may be, it is the older melodies which carry with them precious memories! I notice that musical programs beamed at housewives busy with their daily routine include the older favorites, especially the lovely singing melodies of Jerome Kern, the others which bring back,

more likely, not so much the picture with which the tune is associated, as the memories more personal.

Just now I heard one which brought a vivid picture, not of the Canadian scenery which was lovely, but of a Sea Scout in his whites, pausing a moment in the doorway to answer a question asked by his mother. The P.T. A. was having a symposium with discussion to follow on the effect of the current movies on our children; she would get something first-hand. Now it happened this lad's parents had been adamant about the choice of pictures until he and his brother were in their teens. Then more freedom was given. At times the parents deplored their choice.

"Of all the pictures you have seen, Son, which one did you like the best?" (They were specializing on "horror" and westerns then.)

Without a second's hesitation he answered: "Rose-Marie, I guess . . ." and he began to whistle the "Indian Love Call."

A thankful mother thought this showed the value of establishing a child's taste early?

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

**Does The Fair Represent Oregon?**  
Salem Capital Journal

Oregon's 54th state fair was a record-breaker in many respects. On the books, it probably looked very good. More money was spent by those attending than ever before on the races and the like. More people passed through the gates than ever before, despite bad weather a couple of days.

But there develops a feeling in one who goes the rounds of the spacious and attractive grounds that something is missing. More and more each year the fair becomes a show to satisfy the entertainment appetite of the people of the area and state.

As an array of sideshows, horse races and carnivals, the fair ranks high. It does offer enjoyable entertainment. But as a sample of life in Oregon, it could hardly be called representative.

The old idea of a fair was to offer an annual opportunity to display the best in agriculture. A few years after Oregon became a state, some enterprising farmers got together north of Oregon City to put on the first fair. They were part of the Oregon Agricultural Society. The products of the land were on display.

As the years went by, the competitive spirit of the farmers encouraged increased contests at the fairs. These shows, in turn, brought with them shows of a pure entertainment nature. The result, as seen in the last week's fair, is obvious to any one who attends.

It seems too bad that the fair is not more representative of the state itself.

Where, for instance, is any representative showing of the timber resources of the state, which are first in the nation? The state forestry has a fine exhibit, but this seems hardly adequate in itself. Commercial timber interests might put on displays.

What about the wild-life of the state? Oregon is known over the United States for its fishing. The state game commission used to have fish displays. To the sportsmen, the names of the rivers of

Oregon have strong allure. But where is their representation at the fair?

How about the canning and fruit industries of the state? To the Willamette valley, they are key industries. But they had no place on the fair grounds. The flax and wool industries are pretty well represented, however.

And what about mining? The Pacific Northwest is becoming recognized nationally as a region which will have a bountiful supply of electrical power, when projected dams are completed. But where could one find anything at the state fair that would indicate the importance of electrical power to the Pacific Northwest, other than the Bonneville Power administration's exhibit for the first time?

With only some \$35,000 appropriated by the legislature for the fair, the commercial exhibits, general attendance, and part-mutual contributions are expected to carry the load. Not much is left over when the bill of expenses is turned in.

Perhaps a state fair has to be more show and carnival than exhibits of the state itself in order to pay its way. But this lopsidedness doesn't give a proper picture of Oregon to the fair-goer. As a show, the fair is excellent. As a display of Oregon's resources and products, it falls short.

**Fencing Of Log Ponds Urged After Drowning**

LEBANON—(AP)—Residents here are supporting movement to have lumber mill log ponds within the city fenced for the safety of children.

A petition to be submitted to the city council and the mayor asks the enforcement of existing ordinances on public nuisances. It began circulating after the drowning of two-year-old Dana Jensen. The boy drowned last Wednesday in a logging company pond.

William Warden, local American Legion post officer, said the petition has the backing of veterans in the city.

## English Pound Devaluation Hits Little Man Hard

By GLENN WILLIAMS.

LONDON—(AP)—Sears, the jarrator at the apartment house where I live, is a little Cockney who earns five pounds a week. He has just learned that the pound has been devalued.

The pound was worth \$4 when he went to the local pub Sunday night. Today, as he goes to work, it is worth only \$2.80.

But Sears can't tell a big difference in the "quid" (pound) in his pocket. His quid will buy just as much tomorrow as it did Saturday.

That state of affairs won't last long, however. In a couple of weeks his bread and flour will cost 30 percent more. Like all Britons, Sears and his family eat a lot of bread.

Other items will have to go up too. That's because about one-sixth of the things Britain buys abroad—both food and raw materials—come from countries like the United States or South America, which either won't devalue at all or will do it on a smaller scale.

So Sears will have to strap his belt a little tighter, make his old MacIntosh last through another rainy winter and forget about that new set of kitchen chairs he was going to buy, simply because prices will go up and he can't afford them.

He may resent this new intrusion into buying power and ask for a raise. In fact, railwaymen, machinists and several other union groups already are demanding more money to cover the price increases.

If they get their raises it may touch off inflation by raising the cost of production, thus raising prices still more.

However, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said over the radio that profiteering and wage hikes could not be given without throwing away the gains that are sought, from this drastic revision of money values.

**Uranium Possibilities Found In Idaho Mines**

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Atomic Energy Commission officials said they have reports indicating uranium possibilities in the Sunshine Mining Company mine at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Investigation is under way, these officials said in response to queries, but emphasized that so far it is only a possibility and not a proven source.

The Sunshine Mining Company itself, asked about reports of a find, would only say that it is looking for the metal in its northern Idaho and western Montana mines.

**Honest Man Reports Own Traffic Light Violation**

CENTRALIA, Wash.—(AP)—The honest man Diogenes sought centuries ago was probably the motorist who walked into the police station Saturday and told Sgt. James Kendrick he had unintentionally run through a "stop" sign.

"Nobody saw me," the offender said.

Kendrick was so flabbergasted he forgot to secure the driver's name or collect the customary \$5 bail.

**Interstate Telephone Employe Strike Over**

SPOKANE, Sept. 19—(AP)—Employe of the Interstate Telephone company ended their 12-day strike today and returned to work under a new contract. Company President C. E. Johnston said negotiations were completed late Sunday night and the contract was signed early this morning.

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## Filbert Pact Referendum Vote Deadline Nears

A reminder to filbert growers in the states of Oregon and Washington that midnight, Sept. 23, 1949, is the deadline for mailing ballots in a referendum on a proposed federal marketing agreement and order program was issued this week by J. F. Bonebrake, chairman of the Douglas County Agriculture Conservation committee.

The ballot is a part of a printed brochure mailed last week to all independent filbert growers of record in the states of Oregon and Washington, and may be detached and mailed in an already-addressed envelope requiring no postage. All the cooperative associations handling filberts have indicated they will vote for their membership so it will not be necessary for members of such organizations to vote individually in the referendum.

Any of the independent growers who failed to receive a ballot by mail may obtain one, together with a copy of the proposed marketing agreement and instructions for voting, at the county agricultural conservation office, located at 321 Pacific Bldg. or from the office of the county agent of the Agricultural Extension service, in the post office.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture already has announced its approval of the program which, to become effective, must have the approval of at least two-thirds of the growers voting in the referendum or by the producers of at least two-thirds of the volume of filbert production represented. Handlers are being sent an identical marketing agreement for their concurrence.

The marketing order would regulate the handling of filberts grown in Oregon and Washington—when prices paid to growers were below parity—by regulating the percentage sold as unshelled filberts. Minimum standards of quality may also be established by the filbert industry in the states of Oregon and Washington under the provisions of the proposal.

## Savings Bonds Sales Hold Up Well In August

Sales of E bonds to Oregon people held up well during August, E. C. Sammons, chairman of the Oregon Savings Bonds committee, reports. Sales of these "small man's bonds" totaled \$2,844,034, a sum slightly in excess of E bonds sales for the same month in 1948. According to Sammons, Federal Reserve bank figures show—strangely enough—that maturities and cash-ins of savings bonds by Oregon people were almost exactly the same as for the same month in 1948, amounting to \$4,069,279.

The Federal Reserve figures indicate, according to Sammons, that the relative position of Oregon people in regard to sales and redemptions of savings bonds has changed dramatically within the year. At the end of the second third of 1948, Oregon people had bought approximately two millions dollars less bonds than they had cashed in or matured. At the end of August, 1949, they had purchased roughly two and a quarter million dollars more savings bonds than they had matured or cashed.

Douglas County Savings Bonds Chairman H. O. Pargeter has received from the state savings bonds office figures indicating that the people of this county purchased a total of \$33,497 savings bonds during August with \$47,997 of this total being in E bonds. Maturities and cash-ins within the county last month were \$82,248.

## School-Of-Air Program By KOAC Starts New Year

CORVALLIS — An estimated 200,000 boys and girls in Oregon elementary schools listened to programs of the KOAC "School of the Air," according to figures given in the new annual handbook listing programs for the coming year. Participation has nearly doubled over the past three years, according to James M. Morris, program manager.

Miss Elizabeth Dotson, fresh from a year of intensive radio work at Columbia University and with NBC in New York, is the new director of school of the air, succeeding Mrs. Lana Lu Bouska Hull. Miss Dotson was born in Salem and is a graduate of Willamette university.

## Boy Kills Self Because He Doesn't Like School

GREAT BEND, Pa.—(AP)—A 14-year-old farm boy killed himself because he didn't like the city school to which his parents sent him, reports Coroner Kenneth Bush.

Bush said the boy, Henry Wolf, died Friday of a gunshot wound in the head.

The boy's parents, Bush said, transferred him from a rural school here to a junior high school in nearby Binghamton, N. Y. They felt their son could better prepare for college by attending a larger school.

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## Fate Of Noronic Parallels That Of Sister Ship Hamonic

(By the Associated Press)  
A striking parallel to the end of the *Noronic*, in which 197 lives were lost, was the fate of her sister ship, the *Hamonic*, which went down in flames four years ago at Point Edward, near Sarnia, Ont.

Unlike the *Noronic*, destroyed by fire at Toronto, Ont., early Saturday, all 325 of the passengers and crewmen aboard the *Hamonic* were saved.

"A miraculous combination of circumstances" was credited by an investigating board with saving those on the *Hamonic*.

Passengers aboard the vessel idly watched a small fire in the dock's freight sheds as the vessel docked at Point Edwards, July 17, 1945.

A sudden gust of wind sent a shower of sparks onto the ship's superstructure—and the *Hamonic* was ablaze.

The same wind, meanwhile, had fanned the dock into flames. Capt. H. L. Beaton ordered the mooring cables chopped and backed his ship into the St. Clair river channel. There as the fire swept across the decks of the *Hamonic*, passengers began leaping the 50 feet to the water.

At this point, Capt. Beaton ordered full speed ahead and steered for the shore. The *Hamonic* crashed into the bank. Her prow was buried 20 feet and the vessel held fast.

By then, the fire had reached amidships and escape from the stern was impossible.

**Desperate Choice**  
Those on the prow faced a desperate choice. To jump meant serious injuries. To remain meant certain death.

It was then that a dockman, Elmer Kleinsmith, raced to the controls of a giant dock crane

## Czech Knight Statue Upsets; Disrupts Traffic

NEW YORK—(AP)—A huge statue of a Czech knight on horseback, dedicated to the late Thomas C. Masaryk, bumped its head on an overhead bridge girder and tied up traffic for half an hour Wednesday.

The eight-ton, 18 foot statue statesman toppled off a truck and crushed the fender of an automobile. The \$30,000 statue was badly damaged.

and moved its boom over the ship.

Seven times he scooped up loads of humanity. When he had finished, more than 100 persons had been carried to safety.

Astern, scores of other passengers were trapped. They began sliding down ropes and jumping into the water. Crewmen, who remained behind to be seriously burned, helped passengers to safety aboard small crafts from Sarnia and Port Huron, Mich., which waited to pick them from the water.

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