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WORTHY ORGANIZATION

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Roseburg Business and Professional Women's club is carrying on an extensive educational campaign as a part of National Business and Professional Women's Week. We know of no organization having a better right to boast of its purposes and accomplishments, for B. P. W., both nationally and locally, has carved for itself an important place in business, economic and social fields.

B. P. W. is an organization composed of women actively engaged in business and professional activities. Its membership, by embracing such a large cross section of working women, has available information touching on virtually every important issue. Efforts are made to disseminate this information to all members, thus producing a high degree of understanding and intelligence.

Although B. P. W., because of its large membership and closely knit organization, could be one of the nation's strongest pressure groups, this power is seldom used. Never to our knowledge has it been used for selfish purposes, although it has been exercised in an advisory manner in the field of national legislation having to do with public welfare.

The Roseburg club has been organized since 1924. From a very modest beginning, it has developed to include more than 80 members. The membership rolls are kept active and individuals must justify their membership by participation and cooperation.

From its very beginning, the Roseburg B. P. W. club has been a "service" organization. It has aggressively interested itself in civic affairs—particularly those having to do with public benefit, such as parks, playgrounds, swimming pool, tennis courts, juvenile delinquency, etc. It has carefully avoided the dictatorial attitude, but, on the other hand, has at all times shown willingness to assume difficult civic tasks shunned by many other groups because of the amount of work involved. And it must be said, to the credit of the Roseburg club, that seldom, if ever, has it failed in successfully completing any civic task to which it set its hand, regardless of obstacles.

The Roseburg club, we are informed, has 16 very active committees, all functioning efficiently.

The legislative committee ascertains that every member of the club, eligible to vote, is properly registered. Committees on equal rights, public affairs and international relations, keep members fully informed on current affairs and issues. As a result, club members go to the polls to vote intelligently. On congressional issues it has urged ratification by the U. S. of the Covenant on Genocide, the North Atlantic treaty, the extension of the European Conservation Act, and the adoption of the Hoover commission report.

The health and safety committee cooperates with local authorities and other groups in protective activities.

The Veterans hospital committee carries on a year-around program of entertainment and help for veterans at the Roseburg hospital.

The B. P. W. maintains a scholarship loan fund available to help responsible young women wishing to complete their schooling, together with an oriental scholarship functioning under the international relations program.

The Roseburg club, very early in its organization, raised funds for the city's first public tennis court. It purchased land, built the court and fences, then donated the recreational installation to the city. The club still assists in the cost of maintenance.

Relationships locally are cemented between employees and employers at an annual "Bosses Dinner."

Club revenues, in addition to membership dues, come from the annual Thanksgiving dance which the group has sponsored for many years.

The organization maintains a standing invitation for business women to become members—and membership is to be recommended as a matter of self-education and self-help.

Republicans Deride Democrats' Claim Of "Remarkable Record"

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—(AP)—White House claims that the democratic 81st congress has set a "rather remarkable record" has drawn republican disagreement.

Senator Brewster of Maine, chairman of the republican senatorial campaign committee, expressed his party's line. He told reporters about the only thing the democrats have to brag about in the current session is the passage of foreign policy laws that the "republicans helped put over."

Folio 18—Republicans Deride—Brewster's blast came in reply to the White House's issuance of a summary of what had been done by Congress in passing bills President Truman favors.

Charles Ross, a presidential secretary, said it showed "a rather remarkable record of achievement."

Brewster disagreed. "Foreign policy matters are about the only major ones they have put through and the republicans helped put them over," he said. "The only foreign policy proposal enacted without republican support was the extension of the reciprocal trade agreements program without the perill point amendment."

"The Democrats are welcome to all of the credit they can get out of that."

The White House summary, a 13-page document, listed major recommendations of the President to Congress and noted what had been done about them.

With respect to the President's demand for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, the summary said that a bill was passed by the Senate June 30 "in form not in accord with the President's recommendations." That was the version Senator Taft (R-Ohio) forced through the Senate. The House shelved repeal attempts and did not act on the Taft bill.

Listed as accomplishments were such legislation as the strengthening military unification, continuing the European recovery program and other foreign aid measures, extending rent control and other covering domestic actions.

Mistrial Declared In Preston Tucker Case

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—(AP)—Federal Judge Walter J. LaBuy Tuesday declared a mistrial in the Preston Tucker mail fraud case. Defense lawyers for the would-

Is That A Promise?



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

It was a hook-like, gold plated gadget, a gift from California that day, designed to clip on a counter or table and act as a hanger for milady's handbag. Mr. Algernon Bitwuns shook his head as he looked at it. "Think you can find room for one more thing in that bag of yours? Well," and he grinned, remembering, "it isn't as heavy as a hammer anyhow."

Mrs. Bitwuns laughed, too, remembering that evening in church, some years ago, when she had opened her bag for something, and Mr. Bitwuns had spotted a small hammer in her purse. There was a good reason for its being there; Mrs. B had used it to save jabbing her thumb when she posted some new notices on the church bulletin board. She thought nothing of it until Mr. B reached into her bag and drew forth the hammer.

Now Mr. B didn't precisely brandish the hammer as one might a lethal weapon; but he did hold it, for a moment, with a wicked gleam in his green eyes, before he replaced it. Suddenly Mrs. B was seized by a deplorable desire to laugh, even if she was in church. The harder she tried to remain serious, the less success she had. This pleased Mr. B, of course. Maybe he was thinking of

the wifely nudge he had received a few minutes before when he was quite unaware that he was jangling keys in his pocket?

But Mr. B was surprised to discover that the lady on the other side of him was also showing signs of uncontrollable mirth. Now Mrs. J was of the most dignified demeanor, the personification of decorum not only in church but elsewhere. Her friends sometimes found her perfectionist tendency even a little trying at times. Mrs. J was by no means small of stature either. So when she shook with the laughter she was struggling to control, and her face became bright red, and tears trickled down her cheeks, Mr. B was so surprised he smiled. . . . A stifled moan came from Mrs. J; a choked gurgle from Mrs. B, and Mr. B joined right in with a downright snort on his own account. . . .

Faces turned their way . . . after church there was a converging upon the now quite serious adults: "What on earth—?"

Mr. B had only to produce the hammer from Mrs. B's bag, and again there was laughter. You see, the newspapers just then were full of details about a lady who had used a hammer—as a lethal weapon!

In the Day's News

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and juggle somebody else in. Such schemes are almost as old as the Republic. We even have a word for it. We call it "gerrymandering."

The political process is so old that the word is actually in the dictionary, which defines it thus: "To gerrymander: To divide a state, county, etc., into election districts or other civil divisions in an unnatural and unfair way so as to give a political party an advantage over its opponent."

THE word takes its origin from Governor Elbridge Gerry, of Massachusetts, whose party, back in 1812, divided Essex county, Mass., up into a DRAGON-SHAPED district whose boundaries were so drawn as to take in all the areas populated by Gerry's cohorts and to LEAVE OUT the areas that were antagonistic to him and his crowd.

THE founding fathers wrestled long and bitterly over this same issue. When the federal union that is now the United States was being put together, the thickly settled states with big cities wanted representation in Congress according to population SO THAT THEY COULD CON-

trol Congress. The battle finally ended in a compromise with members of the House of Representatives elected according to population and members of the Senate according to states — each state having two senators REGARDLESS of population.

BECAUSE of this compromise, the West has been able to hold its own against the heavily populated East. I think nearly everyone in the West will agree that WITHOUT THE SENATE we of the Far West would NEVER have been able to make the gains we have made.

Without the Senate (whose members are elected by STATES, regardless of population) we would never have been able to get reclamation of our arid lands, which is the foundation upon which the growth of the West has been built.

THE East ISN'T ARID. It doesn't need reclamation of arid land. IT DOESN'T WANT IT. It has always fought it. I think it is safe to say that if Congress had been dominated by the heavily populated Eastern states the wide-open spaces of the West would still be populated by Jack rabbits and coyotes.

I HAVE such confidence in the sound thinking and the political integrity of the people of Oregon that I believe even the heavily populated Willamette valley will be against this scheme as a matter of fundamental principle.

I am sure that Eastern Oregon and Southern Oregon will be against it. We certainly don't want to be the dog that is constantly wagged by the big-city tail.

Auto Owners To Get Notices Of Cost Of License

500,000 automobile owners will get statements from Secretary of State Newby next week telling them how much their new license plates will cost them.

With the new permanent plates expiring at different times in order to put the staggered expiration system into effect, the statements are necessary to let the owners know how much money to send in.

The plates will be mailed beginning November 15, but they can't be used until December 15. Numbers assigned to automobiles from now on will be the permanent numbers.

Newby said applications for special numbers can no longer

Six Douglas Prisoners Taken To State Prison

Six prisoners were removed from the Douglas county jail to the Oregon State penitentiary Tuesday. The list included: LeRoy Martin Burnham, larceny of an automobile, one year; Willie Welton Hughes, same charge, five years; Quentin Cecil Wilbur, same charge, three years; Carroll Welton Hughes, same charge, five years; Robert D. Nelson, larceny in an office, three years; and Charles Hegner, non-support and larceny in a dwelling, six months.

be accepted. His office has issued about 16,000 special numbers. He said Governor Douglas McKay would be issued No. 1, the first time a governor ever has had this number. Newby will get No. 2, and State Treasurer Walter Pearson will receive No. 3.

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Government Ready To Purchase Northwest Apples

PORTLAND, Oct. 12.—(AP)—The Agriculture department announced Tuesday it was ready to begin purchases of Pacific Northwest apples, currently in market distress. A limit of 247 cars, to be purchased at \$1.70 a bushel for U. S. No. 1 or better, was set for the month of October. W. J. Broadhead, field representative of the Agriculture department, said 200 carloads would be bought in Washington, 25 in Idaho and 22 in Oregon. He said buying probably would begin next week, mostly of Jonathan and Delicious varieties. Broadhead said additional purchases would be made later, but their size probably would not be known until November. State production and marketing committees are working out allocation plans in each state.

FROM THE NEWS OF 37 YEARS AGO

LOCAL NEWS
Four suits of clothes, a separate pair of trousers and a lady's skirt, of the estimated aggregate value of \$100, were stolen from Mrs. J. M. Spence's cleaning and pressing establishment on Jackson street Tuesday night. One of the stolen suits and the extra pair of trousers belonged to George Mansfield, a retired capitalist living on West Mosher street; the others belonged to Ben Palm, Lee Dillard and Loyd Stephens. The skirt was the property of Mrs. J. S. Cherrington, recently from Riddle.

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Seeing the above news item was published December 19, 1912, we don't doubt the burglar's motive for thieving was goose-pimpily cold! Please note that four suits, one pair of trousers and a skirt were valued at \$100 in that year. Shows how prices (and income) have advanced. If your property is insured by 1912 values better reach for your phone and call us—Your fire losses would be 1949 values—quite a difference!

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