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NO FAULT-FINDING

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg's city council is preparing an election on proposals to issue bonds for airport enlargement and construction of a municipal building. Already criticism is being heard.

A discussion of merit always is in order and honest difference of opinion is to be desired. But carping criticism has no place in civic affairs.

Some people are questioning the wisdom of submitting two bond proposals simultaneously. Others are complaining that bond issues ahead of annexation elections will damage chances for expanding city boundaries.

Both criticisms, in our opinion, are unwarranted and should be promptly squelched.

We would be extremely critical if the City of Roseburg should be dishonest. In our opinion, it would be rank dishonesty to promote annexation while hiding necessity for bond issues. Certainly no one residing in an area needing annexation is so ignorant as to believe that growth of the City of Roseburg will fail to force bond issues to meet demands produced by that growth. Suburban residents undoubtedly realize that bond proposals soon to be submitted to city voters could not long be delayed. Any attempt to keep the issues covered, due to their possible effect upon annexation, would be dishonest.

As to coupling the two proposals into one election, it must be apparent to everyone that Roseburg's growth will require improvement of facilities to meet development. City Manager Slankard desired also to submit bond proposals for separation of storm and sanitary sewers and street widening but was overruled.

It is remotely possible that sources of revenue other than bond sales can be found to improve our sewer system and widen streets—possibly not. It may be that we will face still more bond elections in the near future for the purposes enumerated.

One thing is certain, however, growth of the Roseburg community and prospects for continued growth make essential serious consideration of providing facilities with which to meet the needs occasioned by expansion. These issues should be considered honestly and without prejudice.

Roseburg's worst economic bottleneck is that of transportation. Served by a railroad having no regard for our crying need for passenger service, and situated on the worst section of the Pacific highway in Oregon, Roseburg's isolation is one of its worst business and industrial handicaps.

There is no question in our mind but that improvement of our airport to permit establishment of scheduled feeder line service would greatly advance our economic position, overcoming, to some extent at least, the strangle hold of the "Friendly" Southern Pacific on our economic life.

Everyone knows that our antiquated city hall, nearing the state of collapse, needs replacement, and that our very fine public library is housed in a fire trap—a building in which the hazard is so great that occupancy restrictions were placed upon it by the state fire marshal.

No serious-minded person can question the merit of the two proposals submitted. The issue to be decided is whether the people of the city are willing to assume the extra financial burden necessary to correct the conditions—either or both.

There is no room in considering these questions for carping criticism or petty politics. We should—and must—face facts squarely and honestly and not be diverted by fault-finding.

Retail Meat Prices Reveal Downward Tendency, With Supply Of Pork Increasing

(By The Associated Press)

Retail meat prices turned irregular this week after declining fairly generally since late last month. Poultry edged upward two to six cents a pound in many places as shipments from producers fell off following recent price declines. Eggs were unchanged to three cents a dozen cheaper.

And nearly all fruits and vegetables were lower as unseasonably warm weather persisted in large areas. Notable exceptions were choice cantaloupes and honeydew melons, and grapefruit.

Biggest price disparity was in pork, where the declines of the past two weeks were arrested in some large marketing regions and even reversed in a few. Loin chops, for example, were as much as 10 cents a pound cheaper this week in a few places, unchanged in many other, up six cents a pound in still others.

The irregularity was attributed in the trade to the weather and other local market factors. Including a tendency by some sellers to readjust price tags in the belief that recent sharp competitive trimming had been somewhat premature. Because of the huge spring pig crop now coming to market in increasing volume, however, further price cutting in coming weeks was considered inevitable.

Beef Prices Spotty
 Beef prices also were spotty, reflecting somewhat higher wholesale quotations for the limited supply of choice feed-lot

cattle and steady to easier prices for lower grades. Retail lamb was mostly a little lower, veal about unchanged.

Produce men said continuing warm weather had pushed cauliflower, spinach, escarole and broccoli prices down to their season's low in many areas, particularly in the east. Tomatoes, ripening too fast, were said to be selling at a loss in some sections. Heavy shipments of lettuce from California, Idaho and Oregon were cheaper. Apples were cheap and plentiful. Artichoke shipments from California were picking up volume.

The Atlantic seaboard was still receiving corn on the cob from Washington State and peaches from Colorado—both crops just about at the end of their season.

U. S. FILM BANNED

BATH, Eng., Oct. 14.—(AP)—Bath magistrates Thursday banned the American movie "The Snake Pit." They saw a private showing of it and said it was "likely to be offensive to public feeling."



When I drive through Pass Creek from now on I shall visualize small Jimmy searching for Grandmother Drain's darned needle! If you haven't read the delightful collection of stories of the women who made Oregon history by being the first ones here, entitled "With Her Own Wings," edited by Helen Krebs Smith, do read it soon. I cannot imagine any woman, of any age, here in Oregon, who would fail to find something of interest and of inspiration in the stories.

I'm sure moments come to all of us when we are tempted to be impatient because this or that doesn't come about as quickly as we wish. Remembering some of the hardships which the women in this book accepted as ordinary routine, it makes us feel—well, more patient at least! The book was a project of the Fine Arts department of the Portland Federation of Women's organization, in case you happen not to have heard of the book. Beattie and Company, 1948.

The dedication of a book is always of great interest to me. This one is "Dedicated to every woman

In the Day's News
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 world for communism.

THIS is fundamental: International control of armaments, INCLUDING ATOMIC ARMAMENT, can work only if everybody has confidence in the integrity of everybody else. Nobody has any confidence in Russia's integrity.

WHY not? **HERE'S** WHY: To the communist, the end justifies the means. If you are a communist, you can lie, steal and cheat and still go to whatever under communism passes for heaven.

According to communist standards, THE MORE EFFECTIVELY YOU LIE, STEAL AND CHEAT THE PURER AND HOLIER YOU ARE. That is to say: If you lie, steal and cheat, and by doing so mislead your enemies so that they will be placed at a disadvantage while you are placed at an advantage, you are serving your cause in the most effective way possible.

HOW can you make agreements with people like that? The answer is that you can't.

YOU have two alternatives:
 1. You can fight.
 2. You can surrender.

In this country, we'd better quit fooling around and face the fundamental fact that we've got to whip communism or surrender to it. If we're going to whip communism, we'd better quit pipe-dreaming about voting everybody rich and living happily ever afterward without work, and get down to business.

Organization Formed By Ex-Camp Tye Counselors
 The Dupervics, a new organization formed at Roseburg High school from girls who were originally counselors at Camp Tye this summer, is open to girls interested in joining.

Members are planning an outing at Camp Tye soon. Officers elected included President Bernice Launsbury, Sec'y, Sue Brown, Scribe Norene Krussman, and Sgt.-at-arms Mary Lynn Holmes.

HAVE YOU READ
 "Place Called Estherville," by Erskine Caldwell (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 1949).
 Genus Ramon and his sister, Katharine, are two young Georgia country Negroes. This is the story of their experiences after they moved to the small town of Estherville. It describes, as only an Erskine Caldwell novel can, the cruelty of white men and women to black.

There are some typical Caldwell characters putting on their usual performance. The style is more literary than usual for this author. The book achieves the real significance, however, as a contribution to the growing literature of racial tolerance.

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House Rejects Senate's Bill For Supporting Farm Prices

WASHINGTON, Oct. 14. — (AP)—The House Thursday refused to accept the Senate's bill to set up a flexible system for farm price supports. It stood by its own measure continuing the present program of 90 per cent of parity prices for major crops.

However, the House agreed to negotiate with the Senate on a compromise, through a House-Senate conference committee. This committee may face a rugged tug-of-war between representatives of the two bodies before any agreement is reached.

After weeks of debate, a coalition of Senate Democrats and Republicans yesterday pushed through on a voice vote the farm support bill sponsored by Senator Anderson (D-NM), former secretary of agriculture.

They substituted it for the one-year continuance of wartime-level price supports voted by the House in mid-July. Leaders of the coalition said they are confident the House will accept the Senate version eventually.

Farm-minded House members talked equally optimistically about forcing senators to take their one-year extension of existing price props at least for 1950—a year when all 435 House members and more than one-third of the senators must face the farmers and other voters.

Both the Senate and House bills peg their proposed price supports to percentages of parity. Parity is a price for a farm product deemed to be fair to the farmer in relation to the cost of things he has to buy.

However, the Senate bill would revise the parity formula to take into account the cost of hired hands.

Under the Senate bill, the government would support major crops in 1950 at 90 percent of parity, but only if they were un-

Weyerhaeusers Start Coos Bay Project Work

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 13. — (AP)—The Weyerhaeuser Timber company has started work on a half-mile bulkhead in Coos Bay for its long-planned southern Oregon coast mill operation.

Charles H. Ingram, vice president and general manager, reported last night the size of the sawmill operation had not yet been settled. He expected, however, the mill would cut about 75,000,000 board feet a year on a single shift basis.

He said no pulp operation was foreseen because of the coastal city's lack of large quantities of fresh water. No plywood production is planned either, he said, "at least not for a while."

The mill will be at North Bend and represents the second new expansion of the firm's operations in Oregon. The company recently dedicated an integrated lumber and kraft board mill at Springfield.

Now you Know!

The answer to everyday insurance problems.
 By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: Some friends of ours had an accident with their car but their insurance company refused to pay their claim on the ground that the application for the policy did not correctly state how the car was to be used. Our friends had never actually signed any application so how could the company refuse to pay?

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Burglar Loots Elks Club At Burns Of \$2,600

BAKER, Oct. 14. — (AP)—Report of a \$2600 burglary from the Elks club at Burns was received by state police here. They said that the money, currency and checks ready to be taken to the bank, was removed from the club's safe sometime Tuesday night. Of the amount, \$600 was in silver and \$1479 in checks. The rest was paper money. They said that since there was no evidence of a forced entry the burglar apparently had remained in the building until it was locked and then proceeded to empty the safe.

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WHERE DOES COPCO GET THE MONEY FOR ITS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR EXPANSION PROGRAM?
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