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THE COST OF DELAY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Much more will be at stake than the mere annexation of territory when suburban areas vote Tuesday on the matter of union with the city. The election, in fact, will have effects for good or ill for the next ten years as a minimum.

It is possible, for instance, to put a finger on at least \$150,000 that will be lost to the community during the ensuing 10 years if West Roseburg residents turn down the annexation proposal. During the same period, and on the same basis of measurement, West Roseburg residents would pay approximately \$80,000 in taxes.

Municipalities receive 10 per cent of the revenue collected by the State of Oregon from motor vehicle licenses and gasoline taxes together with a share of liquor license revenue. The money is distributed on a per capita basis as determined by the last census. The next census will be made in 1950 and it will be upon that enumeration that the state will distribute funds to the cities for the next 10 years.

The West Roseburg area proposed for annexation is estimated to contain approximately 2,000 persons. Starting next year, allocations to municipalities from state funds will amount to \$7.25 per capita. Thus an increase of 2,000 persons would bring \$14,500 annually more to the City of Roseburg than if annexation is refused. Another census will not be made until 1960. Thus, if annexation is not voted, Roseburg stands to lose a minimum of \$145,000 during the 10-year period—an amount which easily can be raised to \$150,000 considering the fact that motor vehicle registrations and gasoline tax revenue will increase materially during the next 10 years.

The West Roseburg area voting on annexation has an assessed valuation of about \$500,000, which, at present tax rates, would raise about \$8,000 annually. Thus, for \$8,000 in taxes, Roseburg can gain an additional \$14,500 to \$15,000 each year. If the money is not claimed by Roseburg it will go to some other municipality, for the state fund is distributed to cities only.

Another factor pertains to the business and industrial field. A population of 10,000 persons is a "breaking point" for many business and industrial lines. Certain organizations will not place an agent or an agency in a city of less than 10,000 population. When a population of 10,000 is reached, a large number of agencies are made available to existing business firms and a city becomes eligible for various chain stores and other operations not otherwise interested.

Population within the present city boundaries probably amounts to from 7,500 to 8,000. Union with West Roseburg would bring the total well over the 10,000 mark. If Miller's Addition and Sleepy Hollow, also voting on annexation Tuesday, elect to join the city, the total might well be brought to 11,000 or 12,000.

Roseburg's population figure in the 1940 census was 4,924. If in the 1950 census we can show from 10,000 to 12,000, the great increase will attract attention in business and financial circles which watch growth figures carefully. We can anticipate an immediate favorable reaction in the growth of industry and business. Research shows that approximately 80 per cent of a city's total tax bill is paid by its business and industrial installations. Therefore, if Tuesday's elections in West Roseburg and Miller's Addition and Sleepy Hollow are favorable, we can expect during the next few years a vastly increased assessed valuation from business and industrial sources with a resultant lowering of the base tax rate.

If Tuesday's vote should be unfavorable, these population factors cannot be corrected until after the 1960 census and all potential benefits during the intervening period will be lost.

We believe that even the most aggressive of the opponents to annexation will admit that the suburban territory immediately adjacent to city boundaries will be forced by necessity for protection to join the municipality within the next 10 years.

Why then, considering the heavy financial loss that would be suffered in the meantime, should union be further delayed?

This probably is our last chance to get under the 1950 census deadline.

O. S. C. Girl Students in "Choosey" Position

EUGENE — To get your man, girls, go to Oregon State college! In fact, each girl at OSC is entitled to three and one-fifth men, and discounting a few who are married, that is a pretty good percentage. OSC records this fall show 5146 men to 1617 women, a bigger ratio of men to women than at any other major institution of the state system of higher education.

A girl at the University of Oregon can only fairly claim 2.3 men, for there are 4078 men and 1753 women. OCEs at the Colleges of Education have between one and two men as their share. At Southern Oregon are 485 men to 275 women (ratio of 1.8 to 1); Eastern Oregon, 325 to 245 (1.3 to 1); and Oregon College of Education, 318 to 274 (1.2 to 1). Five years ago the ratios were the direct opposite, for most of

the men were at war. Oregon State's was 3 to 1, with women outnumbering men 1541 to 468. But the 115 women at OCE didn't have a chance. The six men enrolled each had 19 women from which to choose.

DON'T HOARD COFFEE
PORTLAND, Oct. 28.—(AP)—Shades of wartime! cried a coffee wholesaler today.
"Please," he told housewives, "don't try to hoard coffee."
It seems that ration-remembering customers started a mild run on coffee after hearing that coffee prices might go up. And if the run really gets going, coffee might get scarce.
Spokesmen for two coffee firms said there was plenty of it warehoused here for normal use, and appealed to buyers not to demand huge stocks.

How to Ruin a Vacation



I SAW

By Paul Jenkins



ELI S. HALL, principal of Rose school, eyeing a pickled rattlesnake which he keeps in his office as a memento of an experience many years ago.

At the time—in the early Thirties—he was scoutmaster in charge of a troop of Scouts on a field trip to Ragged Ridge above Steamboat. Leaving camp in the morning, the boys were so full of vim and vinegar they could hardly restrain themselves to Eli's more sedate pace and he soon found himself bringing up the rear rank.

The morning had been chilly, as summer mornings have a way of being in the mountains; but the sun grew warmer and Eli thought it was time to take certain customary precautions. He hollered to the boys to slow up, gather together in the trail and to follow him. After all this had been done and the party's journey resumed with Eli now in the lead, no more than 30 feet had been travelled when buzz-z-z-z! A rattler coiled in the trail and sent out its unmistakable challenge. Eli killed it with a club and preserved it in alcohol.

Eli likes Roseburg and Rose school and Roseburg likes Eli; ample proof of which statement is attested by his services as principal of Rose—an office he now has held for 26 years.



Marshall Littlepage is eleven; his dark hair cut "hitch" fashion, a student at Curtin school. Sixth grade. Popular. After school he walks up our road to his grand parents, either peacefully escorting two pretty little girls, or if out of favor with them at the moment, even tossing "rocks," very small ones, at the young ladies. I haven't seen them throw any back but—

However you would never think to see Mickey that he had done anything out of the ordinary. Nor had he until recently, during the deer season, when he drilled a black bear—it dressed out over 200 pounds—neatly through the head. He was quite on his own at the time, having gone on ahead of his father, Charles Littlepage, to head off any deer in the direction of his dad who would thus be saved some footwork and at the same time bag a deer. Mickey did have a "30-30" with him, so maybe he was to try his luck, too.

LETTERS to the Editor

Resident Says Street Conditions Are Ignored

ROSEBURG — I have been reading with much interest the advantages you have been listing to the residents of outlying districts if they will come into the city.

I have owned a residence for 35 years at 715 Bogard St., which is on the corner of Fleser St. and Bogard Ave., which has been in the city all this time and we have failed to see the improvement that you say may be had by coming into the city.

This year has been the first time Bogard Ave. has been passable in the wintertime since we have lived here. We have paid street assessments on Fleser St., but the condition of this street is worse than those streets maintained by the county in the outlying districts.

There is no sewer system here and the drainage from septic tanks runs down the street. In the winter the water on the street is so deep one cannot go on foot without hip boots and there are no sidewalks to speak of and they are covered with water.

In an explanation of these conditions it is said that petitions have to be entered for street and sewer improvements. Since living here, many petitions for both street improvements and a sewer system have been circulated in this area but so far they have been ignored.

I believe that some action on the conditions within the city would be the best way to convince those areas who wish to annex that there are advantages.

As a city resident who has been hoping for years for improvements, I could recommend a vote in favor of annexation by the residents of these outlying areas. I can go on and on about the conditions around here but anyone interested can come and talk to me and I can show them. I am not opposed to annexation but think we should be taken care of first.

MARY J. MORGAN
Roseburg, Ore.

"Truth At Last"

ROSEBURG—I understand that in this time some people lost sons and husbands who gave their lives in the line of duty, honor and country.

Now they learn from Major Garry J. Anloff, speaking before the Roseburg Kiwanis club, Oct. 25, that it was really because they were "too dumb to stay alive."

How grateful they must feel to at last know the truth.
ROBERT L. MATTHEWS
Roseburg, Ore.

The northern lights have been measured at least 600 miles above the earth's surface.

mist's first.

It occurs to me now that I never thought to ask if the Littlepages got a deer? Who cares, anyhow. Marshall got a bear!

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The Board of Directors of Investors Stock Fund has declared a quarterly dividend of twenty cents per share payable on October 29, 1949 to shareholders on record as of Oct. 17, 1949.
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Testimony Hits Medical Society In Federal Suit

PORTLAND, Oct. 29.—(AP)—Three members of the doctors' clinic staff here have been unable to get membership in medical societies, a witness in the government's anti-trust suit testified Thursday.

Dr. E. V. Ullman said two applied for membership two years ago and the third six months ago, without result.

The clinic services the Permanente Foundation and during the war the staff members were on straight salary from the foundation, a Kaiser organization. Dr. Ullman said that since 1946 the staff members have retained their private practice fees and have received 45 percent of the money paid to the foundation.

He testified that he was denied admittance as a member of Oregon Physicians' service. It is the OPS that the government charges the state and county medical societies with seeking to build up as a monopoly for pre-paid medical care.

A physician testified Wednesday he was expelled by the Multnomah County Medical society in 1937 because he treated members of the National Hospital association.

The physician, Dr. Leland Belknap, said he applied two years ago for reinstatement but received no answer.

Dr. Belknap said that as a result of his ouster, he had to pay more for malpractice insurance, could not subscribe to the American Medical Association's journal, was not listed in the doctor's telephone exchange and could not care for patients who were members of the Oregon Physicians' Service.

He testified also that the late Dr. C. G. Sablin was dropped by the medical society and was asked not to seek appointment as head of St. Vincent's hospital staff, a position he had held previously.

Other witnesses told of pressure against doctors who worked with pre-paid plans, following up testimony by a housewife who outlined her doctor bill troubles.

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Ask for Harold Motlev.

Sing's Day Proclaimed For All Armed Services

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—(AP)—On some old calendars Thursday was Navy day, but not on the new one used by the national defense establishment.

As part of the efforts at unification of the armed services, there is no longer any official designation of Navy day, Army day or Air Force day.

Instead there will be one armed forces day. Secretary of Defense Johnson has proclaimed it for the third Saturday in May.

Navy day was long an occasion for public visits to ships and stations and for speeches praising the sea service.

The Navy league said it expected many communities to mark today in the traditional way despite lack of official designation.

There was at least one unofficial observance of it at the Pentagon. Gen. Omar Bradley, who lashed out at "Fancy Dances" of the navy during congressional hearings on armed service differences, wrote a congratulatory note to Adm. Louis Denfeld, former chief of naval operations, on the occasion of the day.

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You Can LOOK A Long, Long Time!

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