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LET'S DEMONSTRATE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Residents of West Roseburg held several elections before they finally approved annexation. But at Monday's forum luncheon program, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, a committee from the West Roseburg Improvement association was present to cite reasons why the area should be annexed, now that they have approved union with the municipality.

There still is the bare chance they might not be voted in, because they must be accepted by the City of Roseburg at an election to be held Dec. 13.

Mayor Al Flegel expressed fear that too few Roseburg voters would go to the four polling places on election day. While Roseburg has previously voted almost unanimously to accept suburban areas, there, nevertheless, has been a small opposition vote. The mayor pointed out that a small opposition minority might defeat the annexation proposal unless enough Roseburg residents take the trouble to vote.

We believe the mayor's warning to be timely. Too often we are inclined to think a favorable decision is a foregone conclusion. We permit others to do our voting for us, and, as a result, too few people get to the polls to represent the majority opinion.

West Roseburg is entitled to a "hospitality" vote from every resident of the city. We SHOULD show our welcome by the largest vote ever recorded; not that we are expecting it. We know full well, however, that any opposition votes represent a very small fraction of the total population, and that city residents still are virtually unanimous in favor of accepting suburban districts desiring union. The question is, how many of the favorably inclined will go to the polls and express themselves? How many will "let George do it?"

The West Roseburg committee indicated an exceptionally good understanding of municipal problems, as well as the many issues their community faces in its development process. From the report on preparations to meet the problems of incorporation, it is evident that planning in the West Roseburg area is in competent hands.

We believe the committee will face a much larger task however, than even its members now anticipate. It is our expectation that West Roseburg, following completion of annexation procedure, will enter upon a period of growth and development far beyond present calculation.

We base this belief upon the present crowded condition of the city proper, where comparatively few desirable locations remain available for new home construction.

As we consider the annexation problem, we can ask why it is that people build homes inside boundaries of a municipality when cheaper land and better sites are available just outside. The answer, we believe, is obvious—police and fire protection, street lighting, sidewalks, sewers, etc. These municipal services are to be provided in West Roseburg in the near future. That area is developing some fine residential districts. Many fine building sites remain. In fact, the entire area is ideally situated for home construction. School expansion is in that direction. It is close-in, yet sufficiently remote from noise of industrial activity, highways, railroads, etc., to provide quiet residential conditions. As the Roseburg community continues to grow, West Roseburg will be called upon to accommodate the greater proportion of that growth.

With the expansion will come many problems and it is good to see that the community has anticipated this fact and placed its planning in the hands of able and interested men.

West Roseburg, we expect—and hope—will bring some new and energetic blood into our community life, stimulating us to greater civic endeavor. We rather anticipate that West Roseburg residents, once they get into the swing of municipal partnership, will be demanding action on some of our major development needs and in their new-found enthusiasm will cause us to forge ahead at a more rapid pace than at present.

We only hope that Roseburg residents will heed the appeal of the prospective new members of our family, and get out to the polls Tuesday, Dec. 13, in sufficient numbers to express a real and hospitable welcome.

LETTERS to the Editor

Editorial On Building Plans Meets Appreciation

ROSEBURG—I was particularly interested in your recent editorial about the availability of building plans through the extension service. In our office we have a large farmhouse plan service book with plans of 37 houses plus storage unit plans, home freezer plans, kitchen plans, and others. All these are available through the State college at a nominal cost.

These plans have been carefully selected by housing specialists and are above the average in being functional and well arranged for convenient living. Many of them are add-on type of houses with the additional rooms planned before the house is built. This prevents a lot of the poorly arranged houses resulting from having to add additional space with no basic plan in mind. Thank you for your cooperation.

tion. We hope that this material will result in improved long plans — a number of Douglas county families.

CORINNE McTAGGART County Extension Agent Home Economics Roseburg, Ore.

Frat Secretary Denies Affiliation Of Delegate

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (P) — The executive secretary of Pi Kappa Alpha said that Alexander Goodman of Baltimore is not a member of his fraternity.

Robert C. Lynn, the secretary, said he wanted to make this clear because a resolution offered by Goodman at the recent national interfraternity conference in Washington "was not an expression of the opinion or policy of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity."

The Associated Press in a dispatch Nov. 26 listed Goodman as a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He is a member of Phi Alpha. Goodman proposed a sharp resolution calling for the "repeal and abolition" of any fraternity constitutional provision or by-law which "discriminates against any college student because of his religion, race, color or creed."

Read Anything in It, Gentlemen?



Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

The letter is signed "Father Wegner." With it are seals on each of which is a picture of a boy carrying a younger child on his back. Brightly smiling the boy is saying: "He ain't heavy, Father . . . he's m' brother." Truly a heart-tugging picture.

On the back of the letter are 14 pictures of boys doing all sorts of things from cutting each other's hair to sawing up meat. The pictures were taken at Boys Town, Nebraska. There, over six thousand boys have been taught a practical trade, learned to govern themselves by electing their own officials, found outlet for all the activities and urges of boyhood in sports, hobbies, and useful work that gives them a sense of accomplishment. There are accommodations for 1,000 boys now.

The boys, to quote from this most interesting letter, "are from every race and religious creed, and from every state and section of the country. Some are orphans; others unwanted—the victims of broken homes; and there are some, because they were left to their own resources, took the wrong road. Here at Boys Town they found their first real home, good food and sympathetic care . . . When they left they had a job to go to, and they became useful citizens, a credit to themselves, to Boys Town, and to the Nation."

Administration Of Hospital Analyzed By Alvin C. Knauss

Quieting Of Title Demanded In Suit

George W. and Gladys Putnam have filed suit in circuit court to quiet title on property described as the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter and the southwest one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter and the northwest one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter, all in section 20, township 24 south, range one, west of the Willamette meridian.

The suit asked that Harry Jenkins and other defendants set forth any rights or claims to the above property, adverse to the plaintiffs; that the plaintiffs have a decree confirming and establishing their title to the property as against any of the defendants.

B. J. Bartley and A. H. Bartley, have filed suit asking judgment for \$1,000, together with interest and costs, alleged due on a note signed by Joseph Francis and Harriett Ross and Martha and E. R. Wilson, defendants.

"China Challenge" Film Dated At Sunday Service

"China Challenge," a dramatic documentary film of China's hopes and heartaches in the face of today's crisis, will be shown at the Presbyterian church Sunday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

The Salvation Army, St. Paul's Lutheran church and the Presbyterian church will unite for this service.

Rev. Willis Erickson will render a vocal solo. The Salvation Army youth band will play, and Bob Nason, who presents the film, will sing a vocal solo.

The film in natural color, with narration by Bob Pierce, offers a glimpse into the searing crucible of China's suffering; a view of her war-torn refugees, her starving millions, the lepers, the blind children, and the unbearable labor of her overburdened masses.

The production was photographed by Pierce, who traveled 30,000 miles through China to bring this factual story.

In the Day's News

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people are facing a water shortage that has teeth that can AND WILL bite.

The bite, the story adds, is about due. The city's water commissioner says that UNLESS CONSUMPTION IS DRASTICALLY CUT (either voluntarily or by RATIONING) water pressure in the mains will be dangerously down by January 1—which is only about three weeks off.

The reason pressure in the mains will be down is that there isn't water enough in the reservoirs.

For years the people of New York have been warned that they are using too much water. That if they go on using too much water there won't be enough left to go around.

But heck! Everytime anybody in New York turned the tap WATER CAME OUT. Wasn't that proof that all this talk about an impending shortage was just calamity croaking by a lot of old fossils who hadn't kept up with the world and so don't know that we are living in a new era when everything that anybody wants can be provided by the mere waving of a wand at the psychological moment?

Of course it was: Doesn't the water continue to run out when you turn the tap?

It's the old story of the boy who cried wolf. He kept crying WOLF and the wolf didn't come. So, in time, the people just laughed raucously when they heard him yelling his warnings and said: "Heh! heh! heh! That's just that sap kid blowing off again. THERE AINT NO WOLF."

But there was a wolf. It came in the course of time and ate everybody up.

KNOW the stock moral to the fable. It is this: "Pay no attention to those who go around bellowing warnings of

Turkey Show Banquet Set For Friday Night

The 18th annual Turkey show banquet and ball will be held at Kennedy's Dutch Mill Friday night, Dec. 9.

A big evening of entertainment is planned to follow the banquet which begins at 7:30.

Lou Franco and his "Zoo" will be there for an evening of "Clowning" Music for dancing will be provided by Jack Foster and his orchestra.

A "surprise" show will be spread thru out the dancing in which Master of Ceremonies Dick Firman will give away cash prizes in a raffle way.

The banquet, dancing, show and all festivities are open to the public.

Lower Court Upheld In Baum Vs. Denn Decree

The supreme court of Oregon has upheld the lower courts decree in the case of Claude A. and Hattie L. Baum, respondents, against Henry and Nora Denn, and others, defendants-appellants and Federal Land bank of Spokane, defendants.

The state Supreme court asked that the appellants pay all damages, costs and disbursements awarded against them upon appeal.

It was further ordered by the Supreme court that the case be remanded to the lower court from which the appeal was taken.

Impending calamity with every other breath. They're PHONIES!"

Well, there's a lot of truth in that. Those who cry warnings of something that isn't going to happen are just as reprehensible as those who tell us not to worry our little heads about what is going on—that papa knows what he is doing and it will all come out hunky-dory in the end.

We've had plenty of that kind. One school of politicians tells us that if we put our chips on the other school of politicians we'll come up skinned and bleeding.

We've seen that happen over the long years.

Still—The fact remains that New York's water is finally running short.

The time can come when the government will run short of money.

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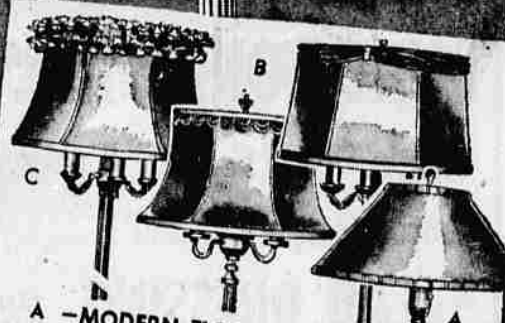
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