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## 10,000 IN 1950

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg today is a bigger and better town. Acceptance into the municipality of West Roseburg, Miller's Addition, Beulah Addition and Sleepy Hollow, vastly increases the city's area and brings in around 2,000 more people.

Neither area nor assessed valuation of themselves make for a good city. The worth of a municipality is measured by its PEOPLE. Nor is it merely numbers of people that count most. It is, rather, the interest, civic pride and energy of a city's population that produce a good town. Drain and Reedsport, among other county municipalities, for instance, indicate that civic enterprise is not dependent upon numbers or wealth but is regulated by enterprise and enthusiasm.

Roseburg, we believe, is extremely fortunate in nature of population gained through addition of former suburban areas.

This new population consists largely of people who have moved into the community within the last few years. They bring with them experience of municipal activity from many states. Included in their numbers are enough "old settlers" to provide needed historical background and knowledge of limitations. But the preponderance of "newcomers" will act as a blood transfusion, putting more vigor into our life stream.

Furthermore, this new population is collectively young in years. The rapid growth experienced in the several annexed areas consists principally of young people, including large numbers of veterans. Too, they largely are home owners. They have acquired property and have put their roots down into the community. They are not transient. They expect to remain here and, consequently, are anxious that the place in which they are to reside and rear their families will be the best possible type of city.

No time should be lost, in our opinion, in getting the new members of our city family into the harness of municipal progress. Their strength, youth and enthusiasm should prove extremely valuable.

At the same time, residents of the annexed areas should not wait for "invitations." They now enjoy every privilege accorded any other residents of the city. They have the right to "cuss and discuss." They should accept their responsibility and make themselves heard. There should be no holding back, no standoffishness.

Annexation will bring many problems. We may expect some impatience with delays in making improvements. Disagreements and criticism concerning procedure may be anticipated. But impatience, disagreement and criticism all have their place in the civic pattern. Our rate of progress would be slow indeed if it were not for impatience. Disagreement results in compromise, based on study, rather than casual acceptance of dictated procedure. Criticism, if used constructively, is always healthy.

It is most essential that we HAVE impatience, disagreement and criticism, for they indicate lively and exacting interest, conducive to community welfare and betterment. For best results, however, they must be based on understanding and tolerance.

The result of our annexation elections gives reason for pride and rejoicing. Another vitally important milestone in our growth has been passed.

It is to be hoped that other of our suburban areas, so critically in need of union with the city, will take the plunge without further delay. It will be a grave error if these adjacent communities delay beyond the time to have population included in the next census, for every man, woman and child added to our census report in 1950 means collection of more than seven dollars per capita from state revenue, or more than twice the amount of per capita tax increase.

These communities cannot long postpone annexation without critical hazard to health and safety, but there is danger that the delay will be beyond the census period, which will mean that for a number of years the city will not be able to collect sums which otherwise would be apportioned to it.

Delay, therefore, means that the tax rate will be higher until after the 1960 census than if offsets from distribution of state revenues were available. Annexation before 1960 surely will be necessary. To withhold action until too late for inclusion of population in the 1950 census would cause loss of many thousands of dollars of potential revenue.

The slogan, "10,000 in 1950," carries with it economic and community progress implications of extreme importance.

### Third World War Dollar Of Nine Cents Envisaged

PORTLAND — (AP) — Business leaders of the Northwest were told at an economic mobilization assembly here that a third world war could result in a U. S. dollar worth perhaps nine cents. Cmdr. William T. Greenough, USN, said the public debt, now \$257,000,000,000, might be boosted by another world war to as much as \$600,000,000,000.

The naval commander said that unless world stability is achieved, the nation must continue for many years to pour from one-fifth to one-third of the national budget into military defenses. Referring to the effects of another war on the economic life of the nation, he said studies at the college on the effects on national finances "is enough to

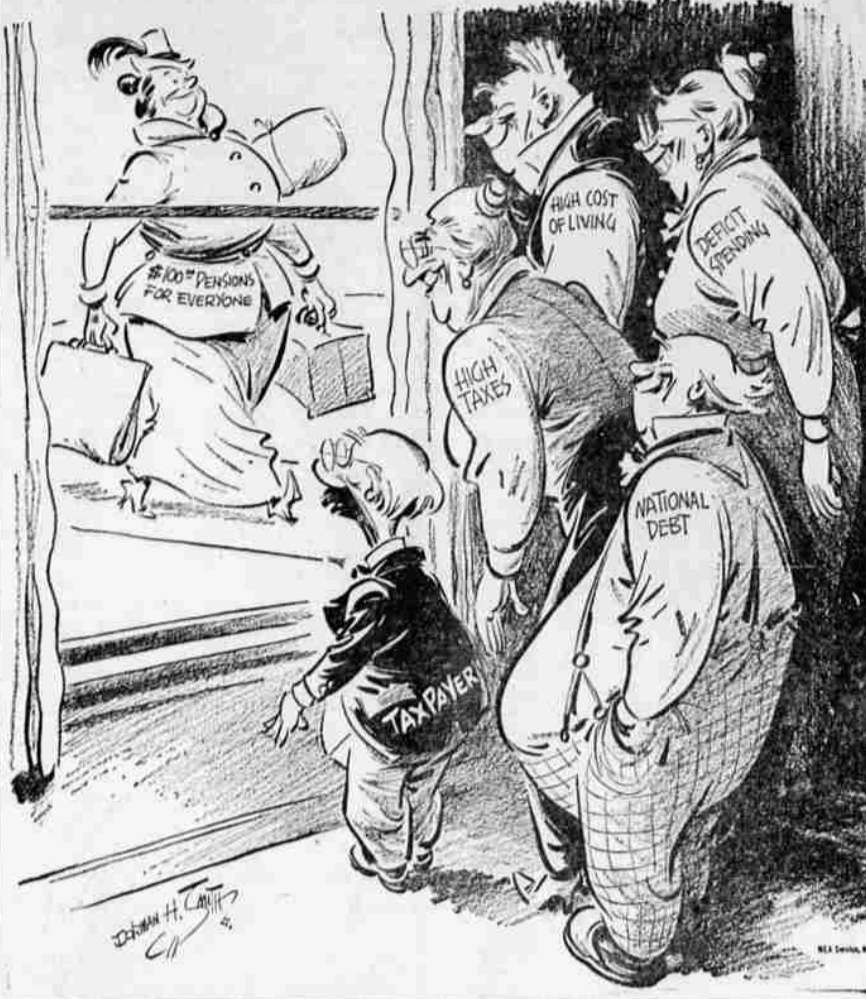
chill the hearts of all of us." Another speaker declared virtually all adult manpower of the nation would be mobilized in the event of war.

### HE WANTED MUSIC

ATTLEBORO, Mass. — (AP) — Investigating two false fire alarms sounded two minutes apart, police discovered tracks of a toy wagon leading from the box.

They followed the trail to the nearby home of a three and one-half-year-old boy. Patiently they had to explain to him why he couldn't get any music when he climbed on his cart and twisted the handle of the pretty red "radio" on the pole.

## Always Room for One More



### Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachette S. Martin

"The little teeny-weeny ones," a New York State postmaster warns his townspeople through the newspaper, "require a THREE cent stamp." "require a THREE cent stamp." The big bold bursts of enthusiasm will take three cents and upward. . . .

This new approach to the public ear in regard to the coming deluge of greeting cards goes on with something about the size, as laid down by Uncle Sam in slightly more formal words:

"In the matter of third class mail (greeting cards, calendars, etc.) pieces measuring LESS than 3 inches by 4 inches, and pieces measuring MORE than 9 inches by 12 inches, whether sealed or unsealed are subject to a MINIMUM postage charge of 3 cents."

Ye Postmaster then adds a "special mention" urging advertisers to "withhold heavy mailing of catalogues, calendars etc., during December. This does not apply to advertising pertaining to holiday sales." I suppose what is true for that postoffice is true for all of them.

This particular postmaster

forgets to mention even the fact that Unsealed greetings may go for TWO cents—not any more for 1 1/2 cents. He's looking out for Uncle Sam's pocket, hoping that 40,000,000-plus extra pennies will jingle into it through everybody's putting three cents on greetings?

It's a mystery to me why the postoffice department, bulging as it does in every city and town and rural outpost with every form of mail, does not pay off the national debt. Goodness knows, I do all I can to help—according to EJ who brings in stamps by the sheet, and envelopes by the 500-package—to balance the budget for Uncle Sam, and unbalance our own?

Speaking of stamps: I read once in a Writer's magazine how one scribbler "saved money on stamps." He, or she, used special issue etc., varieties on return envelopes always enclosed with outgoing postbillings. The envelope "face" increased in value . . . sounded sensible, I tried it. My returning pot-boilers came back in different envelopes . . . somebody else "saved stamps!"

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Bears Have Good Idea Medford Mail-Tribune  
Coming of the first considerable fall of snow in Crater Lake national park is beckoning many to enter hibernation, that strange "vacation period" for some warm-blooded creatures which carries them through winter's vicissitudes in deep sleep.

Black bears, the only species now inhabiting these parts, are generally all in hibernation by Thanksgiving, according to Crater Park Naturalist George C. Ruhle. Exact denning-up dates of the 25 or 30 bears in the park preserve may vary, depending on snow and general weather conditions, the naturalist explains.

Normal ending of the hibernation period is in March or April. Last year two members of the park's brown family stayed abroad until February and then suddenly disappeared—whether to hibernate or seek lower levels where food was not snow-covered, was never learned.

Dr. Ruhle explains that tourists who persist in feeding the park bears help to throw the animals off their natural hibernation cycle. The ill-advised generosity of the tourists also causes real difficulty with some bears which grow impatient when food becomes scarce, leading them to rip open autos, prowl cabins and commit other depredations.

Such confirmed offenders are trapped, daubed with a splash of paint so as to be identifiable, transported to a far corner of the preserve and liberated. If the old law returns and takes up his old bad ways, he usually winds up as the victim of a ranger's bullet.

Rabbits, foxes, tree squirrels, wolves, deer and many other warm-blooded creatures depending on constant body temperature, in general do not hibernate. They stay awake and scratch for a slim winter living.

The exceptions to the rule, containing something of a mystery to biologists. Ground squirrels, woodchuck, skunk, raccoon, bear and bat are all mammals, warm-blooded in summer but capable of taking on cold-blooded characteristics for a long winter's sleep. Fattening up in the autumn they survive the winter food scarcity by slowing life's pace so that they

## In the Day's News

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week. Robert Gordon Menzies, leader of the Australian Liberal party (chief opponent of the Labor party) commented:

"The socialists were brought to power in New Zealand, Australia and Great Britain, in that order. This dramatic result (meaning the turn to the right shown in New Zealand) seems a happy omen that they will go out in the same order."

I CAN'T quite agree with that, all the way through. Australia and New Zealand are still young, still rich in natural resources, still full of hope for the future. Their people can't avoid the feeling that if their affairs are handled wisely great achievement lies ahead of them. They have already a very high standard of living, and as they look around them they are justified in believing that hard work and increased production will bring them increasing rewards in the way of STILL higher standards of comfort.

Britain is OLD. Her resources are dwindling. The colonial way of life, upon which the bulk of her greatness was founded, is on its way out. One of the clearest trends in the present-day world is that NO people wants to be bossed by SOME OTHER PEOPLE. They may be willing to be led around by dictators or demagogues OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING, but when it comes to kow-towing to ANOTHER PEOPLE they balk. You can see that trend all over Asia, as well as elsewhere in the world.

We must agree that it is hard, at least, Britain is old. It is hard to teach an old dog new tricks. As her colonies and her dependencies fade away from her, Britain will have to learn new tricks if she is to hold her place in the sun.

AS YOU GET OLDER, YOU THINK MORE OF QUITTING WORK AND RETIRING AND LIVING ON YOUR PAST EARNINGS. IF YOU HAVE ANY, OR ON SOMEBODY ELSE'S ACCUMULATED EARNINGS IF YOU HAVE NONE OF YOUR OWN.

IN the by-election for the South Bradford seat in the British parliament the other day, the Labor candidate won decisively after a campaign in which the benefits of socialism and the benefits of free enterprise were fully and freely discussed and presumably fully digested by the voters.

That is to say, these South Bradford voters in older and less hopeful England balanced the EASY semi-poverty of the welfare state, with its promise of security to everybody, against the VENTURE AND THE RISK of free enterprise and decided they'd stick with socialism.

AS a nation, we are still young. A Great possibilities lie ahead of us. To that extent, we are in the same boat with the New Zealanders and the Australians.

For that reason their decision that, after many years of trial of it in actual practice, they want no MORE socialism is of immense significance to us.

## LETTERS to the Editor

### Increase in Taxes Draws Caustic Criticism

ROSEBURG—In your paper of Saturday night read two letters of two citizens of Roseburg who were squawking about the size of their taxes, and then I read your editorial in which you said that you were always AMUSED when anyone "squawked" about the size of their tax statement.

Personally I think that the editorial was in very bad taste, inasmuch as you were amused by these two letters. Certainly I was not amused when I received my tax statements, which in one case in the city showed an increase of 15 percent straight across the board, and in another instance showed a jump of \$240 or over a 100 percent jump in two years on a piece of property in school district No. 94 and high school district No. 3. This is located at Wilbur, Oregon. That was not amusing.

In addition for next year we will vote on an increase on the basic school tax by 12 million dollars. We may also be faced with a vote on a new city hall and fire department building, plus about 451 thousand dollars for a new airport. And there will soon be a vote on a bonus to be paid to our ex-service men, which will be direct tax on property and will amount to approximately 3 more mills. We certainly haven't reached the peak yet as to what our school district not only in Roseburg but in the surrounding school districts are going to do in the next five years. Please don't tell me that all of these things are "AMUSING." But please tell me how we are going to foot the bill.

Douglas county's direct levy on property is the highest increase in the state, amounting to 52.5 percent. School district taxes after income tax offset, are exceeded by only one other county, Sherman, which has a 51.2 percent against 50.8 percent in Douglas county.

Our school taxes in 1943 and 1944 amounted to \$13,294,000. Seven years later they are estimated to \$52,928,000. Don't tell me that that is "AMUSING."

I realize as well as anyone the necessity for good schools, and yet I also realize that you can't tax property out of reason without this tax becoming confiscatory. One time before in a letter I stated we should learn to crawl before we learn to walk, for which I was severely taken to task. I think it is high time now that we learn to crawl before we start to walk, or walk before we start to run.

Please don't say that those of us who have by frugal living and careful saving accumulated real estate should be willing to pay these tremendous high taxes. I feel that our schools, our cities, our counties and our state should start to economize and even to cut corners if necessary to hold these taxes down.

As far as our federal government is concerned, you said in your editorial that these two taxpayers would squawk about our high local taxes and never say a word about federal taxes. May I ask you how far you or I would get by squawking about federal taxes? We wouldn't even get to first base. Personally I feel that an apology is due those two taxpayers.

As far as the city hall and the airport are concerned, I wish to state right here that I am against them, much as we need a new city hall and a new library, and a new fire hall, and that two votes in my family will be cast against this tax.

B. R. SHOEMAKER, Roseburg, Ore.

### British Doctors Hit FSA Chief

LONDON. — (AP) — A group of British doctors lambasted U. S. Federal Security Administrator Oscar R. Ewing Tuesday for his views on Britain's national health services.

The "Fellowship for Freedom in Medicine," target for remarks by Ewing here last week, retorted that "the public should realize that Mr. Oscar Ewing is Mr. Aneurin Bevan's opposite number in the United States." Bevan is British health minister.

The group objected to being tagged "a small group of diehards" by Ewing, retorting that on the contrary it numbers 3,000 members, most of whom are in Britain's health service now and are trying to make it work.

Ewing last week said the British health program was a success, and charged that certain groups in organized American medicine, opponents of a U. S. health scheme, were contributing to support the propaganda activities of "a small group of diehard British doctors who are still fighting the national health program."

The fellowship replied it was not fighting the national health program but was fighting "to keep party politics out of medicine . . ."

### Film Tycoon's Daughter Committed After Offense

DARLEN, Conn. Dec. 14 — (AP) — Police Lieut. Frank Standing said that a woman who identified herself as Dionysia C. Skouras, 23, daughter of Spiros Skouras, president of 20th Century Fox Film Corp., was arrested early Tuesday after she had been wounded by a police bullet fired in an attempt to stop her speeding car.

The wound was superficial, Standing said, and Miss Skouras had been committed to a sanitarium for observation after being booked on charges of reckless driving and driving without a license.

Skouras told reporters that his daughter had been "ill lately," adding the family had assumed she was cured.

### Girls Have Shoplifting Spree In Salem Stores

SALEM, Dec. 13 — (AP) — Two Albany, Ore., girls had a big spree in Salem over the weekend, including a shoplifting tour of four Salem stores. City police returned them to their parents Monday.

Police said the girls, 14 and 15 years old, came to Salem last Friday with four boys. The girls said they went to the fairgrounds to "neck" Friday evening, and that the boys left them at 2 a. m. The girls said they slept under a tree at the fairgrounds the rest of the night.

Saturday morning, they went to a service station rest room to dye their hair, but they were unsuccessful. They spent Saturday afternoon stealing clothing.

EUGENEAN KILLED SACRAMENTO, Dec. 14. — (AP) — Carl Dunham, Eugene, Ore., was injured fatally and Pete Channez, Redding, Calif., was critically hurt yesterday when a truck crashed into the rear of their sedan near here. Patrolmen said the dead man was identified by his social security card.

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Everyone Is Welcome

## FROM THE NEWS OF 45 YEARS AGO

Building Activity  
Although early in the season, much activity is manifested in building and general improvements in this city, which indicates that this is going to be a banner year for Roseburg. Besides the numerous substantial projects already under construction, including the Elk's Temple, the Plaindealer brick with its separate concrete sidewalks, one of which will be occupied by its three and a half stories, the streets are being graded and gravelled, the sewerage system is being extended, and general improvements seem to be the order of the day.

Roseburg Plaindealer February 16, 1905  
That news story of 1905 expounding on the advancements in Roseburg sounds as modern as today. Building activity is normal now which prompts us to remind you to insure that which you own. An insurance policy is the best worry-preventer ever discovered.

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