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CAN YOU SPARE A DIME?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Douglas county residents are being solicited to contribute to the annual March of Dimes. There is no reason, we believe, to point out why everyone should do his part in supporting this worthy cause. Everyone is familiar with the good work done by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and the fact that thousands of people in this country are alive and restored to normal health, instead of being dead or hopelessly crippled, because of the dimes and dollars contributed through local chapters to the polio fund.

Perhaps, however, our readers will be interested, and will find source for local pride, in the fact that our own Douglas county chapter is rated as one of the best in Oregon and, in fact, in the nation. We have even heard speakers employed in positions through which they have knowledge of the national organization, say that our county chapter is THE best, but that is a broad statement which we would rather modify to ONE of the best.

By the word "best" we imply efficiency and dispatch in service to afflicted persons, fund-raising ability, coordination of administration with medical service, year-around activity, and relationship with the general public.

Naturally, the Douglas county chapter is not as large as many others, nor does it raise and disburse nearly as much money. But it has been at or near the top in per capita income, year in and year out, has handled its money with extreme care, has taken care of polio victims quickly, efficiently and without fanfare, has programmed emergency and disaster measures, has set up hospitalization and treatment procedure, and has maintained regular meeting schedules to review activities and make future plans.

We can speak from knowledge about the operation of the county chapter, not that we are entitled to any of the credit, but our connection with the board began years ago when Al Flegel, now Roseburg's mayor, needed another "fill-in" on the board. He wanted someone to do publicity, but the only vacancy he had was that of secretary. So we appeared temporarily on the rolls as secretary. We were promised by Flegel, however, that we wouldn't have to do any work, and we've succeeded in holding his successors to that promise. So, while we have had close contact with the chapter, our work factor is as nearly absolute zero as it could possibly be rated.

Al Henninger, now chairman of the chapter, is a taskmaster with a soft whip and a velvet-gloved hand. He obtains excellent committee work through diplomatic suggestion and has succeeded in building among chapter officials an esprit de corps seldom found in an organization of this type.

One factor contributing to chapter efficiency is the long period of service by many members. Iris Helliwell, Maurice Newland, Del Mc Kay and others have been with the chapter since the early days of its organization, but there also has been a continuous flow of new blood, too, to prevent fixation of ideas and procedures.

This long continuity of service is not confined alone to the Roseburg workers, for in the several communities of the county many chapter representatives and leaders have been working year after year. Madge Gazley, for instance, is in her 12th year as a worker for the polio cause, while others can approximate her record.

We need not tell our readers, we are sure, of the urgency for money with which to fight polio, nor stress the cause itself. It should be pointed out, however, as Chairman Henninger has emphasized time and again, that it takes 30 cents today to do the work a dime would accomplish in prewar days. Contributors should consider that fact in making their donations.

The campaign committee this year is aiming at \$1.00 per capita. That means much more liberal contributions from everyone than ever before. It means that some people must give far more than \$1 each, while those who can afford only a dime should at least give the dime; that everyone tailor his donation by his ABILITY to give but, above all, for EVERYONE to give something.

Those who help in this great common cause have the satisfaction of knowing that money retained for work in the county is carefully safeguarded by an enthusiastic, efficient committee which, despite its close inspection of expenditures has never rejected a legitimate appeal for needed help.

Famous Flier's Ashes Strawn Over Homeland

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Bert Hall's ashes "rested on his home soil in Missouri today, but it was a second choice for the one-time soldier of fortune. He wanted a final berth in Paris, France, at the memorial of the Lafayette escadrille in which he served as a pilot in World War I.

That was impossible for the memorial was destroyed in World War II. Until that word came from the French, Hall's ashes had been preserved since his death at Fremont, O., Dec. 6, 1948.

Friday Hall's friend and fellow pilot, Billy Parker of Bartlesville, Okla., flew from here to

Yea, Verily, Familiarity Breeds Contempt



Scissors from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

While Medford was advertising "1.32 inches of rain in the past six hours"—I could hardly believe my ears!—deep snow around here was covered with a thick icy crust you could walk on and not step through! We shall not forget this Wednesday (Jan. 18) in a hurry!

The quickest way to describe what this end of Douglas county had, (and I guess from here on up to Portland?) is to say our mail carrier didn't put in an appearance. That tells the whole story! Last year when snow was making the road over Lorane mountain impossible, he reversed his route one day, came up from 99 and turned around at our box... but today, either he couldn't get to town to pick up his load, or he started out and turned back before he reached here!

I never did see steel fall steadily for so long a period, not even back East where they have and expect real winters instead of just unusual weather! It began yesterday afternoon. "Worst eleven miles I ever drove!" E J said

LETTERS to the Editor

Man Asks Of Week-Old Adopted Girl's Progress

ROSEBURG. — Description of Donna, a week-old girl adopted by friends in Vallejo, California, fills me with desire to see the wee bit of humanity. What progress has she made physically and mentally?

She is approaching the age when children become models for mythical angels with their pure love and truth-purest in their existence—unaffected as yet by a perverted social system. So long as their stomachs are full and health is good they are adorable, loving and cute. They love to play with others, and do so in a brotherly mood. In their little lives and their little worlds they practice the Sermon on the Mount without knowing God. And so they exist until society at large inculcates them with doctrines of its own social sins.

From the very concept of life the human being is shaped in real life by its environment, physical, mentally and spiritually. Each is characterized, from insignificant innumerable to overwhelming magnitude, by all spheres of influence, with infinite differences in three dimensions of our five senses, making us like blades of grass with never two alike.

Love predominates in human life in guiding its reason to coincide with the laws of Nature's eternal truth: to bring happiness to life; to make life full and radiant, beautiful and perfect like the Universe itself. To love, you must have a deep feeling of affection for humanity and life in general; kind, honest, tolerant, just. You must have integrity in dealings; courage to protect the down-trodden and weak; sympathy and assistance for victims of the unforeseen; respect for age; kindness for dumb animals, etc. These are but ramifications emanating from the meaning of the word "good"—virtues attested by present day morality.

But for every word of virtue we have a contradictory evil word, brought forth by a prevailing concept of egoism in pursuit of self-interest, thus giving impetus to greed, falsehood and crime, keeping the world in a tur-

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became irked by high prices of butter, which resulted first from war conditions and were maintained after the war by artificial price supports.

Turning to margarine as a relief from high butter prices, they were further irked by the fact that margarine prices were kept arbitrarily higher by a discriminatory tax.

THIS is the point: Consumers are VOTERS. They are very NUMEROUS voters.

When any policy of government loses the sympathy and the support of the most numerous class of the electorate, that policy is on its way out.

Federal taxation of margarine is OUT now.

WHAT starts another train of thought: What will happen if as and when consumers become convinced that our present system of partly supports results in keeping food prices artificially high?

HERE is an interesting paragraph from an interpretive dispatch on the food situation: "Plagued by mountains of surplus food, the department of agriculture is opening a big clearance sale. Millions of dollars worth of government-owned surplus farm products are being tossed ONTO THE EXPORT MARKET at prices below cost.

The dispatch continues: "FOR EXAMPLE, U N C L E SAM IS OFFERING 100 POUNDS OF POTATOES (on the export market) FOR ONE CENT."

Bishop Questions Need For Envoy

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Hazen G. Werner, Methodist bishop of Ohio, Saturday questioned sending of a special representative of the United States government to the Vatican.

Bishop Werner raised his questions in a letter to President Truman.

The late President Roosevelt appointed Taylor as special envoy to the Vatican. President Truman has not indicated he will name a successor to Myron Taylor, who resigned earlier last week.

Bishop Werner wrote: "Let me emphasize that there is no dispute with Roman Catholicism as a religion, but only an expression of the fundamental Democratic principle that religious bodies or movements should not be politically aligned with government."

"The announcement of Mr. Myron Taylor's resignation as your special representative at the Vatican raises again questions which have caused great concern among many Americans since 1939.

"Admitting all its special value as a source of political and military intelligence, especially during World War II, does not personal diplomacy of this kind set dangerous precedent?"

"How can we hope to defend and preserve our American tradition and constitutional obligation to be separate and state ought to assign an 'unofficial ambassador' to the international headquarters of the Roman Catholic church?"

"I put these questions to you in sincere belief that you'll weigh them carefully in any consideration of this nation's future diplomatic relations with the Roman Catholic church in Rome."

Douglas County Lumbermen Will Attend Assn.'s Annual Meet In Portland This Week

What's ahead for Douglas County lumber manufacturers in 1950? What are informed industry and government leaders predicting? Can increased cooperation and participation by a larger segment of the West Coast lumber industry in nation-wide lumber advertising and promotion projects help maintain present high levels of sales and employment?

These and other questions will be discussed when local lumbermen gather in Portland this week with millmen from the entire Douglas fir region for the annual meeting of stockholders of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, Jan. 26 and 27.

E. G. Whipple, general manager of E. G. Whipple company, Drain, a director of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, and H. N. Jacobson, manager of Youngs Bay Lumber company, Roseburg, active in association work, will head a delegation of Douglas county lumber manufacturers attending the annual work and plan session. The West Coast Lumbermen's association is one of the largest and most successful of all lumber trade groups, the two leaders pointed out.

Senator George W. Malone, Nevada's fighting slogan, will head a list of distinguished speakers. He will tell about proposed federal legislation and its effect on lumber and will discuss the government's proposed "free trade" program and its impact on lumber.

Arthur Clifford, Bridgeport, Conn., retail lumberman, will tell the local delegation and other lumbermen what they can expect in selling and competition during the coming year. "Lumber Exports Under ECA," a sore point with many local mills, will be given an airing by another retail lumberman, Martin S. McDonnell of Chicago.

Work committees of lumber producers, including several local men, will formulate plans for intensive promotion and merchandising of their product in 1950, checking over national advertising projects, delving into freight car supply problems, outlining public relations work, research and technical jobs, federal legislation and consumer reactions and many other matters of vital importance to all lumber producers.

U. S. Should Lead Off With H-Bomb, Senator Declares

By JACK BELL
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Senator Elbert Thomas (D-Utah) says that if anybody builds a hydrogen atomic bomb this country ought to be the first.

Thomas, a foreign relations committee member who gives the Truman administration unwavering support, told a reporter he thinks it is morally wrong for the world to try to build such mass destruction weapons.

"But if anybody is going to build a hydrogen bomb, we should build it," he declared. "We are the only nation which could build it without frightening the world. It would be safest in our hands, from the world's standpoint."

Thomas's views seemed to coincide with high-level thinking within the Truman administration. There the prevailing opinion was reported favorable to the production of a superbomb possibly 1,000 times more powerful than the atomic bombs which fell on Japan during the war.

The Utah Senator, a former Mormon missionary, said he thinks this country has no alternative, so long as it seems likely that Russia can and may undertake the building of a similar weapon.

Congressional cloakroom opinion appeared to follow this same line of reasoning, although not many lawmakers were willing to talk publicly about an issue that has been surrounded by unusual secrecy.

Just now government agencies apparently are assembling all of the facts. The state department is reported studying the possibility of making some new bid for international atomic controls, thus far blocked by Russian opposition to international inspection.

'Devil's Coffee' Victim Improvement Reported

DETROIT, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Grace Hospital today reported improvement in the condition of editor-columnist Malcolm W. Bingay, 65.

A hospital spokesman said it was indicated now that Bingay would recover from critical burns suffered in a freakish incident at an AFL union banquet Tuesday night.

Bingay, editorial director of the Detroit Free Press, was burned in the explosion of a flaming mixture of coffee and brandy.

The brew, known as "cafe diable" or "devil's coffee," was being prepared for serving "to banquet guests. Other guests, less seriously burned, are recovering.

BABY SUFFOCATES
KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 23.—(AP)—A month-old baby girl suffocated in her crib Saturday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Freeman of Klamath Falls.

Pricing Bill Now Congress' Worry

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—The Senate makes a fresh stab today at disposing of a complex pricing bill which has been plaguing Congress since 1948.

But most Senators held out only slim hope for a quick decision on the measure, which would legalize so-called "basing point" pricing procedures where no conspiracy is involved.

The bill was worked out last session as a compromise between differing senate and house bills. It already has been approved by the House.

The senate balked at passing it last fall during the closing days of the session and, instead, ordered that it be held over for consideration until today.

The bill is an outgrowth of a supreme court decision in 1948 which outlawed the cement industry's multiple basing point pricing system—under which the industry quoted identical prices on cement all over the country, despite variations in freight costs.

Many businessmen felt that the decision placed in jeopardy their own pricing practices involving freight absorption and uniform delivering pricing. They asked Congress to clarify the anti-trust laws.

The present bill provides that "it shall not be an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice for a seller, acting independently, to quote or sell at delivered prices or to absorb freight."

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Thief Steals 28 Shoes, All For Right Foot

BELLEVUE, Wash. — (AP) — "It would be funny if it wasn't so serious," lamented Walter Kroneberger.

Kroneberger is a shoe salesman. Someone took two sample cases of shoes from his parked convertible automobile.

"I need those shoes in my business, and they won't do the thief any good," Kroneberger said. Then he explained.

All 28 shoes are for the right foot, size 8 1/2 C.

HULL, England — (AP) — Seaman James Pearson is doubly sorry.

He was fined 3 pounds (\$8.40) for stealing a four-and-a-half gallon beer barrel.

He told the policeman who arrested him: "I made a horrible mistake. It was empty."

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