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## WHEN EDITORS AGREE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Bill Jenkins, managing editor of *The Herald & News*, Klamath Falls, reports in his column, "Billboard," the receipt of a letter from a subscriber asking "Why don't you editors get together?"

The question referred to the fact that two columns in the same newspaper expressed opinions in which the writers had somewhat differing ideas.

Bill discussed the discrepancy, and explained that his newspaper does not attempt to force opinions of its writers into directed or controlled pattern.

We wonder if the very fact that a person would ask such a question is not significant.

What would be the effect on the country if editorial writers, columnists and commentators were in perfect agreement and never had occasion to argue a point? Or let's suppose that all opinion writers went into a combine elected a set of officers and set up a committee which dictated the ideas to be expressed. Or as another hypothetical case, opinion writers could be placed under control of the federal government and write only material approved by government agents. Any writer who dared step out of line and express his own opinions would be banished to a labor camp, if he were lucky, or would be shot as a traitor. Do you think you would like that kind of editorial writing? Would you not, as a reader, feel that your intelligence and independence were being stifled?

A good many millions of newspaper readers in the world are getting newspapers in which editors agree—or else! But here in these United States we find all varieties of opinion available. Not only do newspapers differ from one another in their opinions, but in some newspapers at least varying opinions may be found on the editorial page.

Normally the editorial page of a newspaper carries one or more columns in which the editor's opinions, or the opinions of writers under his supervision, are presented. But on the same page often may be found articles by columnists, commentators and correspondents differing from the newspaper's own editorial opinions and conclusions. Personally, we think this condition is healthy. We believe the public can be kept well informed only by expressions of opinion dealing with all phases of any controversial matter.

Some people, however, apparently do not concur in this belief. They resent any editorial comment which may conflict with their personal opinions. They would stifle any opinion at variance with their own.

We find today a rapid growth in publications devoted to a single purpose—publications propagandizing for one particular cause, class or group. They limit opinion and restrict writers. No opinion writer for such publication would dare express an idea contrary to the desires of the leaders and bosses.

These publications invariably vilify a free press. Newspapers failing to conform to the pattern espoused by the single-purpose publications are branded as "subsidized," "tools of Wall Street," "hirelings of the trusts," and other opprobrious names.

In many ways there appears to be a trend of opinion toward uniformity. Individualism must fight constantly against the drag of congruity.

When editors agree, we believe, we will have reached a sorry state in our existence. Certainly no agreement ever will be reached without compulsion. A controlled press has proven its evils. While editors continue to disagree, and, more especially, while editors continue to publish opinions of those who disagree with them, the public will have access to information vital to intelligent decisions. Those decisions may at times be influenced by trends, fashions, fads and experiments, but at no time will the swing in any one direction be as radical or as extreme while opportunity exists for free expression of opinion.

But it will be time to start worrying when editors agree.

## Coalition Gulch



## Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viachett S. Martin

There was no tracery of featherstitch patterned on the snow, this time, by Mrs. Guinea's lightly stepping, dark feet. We no longer set out special food for her in the hollow at the base of the big maple. When E J was shoveling a path for Estrellita to roll out to the road, there was no little gray guinea hen patiently peck-pecking at her own reflection in the chromium wheelcaps. When I hang a certain blue-with-white spots dress on the back porch, there is no determined Mrs. Guinea to peck at it. Did the pattern suggest to her the spots in her own white spotted dress?

We miss little Mrs. Guinea. She had become a part of our daily routine. "It's so unusual for a guinea hen to be so tame!" the folks would say, and smile at her tameness. She liked bits of bread and would eat from my fingers, even hop on my wrist if held out of reach. I have watched her fly from a maple across the road, maybe three hundred feet, straight to the held-out bread. "Here, Guinea, here, Guinea!" would bring her on a run if nearby.

When I walk along the path there is no little gray guinea hen running after me to catch up, dodging out of the road when a car approaches, returning to shadow me after it has passed. When I turned, Mrs. Guinea would turn. Does Pretty, our white cat, miss her feathered friend, too, as she follows me about? There was the time Mrs. Guinea brought 15 little guinea chicks home from a nest hidden in a tangle of brambles and weeds. . . little chicks that were as tame as she and never knew any fear. They too would fly from the neighbor's tree. When I sat down on the porch they would climb on my arms and shoulders, hunting bread—at least they did till their toe-nails were too hard on my skin! Mrs. Guinea went through the setting-routine just the same after we had to part with Mr. Guinea (the neighbors found him too noisy) but with no success to crown her efforts. Once we broke up her nest, thinking to shorten her time of patient waiting. . . but she only laid a new clutch of pointed little eggs and started all over again!

How fond one can become of a little gray guinea hen . . .

## Local News

Here From Eugene — J. E. Woodworth of Eugene was a business visitor in Roseburg Thursday.

Visiting at Lund Home—Mrs. Charlotte Marsh and children of Los Angeles are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lund, of Elgarose.

Home From Springfield—Erlitz Sjogren has returned to his home at Elgarose, following a visit in Springfield, Ore., with Mr. and Mrs. Milo Howard.

Tamale Sale — A tamale sale will be sponsored by the W.S. of C.S. from 1 to 5 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 31, in the Methodist church parlors. Orders for tamales may be made by calling 762-L or 1123-R.

Ill of Mumps—Mrs. Edna Sjogren, Mrs. Clarice Brown and daughter, Sally, and Andrew Hanson are all reported to be ill of mumps at their respective homes in Elgarose.

Ill at Home—Mrs. H. A. Taylor, who has been very ill at her home, 116 Mosher street, for the past two weeks, requests that friends do not call her, as she is unable to answer the telephone.

Postponed—The American Legion auxiliary party honoring foreign war brides and planned for next Wednesday night, has been postponed to the evening of Feb. 8 on account of the Community Concert program the evening of Feb. 1.

On Vacation — Mrs. Charles Russell is on vacation from her duties at Church's drug store. During her absence, Charles Church of Sutherlin is assisting in the store. While working in Roseburg, he and his wife and young daughter are residing at the H. C. Church residence on South Kane street.

## In the Day's News

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The bad debt loss has been only ONE CENT.

As a business man, I'd like to add that I wish I could do that well with my collections.

SIXTEEN years ago, when KPCA was organized, the government primed the pump. That is to say, the government came in as a stockholder and put up the bulk of the capital with which to make the early loans.

At the end of these 16 years, this government money with which the pump was primed has all been RETIRED and the association owns its own business. There isn't a cent of government money left in the kitty. You see, it is possible for free enterprise and government to work together without government swallowing up free enterprise. It all depends on how it is gone about.

ANOTHER thing ought to be pointed out:

During the years in which the government was a PARTNER, the association paid no federal taxes. (The government, you know, doesn't tax itself.) But when the government CEASED to be a partner, which has just happened, the situation changed. Hereafter KPCA will have to pay federal taxes just like anybody else, because it is privately-owned. So this year it had to take a large sum out of its profits with which to pay its taxes.

Because of this fact and the further fact that as a private enterprise ample debt reserves must be set up to take care of losses that might later be incurred, there were no dividends this year.

YOU'D have thought the members of the association might have been a little let down by this. THEY WEREN'T! They were as happy as clams because the government has been finally bought out and they now own the business themselves in their own right.

WHY have these production credit associations, which operate under the federal intermediate credit bank, worked out so successfully as a partnership between government and private business?

I think this is it:

They were started for the simple, businesslike purpose of financing a better and cheaper way to finance the operations of farmers and livestock growers. So far as I have been able to learn, IT WASN'T A SCHEME TO KEEP THE ADMINISTRATION IN POWER by buttering up the farmer and the livestock grower

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## Lions To Sponsor Auction To Help Polio Campaign

A public auction, with all articles to be donated and all funds to be turned over to the polio campaign committee, will be conducted at the Roseburg auction market in North Roseburg under the sponsorship of the Lions club Friday, Feb. 3.

Andy Hempenius, who operates the market, has donated the use of his facilities, and his auctioneers will donate their time as well. Every thing from grocery or drygoods items to dressed chickens or livestock will be acceptable for sale.

Sutherlin, through its Lions club, is joining in the program and is making a solicitation in the city for worthwhile articles to be put up for auction, according to Lon Hunt of that city.

Claude Baker, general chairman, predicts the big event will augment the polio fund by a sizable proportion, if the program can be carried out with the needed enthusiasm. It is predicted that it will not be difficult to get a crowd of at least 500 persons out for the affair.

Baker announced the appointment of Bruce Elliott to head a committee to solicit the business section for articles of value to be put up for auction. Elliott's committee, including Jerry Gilbo, Allen Clute, Walter Allen, Roy Hebard, E. R. Buckingham and Forrest Losee, will start its canvass Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

Willard Livermore will head the pickup committee, and several Lions club members have volunteered to aid in the picking up of articles.

Persons having useful articles at home to contribute are asked to call the polio headquarters at 181 in Roseburg or 9920 at Sutherlin and if the individuals cannot deliver the items, they will be called for by the Lions committee.

## Give Govt. Affairs More Notice, Stockman Urges

NEW YORK — (AP) — Husky Congressman Lowell Stockman (R-Ore.) amused a lumbermen's convention audience here with tales of Paul Bunyan. But he later turned serious and told the businessmen to give government affairs more attention.

"Quit thinking about your own private lives and your own business, and start thinking about the biggest business on earth, the United States government, which you're not doing at the present time," the Oregon representative declared.

Stockman appeared at the 58th convention of the Northeastern

Retail Lumbermen's association dressed in colorful lumberjack clothing. He thrust the presiding officer aside and regaled the audience with legends of the lumber camp hero.

He said later that business must "have a care about the appetite of government." Stockman added "in this man-made instrument that we have developed (the federal government), we have an instrument that can envelop all of us."

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The answers to everyday insurance problems—By KEN BAILEY



QUESTION: A few days ago, a dog belonging to one of our neighbors bit two small boys and injured them severely. The dog has always been very good natured and all the neighborhood children have enjoyed playing with him so no one can account for his turning on the little boys. However, the dog's owners are faced with considerable expense in doctor bills for the youngsters and since we, too have a dog, I'm wondering if there is any form of insurance which would protect us if he ever bit anyone.

ANSWER: The insurance which covers your legal liability for acts of your dog is called Comprehensive Personal Liability. This form of insurance covers legal liability for all members of the family and for dogs and other pets. The premium is very small and the policy is one which should be carried by every family.

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