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NEWSPAPERS CONSOLIDATE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Consolidation has united two of Oregon's outstanding newspapers, the *Oregon City Enterprise* and the *Banner-Courier*.

While both newspapers have enjoyed exceptional prestige, it is to be expected that their consolidation will permit improved service to readers and advertisers and a more profitable operation to the owners.

The *Oregon City* field, so near to Portland, offers many handicaps to successful newspaper publication. Yet the *Enterprise* and *Banner-Courier* have enjoyed good advertising patronage, and large circulation, and have for many years given distinguished service to the community and state.

Consolidation, however, in these times of high production cost will allow greater efficiency and better opportunity to expand service.

The *Enterprise* has been published daily except Sunday. The *Banner-Courier* has been published three times weekly. Under the new regime the *Enterprise-Courier* will be published five days each week.

Walter W. R. May, editor and publisher of the *Enterprise* and E. P. Kaen, owner-publisher of the *Banner-Courier* are to be co-publishers of the *Enterprise-Courier*. Mr. May will serve as editor-in-chief. J. H. Van Winkle, editor of the *Banner-Courier* for the past nine years, will be editor of the consolidated paper.

Papers Have Interesting Histories

Both *Oregon City* newspapers have long and interesting histories.

The *Enterprise* started publication in 1866. Its founder was D. C. Ireland, who had worked as a compositor under Horace Greeley and had obeyed that famous editor's advice: "Go west, young man, go west!" He quit *The Oregonian* to start a four-page weekly in *Oregon City*, giving to the State of Oregon its fifth newspaper. Until 1908 the newspaper underwent many changes of ownership, but in that year it was purchased by Edward E. Brodie, who later was to serve as U. S. minister to Siam, and also a minister to Finland. The paper was edited for a time by Hal E. Hoss, who left the newspaper to serve in the office of secretary of state.

Walter W. R. May, long connected with *The Oregonian* in executive and editorial positions and who had served in many highly responsible civic posts, was called by the Brodie estate to take over operation of the newspaper in 1943. He soon purchased the principal stock and became widely known for the effectiveness of editorial policy.

The *Banner-Courier* also has an old and honorable history. The *Courier* was founded in 1883. It later absorbed the *Oregon City Herald* and in 1920 was consolidated with the *Clackamas County Banner*.

Like the *Enterprise*, it passed through many hands until in 1924 it was purchased by E. A. Kaen, who was soon joined by his son, E. P. Kaen, who in late years has been publisher of the paper. Interested in photography, and proprietor of a camera store, operated as an adjunct to his newspaper, Mr. Kaen made pictorial reporting of the news an advanced art in the *Banner-Courier* and gained widespread recognition as an authority in the field of newspaper photography.

Political Aspects Indicated

Consolidation of the two *Oregon City* newspapers also has a political significance in the fact that Editor-In-Chief May has been under heavy pressure to enter the Republican primaries as candidate for U. S. Senator in opposition to Senator Wayne Morse. By education, experience and personality, Mr. May is particularly well qualified for the high office. Although he has expressed reluctance to enter the political campaign, the newspaper consolidation is being generally accepted as an indication that he is yielding to urgent appeals to get his hat in the political ring.

Under the leadership so ably demonstrated in late years *The Enterprise-Courier* will unquestionably have long and continued success. It will be in a position to give much better service than ever before; and service we know, is the principal objective of those who guide its policies.

Red Cross Aided By Those Least Able To Donate

Contributions to organizations engaged in the fight for human welfare come from people in all walks of life. Often those who have the least to give are the most anxious to make a donation for the benefit of others.

Don Legg, publicity director from the San Francisco Red Cross office, tells of going to a training school for the blind in Portland, while the Vanport flood was at its height, trying to locate extra cots for the disaster victims. While talking to the director of the school, he felt a gentle tug at his coat. A blind boy, being trained at the school, shyly offered a 25-cent piece. "Please," he said, "Will you give this to one of the people who were in the flood?"

A young Roseburg businessman who has a News-Review route approached a group of Gray Ladies Sunday morning in the Umpqua hotel and gave them a receipted bill for one month's delivery of the News-Review. "Will you tell the man at the office," he said, "that this is my Red Cross donation?"

While patients at Veterans hospitals are not solicited for funds,

such contributions often come in voluntarily. A contribution of \$60 for the Red Cross was made up among the patients at Camp White and sent to the Medford office. Patients at the Roseburg Veterans hospital have brought to the field director's office small donations, freely given, to aid in the continuation of the Red Cross hospital program.

In dimes and quarters, dollars and larger bills, comes the money that supplies equipment necessary for disaster relief, blood banks, swimming programs, first aid, and Veterans' hospital programs, the local Red Cross office reports.

Leicht, Ex-OSC Football Star, Sued For Divorce

STOCKTON, Calif., March 3 — (AP)—A divorce action charging extreme mental and physical cruelty was filed yesterday against Jake Leicht, former Oregon Football star, by his wife, Mary.

They were married April 21, 1942, and separated Tuesday. They have a five-year-old son, Robert Jacob.

Leicht now plays for the Baltimore Colts of the national-American professional league.

Methoxychlor has been found as effective as DDT against flies when not used in sunny areas.



In the Day's News

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slim and undependable majority to work with.

PERSONALLY, I think the situation that has developed in parliament is a good thing for Britain. It removes too much power from too few hands. Too much power held in too few hands too long is ALWAYS dangerous.

LITTLE has been said so far about the most significant fact in connection with the British election.

IT FOLLOWED EXACTLY THE TREND ESTABLISHED BY SIMILAR ELECTIONS IN NEW ZEALAND AND IN AUSTRALIA.

After these three elections, it would be hard for anyone to deny that in British countries the trend is away from MORE Socialism. New Zealand, Australia and Britain have all been dipping deeply into the Socialist soup bowl over a considerable period of years.

After sampling the Socialist stew, all three countries at elections held within recent months have indicated clearly that they are getting fed up with it as an exclusive diet and want to do some serious thinking before they commit themselves to it for good and all. After these three elections, the attitude of the people in all three countries seems obviously to be to stop, look and listen before crossing any more Socialist tracks.

MEANWHILE—

Here in the United States we are definitely nearing the point of thrusting a foot through the Socialist door. A dispatch from Washington says:

"Without any confirmation from the White House, there continued to be talk that Mr. Truman might seek power to seize the coal mines in the name of the government. . . . A top official involved in the government's strategy conferences said this morning that seizure of the mines, with a hastily-enacted bill by Congress, appears inevitable if the parties (to the coal strike) fail to come to an agreement."

THE miners have been urging seizure WITH RETENTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ALL PROFITS FROM THE MINES and actual operation by government men instead of by the mine owners and managers.

That would amount to socialization of the coal industry, which in Britain was the first step taken by the new Socialist regime when it came into power. If we seize the coal mines under such a law, hanging onto them will be the easiest way out of the mess we will be in.

If the government hangs onto them, we will have started here the program of nationalization of industry.

WE'RE inclined to think of socialism in America as something that is a long way off. That isn't necessarily true. Socialization of the coal industry could be just around the corner. It could be a matter of HOURS rather than generations.

The term "all-electronic" as now applied to television means that no moving part, such as a motor, is used in reproducing pictures.

The Bully—

National Week To Be Observed By Douglas 4-H'ers

All 4-H clubs in the county will take an active part in observing National 4-H club week, the dates of which are March 4 to 12.

All clubs meeting during the week will receive messages from the President of the U. S. and the governor of Oregon. Also, all clubs have been sent posters announcing 4-H week which they will place in some prominent location in their community.

The four observances have been selected by club members for emphasis this week. These are:

1. To familiarize all 4-H club members with the 1950 theme, which is: "Better Life for a Better World."
 2. To give 4-H members a chance to check up on their own 4-H club work and activities.
 3. To acquaint people in Douglas county with what 4-H club members are doing and have done.
 4. To encourage other boys and girls to join some sort of a 4-H club and carry on a project. Those that are timely are, gardens, livestock, poultry, canning and crops.
- This week provides a good opportunity for 4-H members, leaders and parents to sell the 4-H club idea and to acquaint people with the "four-leaf clover" and the club motto, "Make the Best Better," said Frank von Borstel, 4-H club agent.

TWO LODGED IN JAIL

William Doyle Mayberry, 54, Roseburg, charged Wednesday with violation of a court order, was lodged in the county jail without bail, said Sheriff O. T. "Bud" Carter.

Carter also reported a 15-year-old Roseburg youth, picked up by the city police Wednesday, was lodged in the county jail without bail on a parole violation.

CHILI SUPPER DATED

A chili supper will be held at the Masonic hall in Oakland Saturday, Mar. 4, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., under the auspices of Job's Daughters. Funds will be used to benefit the fraternity's unit, which is only one year old. Entertainment will follow at 8 o'clock, with several different card games to be put in play.

ing this hour of loneliness, no other means of indicating it and replace with a joyful one than writing letters from abroad.

"To make this more formal and proper it would be wise for me to start first on my description. Well, I am Mercedes Acero, sixteen years old, with, singing, dancing, going to church, reading magazines and letter writing as my hobbies. I have two brothers. I have a pet dog named King. I am a sophomore in St. Joseph's college. And how about telling me about you? Please send me a picture of yours and next mail I will also send mine. Best regards to all but keep the most to you. Lovingly, Mercedes Acero. (address St. Joseph College, Maasin, Leyte, Philippine Islands.)"

"I consider this occasion an opportunity of unusual one to establish friendship from whom I didn't expect it to be. You know I want to have friends from far off places.

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