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# **NOW-OR-NEVER**

#### By CHARLES V. STANTON

Roseburg's airport 'issue apparently is coming to a head. After many years of hemming and hawing, cussing and discussing, the project is to be placed before the voters. We are presuming, of course, that the city council will accept and act on recommendations made jointly by its own airport commission and the chamber of commerce airport committee that a proposal for a bond issue be submitted to voters.

We can share the feeling of urgency-almost desperation -expressed by the men who have been working on the airport project. They realize the heavy tax load incident to financing expansion of a city and community growing as rapidly as is the Roseburg area. They appreciate, too, the commendable watchfulness of taxpayers over extravagance and unwarranted expenditure of local funds.

But they also are aware that if the airport is not enlarged immediately, Roseburg probably will never have an adequate port, and if it should decide to go ahead with airport development at a later date the cost would be virtually prohibitive.

During the discussion of the matter the phrase "now-ornever" was used several times, and there is good reason for it.

Roseburg's present airport has a runway of approximately 3800 feet. The Civil Aeronautics authority will not certify for scheduled airline operations such a short landing and take-off strip. The runway can be extended only to the north, where the land is in private ownership. If the air- for upkeep of the 2500-acre family port is to be enlarged the city must buy that land. The own- estate, which is hard hit by high er, if he does not sell to the city-and soon-plans to offer taxes. She is Lady Lees, wife of the property for residence purposes. Subdivision plans al- Col. Sir John Lees, and she will put the property for residence purposes. Subdivision plans al-in her week-ends selling cold sau-ready have been drawn, the aviation committees report. Naturally the owner can't be expected to wait indefinitely drinks to motorists from a roadfor an answer. If the city doesn't act soon, construction side stand outside their 45-room of dwellings, and perhaps industrial or business buildings, house, Lytchett Manor. will start in the near future. Once the land is improved, the cost of purchase for airport use would be enormous. **Procrastination Can Be Expensive** 

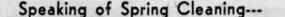
Hundreds of incidents could be cited to show the cost of you reckon it's the real thing? of procrastination and shortsightedness in buying land needed for public purposes. Roseburg's older schools are hemmed in because the district lacked vision to buy ground for it's a more useful one than this expansion. Roseburg could have had excellent city parks Larry Hightower's, of Ellensburg. had we anticipated years ago our present need. The State up in the state of Washington. Highway commission, urged a number of years ago in He's pushing a wheelbarrow over Highway commission, urged a number of years ago in this column to buy highway right-of-way north of Rose-tooled the thing up to the 14,100burg, because it would not be long until traffic congestion foot summit of Pike's peak. It took would require highway relocation, will be forced to spend him five days to make the ascent, many thousands of dollars more to do the job, which now has and he figures he'll come down in become imperative, because improvements must be bought two along with the land.

It is believed that the city's cost of buying the land needed for airport enlargement together with the extension of the pROBABLY the day's grimmest runway will approximate \$200,000. We may feel that we picke is the New York taxpayer can't afford that kind of money. But if we wait until the who listed his state senator and his land to the north is improved-and no one conscious of the way the Roseburg community is growing can doubt that plaining: "My taxes support them." the property would fail to develop if placed on the marketthe cost of acquisition, alone, probably would amount to a half million dollars or more within a very few years. Conse- allowed by the income tax people.) quently we ARE facing a "now-or-never" issue.

#### Federal Government Will Give Aid

The Roseburg airport has been designated as a project nesday (the fatal ides of March) The Roseburg airport has been designated as a project eligible for federal aid. The government will pay 25 per cent of the cost of land acquisition and 53 per cent of the port improvement expense. Thus Roseburg's \$200,000 in bonds would result in a construction job of around \$500,000. Because this is a construction job, most of the money spent on it would remain in the community and would go into

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the kitchen sink!

By Viahnett S. Martin

when last I saw them, to the again and again, in the deeper

laid it out one day when I was finish by shaking and preening.

Have it where I can see it from fully whenever we turned it on

was a daily delight to ourselves, clocks-four colors. Other water

and to visiting children and adults things added to the natural ef-

couldn't have been tamer! But I used to wonder as I sat by the let me take a little net in hand pool, noting the way each fish had

DIME-A-DOZEN SKETCHES

By PAUL JENKINS

tiniest newly hatched ones. E J part, then off to a fence post to

# In the Day's News (Continued from Page One)

"She'll do some of the cooking herself. A relative and an Estonian cook will help."

I wouldn't know, of course, but even if she is doing it as a stunt

It certainly takes all kinds of people to make a world.

U. S. CONGRESSMAN as dependents on his income tax return, ex-That's too true to be even funny. (His claim, by the way, was dis-

# N New York, the biggest income tax payment received on Wed-

WHEN you think of that as a tax they mell into a state of complete PAYMENT, earned by the balmyness.

# **Hearing Set** For Co. Roads **Gift To City**

District Attorney Robert G. Davis was instructed by the Doug las county court to give notice of a hearing to be held in the offices of April 21, at which time certain county roads will be proposed for dedication and surrender to the City of Roseburg. The court will also consider any objections to the proposal

also consider any objections to the proposal. Roads involved are located in West Roseburg and Sleepy Hollow-Millers addition areas recently an-nexed to the city. The order was issued following notification from the city council that the county roads now located within the new city boundaries could not be main-tained by the city, unless the coun-tained by the city, unless the coun-ty would agree to surrender its urfor attacking each other. Josalin, who once considered running for governor himself, noti-fied Lew Wallace, Walter J. Pear-son and Austin Flegel that he would "not sit quietly by and let you throw away the governorship. He asked the three to "confine yourself to setting forth your own record and program, and leave to the Republicans the attacks upon your brother Democrats."

city boundaries could not be main-tained by the city, unless the coun-ty would agree to surrender its jur-isdiction over the roads. These were described as county road 113. Umpqua avenue, 40 feet right-of-way from the river south to Harvard avenue; and from Har-vard avenue to Mill street, a platt-ed road 60 x 2,050 feet; Umpqua avenue and Military road, 60 x 3,450 feet; county road 160, Main street, 60 feet right-of-way by 1,800 feet; county road 160a, Booth. Starmer and Marsters streets, 50 feet right-of-way by 2,500 feet; county road 184, Harrison street, 40 x 1,250 feet; county road 192, Brown ave-nue, 45 x 1,300 feet; county road 193, Ballf street, 45 x 1,115 feet; county road 194, Wharton street, 40 x 1,059 feet.

## **Dog With Spring** Fever Goes AWOL

"Red Rover," a reddish-brown Doberman Pinscher, has spring fe-ver. He recently left his home at 2010 John street for parts unknown. No one would begrudge "Red" No one would begrudge "Red" the privilege of enjoying the wide open spaces, except for the fact that his master, Milton Compton, who is suffering from a heart all-ment, depends upon him for com-panionship during the long and lonesome days of his semi-invalid confinement. Mrs. Compton is a teacher at Bizerside school and

Seems so silly to say that since we came to live in a house with woods around it. I miss the birds! Might as well not be any right now for all I see of them? But when there was snow, how the foxy lit-tle feathered friends did crowd around! A bit later in summer they will be around again. But they will be around again to the they will be around again. But they will be around again to the they will be around again. But they will be around again to the they will be around again. But they will be around again to the they will be around again. But they will be around again to the they will be around again. But they they down around again to the they they down around again to the they they down around again. But they they down around again they how they they down around again the birds moved in bw they they down around again the birds moved in they the down. The dog answers to the name.

The dog answers to the name, "Red," if it is spoken in a strong, commanding voice. He is a large now-they have gone up into the birds moved in by the dozen! All but the blackbirds. We used We had a thirteen-foot pool which to watch them solemnly pick up was supposed to be a fish pool a piece of bread, and walk quick-but the birds liked it too. At any ly over to the pool, and dunk it. rate it had about two hundred Then either eat it on the grass. was supposed to be a fish pool a piece of bread, and walk quick-

rate it had about two hundred Then either eat it on the grass gold fish ranging from the orig- or fly off with. When they bathed, or call the North Roseburg church at 220-J-4. six, about six inches long they swooped down into the pool,

### Vital Statistics

attending a PTA affair in Santa There was a fountain spray in Marriage Licenses Issued SWIFT-COOK - Ralph George Swift, Brockway, and Orlene Rae Cook, Tenmile. REE-NEUFELD - Hugo Victor Ree and Esther G. Neufeld, both of Monica. My only plea had been: which the hummingbirds flew joy-The soil was sandy so we let the He made it as natural-looking overflow keep the water fresh. as possible and very simply. It The water lilies were regular Eugene

> Divorce Suits Filed NORDSTEN-Thelma vs. Ragnor O. Nordsten. Married June 14, 1930, at Eugene. Plaintiff charges cruel and inhuman treatment.

to dip out three or four for a the whole pool to itself because of NUFER-Betty Jane vs. Joseph Arnold Nufer. Married August 3, 1946, at Ferndale. Wash.Plaintiff chargles curel and inhuman treat-ment; asks custody of one minor child and \$50 per month support. child to take home - not a fish the harmony with which they swam to be seen! It is a fact. They around, why people couldn't get

> Divorce Decrees Granted VROMAN-Charles LeRoy from India Lynn Vroman.

It's my observation (and yours ) been heard in Winchester, he leap-GATES-Margaret B. from Joe Budd Gates Jr. Plaintiff awarded custody of two minor children and 550 per month support. Property settlement made.

SELKIRK - Margaret L. from Fred Selkirk.

BIERWARD-Jessie from Joseph



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EDMONTON, Alta. --(CP)-- The famous Alaska highway is set for a record year of tourist traffic, Ma-jor Woodrow W. Coward, senior staff officer of the road system, says. The highway will be in first class condition, he added, and ac-commodation, repair and supply facilities will be plentiful. Since the highway was "handed here the highway was action of the said. Since the highway was "handed

Longest distance between tourist accommodation now is 50 miles. **Josslin Scolds Party's** 

**Candidates For Governor** PORTLAND, March 18 – (P) – William L. Jossila, state Demo-cratic central committee chair-man, took his party's three guber-natorial candidates to task Friday for attacking each other.

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general circulation. Thus taxpayers would recover in direct

and indirect returns much of the money invested.
Much could, and undoubtedly will, be said about the need for an airport—our isolation, inadequate transportation facilities, stimulus to new industry and business, property values, increased taxable wealth, etc.—but the important thing to keep in mind is the urgency of the project.
While some people feel we can't afford to build an airport now, they should seriously be considering whether we can afford not to, taking into account the fact that the cost will be enormously increased by delay.
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# **Told By Tauscher** At Meet Of Lions

STRINGFIELD, March 18 -- (.47) -- More than 340 union workers in five local lumber plants have signed agreements with manage-ments to work five extra days and contribute of the extra days and

be lower.

so HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRICE. If taxes were lower, prices would be lower. Some women, although the pro-portion of these as related to all who love flowers is small, enjoy growing them, too. The washing machine may rust, the skillets stay

Bierward. Property settlement made.

BENNETT — Bonnie Jean from Douglas F. Bennett. Plaintiff awarded custody of three minor children and \$75 per month sup-port. Property settlement made.

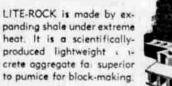
More U. S. Warships Going

**To Atlantic Pact Nations** WASHINGTON. March 18 -(-P)-The navy has tabbed 10 additional destroyer escorts for transfer to North Atlantic treaty nations un-der the arms aid program. The Navy also has announced

that two submarines are being re-fitted at Philadelphia for transfer under the arms aid program. (as she so surely will) don't blame me for giving the show away. Women have known all about this for thousands of years.

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