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JACKHAMMER BLUES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Trying to concentrate while a jackhammer is being operated just outside the office window, where workmen are tearing up the old sidewalk, creates something of a problem. When someone wants us on the telephone we have to dash to a back shop extension. Been getting more exercise than we've had for months and months. Hope it improves the waist line.

The sidewalk outside our office has been subject in the past to much alteration. Part of it was once a garage driveway. Trenches were dug across it in two places to install drains for runoff water. Altogether it was a badly patched up affair and had several spots where one could stub his toe. We frequently stub the editorial toe, but the resulting scars aren't nearly as serious as a physical spill on hard concrete.

We're glad to tolerate the jackhammer, knowing that we'll soon have a nice, smooth sidewalk.

We observe that the Democratic candidates for governor at last have found an issue upon which they can agree. After using verbal axes, knives, arrows and sundry other weapons upon one another, until firmly chided by their state committee chairman for their childish antics, they have now concentrated their violence upon Public Commissioner George Flagg.

It seems that certain public power organizations, in attempting to eliminate private power distributors from their districts, lowered rates. Flagg permitted private power companies to alter tariffs to meet competition. Now two of the Democratic candidates have lowered the boom on George. The private power companies, they assert, must make their profits by soaking consumers elsewhere that they may meet competition from P. U. D. S. Such tactics, according to the candidates, are most reprehensible. But nothing is said about the fact that the public power organizations are being supported by subsidies from the country's taxpayers.

We don't imagine George is worrying about being fired by any of the Democratic candidates seeking his scalp.

If the lumber industry had been less wasteful of its resource in the New England, Atlantic coast and Great Lakes states, the Pacific Northwest would not be leading the nation today in lumber production. This observation is made by Art Priaulx, public relations director for the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

It is a rather gruesome thought to the conservation-minded person who decries the destruction of our natural resources, but nevertheless it is a fact.

Because the timber resource was depleted throughout much of the country, the Pacific Northwest now has by far the lion's share of the country's remaining commercial forests.

Within the last few years we have gained a new concept in forestry, that of sustained yield and tree farming. We also are practicing better conservation. As a result, the Northwest's industry need never be lost, but, instead, should continue to advance steadily in employment and income.

This would not be possible were we in competition with abundant resources in New England and the Great Lakes states.

Here in the Umpqua basin we can consider ourselves fortunate that our timber industry was not developed until the new program of forest management became operative.

Father William L. Blaker, former Episcopal rector at Roseburg, who transferred several months ago to the parish at St. Helens, frankly admitted, while visiting in Roseburg today, he is assiduously cultivating the friendship of certain of his parishioners. It seems they are owners of Columbia river sports fishing boats and Father Blaker is an ardent angler.

LETTERS to the Editor

Liquor Ad Ban On Suit Of Athlete Commended

ROSEBURG—After reading your editorial "Who's Fooling Who?" why not give the Oregon Liquor Control commission credit for doing what they have done in this matter of advertising liquor?

In the first place surely no intelligent person would ask an athlete to do something for the good of the community, let him spend his money taking care of the drunks that come out of his place of business. Also pay for all the crime committed because of liquor sold from his store.

Drunk is the major problem of the law-enforcing officers in our cities. The charge against the man arrested may be gambling, it may be speeding, or it may be disorderly conduct, but the real cause of it is drink. The officers of the law have to be paid, and the jails have to be kept. From what source? The taxpayers' money. Therefore the liquor business becomes everyone's business.

So, if the Oregon Liquor Control commission has come out with a new ruling which means a little less liquor advertising, let's praise it for it. But that isn't enough. It is the business of American citizens to do something about this liquor business. The degrading of men and women by the power of drink becomes our business. What are we doing to try to prevent others from falling so low? Is there any reason why we should encourage drinking?

SADIE N. CURRIER
Roseburg, Ore.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued

CANNON-POITRAS—Lynn Elton Cannon and Rose Marie Poitras, both of Roseburg.

SOLBERG-MASK — Don Louis Solberg and Shirley Louise Mask, both of Roseburg.

A QUARTER LUNCH

REDLANDS, Calif.—(AP)—Marsha Gumpert, 6, had a quarter for lunch—literally. Given a 25-cent piece to buy her noon meal at school, she amused herself by tossing it in the air and catching it in her mouth. It was fun until the time the quarter kept right on going, down her throat.

A physician said there was no cause for alarm.

The Postman Rings But Once—



In the Day's News

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chusetts) says the Russian attitude is "insulting."

Representative Vinson, of Georgia, chairman of the house armed services committee, calls the destruction of the American plane and its crew "cold-blooded murder of Americans by a foreign power." He adds that what the United States needs is armed forces "strong enough to insure Russian respect."

On the civilian side, collars are getting even hotter.

In Philadelphia, General William J. (nickname "Wild Bill") Donovan, who during the war was head of our Office of Strategic Services and is now national chairman of the Red Cross drive, tells reporters:

"The United States should seize and hold 10 Russian soldiers and sailors now in this country as HOSTAGES for the 10 Americans who were in the navy plane that was shot down by the Russians. These 10 Russians should be held until indemnity which the United States has asked is paid or until the Americans are returned safe and sound—and the possibility that they are prisoners of the Russians should not be excluded."

It so happened that I was in Europe when the war ended. I saw the swift breaking up of the finest fighting force that ever existed since the war began—ours and Britain's. We know now that the Russians were bled pretty near white then. We also know they have been using the intervening five years to make themselves strong again.

In the clear light of hindsight, we can see that the face of the world would have been different if we and the British hadn't been in such a hurry to throw our guns away and get back to the pleasant tasks of peace. Inevitably, we are reminded of these lines from Maud Muller:

"Of all sad words
"Of tongue or pen,
"The saddest are these:
"It might have been."

WELL, we can't go back to those days. What has happened since then is water over the dam. The thing for us to do now is to keep our shirts on, keep a tight rein on our tempers and get as strong as we can as fast as we can without disrupting our economy in the process.

Credit Club Organized By Business Women

The Credit Women's Breakfast club was organized Friday, April 21, at the Hotel Umpqua at a dinner meeting. This new organization, open to any business woman connected with credit, will be affiliated with the national organization.

Robert Rennie and Gordon Stewart assisted at the organizational meeting. Miss V. Vivian Logsdon will act as chairman of the group until officers are elected.

Attending were Vivian Logsdon, Dora Courter, Dayne Beach, Wilma Melton, Bernice Beach, Marjorie Oilar, Dorothy Blanchard, Ione Schaeffer, Geraldine Mills, Vi Sullivan, Ida Williams, Anna Wilson, Mary Jean Mowery, Jimmie Clark, Jean Whittenburg, Katherine Jokela, Lorraine Hill, Frances Main, Joan Hannan and Marian Snyder.

Scapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Vianett S. Martin

Now this is confidential. I'm sure you will never tell a soul. For no telling what might happen to us if it ever got out—especially if a certain lumber company down by the Scottsburg bridge ever found out we had been trespassing on twelve miles of that road they've made along Lutzinger creek—and the Umpqua!

But there was no sign—none that we saw, if there was one. No gate either, although at the top of a peak where the rocky road ran out and very new road seemed ahead, we met, bumper-on, a dump truck on the curve, and learned that if we kept on going towards Elkton we'd find a gate! The gate would be locked too, he remarked, and nobody 'round to open it for us. Whereupon my startled question added nothing to his opinion of two people up there where we had no business to be: "Oh," I said, "do we have to turn around and go back over that road?" He guessed we had.

So turn around we did on a jutting shelf where you could see a lot of Douglas county—what was there to stop us? And down we went, switch-backing down. I was hoping that any log trucks might be places where we could see them because the log truck we met on the way up hadn't been.

The truck-driver's parting words had been, "I guess you could turn off at Weatherley creek road if you have a mind . . ." We had a mind! We turned right at the sign and found ourselves crossing the Umpqua on a bridge new to us, on a series of large cement blocks so near the water that I couldn't see why a boy wasn't sitting there with his feet hanging off, fishing!

The lad in the grocery store in Drain who said, "Sure, there's a road along that side of the river," didn't think to tell me there was a locked gate at the eastern end, and that the road was privately owned and operated. But he was right about there not being any log-trucks working on Sunday—except for that one! And a dump truck or two; oh, yes, and a grader! A couple of trespassers, seeing the sights along Lutzinger creek, really had a wonderful time. But if that lumber company ever hears of this E.J. can say, "the woman, she gave me the idea." Cherchez la femme.

PTA At Dillard Enjoys Program, Elects Officers

Ruby Jones was elected president of Dillard PTA at a meeting held Friday, April 21, at the schoolhouse. Mr. Corey will serve as vice-president; Marge Packer, second vice-president; Margaret McCord, secretary, and Mrs. Penny, treasurer.

Preceding the business session each room contributed to the evening's program. This included: Poetry by the first grade in charge of Mrs. Chase; two skits by Mrs. Davidson's second graders; rhythm band by Mrs. Corey's room; song and dance by Mrs. Harrison's room; skit by Mrs. Kimmel's room; scene from "Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn," by Mr. Cutting's room; Mrs. Marriam's room presented a skit, "What America Means," in a boy's dream, and Mrs. White's room presented "Glow Worms."

Mrs. Doering's room won the cash prize for the best program. This was a little majorette leading a group dressed in old-time costume. When they reached the stage the children demonstrated the Virginia reel and a square dance.

Mrs. Kimmel's seventh grade room won the pennant for room room. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Alice Hill and Mrs. Heron, seventh grade mothers. We tomachick Camp Fire Girls had a table display of handicraft completed during the past year. The group is led by Mrs. Gladys Amundson with Gertrude Hunter as assistant.

Canyonville Water Okay

The last sample of drinking water from the city of Canyonville which was sent to the hygienic laboratory of the State Board of Health in Portland passed the test and the following statement was received by City Recorder Laura Goodell. "This water conforms with accepted bacteriological standard of purity for drinking water."

At the March meeting of the Canyonville city council, T. M. Gerow of Portland, assistant sanitary engineer of the Oregon State Health department, advised the city to chlorinate the water in the next two or three months.

Roseburg Terminal Head Named By Freight Firm

E. A. Gritsch, district manager of the Oregon Nevada California Fast Freight, Inc., has announced the appointment of John H. (Jack) Stratton as agent and manager of the Roseburg terminal. Stratton is a veteran of the second world war.

Before coming to Roseburg, Stratton was employed with the ONCF in Reno, Nev. He has complete knowledge of traffic, claims, and operations, having served as office manager at the Reno terminal said Gritsch. He also has had considerable personal experience in the operations of heavy duty, as well as, pickup trucks. He was employed in 1946 by the ONCF after studies at the University of Nevada.

The Roseburg station has one of the newer terminals and is an important one in the ONCF system. This system extends from Portland in the north, to San Francisco bay area, Los Angeles and Nevada points in the south, and west to Coos Bay, Coquille and coast points. Direct local service to all southern Oregon points in addition to through service into California points are offered daily.

School Bond Election At Canyonville May 15

Notice is given that at the school district bond election to be held at the Canyonville school on May 15, between the hours of 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., (PST), there will be submitted to the legal voters the question of contracting a general bonded indebtedness of this district in the sum of \$15,000 for the purpose of providing funds to complete construction of and renovate and repair the school gymnasium of the Canyonville school, and to purchase and furnish equipment for the existing school building and school playgrounds. The vote will be by ballot.

The 1950-51 budget items for this district as allowed by the Douglas county rural school board will also be voted on May 15 between the hours of 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Canyonville school building.

To Meet Thursday — Friendship club of Pythian Sisters will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Elma Friday, 1217 N. Jackson street. All Pythian Sisters are invited.

Musical Duo To Present Concert At Church Here

The Roseburg Friends of Music will present Mary Kapp Allton, violinist, and Donald W. Allton, organist, in concert Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Presbyterian church. The general public is invited to hear these artists. There will be no charge, but an offering will be taken to help defray expenses.

Mr. Allton is a member of the University of Oregon school of music faculty. He and Mrs. Allton appeared here two years ago and were popularly acclaimed. Mrs. Allton also appeared with the University string quartet April 16. This will be the last in a series of three presentations by the University faculty musicians, who have appeared under sponsorship of the Roseburg Friends of Music, without charge to the public.

The program will be as follows:
Chorale — Jongen
Fantasy and Fugue in G minor — Bach

La Folia — Corelli-Kreisler
Offertory on "O Fili" — Guillemot
Spring Song — Shelley
Piece Heroique — Franck
Praeludium and Allegro — Kreisler
Grand Adagio — Glazunov
Polonaise in D major — Weinawski
Sur un Theme Breton — Ropartz
Toccata — Reger

Talks On Travels Feature Meet Of Toastmistresses

"Far way Places" was the theme of discussion during a joint meeting of the Roseburg Toastmistresses and Toastmasters club held Tuesday evening at Carl's Haven and attended by nearly 80 persons.

During the meeting, which was presided over by Opal Tuttle, members and guests heard a Toastmistress member describe her recent air flight to Havana heard a veteran of World War I tell of his impressions of Europe, and also heard a graphic word picture of a trip up the Rogue river.

Phil Harth, in describing his trip on the Rogue, said he and his wife were piloted by an Indian, in charge of an 8-passenger boat run by an extremely high-powered engine, used especially for this type of river travel. He marveled at the constantly changing scenery and also wondered at the stoicism of the Indian pilot during the dangerous trip. He concluded by describing the little backwoods store and post office, reached only by river and a small pack trail.

Mrs. Harrison Winston spoke at length on "Operations Tour Air" recounting the trip by mass air flight from Portland to Havana, Cuba. She credited the "Flying Oregonians" with having used a "new, exciting, safe vacation travel."

Tom Coates delivered a series of sketches on Europe, as seen through the eyes of a World War I veteran. He said he was first impressed by the sound of the wooden shoes on cobblestone streets of the French seaport city at which he landed. He also told of the lack of isolated farm houses in much of Europe because the people prefer to build their homes in a series of small villages.

Entertainment which preceded the talks was provided by six students of Sally Hill, Roseburg district instructor.

Bob Bergis was toastmaster of the evening and Mrs. Dallen Jones was in charge of table topics, which dealt with the pros and cons for an expanded airport in Roseburg. Evaluator was Alan Knudsen and his critics were Mrs. Vern Tozer, Dave Moore and Mrs. Dallen Jones.

Yoncalla Lions Lead Area Drive

It has been announced that the newly-formed Lions club of Yoncalla will handle the current cancer drive in the area.

Already the posters, with containers for contributions, have been distributed about town. All the clubs in the area will be contacted, and it is hoped that they will be willing to cooperate in this worthy cause.

The question of the dispensation of the funds received by the American Cancer society each year has been raised. The majority of the funds raised each year through the concentrated cancer fund drive goes for research. Much progress has been made during the past years. It is now known that if this dread disease can be treated in the early stages, there is much hope for arresting the spread, and even for the eradication of the entire growth in some cases.

District chairman is Mrs. Jean Cowan, R.N., serving on the educational program of the cancer society throughout the year.

Anyone wishing further information concerning the cancer fund, or who might wish to make a contribution which they did not want to drop into a container so provided, could contact Karl Hummel, committee chairman for the Yoncalla Lions club, or Henry Byron or Bob Crawford, his fellow committeemen.

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