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SECURITY'S COIN

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Frank Jenkins said recently in his column "In The Day's
News," appearing in *The News-Review*:

Those of us who seek political security by government
handout will probably learn in time that as long as we obey all
the rules and meekly do everything government tells us to do
we'll be all right. But if we ever start asserting our inde-
pendence our names will be mud and our candy will be taken
away from us.

All down through history, that has been the trouble with
political security. The coin with which you have to buy it is
your freedom as an individual to do as you please.

Publisher Jenkins offers a truism. But no one seems to
be concerned with truisms. They are abstract things, fine
to recite but too infrequently taken seriously.

Oregon turkey growers, however, may consider this truism
in a different light when they study reasons offered by
Secretary Brannan of the Department of Agriculture for
withdrawing support prices for turkeys.

Growers Will Conform, Or Else—

Al Bashford of the Douglas County Flour mill, Roseburg,
recently wrote Senator Guy Cordon protesting withdrawal
of turkey support prices. The senator contacted Secretary
Brannan, who said that while support prices for wheat and
corn are mandatory, no such compulsion applies to tur-
keys, and that support prices can be authorized only under
four conditions: (1) Ability and willingness of producers
to keep supplies in line with demand; (2) perishability
of the commodity; (3) importance of the commodity to
agriculture and the national economy; (4) ability to dis-
pose of stocks acquired through a price support program.
Then the secretary adds:

Unfortunately, consideration of several of these factors leads
to the conclusion that the price of the 1950 crop of turkeys
should not be supported. Take, for example, the ability and
willingness of producers to keep supplies in line with demand.
The experience in 1949 demonstrates that turkey producers
as a group are not in a position voluntarily to keep supplies
in line with demand at reasonable price levels. Current indi-
cations are that the 1950 crop will also be very large. Spokes-
men for the industry have repeatedly stated their objection to
production controls of any kind.

If we correctly interpret the secretary's statement, turkey
growers will conform to his controls, or else—

Free Enterprise Thing Of Past

Free enterprise apparently is a thing of the past in the
minds of our economic planners. No thought is given to
displacements resulting from price supports on one commod-
ity and not on others. With reference to complaints that
maintenance of price supports on grain but removal on tur-
keys adversely affects the poultry industry, the secretary
says:

Actually, higher grain prices, which result from support
operations, do not affect the profitability of turkey pro-
duction to the extent some people believe. Studies of the cost of
producing turkeys indicate that approximately 60 percent of
the total cost is for feed. The feed grains, which are supported
by law, comprise about 70 percent of the feed fed. The cost
of the supported grains is, therefore, less than half of all pro-
duction costs.

How stupid can they get? Does the secretary have any
idea, we wonder, how narrow the margin between produc-
tion cost and profit is in turkey raising?

When a man who knows so little about agriculture—at
least the poultry production phase—uses price support as a
bludgeon to enforce controls, we can't expect much effi-
ciency in agricultural production.

Indeed, it is too dear a price to pay when the coin with
which we buy political security is our individual freedom.

Commencement Held For 'Grads' At Riddle School

Commencement exercises for
Riddle high school were held Thurs-
day night for 14 graduating sen-
iors and 27 eighth grade grad-
uates. Rev. Sam Neufeldt delivered
the address.

The program included: Proces-
sional, Mrs. Guy McGee; invoca-
tion, Rev. Mr. Neufeldt; "Amer-
ica" by audience; salutatorian, Eu-
genie Buckley; valedictorian, Pri-
cilla Pruner; selection, "Be the
Best of Whatever You Are," Mrs.
McGee; address, Rev. Mr. Neu-
feldt; "Sweet and Low," by saxo-
phone trio, Ray Season, George
Vaughn and Theo Mann; presenta-
tion of awards, Arthur Brown;
presentation of eighth grade, Al-
vin Barnhart; presentation of sen-
ior class, Supt. Chester Cook; pre-
sentation of diplomas, J. L. Aik-
ins; recessional, Mrs. McGee;
"God Bless America," sung by
audience; benediction, Rev. Mr.
Neufeldt.

Seniors receiving diplomas in-
cluded Priscilla Pruner, Daris Rey-
nolds, Velma Harpin, Dorothy
Burgoyne, Ardeth Juhl, Anna
Mae Osterman, Doris Gibson, Eu-
genie Buckley, Harry Bushnell,
Kenneth Haverly, Donald Zifka,
Kenneth Gallagher, Glen Davis and
Wyatt Hendrick.

Eighth grade graduates include
Ralph Adslit, Norman Aikins, Ste-
phen Baxter, William Bourne,
Raymond Boyd, Darrellene Car-

ter, Dan Cowley, Joe Ann Custis,
Beverly Dort, Sharon Gabrielson,
John Gould, Mona Griffith, Alvis
Harding, Jaes Harrell, Joyce Haw-
kins, James Klope, Judith Law-
rence, James Loper, Margetta
McCasland, Jodie Parker, Ann
Ritchey, Wayne Ross, Donald
Strode, Charles Weakley and Don-
ald Weathers.

The Baccalaureate services for
the class were as follows: pro-
cessional, Mrs. McGee; invoca-
tion, Rev. Neufeldt; doxology, au-
dience; vocal selection, Kenneth
Wilson; baccalaureate sermon, Rev.
Harold Burleson; "Onward
Christian Soldiers," audience; ben-
ediction, Rev. Neufeldt, and reces-
sional, Mrs. McGee.

Wherry Accepts Truman's Label

OMAHA, May 27.—(AP)—Senator
Wherry (R-Ore.) willingly accept-
ed President Truman's label of
"obstructionist" as he returned to
his home state with a new blast
at what he calls straitjacket so-
cialism.

In an address before the National
Livestock Exchange convention
last night Wherry called for a "crusade"
against socialistic planning
and high-inflationary deficit spend-
ing.

"The truth is, and the official
record is plain," Wherry said,
"that the alien-minded planners
who are misleading the President
and through him the country, are
seeking to impose upon the Amer-
ican people straitjacket socialism." He attacked Truman proposals

The Sign Of The West



In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

approximately that of our word
"snoot"—like Jimmy Durante's
... You breathe through your
snoot ... so does a Snorkel sub-
marine ... a snorkel on a subma-
rine is a long snoot that sticks up
to the surface ... the submarine
breathes through it and so can stay
under water a heck of a long time
... staying under water that way,
it's hard to see ... what is hard to
see is hard to SHOOT AT.)

Snorkel submarines are hot stuff,
just as jet planes are hot stuff.

WHY all this weight of fighting
ships and fighting planes away
over there in the Western Pacific?
Admiral Struble goes into that
for the benefit of correspondents.
Among the fleet's missions, he
says, will be courtesy calls in
southeast Asia ports. Such "cour-
tesy" calls, he adds, will probably
feature CARRIER BASED JETS
IN AIR PARADES.

(Watching these carrier based
jets in action in air parades, the
folks down there, we hope, will say
to themselves: "Uncle Sam is BIG
MEDICINE. Maybe we'd better not
monkey with him.")

THE Admiral then adds:

"THE FLEET'S MISSION IN-
CLUDES READINESS FOR IM-
MEDIATE ACTION IN A NA-
TIONAL EMERGENCY."

That suggests this question:
WHAT MIGHT BE CALLED A
NATIONAL EMERGENCY?

WELL, the Chinese communists
(which, we were told for many
years, were just simple China
farmers who had no connec-
tion at all with Moscow) have been
getting awfully sassy lately.
They've taken over ALL of China
but the island of Formosa, and will
probably gobble that at any mo-
ment they feel like it.

They might take a notion to gob-
ble up French Indo-China, which is
just over the border from China.
They might go on through Malaya
and then over into the new United
States of Indonesia, and take all
of that part of the world over in
the name of communism.

THAT we would probably regard
as a national emergency, al-
though it would all be a long, long
way from continental United
States, where our homes and our
businesses are located.

Do you remember reading in your
school history of the days when
a ruckus ANYWHERE IN THE
WORLD meant possible (maybe
probable) war for Britain? Those
were the days when Britain ruled
the world.

Well, we're sitting now in the
seat where BRITAIN USED TO
SIT.

for the Brannan plan, federal aid
to education, compulsory health in-
surance, the Spence bill for price
wage controls and the Murray bill
to create valley authorities.

Wherry also called for a public
exchange of diplomatic notes be-
tween President Truman and Pre-
mier Stalin to clarify the respective
positions of the United States and
Russia in the cold war "for all
the world to see and judge."



Don't you wish more use might
be made of all that wood and saw-
dust going up in flame and smoke
in every direction one drives? To-
day I was so glad to see where
load after load had been hauled
in to somebody's low-lying door-
yard. Then the State College Farm
hour said one day the sawdust was
fine for corals if used to a depth
of three feet. Only thing is, the
fence has to have a little more
added to its height.

A friend uses about three inches
of sawdust for mulch in the gar-
den. While some people warn that
the sawdust isn't good for mulch,
they just go ahead, year after
year, using it and enjoying a fine
yield of vegetables. I read, too,
in *Sunset* a while ago that slugs
and snails and so on find it hard
going in the loose mulch, and so
are discouraged by sawdust.

I saw heaps of planer-ends be-
ing burned, not long ago. Yet we
paid \$12.50 a load for them. It
doesn't make sense to me to see
them in a bonfire, but I guess it
is necessary. Planer ends make
wonderful building blocks for chil-

LETTERS to the Editor

Importance Of Keeping Silt From Fish Stressed

ROSEBURG.—After reading
"Mac" McMillen's provocative let-
ter concerning siltation of the river
during recent weeks, I feel con-
strained to add a few comments
of my own. You will undoubtedly
recall the letter which you so
kindly published last December
where it was pointed out that con-
servationalists might well be ap-
preciative of the cooperation formerly
exhibited by the California-Oregon
Power company. I had particu-
lar reference in that letter to
Copeco's ready inclusion of a re-
gulating dam in their plans to
smooth out water fluctuations
which would occur were they to
operate the Toketee station with-
out such provision, as well as their
previous efforts to reduce the in-
troduction of silt and pumice into
the stream. I attempted to point
out that in other streams where
dam projects had been completed
or were under way, far less op-
eration from construction com-
panies was frequently the case.
What I said then still goes, but
I would like to add - there re-
mains a lot of room of improve-
ment.

It seems to me that if Copeco
officials and employees really un-
derstood the devastating effect
produced by silt deposits on the
stream bottom and the long-time
effect it can have on our fishery
resource, they would bend every
effort to eliminate all possible
pollution of our magnificent stream.
In view of our depleted stocks of
spring salmon, it is of particular
importance that no additional hin-
drance to survival should be per-
mitted.

Anyone who visited Rock Creek
hatchery in past years when in-
discriminate logging practices were
in effect on that watershed, prob-
ably saw the hatching baskets,
with their quota of eggs, literally
blanketed with silt. The same situa-
tion now exists in the upper North
Umpqua spawning areas which are
full of "eyed" and hatching steel-
head eggs - only we can not go
along the river and shake the smother-
ing silt out of the gravel bars as
we could the hatching baskets.
Cooperative action from the log-

Riddle Band Has Busy Schedule For Year's End

The Riddle band has a busy sched-
ule, starting with participation in
the Memorial day parade Tues-
day at 10 a. m., at Canyonville.
In preparation for going to Port-
land to take part in the Junior
Rose Festival parade at 10 a. m.
June 10, the band will stage a full
dress rehearsal at the school in
uniforms Monday, June 5 at 9 a.
m. On Tuesday, June 6, at 7 a. m.,
the band will give another rehar-
sal at the school open to the pub-
lic.

On Thursday, June 8, at 7 a. m.,
the band leaves by bus for Port-
land. The members will attend the
Rose Festival on June 9, and take
part in the parade the next day.
Bertha Mae Aspey, Ronnie
Bauer, Bill Bourns, Joyce Brit-
tain, Arthur Brown, Jimmie Car-
hart, Larry Cockrell, Joe Anne
Custis, Gary Dickenson, Beverly
Dort, Danny Enslin, Gayda East-
ridge, Bill Garner, Mona Jean
Griffith, Jane Gould, John Gould,
Bobby Harrell, Dorothy Hawkins,
David Kinkade, Jimmie Loper,
Joyce Loper, Theo Mann, Floretta
McGee.

Anna Pearl Ritchey, Karen
Ritchey, Patricia Ritsman, Keith
Ryder, Kay Season, Thelma Sitts,
Gordon Smith, Paula Smith, Don-
ald Strode, Noma Townsend, Alice
Turner, David Turner, Dennis Van-
ghn, George Vaughn, Dick Walker,
Don Zifka, Jerrilyn Zifka, Gloria

Mrs. Hattie McAfee Dies In Grants Pass Friday

Mrs. Hattie McAfee, former
Roseburg resident who has been
residing in Grants Pass the last
six weeks, died at a Grants Pass
hospital Friday night according to
word received here. Funeral ser-
vices, to be announced later, will
be held in Grants Pass.

She is survived by a daughter,
Mrs. Oscar Powers, with whom she
was making her home in Grants
Pass, and a sister in the east.
Mrs. McAfee had resided in
Roseburg for the last 30 years,
coming here from Kansas. She
was a member of the Women's
Benefit association and also a
member of Lady Conductors when
that organization was active.

stand brief periods of natural
siltation but not the persistent, pro-
longed and heavy deposits which
are in evidence in every slack
water area of the upper river. It
takes time to rebuild the various
age classes of salmon-flies, caddis-
flies and mayflies upon which
our trout and young salmon de-
pend for sustenance.

So, I hope you will impress upon
all who follow your page the im-
portance of keeping the Umpqua
and its tributaries free from silt
and point out the long-time, far-
reaching effects which can result
if every care is not taken to keep
the streams clean. It is high time
we ceased to permit the use of
our streams as carriers of our
wastes, whether it be domestic, in-
dustrial or construction "Sew-
age."

H. R. NEWCOMB
Fisheries Field Agent
State Game Department
Roseburg, Ore.

This wasted material is used for
insulation, however. I recall as a
child that ice-houses, back east,
contained lots of sawdust layered
in with blocks of ice. I don't mind
exchanging that use of it for the
modern refrigerator and—if I had
one—deep-freeze! Modern ice
plans are a step ahead, too, over
that old-fashioned way of keeping
ice.

gers and organizations such as the
Bureau of Land Management and
the Forest service has resulted
in the virtual cessation of silt de-
position in Rock creek and many
other streams. Similar cooperation
from Copeco workers who are
building needed roads, ditches and
dams can produce comparable im-
provement in the main stream.

Of nearly as great importance
as egg loss is the effect which silt
deposition has upon immature
forms of insect life which spend
from one to three years on our
stream bottoms before reaching
maturity. They are adapted to with-

Federal Fund Starts Albany Metal Lab Expansion

ALBANY, Ore., May 27.—(AP)—
A \$325,000 expansion of the north-
west electro development labora-
tory began here Friday, just three
days after the federal funds were
made available.

Stephen M. Shelton, regional U.
S. Bureau of Mines director who
is in charge of the Albany labora-
tory, said most of the money will
be used to improve the rare metals
pilot plant.

The plant, which is engaged
chiefly in producing Zirconium,
will be doubled in capacity. Ninety
men will be employed in the con-
struction period, and about 30 of
them will be kept on permanently.
That will bring the laboratory's
regular staff to about 160.

Zirconium is a metallic element
found in certain minerals and is
isolated either as a black powder
or as a white crystalline substance
resembling white cast iron, accord-
ing to Webster.

The Oregon department of geol-
ogy and mineral industries in
Portland reported that its com-
monly known uses are for surgical
sutures and in special steel alloys.

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from the Baptist Con-
vention in Boston, Rev.
H. B. Sconce will
preach the Sunday
morning sermon.

Baccalaureate Services

Sunday Evening,
at Jr. High School

First Baptist Church

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