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LET'S HAVE A DECISION!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Members of the highway commission heard various arguments against the proposed west side route when they met with local groups Thursday. The commission, we imagine, is well aware that protest will ensue, wherever the highway may be located. It would be impossible to survey a site pleasing to everyone.

Wide differences of opinion exist concerning local service highways as compared with throughways. Many people feel that limiting access to the main highway will seriously damage business. On the other hand, highway engineers point out that within a few years limited access will be provided throughout the entire length of the highway and, therefore, no one community will have an advantage over another.

It is our opinion that the main issue in Roseburg is to get a definite commitment as early as possible. Uncertainty with regard to eventual highway location already has cost us large sums of potential investment capital. Our development is being seriously handicapped.

A good example is to be found in the case of the Community hospital which is raising one of the chief objections to the new route. The hospital was placed in its present location to avoid traffic and noise. Had the highway route been known before the hospital was built, a different route would have been chosen. We know of a considerable amount of investment money that has been waiting, and is still waiting, for highway commitments. This money could have been producing profits for several years had the route been established earlier, even though construction was not immediately forthcoming.

Early Action Desired

We believe there should be no further delay. The commission should make up its mind on highway routing at the earliest possible date. Then we can begin to plan our future expansion.

Regardless of what decision is made, it will be unsatisfactory to some people. Some persons will be damaged, others will be benefitted. Any decision will conflict with ideas regarding highway purposes. But if action is long delayed, while trying to find some site to which everyone will agree, we will continue to suffer damages to our development program.

Roseburg has been through one boom period. We continue to grow, as the number of new residences and business structures under construction in every direction proves.

It is our personal belief that we soon will be in the midst of another period of boom growth.

Our first big boom came with the installation of primary manufacturing units in the lumber industry. We have reached the desirable installed capacity of primary manufacture. The next step will be secondary manufacture. No locality in Oregon offers better secondary manufacturing opportunities than Douglas county. But the lumber industry is peculiar in that installations follow one another like sheep. As soon as one outfit moves into an area, competitors immediately crowd into the same field, often in locations far poorer, from a raw materials supply basis, than might be found elsewhere.

When secondary manufacture starts moving into Douglas county the rush will be on, bringing another period of rapid growth. Indications are that the start of this second boom is not too far away.

Growth Should Be Orderly

Our growth to date has been badly disorganized. We have a hodge-podge of building developments. Streets were platted and built with little consideration of future prospective use, or connection with other roads and streets, until a comparatively few months ago when a measure of authority was given the planning commission to supervise platting.

Let's assume that the highway commission had yielded to repeated appeals, started nearly 10 years ago, to lay out a route through Roseburg, buying necessary right of way, even though construction would not be undertaken until later. Is it hard to imagine how much more orderly our expansion would have been and how much more permanent would have been various installations, or how many hundreds of thousands of dollars would have been saved in highway costs?

It is useless to cry over spilled milk, and to point out what might have been, except that experience of the past should be used as a guide to the future.

It is obvious that delay in highway location is expensive both to the state and the community. Every day we wait for action is expensive. Our growth continues. It will nick up speed when our highway problem is settled.

The highway commission, we believe, should thoroughly explore all available engineering data and proceed with the greatest possible dispatch to make known, definitely, its decision, realizing that any site it may select will arouse some resentment.

House Built On A Rock—Well, Almost



A CHECK FOR \$250 was presented recently by Beta Gamma chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha, to Lloyd Eppenbaugh, supervisor of the Children Hospital school in Eugene. The above picture, taken by Jay Golden of Fredrickson's Photo Lab, includes Mrs. Dale Roles, Mrs. L. J. Bean, and Eppenbaugh. The school in Eugene is for spastics. Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority chapters throughout the state sponsor the annual Easter seal sale to raise money for the hospital school. At the present time the school accommodates 43 children. There are 45 still on the waiting list. It is the hope of the building committee that ample space will be provided by fall to accommodate the additional 45 children.



"The last time I was through here," said the young looking uncle of a friend, visiting here from San Francisco, "I had to go by stage to Scottsburg and take a boat from there to Gardiner—no road along the river!"

That was, I think he said, in 1912. Later, after lunch, as EJ and I were enjoying the drive along 38, we tried to imagine how astonished Mr. Leonard would be to see the present fine highway cut along the Umpqua! In the comparatively short time we have been here, we have seen a wonderful improvement in the widened highway. It looks as if it had always been there, doesn't it? Don't you think the Oregon Highway department does a fine job? I do.

Today we noted that the new little picnic park with its tables, new rock fireplace and simple sanitary conveniences, by the river below Scottsburg, was being enjoyed by several families. What a nice idea to make that a pleasant trying spot.

I guess if Dobbinsella were shod with four horseshoes instead of four rubber tires, she would turn down 38 without being guided. Can you?

Whenever it is alleged that somebody has been doing something he hasn't, it ought to be proved. A blast in the papers or over the radio to the effect that it AIN'T SO—that he's being framed, that his enemies are ganging up on him and doing him dirt.

More often than not, he does it so expertly that he succeeds in creating doubts in our minds as to whether it actually IS true or not.

It isn't just individuals, Oregonians do it. GOVERNMENTS do it. Everybody seems to be doing it.

Another thing: Just about everybody who is afraid to hurt himself a penny, or a public relations man, or gets himself some sort of expert who can throw words around in such a dazzling manner as to make black seem white.

As a result, we don't any of us ever seem to be quite sure as to what is true and what isn't.

As ANOTHER result, we're rapidly losing confidence in every thing anybody says for public consumption. If the time comes when nobody in America has any confidence in anybody in America, how are we going to maintain the American way of life?

All in all, it seems to me that if the colleges could teach us to distinguish truth from falsehood, they would be making a tremendous contribution to the continuation of the democratic processes.



MISS MURIEL MITCHELL, city librarian, is pictured with a book on western literature, calling attention to the fact that even the library has "gone western" for the annual Sheriff's Posse rodeo today and Sunday. A special display of western books has been arranged at the library for the occasion. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Local News

Visiting — Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson and family are visiting friends and relatives in Minnesota. They are expected home in about a week.

Ill At Home — Morris Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelley of Roseburg, is ill at his home on Roberts street.

Moves — John Mares of Roseburg has moved to Springfield where he will be permanently employed. He worked for Engle and Worth while living here.

To Leave Tomorrow — Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Von Schiltz of Roseburg will leave Sunday on a vacation to California, Nevada, Montana and Idaho. They expect to be gone two weeks.

In San Diego — William Roughcore of Roseburg is in San Diego, Calif., working with experimental engineering for Consolidated Aircraft. He will stay throughout the duration of the war.

Has Returned — Mrs. Clair Von Schiltz of Roseburg has returned from a 10-day trip to Canada and Seattle. Her husband, Clair Von Schiltz has been at the Oregon National Guard camp in Fort Lewis, Wash., the last two weeks.

Leaving Today — Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lefavor of Portland have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Von Schiltz of Roseburg. The Lefavors are planning to leave today. Mr. Lefavor is the brother of Mrs. Von Schiltz.

Spend Weekend in Portland — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nye, Rt. 3, Roseburg, spent the weekend in Portland with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Everett, and daughter, Queneze. Mrs. Everett and daughter accompanied them home.

Visiting Here — Major and Mrs. Robert Bonebrake are in Roseburg visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stock and their children, Don and Dick Smith. Major Bonebrake has just recently returned from Korea and will be transferred to Hamilton field, Calif.

Has Returned — Mrs. Avon Vert of Portland has returned there following a day in Roseburg on business. Mrs. Vert, grand guardian of John's Daughters, was here making preparations for the next session next year, which will be held in Roseburg in April.

Here From Denver — Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Tong of Denver, Colo., are visiting in Roseburg at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Johnson until Sunday. They went through Bryce and Zion canyons and visited in La Jolla, San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Mrs. Tong was formerly employed as bookkeeper for the News-Review, at which time Mr. Tong was in the lumber business here.

Vacationing — Miss Lee Kollodge of Roseburg left Wednesday on an extended vacation in New Mexico. She will stay with her sister, Mrs. Richard Clarno, who lives in Roseburg, after spending a few days in Los Angeles. She accompanied her mother, Mrs. Catherine Kollodge, sister Margie, and brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roman Meyers, who motored here from Minnesota. Miss Kollodge, formerly a nurse at Mercy hospital, expects to return to Roseburg in the early fall.

Carol Knut, Kay Greenquist, Carol Jones, Ann Greenquist, Vickie Greenquist, Sheryl Rothcock, Dorothy Davidson, Carolyn Walker, Sharon Jefferies, George Colton, Nancy Stewart, Myra Levy, Wendy Armstrong, Fay Armstrong, Sandra Rawlin, Valene Rawlin, Gary Jeffries, Allyn Ford, Jimmie Walker, John MacArthur, Tom Bates, Jimmie Standley, Larry Dyser, Dale Foster, Mickey Walker, Nancy Wells, Garland Walker, John Churchill, Frank Churchill, David McDord, James Forney, Billy Gilmer, Donald Gilbert, Joe Bailey, Donald Harpe, Richard Harpe, Bufch Elliott, Scott Crenshaw, Gordon Attebury, Gary Bolley, Butch Brake, Robert Weaver and Richard Syster.

The next YMCA Learn-to-Swim school will be held beginning July 23 to August 3, those wishing to enter this class must sign up before July 20.

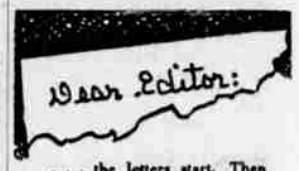
McNarney Refers To U.S. "Unprecedented Power"

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Gen. Joseph T. McNarney wants to hit Russia with "our already unprecedented destructive power."

He addressed 331 graduates of Loyola university here. The ex-supreme allied commander in the Mediterranean did not say whether he meant atomic or hydrogen bombing of the Soviet Union.

McNarney, now assigned to secretary of Defense Marshall, said the mobilization of the U. S. and other free nations may, "we hope and pray," prevent a third world war.

"However," he added, "if a major war should be forced on us, our work is pointed not only to stopping the enemy in its tracks, but to applying immediately our already unprecedented destructive power directly against the central source and backbone of Communist strength."



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Umpqua Savings and Loan Association will be held at 147 North Jackson Street, Roseburg, Oregon, on Wednesday, June 27, 1951, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. for the election of directors and for the transaction of such general business as may properly come before the meeting.

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 By H. O. Pargeter, Secretary-Treasurer

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In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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from falsehood is one of our most needed.

Let me cite an example. The crime investigating committee of the U. S. Senate thinks a lot of illegal gambling is going on in Florida. It believes that Florida's Governor Warren knows some things about illegal gambling that would be useful to the committee. It has been trying to get him to appear before it and tell what he knows. So far, he has refused. This week, he sends this message to the committee: "I have no personal information regarding relations between organized criminals from other states and Florida, as stated in your telegram."

This is the point I'm driving at: