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ELLIOTT TO LEAVE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Roseburg school district owes a debt of gratitude for exceptional service to Paul Elliott, who has served as city superintendent of schools for seven years, has announced his resignation — an act causing much regret to his many friends.

No school superintendent in Roseburg's history has had a more difficult task. He was required to cope with an unprecedented sudden growth in school attendance. He was forced to manage a booming school system with inadequate facilities, while doing advance planning for a system that will continue to grow, as assured by the current local birth rate, coupled with prospect of further expansion of population through more industrial development.

It was only to be expected that he would meet some criticism and opposition from people not informed or unsympathetic regarding schools, and persons holding varying theories concerning educational policies. Criticism also is certain to follow necessary tax increases, such as have marked school administration everywhere. Recently Elliott has been faced with the complication of friction from within the school board, a situation based more on conflicting personalities than matters of efficiency. A further discouragement was the recent defeat at the polls of a proposed bond issue for new improvements the superintendent felt were essential to efficient management.

Elliott is a man who takes his job seriously. He is not one who can easily shake off disappointment, criticism and friction. There comes a time when such a man finds his job — no matter how interesting and compelling its challenge — just too much to take. And it is no help to his mental attitude when his compensation is below average.

Schools Critical Problem

Few people realize the magnitude of the school problem.

When a district increases as rapidly as has the Roseburg district, supervision and planning contain many headaches. The job of providing classroom space, alone, is one which has our school authorities baffled.

Elliott has been forced to use storerooms, prefabricated war surplus buildings, gymnasiums, and stages to find room for students. He planned a campus type high school which saved the district, temporarily, a large sum of money. He has made careful study of future needs, finding that the demand for physical facilities is far greater than revenue in prospect and outside the legal bonding limits. These are issues which must be faced in the future.

But the matter of buildings has been only one of the many problems of school management. During the war period it was extremely difficult to obtain sufficient instructors to fill the steadily growing demand for teachers. Nor has the profession yet reached the place where sufficient qualified teachers are easily obtainable. Staffing the schools requires much time and work.

Despite the many handicaps surrounding his job, Elliott has maintained an excellent school system, with high scholastic standing.

Has Excellent Record

Paul Elliott has been with the Roseburg school system for the past seven years.

Those seven years have embraced both war and post-war conditions. He came just at the time Roseburg's boom growth started. His tenure has been difficult from start to finish.

Working under conditions of unprecedented growth, with limited finances, inadequate plants, overcrowded classrooms, shortage of teachers and rising costs, we believe he has achieved an exceptional record for efficient and able administration.

He has been a very willing and able worker in civic affairs. He leaves a sound program for future expansion when necessary funds become available. He leaves to his successor an efficient school organization.

Having known Elliott, his problems and his achievements intimately during the years of his service here, we feel that the community is greatly in his debt.



MENDING BASKET
Vidnett Martin, P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

There was an exciting interruption last evening to my reading of the History of Riddle Valley which Mrs. B. A. Moore of Days Creek sent me (Merced). I'm glad you wrapped the pretty book so well, Mrs. Moore. The wrapper was all stained with dried berry juice, even the cardboard inside. But pretty suede-cloth cover was not damaged.

We saw a white streak with a blue strip around the middle and a fiery red-gold crescent, coming across the road. White, did I say? Each day's sun makes Claude, the middle one of our three little neighbors, browner each day.

"Want to see a big fish?" he asked Ed who went to the door. "A BIG fish?" Well, of course, you know what Ed said. The excited small boy lit out for home only to stop and shout something back. Ed came in laughing. "He says to bring my mamma!" So Ed and his mamma went over to stare in complete amazement at the big fish. (They expected anything from money to a whale.)

What they saw was a dirty and half-inch steelhead that had reached journey's end in the warm pool where former owners had made a swimming pool. Only a little later, during the night, now in Pleasant Creek. "Such a pity," said the small fry's mother,

Mrs. Kruse, looking at the beautiful fish, and it was indeed a pity! Do steelhead, like salmon, have a life cycle that takes them from the shallow creek in which they were spawned, down to the ocean, and back again in due time to the very same creekbed, perhaps so shallow their glistening sides scrape on the gravel? One time when I wrote about salmon to a reader Mrs. O. D., gave me a little booklet telling about the life story of a chinook. It was so interesting.

Further surprise was in store for us. Mrs. Kruse said the former owners had told her big fish climbed Seeley Creek falls (place where our little creek goes through culvert under road and drops, to continue on to Pleasant Creek). We never knew that! How I love this little creek — but it will always be singing its musical way in memory's safe keepers.

When I came back I picked up the History of Riddle Valley again, and read of the way the early settlers exchanged "most anything" for the fish and game the Indians brought them. They were too busy getting ready for winter to spend any more time than necessary hunting and fishing. But more about this interesting book anon—whatever "anon" means!

Ahead of Schedule



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT



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WASHINGTON — Under the present wage and price control law installment plan buyers are forced to sign what amounts to a pauper's oath if they miss a time payment.

It's one of the little known sections of the control law President Truman demanded that Congress extend for one more year. It is contained in the section of the law dealing with credit controls.

Already large department stores in major cities have had to set up special departments to handle the paper work involved in taking pauper's oaths from those who through misfortune or illness miss a payment on furniture, household equipment or clothing purchased on credit.

The oaths must be kept on file at the store and are subject to review by investigators from the Federal Reserve board. In some stores there already are thousands on file.

Prior to the administration's control act steady customers of a department store could arrange default payments by dealing with the store management directly. No embarrassing statements as to financial status were required normally. Now, however, if you get sick, or a death occurs in the family, or if for any other reason unexpected financial straits develop, the buyer must appear in person at the store and sign an oath that he is unable to meet the time payment.

The pauper's oath under credit regulation "W" is called a "statement of changed conditions." It provides that an installment buyer, if unable to meet any given monthly payment, must swear that the inability to pay "is not pursuant to a preconceived plan or an intention to evade or circumvent the requirements of this regulation." The alleged reason is to prevent time payments from running over the maximum period allowed under Federal Reserve board regulations, 15 months in most cases.

I've culled through some of the pauper's oaths on file in various department stores in major cities. Here are a few samples:

"My husband is not working at present. He suffered a heart attack. My only income is unemployment check of \$26.00 per week plus my daughter's income of \$30.00 per week."

"My work was slow, and I had a bill from the Internal Revenue. I had to pay \$20 a month only working 3 days a week. I will pay \$30 a month until I finish when my work picks up."

Another installment buyer in a department store, who owed \$120 on a \$400 obligation for household furniture, wrote that "unforeseen hospital and doctor's expenses, and unreasonable rent" caused him to miss one payment. "Wife was ill. Pregnant," he wrote.

Another took an oath stating that "we had bought a new house which costs more than we expected and that left us with no money. Also my husband took sick, which made us fall back with our bills and we just couldn't catch up with them right away. We couldn't borrow to pay them because we couldn't pay it back. Refinancing my account will help."

There are thousands more of a similar nature, dealing personal misfortune to their government for adjustment between the buyer and the store manager. Very few of those who were required to sign the pauper's oath were attempting to evade payment, store managers explained. And even fewer understood what regulation "W" or credit control act is all about in

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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ing whether or not it was held by armed forces of the enemy."

For an hour or more, as this is written, I've been reading the news teletype trying to find out what really did happen. I can find no satisfactory answer to these questions in the news that has come over so far.

Let's consider first this matter of the American reporters. As an American newspaper man I believe, naturally, that reporters should be present whenever negotiations that concern the lives and the fortunes of our people are under way.

But the communists don't believe that.

So—

If our military and diplomatic people knew when they accepted Kaesong as the truce site that it would be in the hands of the communist military forces, they must have known that under such circumstances our reporters wouldn't be accepted by the communists.

That, I would say, is self-evident. At the moment on the face of the conflicting evidence available, it looks as if our people were so eager to get negotiations of some sort started that they accepted Kaesong as the site without knowing whether or not it would be occupied by the communist military forces.

The only other possible conclusion would be that the communists agreed to retire from the vicinity of Kaesong, thus making it actually a neutral zone, and then broke their word.

If they broke faith in a matter as basic as that, we'd better call the whole thing off. You can't do business with people who don't keep their word.

Reapportionment Group Appointed

SALEM — (AP) — Gov. Douglas McKay has named 10 advisory members to a legislative interim committee on reapportionment of the state legislature.

The interim committee was appointed by the last legislature to study the question of reapportionment and make recommendations to the next legislature. Several reapportionment proposals were made to the last legislative session, but none was approved.

Members of the advisory group appointed were: Elmer McChure, Milwaukie, state Grange master, and Marshall Swearingen, Salem, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, representing agriculture; S. M. Girosiana, Eugene, and H. S. Mercediano, Prineville, representing forestry; Ward R. Spahr, Milford, and James F. Sapiro, Astoria, representing industry; James T. Marr, Portland, secretary of the state Federation of Labor, and George Brown, Milwaukie, secretary of the Oregon CIO, representing labor; Mrs. Will Charles Davis, Portland, and Jack Allen, Portland, representing the public.

Interim committee members are state Sen. Philip S. Hitchcock, Klamath Falls, and Richard L. Neuberger, Portland, and state Reps. David L. Baum, La Grande; R. H. Chapman, Molalla, and Ivan C. Laird, Sitka.

BODY FOUND

NEWHALE, Calif. — (AP) — The body of a young woman, "almost certainly" Betty Jean Hansen, 20, sheriff's officers said, was found in a ravine near here Friday night. The girl was reported kidnapped by her jealous stepfather nine days ago.

An all-points search was intensified for the stepfather, Frank W. Kistner, 40-year-old Downey, Calif., house painter.

Red Committee Confesses Errors, Raps Nationalism

MOSCOW — (AP) — The central committee of the Communist party in the Ukraine has come out with a decree recognizing its own serious mistakes in the field of ideological educational work. The decree also attacks bitterly the manifestations of bourgeois nationalism in Ukrainian art and among the intelligentsia of that area.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian press reports indicate that a big movement is in full swing throughout that region, on the Soviet union's western frontier, to root out manifestations of nationalism in art and literature. The movement was set afoot by two articles which Pravda published.

The Pravda articles appeared after a festival of Ukrainian art which took place in Moscow. The Moscow theatres were given over to Ukrainian productions and the museums were filled with Ukrainian exhibits. There were various conferences on Ukrainian art, drama and literature.

One of these articles attacked the libretto of the opera Bogdan Khmelnytsky written by Wanda Wasilewska and her husband, Alexander Korneichuk, former Ukrainian foreign minister.

Pravda condemned the libretto for distortions.

An unsigned editorial in Pravda attacked the verses of the famous Ukrainian poet V. Sosyura which were first published seven years ago. The editorial said that the verses "Love the Ukraine" did not distinguish between the old oppressed Ukraine and contemporary socialist Ukraine.

It said they could have been written by any enemy of the Ukrainian people.

Measures Taken
Pravda criticized the manifestations of bourgeois nationalism and drew the broad conclusion that there were serious mistakes and faults in the ideological-educational work of the central committee of

the Communist party in the Ukraine. This criticism is being taken most seriously in the Ukraine.

Pravda said yesterday that the central committee has taken measures to remove the faults it pointed out. It says the new decree fully recognizes the validity of Pravda's criticisms.

Meanwhile, the Ukrainian Pravda published in the capital city of Kiev, reported from Odessa that a meeting of the writers union attacked various members for bourgeois nationalism. It said the meeting called on members to struggle against these manifestations.

The lead editorial in the Ukrainian Pravda for July 4 called for ideological purity in literature and art.

CRASH KILLS CHILD

PORTLAND — (AP) — Linda Lee Crow, 2, was killed when she was thrown from her father's automobile in a two-car smashup in Portland Sunday. Driver of the other car, Navy Lt. George E. Ivey, 33, Portland, was booked at the city jail on a charge of negligent homicide.

Polio Victim Succumbs On Malady's Anniversary

LYNCHBURG, Va. — (AP) — Sid Nowlin died Sunday, 19 years to the day after he was stricken with polio.

It was the third Sunday in July, 1932, that Sid — then a husky youth of 14 — became ill while attending Boy Scout camp.

He was proudest of his exchange of letters with the late President Roosevelt. He and the late chief executive had two things in common — Both were polio sufferers and both had the same birthday, January 30.

Cleopatra was handy with a needle — a gold one she used to decorate a silk garment for Marc Antony.

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