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A JOB WELL DONE

By CHARLES V. STANTON

It will seem extremely odd, come election day, to see a county ballot without the name of Roy Agee for county clerk.

We'll also feel a little sad about it. Part of our sadness, though, will be because Roy probably will be out fishing while we have to work.

But if any man ever deserved appreciation from the public he has served so long and so well, that man is Roy Agee.

A Democrat by political affiliation — a true Democrat, not the Socialist variety — he was elected term after term in a county in which Republicans strongly predominated. Time and again he secured nomination from the Republicans through write-in votes at primary elections. It has been seldom that any Republican has challenged him for the office, knowing full well that opposition would lead only to defeat.

He has held the office of county clerk since the first of January 1929, having been elected in the fall of 1928.

A native of Douglas County, member of a pioneer family, he taught school for seven years. He became deputy county clerk in 1908, serving for five years under the late E. H. Lenox. He engaged in farming at Wilbur for a few years, then spent three years as deputy county clerk for Coos County.

Efficient Service Given

Service to the public became the supreme policy of the clerk's office when Agee took over its administration in 1929. It was not then as large an office as now. Most of the work was handled by Mr. Agee and one deputy. Today he has eleven deputies.

Never, so far as we can recall, has there ever been an authentic criticism of his conduct of the office. Auditor after auditor praised the efficiency of his work, the strict and accurate accounting, the dispatch with which the increasing volume of work was handled. Yet the office has been managed with the greatest of economy.

But most pleasing of all has been the spirit of friendliness and helpfulness shown the public throughout all these years. Mr. Agee always has found time to give service and accommodation far beyond the requirements of his office.

Before he leaves office, having announced that he will not again be a candidate, *The News-Review* wants to express to him its personal gratitude and appreciation for his fine cooperation.

News reporters sometimes are a pest, we know, around a busy public office. It seems they always want some old, musty record or file, just at the time every office employee is swamped with work. The reporter is forever asking questions, seeking news. As county clerk, Mr. Agee has always made the records of his office available to the press and has given personal aid to *News-Review* reporters in collecting news available from his department.

He has been particularly cooperative in the difficult task of supplying election news. He has placed at the command of the newspaper the full facilities of his office, that returns might be speeded to readers.

It goes without saying that such cooperation is deeply appreciated by the newspaper benefitting therefrom.

Leaves Fine Record

The work of his office has increased enormously in recent years. It is quite evident that the influx of new residents, the sale and transfer of property, and the many other activities connected with a growing community have resulted in heavy increase in the work of filing and recording. Every department of the office has grown and expanded. It is easy to understand that Roy has grown tired under the many years of service — a service he could never completely delegate to subordinates but one to which he must devote his own energy.

He has now chosen to retire. His retirement does not come because he fears he could not be again elected. Roy Agee could remain in the clerk's office so long as he lives. The people of Douglas County have shown their confidence in him by the almost unanimous vote that has returned him to office term after term.

But age, health and pressure of work eventually bring about a desire to retire to easier state of living. Roy has earned his relaxation and we know we speak for every person who knows him when we express gratitude for a job well done and wish for him many more years of good fishing.

On the Menu for '52



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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is our own state of mind. . . We can LOSE if we falter.

I feel compelled to add that the outright corruption and the all-around cynical lack of moral stamina that have developed within our government because of lack of sound moral leadership haven't done anything to improve our state of mind.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts says in Washington he believes the door is still open for General Eisenhower to return to civilian life before the Republican presidential nominating convention.

He says he doesn't interpret Eisenhower's statement that he will not ask for relief from his European defense assignment as foreclosing all possibility aside from Presidential action—that the general may take off his uniform before July.

Then he adds: "But I agree that he can not make any statement on the issues of the pre-convention campaign while he is still in uniform."

I suppose not—although we have upset so many rules and precedents in recent years that I think it might not hurt us if we tilted the rule that a soldier who is qualified to be President and who has signified that he will be the Republican candidate for President if the party's convention offers him the nomination may not speak out to the people on what he conceives to be the duty of the next President of the United States.

It seems to me that unbroken silence on General Eisenhower's part in such a situation would be nothing short of ABSURD.

I think it could easily result in his failure to receive the nomination.

Let me make myself clear. I WANT GENERAL EISENHOWER FOR PRESIDENT.

I have faith in him. I have followed his utterances while he was out of uniform closely enough to be convinced on MY OWN ACCOUNT that he is

the kind of man we ought to have as our leader in this emergency. But I find many people who are fearful of a soldier. I find many more who are confused as to what General Eisenhower may believe and what he may stand for. They don't know. They WANT to know. But how can they know if he doesn't tell them?

The Republican convention next summer won't be any walkway for General Eisenhower. It will be made up largely of politicians. Politicians as a class are not inclined to be FOR him. I think they will be inclined to be against him on general political principles. The only thing that will cause them to accept him will be as silent from now on as the conviction that HE IS THE one, of course, will speak for him. His friends and his political back ONLY REPUBLICAN WHO CAN WIN.

How can that conviction be built on a conviction that he is a proven liar?

But surely we all remember Priscilla and John Alden in Longfellow's *Courtship of Miles Standish*. John was wooing Priscilla on behalf of his friend Miles. Priscilla listened, but wasn't convinced. She said to John: "If I am not WORTH THE WOODING, I surely am not worth the winning."

"Why don't you speak FOR YOURSELF, John?"

I think a lot of people are going to want General Eisenhower to speak for himself. I doubt if they want him to come home and get up to his ears in the muck and the mess of a normal American political campaign. But they will want to hear from his own lips something about his own personal beliefs as to the duties and responsibilities of the next President of the United States.

I hope a way can be found to give Ike the opportunity to do just that.

Cut On Ladino Clover Support Price Advised

PORTLAND — The government support price on Ladino Clover should be reduced 15 cents a pound, the Oregon Seed Growers League was told here Monday.

The league's clover committee said the present support price of \$1.25 might cause a surplus. The committee urged that the support price be cut to \$1.10. The convention will act on the committee's report later.

In other business Monday, growers were told of two possible new clover crop seeds—Romack peas from Georgia and a new rust resistant ryegrass from South America.

Virgil Freed, Oregon State College agronomist, described a new spray, IPC Chloro, which he said would aid in controlling velvet and other annual grasses in fescue stands. The new spray soon will be available commercially, he said.

James Short, Redmond, league president, appointed a committee to investigate a proposed tonnage tax on Oregon grown seeds, the proceeds to be used to advertise the industry.

George B. Davis of Oregon State College reported that rough handling damaged 43.5 per cent of the Oregon potato crop. He said the damage resulted in a grade reduction of 13.1 per cent of the marketable crop.

MacArthur For GOP Keynote Considered

WASHINGTON — The possibility of inviting Gen. Douglas MacArthur to be keynote speaker at the Republican Presidential Nominating convention is under discussion by members of the Party's Executive committee.

A prominent GOP official, who asked not to be quoted by name, told a reporter that he and his colleagues have talked over such an invitation to the general.

This party member said MacArthur is almost certain to be asked to make a major speech at the July convention in any event—a likelihood confirmed in other Republican quarters.

Noise, as well as music, is a series of sound waves in the air.

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — Every member of the United States Senate should be required to read the resolution of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association opposing the United Nations covenant on human rights.

This super-government proposal tampers with the liberties of Americans. It soon will be presented to the U. S. Senate for ratification after the General Assembly of the United Nations is asked to approve the plan. Should the Senate adopt the proposal, United Nations rules and regulations presumably would supersede the American Constitution.

For instance, the covenant, at the insistence of the Soviet Union, includes a provision that would force member nations to "provide legislation" to assure the right of all to medical service and attention in the event of sickness. In other words, by United Nations fiat, the U. S. would be required to socialize its medicine.

In another clause, the covenant states that higher education "shall be made progressively free." In other words, federal financing for all college students, a socialistic dream that has gained numerous converts in U. S. educational circles. It would mean the end of freedom from government control for all liberal arts colleges.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, U. S. Rights, is responsible for still another socialistic scheme that was adopted. This one makes it mandatory for the various governments to "provide the right to work" for its citizens. This could only be done, of course, with a totally managed economy, wherein wages and working conditions are set by collective bargaining between management and labor.

It would be interesting to witness the reaction of some of our labor leaders—say, for example, the bosses of the garment workers industry—when and if a United Nations tribunal orders them to reduce U. S. garment industry wages to the level of some foreign nation, so as to bring prices and working conditions in line with plans of the super-socialists.

I doubt if they would feel so global-minded, as many profess to do today.

The ABA got through examining this mess of socialistic portage, it adopted the following recommendation:

"Resolved, that the American Bar Association is of the opinion that the draft international covenant on human rights, as prepared at the 1951 session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights is not in such form nor of such content as to be suitable for approval and adoption by the General Assembly of the United Nations, or for ratification by the United States of America."

After this start, ABA delegates tackled the subject from the standpoint of treaties. The ABA resolution calls upon Congress to "amend the Constitution so as to provide that in legislating to give effect to treaties, Congress shall make no law not otherwise authorized by the Constitution," and says that "the power reserved to the States and to the people, shall not be abolished nor altered by any treaty or executive agreement, nor otherwise than by constitutional amendment."

In the South China Sea 3 1/2 miles of communication cable was recently cut from the line between Hong Kong and Amoy. This is usually the work of thieves because cable material, unraveled and melted-down, makes top black market items.

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New Service Station To Open At Dillard

The new service station at the north edge of Dillard on Highway 99 has been leased by Claude Hollenbeck and will be called Claude's Shell Service Station.

The place was opened for business Saturday, Jan. 5, but a formal, grand opening is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Jan. 11 and 12. The station will feature Shell and Firestone products.

Another building in North Dillard will house a super-market and lunch room, but the operator has not been announced.

In 1938 a strange 5-foot-long fish was caught off the tip of South Africa which was believed by ichthyologists to have become extinct 60 million years ago.

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WHY SHOULD THE PEOPLE OF ROSEBURG BE INTERESTED?

American Food Bills Analyzed On Double Basis

WASHINGTON — If you think your food budget has gone up since the war, you are both right and wrong, says the Agriculture Department.

A department food price report said Friday that it is true, as every housewife knows, that it takes more dollars to buy a specified quantity of food today than perhaps ever before.

But the cost of that quantity of food represents a smaller proportion of the average consumer's income than at any time since 1946, the department said.

Americans were said to be spending at the annual average per capita rate of \$375 for food. This was said to be 26 per cent of the average disposable income—money left after payment of personal taxes.

Comparisons Made The department said food expenditures averaged \$346 in 1950, or 26 per cent of the average disposable income. By comparison, food costs averaged \$338 or 27 per cent in 1949, \$350 or 27 per cent in 1948, \$329 or 28 per cent in 1947 and \$292 or 28 per cent in 1946.

The department said farmers are receiving about 49 cents of the consumer's food dollar compared with

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET
Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Power went off at 10:40 a.m. Sunday morning, the electric clock told us when we came home from church. One who came in from Smith River said she had followed the snow plow part way through eight inches of snow on her way to 99, so probably the emergency crew working in the cold and wet, had snow to contend with, too. Telephone operator said power was on in Drain but off all around there. It was off here on highway 38 for almost nine hours. But we were snug and cozy, waiting. Well, EJ did decide he might as well cover up that water pipe valve one time as another. So he worked out in the cold and wet, too, for a while.

I am becoming quite adept at cooking on top of the oil heater drum. Fried chicken and made hot chocolate. We ate by lantern light, barn type of kerosene lantern. Guess we'll have to take our neighbor's advice and get a Coleman lantern. Maybe we'll take another bit of advice, too, and get a little cookstove that burns wood. It does for a rubbish burner when the power is on. Trouble is, we didn't use our thinker the way the R's did. To use our present stove for both oil heater and cook-

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