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WHAT'S TO DO IN '52

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The coming year promises to be a busy one for Roseburg and community. Coupled with political activity will be a continuation of business and industrial expansion, together with population growth.

Taking inventory of our needs for the year, we find access roads taking the top spot on our priority list. Extension of the North Umpqua road into the Umpqua National Forest is vitally important. We have locked up there more than 100,000,000 board feet of stumpage available annually on a sustained yield basis. We need only to build the roads necessary to permit the logs to be transported to mills. An additional 100,000,000 board feet added to our source of supply would give us better opportunity to balance cutting on private and public lands, and would also bolster installations now scraping the bottom of the supply barrel.

Steps already have been taken to improve access routes into the Hubbard creek burn, where we have a huge salvage problem. Construction of an access road between Sutherlin and Glide is under consideration.

The year 1952 should see an important advancement in the access road project.

Another problem that should be vigorously attacked in 1952 is that of management of controverted lands. The controverted lands are associated with the access road situation. Controverted lands are lands 10 miles in width on each side of the original grants of alternate sections 20 miles on each side of the O. & C. railroad right of way. The original grant was given the railroad company to finance construction of the rail line between Portland and San Francisco.

Terms Of Act Violated

When the railroad company began selling land from the original grant, it was found that much acreage had been settled by squatters. Rather than displace the settlers, the government gave the raiload company every alternate section for a distance of ten miles on each side of the first grant.

O. & C. lands were revested in the federal government when the Southern Pacific company, which succeeded the Oregon & California company, violated terms of the grant. Administration was placed in the hands of the General Land Office, which later was absorbed by the Bureau of Land Management. Through some error, no provision was made for management of the controverted lands. Both the Department of Interior, of which the BLM is a part, and the Department of Agriculture, through the U.S. Forest Service, claim jurisdiction. A temporary arrangement of administration, in which one department must approve the action of the other, is now in operation. It is impossible to work out a permanent plan of road construction and timber sales until the controversy is ironed out or some agreement reached between departments.

Improved Highway In Prospect

Closely allied with the access road program on the 1952 agenda is the reconstruction of Highway 99 through Douglas County. A start in the Pass Creek Canyon area is promised to begin this year. At the same time, work may start on the relocation project through the Roseburg community.

The city government, Chamber of Commerce and planning groups, should start, during the year, an engineering survey to improve traffic conditions within the city and its environs, removing hazards, providing more through routes to relieve pressure on cross streets, etc.

Also among needed city projects for consideration are enlargement of the sanitary sewer disposal facilities, additional storm sewers, street widening, extending municipal boundaries, improving police and fire protection, a new civic building and other improvements.

The industrial field should give more attention to methods of waste utilization and enlargement of secondary manufacture.

Improvement in the agricultural industry was very encouraging last year. Range betterment, increases in forage crops, enlargement of the livestock and poultry industries, better marketing facilities, and installation of food processing plants are suggested projects for 1952.

Building costs have slowed Roseburg's improvement to the appearance of its business district. It might be well during this year to consider, insofar as finances will permit, modernization of fronts — paint-up and fresh-up — in the several spots such improvements are needed.

Plenty of needed work is ahead to keep everyone busy.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET

by Vidnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Ore.

A speaker addressing a large group of parent-teacher workers remarked that back of every good worker could usually be found an understanding and cooperative family either a husband who didn't fuss if the home routine was disrupted at times by outside requirements, or a grandmother who helped out with the children or housework.

I think that is true of writers, too. Even if the writer is free of household tasks because of help in the home, there is still much need for understanding and cooperation. For writing a book is a solitary activity.

I was thinking particularly of the Arch McKeowns in Hood River. Martha Ferguson McKeown's latest book, "Alaska Silver," is receiving "rave" notices. (It is all in Ye Editor Stanton said in his News-Review editorial — and more!) However now and then the husband in the background gets little recognition, too. As in the Dec. 29 Saturday Evening Post, which has in it a photograph taken by Arch McKeown. The subject was not his wife, of whom he has taken many lovely informal pictures, but a visitor from Ashland, Verne Athanas, whose first story was appearing in the S E P.

Says the Keeping Posted editor: "It is refreshing to get a picture of an author not sitting at a typewriter smoking a pipe."

Photographer McKeown had posed his visitor with a "45-90 Sharps bull gun with which one Monte Hawthorne made his living as a buffalo hunter in the 70's. . . ." (Monte Hawthorne is Martha McKeown's uncle, as you probably know, the subject of her three books: "The Trail Led North," "Them Was the Days" and "Alaska Silver.")

"I wasn't doing anything with the weapon," to further quote author Athanas, "but proving I could lift it. It weighs nigh unto thirty pounds. Yet Uncle Monte, a wispy little gentleman now in his late eighties, not only carried the thing, but hit buffalo with it, and skunt out the beasts to boot."

I'm sure Mrs. McKeown, who speaks with warm appreciation of her husband's help in her work, will not mind a bit if Arch McKeown's camera made the S E P before her pen did!

Me, Too

Ex-Spy To Tell Americans' Aid Of Chinese Reds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Bentley, admitted wartime spy courier, steps back into the spotlight to tell House spy-hunters what she knows about the part played by Americans in Chinese Communist activities during the 1930's.

The House un-American Activities Committee has called both Miss Bentley and Louis Budenz, former managing editor of the Communist Daily Worker and a recanted Communist, to appear Tuesday. The committee is now in recess.

Miss Bentley first made headlines when her testimony of a wartime Russian spy ring touched off a series of Congressional investigations in 1948.

Her new role is in a House probe of activities of Grace and Max Granich, whose venture in publishing "Voice of China" in Shanghai in the critical Sino-Japanese war years 1936-37 came to light in secret Shanghai police files.

They were identified Thursday by Morris L. Appelman, of Denver, as propagandists sent to China by the Communist Party of the United States to stir up anti-Japanese and anti-Nationalist feeling in China.

Appelman, now executive secretary of the General Rose Memorial Hospital in Denver, is an admitted veteran Communist propagandist who broke with the party in 1938 because of "complete disillusionment with Moscow leadership."

He testified he knew the Granichs at Communist Party Headquarters in New York.

Mosquito Control Plan Outlined In Bulletin

For those who want to start planning a mosquito control program early, the Oregon State College experiment station has just issued a new bulletin covering the latest recommended methods for getting rid of the pests.

It's called "Suggestions for Mosquito Control in Oregon," and can be obtained at county extension offices or direct from OSC by asking for station bulletin number 507. W. W. Yates and Arthur W. Lindquist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Don C. Mote of the OSC Entomology Department are the authors.

The insect control experts say that destruction of mosquito larvae is generally the cheapest and best method of combating the mosquito nuisance, but add that relief can be obtained by destroying the adult as well.

One method of controlling larvae is to eliminate breeding places. Another is to add DDT to water areas where larvae are found. Spraying around buildings, woodland areas, grass areas and various other resting places of mosquitoes with DDT will take care of the adults.

F. C. Beeson To Manage Union County C. Of C.

LA GRANDE (AP) — Frank C. Beeson, 35, Eugene, will become Union County Chamber of Commerce manager Monday. A former timber buyer for the Eugene Lumber Company, he succeeds Robert Carey, who has accepted a post in New York with the Federal Council of Churches.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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storm, went out of control, with a heavy list (to starboard, as I recall the pictures.) Captain Carlsen sent his 40 crewmen and his 10 passengers off to safety in the boats.

He himself, following the tradition of the sea, stayed with his ship. I fear the idea prevails that his staying was a dramatic gesture. It wasn't. By the ancient law of the sea, a ship that is ABANDONED becomes a derelict and is the prize of whomever can put a line on it and tow it to harbor for salvage.

Captain Carlsen stayed aboard to protect the property of his owners. As long as he stayed aboard, it was NOT an abandoned ship. He was no dramatic gesturer. He was just a man doing his duty and living up to his responsibilities.

Captain Carlsen did his duty — handsomely. It is now, I should say, up to his employers to do their duty as handsomely as he did his. Paraphrasing slightly the Parable of the Talents (Matthew XXV), they should say to him:

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou has been faithful over a few things. We will now make thee ruler over many things."

That is to say, Captain Carlsen did his duty loyally and well as the captain of a single ship. His owners might now well and profitably to themselves make him a fleet captain over many ships (if they have fleets of ships; as to that I don't know.)

He won his right to promotion the hard way, and I think most bosses will agree that men who win their promotion the hard way are apt to turn out well as managers.

I wonder if any sincere and devout reader of this piece has ever found himself leaning toward the notion preached by modern radicals that profit is a wicked thing. If so, I'd advise him to read again the Parable of the Talents.

The master, as you will recall if you're familiar with Matthew, gave to one of his servants five talents, to another two and to still another one talent. Then he turned them loose on their own with their capital. When he came back and checked up on them, the one with five talents had traded and dickered and doubled his money. Likewise the servant with the two talents. He wound up with four.

But the servant with only one talent was no enterpriser. He had no nerve. He was afraid to take a risk. So he went out in the back yard and buried his talent in the ground and when the master came back he dug it up and returned it INTACT, but with no increment.

Briefing the parable sharply, the master patted the two enterprisers on the back and rewarded them with more responsibility and more pay. But he bawled out the fearful one and TOOK FROM HIM HIS ONE TALENT AND GAVE IT TO THE OTHERS.

(I assume that this was the origin of our reasonably modern phrase: "Them as has GITS.")

A legitimate profit, you see, was NOT wicked in Jesus' eyes.

What about this word "talent?" The talent of ancient times was a money unit, and it wasn't hay. The Hebrew gold talent was worth about $32,000 in our modern (pre-inflation) money and the silver talent about $2200.

It wasn't just pocket change that the master entrusted his servants with.

Present Session Of Congress May Be Dud As To Legislation, But It Promises Uproar In Political Phase

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP) — Everyone now seems agreed that this will be a completely dismal session of Congress — insofar as it concerns lawmaking — but will be a rip-roarer vocally and politically.

Especially politically, since next fall the voters must choose the occupants for all 435 House seats and one-third of the 96 Senate seats.

This is a situation hardly conductive to silence, modesty or political impartiality on the part of those members of Congress who want to keep their jobs, meaning practically everybody there.

Oldtimers around here, have the notion, which is hardly odd, that almost everybody who ever gets a seat in Congress would like to feel it's his permanent property and always in an election year develops that bifocal look which enables him to keep one eye on his work and one on the voters.

Television Considered

Experts in political science have pondered the question—should Congress have its daily sessions televised?—in the belief that if the folks back home could ever see their congressmen in action they might wind up with a better Congress or at least more work done.

It may be only a coincidence that Congress has never shown even small enthusiasm for this idea at all—past, present or future—but it may have turned out to be a blessing for all of us, in this election year at any rate, that Congress won't be within mugging distance of TV.

If TV's glittering eye looked down from the galleries, putting every speech in focus, it isn't hard to surmise what would happen among the members of congress who saw a chance every day in the week to make a stump speech for the benefit of the people at home.

The congressional crush in front of the camera would be grander than bargain day in Gimbel's basement.

Inning For Republicans

Much to the relief of the Democrats, who have made a spectacle of themselves more than once through the years with their intra-party differences, the Republicans this year will probably take over their franchise and even give them pointers in bare-nuckling while wearing gloves.

This alone should add to our entertainment, if not to our enlightenment, since everybody in congress is a politician and whatever a politician says in the field of politics can be sliced in half without losing an ounce of sense.

In both houses there will be devotees of General Eisenhower and Senator Taft and others making wooing glances at the Presidency, and since devotion means ardor and ardor means heat there ought to be a warm time among the Republican in all camps neither very anxious to make hay for the other while still hoping the party can win because everyone wants to keep his job.

Two giant 65,000-horsepower electric motors have been installed at Washington's Grand Coulee Dam to pump water for irrigation.

Fulton Lewis Jr.

WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — In a current report that traces 30 years of Soviet espionage in the United States, members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities have dusted off two excellent case histories of former federal employees who should never have been put on the government payroll to start with.

They are Philip Olin and Mary Jane Keeney, husband and wife, who lapped at the new Deal and Fair Deal spending trough for years. Mrs. Keeney is currently haggling with the United Nations, where she was employed in the document control section of the secretariat. It seems there is some question about her fitness for the tax-free job she held. The whereabouts of her husband, Philip, are not known at present.

The House report relates that Mr. Keeney came to Washington in 1940, taking a job in the Library of Congress, where he stayed until 1943. From here he switched to the foreign economic administration, staying until 1945. At that time he was employed by the War Department for duty in Tokyo, Japan. In 1947 he was relieved of his duties, but neither Keeney nor the War Department will say why.

Keeney was an employee from 1931 to 1937 of the University of Montana. The House report states. According to the report, he was dismissed for incompetence. Yet he had no trouble getting on the government payroll.

Mrs. Keeney got on the federal payroll in 1942, working for the Board of Economic Warfare. Later she worked for Russian War Relief, Inc., and still later as a member of the staff of the United States delegation to the Allied Commission on Reparations. In 1946 she went to work for the State Department, naturally. In 1948 she got her taxfree job with the United Nations in New York.

Mrs. Keeney denied she was a Communist or espionage agent when called before the House committee. Her husband clammedup when asked the $64 questions.

Here is a sample of what the House report has to say about the Keeneys:

"Both Philip and Mary Jane Keeney have a record of association with known Communists and with individuals identified in this report as having been engaged in Soviet espionage activity. Among them were Haakon M. Chevalier, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and William Ludwig Ullmann, as well as Gerhart Eisler."

During the trial of Judith Coplon an FBI report related another episode in the life of Mrs. Keeney. A summary reads:

"In March of 1946 Mrs. Keeney was aboard the steamship Mt Victory when that vessel arrived in the United States. The report indicated that FBI agents had observed that the vessel was met by Jules Korchein, whom Mary Jane Keeney was observed meeting upon her departure from the vessel. These two individuals were placed under FBI surveillance and were observed to enter the apartment of an individual named Wasserman. Later, on the same date, the FBI agents reported Keeney at a meeting with one Joseph Bernstein, at which time Keeney was observed passing a manila envelope to Bernstein. Bernstein was subsequently observed by the FBI agents meeting Alexandar Trachtenberg, Communist party official, at which time the manila envelope believed identical with the one originally carried by Keeney, was passed to Trachtenberg."

Mrs. Keeney stayed on the government payroll another two years, however.

It was in 1948 that President Truman was labeling charges of Communists and left wingers in government as "red herrings." Mrs. Keeney by her own assertion is neither, but she sure has a passel of peculiar playmates. As for Philip, somebody ought to make a point of finding out who got him on the government payroll to start with and who nursed his career along once he was employed.

President Truman and others are constantly bemoaning the low salaries paid federal employes as well as defending their lyalty and brilliance. Well, here are a couple who worked his side of the street that I can't shed a tear over. There are others, some still drawing down money, but unless you catch them with their hands in the security cupboard it is difficult to get them fired. Even so, as cumbersome as it is, the loyalty review board since 1947 has managed to fire or scare off the payroll an average of more than 700 a year. That's some progress, but not enough.

And when the House Committee on Un-American activities writes a report entitled "The Shameful Years," a lot of administration big-shots in Washington should hang their heads, including the President of the U.S.A.

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Local News

Visits In Salem — Terry Hersher of Roseburg spent the weekend in Salem visiting friends.

Return From Coast — The Rev. and Mrs. Clark Robb of Roseburg recently returned from a two-day trip to the coast.

In Hospital — Sandra Siefken, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jay Siefken of Roseburg, is in Mercy Hospital recovering from pneumonia.

Ill At Home — Marcia Newland, senior at Roseburg Senior High School, has been ill at her home in Laurelwood for the last few days. She is reported improved.

Mexico OKs Workers' Migration To U. S.

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Accord has been reached between U.S. and Mexican farmers for a new migrant labor (bacero) agreement between the two governments.

The recommendations were signed Wednesday By delegates of the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Mexican National Farmers Association, the Mexican National Peasants Union, the National Cotton Growers Association and the National Federation of Farm Producers.

The conference noted Mexican farmers, in principle, are opposed to the movement of workers to the United States but conceded a world food shortage made such migration essential.

The Chinese believe in the power of the little forest root—"Jin-Tsan"—to prolong life and rebuild flesh and spirit. Until recently about a million dollars worth of it was exported from the United States to China annually.

Truck Control Plan To Protect Roads Launched

OREGON CITY (AP) — Clackamas County's new certificate plan, designed to control movement of trucks over county roads, goes into effect Jan. 24.

It requires truckers to get certificates before hauling gross loads of more than 16,000 pounds on county roads.

A fee of $10 a truck will be charged to cover the cost of the program. School busses are exempt and truckers who make only occasional trips will not be required to pay the fee.

The program replaces the logging permit system which late last year was ruled unconstitutional by Attorney General George Neuner. Neuner's ruling was on a Lincoln County permit program that is similar to one that had been in effect here for a number of years.

Should the trucker's load exceed the amount of his certificate or should he move his load on roads other than those specified on his certificate, he will be subject to heavy fines under a new state law.

The law, passed by the 1951 legislature, provides for a fine of $50 for a load exceeding the weight limit by 2,000 pounds, for loads exceeding the limit by more than 2000 pounds, a fine of four cents a pound may be imposed.

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