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LET'S NOT BE HASTY

By CHARLES V. STANTON

It seems from our corner that a lot of unnecessary fuss is being injected into the argument about which road is to be built into the Sutherlin-Oakland area from the North Umpqua.

The County Court favors a road on the north and west side of the Umpqua River between Lone Rock and Wilbur with a short cut along Cooper Creek into Sutherlin. A Sutherlin-Oakland faction is dead set for the so-called "Short Route," by way of Gassy Creek to a junction with the Calapooia road and appears to be unwilling to consider any alternative.

The issue has generated extreme heat with salient factors being smothered under an avalanche of accusation.

It seems to us that this project is too important to the respective communities concerned and to the county as a whole to be clouded with suspicion, jealousy and personal resentments.

We feel that both sides perhaps are acting too hastily. Neither of the proposed routes has been adequately surveyed. Estimates of cost are sketchy. The court, as we understand the situation, has indicated a preference for the "River Route" based entirely on preliminary surveys. The Sutherlin-Oakland sponsors of the "Short Route" contend that the "River Route" will not adequately serve their interests and will be much more expensive.

More Information Needed

We are very interested, personally, in the earliest possible construction of a road into the Sutherlin-Oakland community to sustain the industrial capacity and economy of that section of the county. But we believe a lot more information is needed before any final decision is reached. While that information is being obtained the project should be treated objectively. A project of this magnitude and importance is certain to develop differences of opinion, even among the best-informed. But action should be based on considered judgment incorporating the greatest benefits to the largest area and the most people over the longest time. It is not an easy decision, nor one to be made in a hurry. The County Court should not permit itself to be pushed around by a partisan group, nor should it close its mind to the best interests of the large and industrially important communities affected.

The argument is raised that the "River Route" is far more expensive than the "Short Route" and that the court, "pleading poverty" should accept the "Short Route" because of its lower cost.

This is not, in our opinion, a valid argument, for, if we look at the "River Route" objectively, it opens up many thousands of choice river-bottom acres which, with access, would be quickly subject to subdivision. As these lands were occupied and improved, the accretion of taxable property to the tax rolls would, we believe, produce revenues offsetting the difference in cost within a few years.

Time Important Factor

Time, we believe, is the important factor and the most valid argument to be considered. The Sutherlin-Oakland community is nearing exhaustion of privately owned tributary timber supply. It will be largely dependent upon timber from the Umpqua National Forest within a few more years. It will, however, be approximately five years before projected access roads are extended into the forest to make any appreciable amount of timber from that area accessible for competitive sale. If, in the meantime, the County Court can provide the necessary connecting road into Sutherlin-Oakland the time element is not a matter for argument concerning either of the proposed routes.

Many other factors, of course, are involved, principally grade and curvature as they affect the economics of transportation. An issue is being made of the fact that the "Short Route" will serve many residents of the area east of Sutherlin who might be working in the North Umpqua timber, while the "River Route" would serve only a few farm residents. This argument, however, fails to take into consideration that the "River Route," once constructed, would probably be built up to more homes than could ever be expected along the Calapooia road.

The "River Route" has multi-purpose possibilities, whereas the "Short Route" would have only one primary purpose.

It might seem from the above that we favor the "River Route." Actually we have no personal preference. We are trying to point out that good arguments may be presented for either route.

A decision, based on sound determination, is being handicapped by aggressive insistence, and irresponsible talk. The project demands sane and careful consideration of all facts and factors. Too much is at stake to tolerate hasty judgment on either side.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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a position where he had to show what a moron he really is?

Speaking seriously, I'd like to add that there is only one way to get better government and that is FOR ALL THE VOTERS TO GIVE MORE SERIOUS AND INTELLIGENT ATTENTION TO POLITICS.

X-Ray Units Will Serve Toketee Falls Region

Toketee Falls residents will be provided chest X-ray service by a special unit being brought from Portland. It will become operative the last week of the current survey.

H. C. Wells, local manager of California-Oregon Power Co., requested the service.

The unit is a portable machine that has been moved to the site of operation. George Hager is the technician in charge.

Speaking of news, a Colorado senator has just introduced a bill to require radio stations to give all candidates equal opportunity to make political speeches over the air.

That is to say, if one candidate goes down to his local broadcaster and buys time to tell why he should be elected the broadcaster must thereupon offer to all other candidates the same chance.

What I'd like to know is this: If Candidate No. 1 makes a hard-headed, able, intelligent speech and impresses people and wins votes and gets elected and Candidate No. 2 is so dumb that he disgusts people and scares off votes and takes a 3rd licking, will the politicians then contend that No. 2 was DISCRIMINATED AGAINST by being jockeyed into

The Eternal Optimist



The New Year's message in the January issue of THE GOLD STAR MOTHER seems of interest to more than the Gold Star Mother membership. May I quote a part of Eleanor Boyd's words? Says the National President, who wears two gold stars:

"America in the past has won its wars because the men at the front on the battle line had integrity, honesty, and a deep spiritual faith in God and Right... the mothers and fathers, the men and women at home had integrity, honesty and a deep spiritual faith."

"History tells us with records of factual information, that a nation falls when it is immoral and un-moral... when greediness and selfishness of individuals is so wholly a part of a nation that its officials become openly dishonest, greedy and cruel. Destruction has come when and where no spiritual value is recognized and where the individual citizens and officials refused spiritual guidance."

"On the other hand, when a small group of people knelt and asked guidance of God, for wisdom, patience and endurance, such a group has survived difficulties and hardships to bring forth a free nation..." Mrs. Boyd continues by suggesting that each one take inventory. "An inventory, yes, of our very souls. The first act after that inventory has been estimated and evaluated should be to bow our heads and ask for spiritual guidance... wisdom, and patience that we may be strong enough to abide by law and order as an example to others to abide by law and order."

Bitter Factional Battle Can Lose Presidential Election For G.O.P.

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Back in 1924, Democratic presidential prospects looked bright before convention time. The incumbent Republican administration was shot with scandal. Its brief hold on the country seemed to be slipping.

Yet the GOP won the election in a landslide. Undoubtedly many things accounted for this outcome, but not the least was the fact that the Democrats engaged in a bitter factional fight which frittered away their strength and alienated countless voters.

The battle came to a head in the Democratic convention at Madison Square Garden. The delegates struggled through 104 ballots before they finally agreed on a compromise candidate, John W. Davis. When it was ended, the party was exhausted—and so were its chances of election.

Except that the parties are reversed, there is a certain parallel at this stage between 1924 and 1952. This time it is a Democratic administration that is scandal-ridden and apparently held in low public esteem. It is the Republicans whose chances, after 20 years look bright.

And yet it is the Republicans, too, who face the end of factional strife that helped lick the Democrats of 1924.

Of course, there is nothing new about the cleavage between the conservative and liberal wings of the GOP. Like the division between northern and southern Democrats, it is continuously evident in Congress and in the country at large in presidential years.

Nevertheless, the combat between these two GOP wings promises to be sharper this year than ever. The conservative forces behind Senator Taft believe this is their hour, and they are going all-out to prove it. They declare the liberal faction has had its chances to capture the presidency and failed.

The liberal group doesn't see it that way. They believe that in General Eisenhower they have a candidate who can win and who has the makings of a fine president. In Senator Lodge's words,

the Jaycees and will require considerable time and some money to do the job properly, said Moon. The Jaycee president said that most of the property owners along the stream, from its confluence with the South Umpqua River to Dixonville, have been contacted and they are almost wholly in support of the program. He expressed the Jaycee's appreciation for their cooperation. The property would be properly posted with trespass notices to assure against damage. Stiles would be built over fences and other precautions taken.

Curtin 4-H Club Holds Recent Meet At School

By LORETTA OLESON

A 4-H meeting was held at the Curtin School Wednesday, Jan. 30. The following officers were elected: Paul Jacobs, president; Kenny Remington, vice-president; Raymond Adams secretary; Robert Gortoneer, news reporter; and Johnny Gortoneer, song leader.

The club was named "Chuck Wagon Boys." Present at the meeting were Mr. Golden, leader; Mr. Gortoneer, assistant leader; Doyle Billings, Robert and Johnny Gortoneer, Raymond Rice, Raymond Adams, Albert Williams, Paul Jacobs and Kenny Remington.

The next meeting will be Feb. 6, and successive Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. All those interested may attend.

School meet held: A school meeting was held at the Curtin School Jan. 28. Two new members, Fred Thompson and Johnny Sligers, were elected to the school board to replace Mrs. Evelyn Littlepage and Mrs. Eldon Thompson, who are leaving the community.

The building of new school and transportation were topics of discussion. Kenneth Barneburg, Douglas County school superintendent, was present.

News briefs from Curtin: The State Highway Department found rock suitable for use in the construction of the new highway on the Leslie Crane ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Golden of Curtin are parents of another girl born Feb. 4, at the Cottage Grove hospital. Mr. Golden is teacher and principal at Curtin School. An auction sale will be held at the Don Littlepage place near Anlauf.

Bernell Goins was visited by Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Meacham and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Sowler in honor of his birthday, Feb. 2.

Bobby Joe and Dale Black celebrated their birthdays Feb. 3. Donald Gilman recently underwent a tonsillectomy. Mrs. James Black received word that her brother, James Spradin, died in Washington. His body has been shipped to his home town in Arkansas for burial.

Mrs. Ruby Meacham and Mrs. Grace Goins spent the day at Look-Inglass where they visited Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Kerr.

Residents Moving: Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hodges and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodges, will soon be moving to their new home in London.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Galdabini have moved to their new home in Cottage Grove. Grandma Allison is home after spending several weeks at the Sam Gilman home at Lorane.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Littlepage, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Littlepage, and family and Landwig Littlepage are moving to Brookings. Mrs. Dora Allen, who was assisting at the Willis Booher home, has left for her home at Lorane.

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WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The American Association for the Advancement of Science is, supposedly, a meritorious organization of scientists banded together for the purpose of promoting scientific studies. Rep. Richard B. Vail, a tenacious Republican from Chicago, has undertaken to dust off a few cobwebs and show that there's more to the Association than meets the eye.

What Representative Vail has found under the cobwebs is a strictly left-wing outfit whose trail shows a marked resemblance to that of the Communist party line. He's operating now on the theory that if these policies are publicized so that American scientists can realize what their top organization is doing, they'll see it that the policies are changed.

I've had a few letters myself from members of various scientific organizations affiliated with the AAAS, complaining about its actions, and I'm sure that Mrs. Vail is on the right track.

Vail's attention was forcibly called to the Association a few weeks ago when one, Dr. Edward U. Condon, was elected as its president. It so happens that Vail has had considerable experience with Dr. Condon, who, you may recall, used to be director of the U. S. Bureau of Standards.

Condon is the man who was described by a subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee (at a time when Vail was a member of the committee) as "one of the weakest links in our atomic security chain." He is the same man who belonged to various front organizations even when he was a vital link in the atomic program; who consistently advocated that Russian scientists be given free rein in all our laboratories, even atomic; who contended that the woefully inadequate loyalty program was a completely unjustified witch-hunt; and who, according to Vail in a speech on the floor of the House, resigned his government job rather than face a loyalty investigation.

His predecessor as head of the AAAS was another individual with a long record as a joiner of front organizations, Prof. Kirtley F. Mather, of Harvard University, who still is chairman of the Association's executive committee and thus one of the biggest wheels.

Representative Vail uses no less than eight columns of the congressional record's small-size printing to detail Prof. Mather's affiliations and to describe the alleged Commy character of the organizations to which he belongs.

It makes interesting reading. But there's far too much of it to copy here. Suffice it to mention a few listed as out-and-out Commy groups with which he has been connected, such as the American League for Peace and Democracy, the Civil Rights Congress, the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, the joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, the American Slav Congress, and several others. You can take it from there.

Taking note of several kindly references to the Association by the official Communist organ, the Daily Worker, Mr. Vail also calls attention to its continuing fight against the government loyalty program. Typical, he says, is a resolution adopted—and well publicized—a couple of years ago by the Association's special committee on civil rights.

The resolution followed the typical Commy line. It complained about giving any consideration to an individual's associations in connection with loyalty, charged that the program amounted to "sub-military tribunals," and said that under it, scientists "are constantly threatened as objects of suspicion

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Blast Kills Motorist As He Steps On Starter

SAN MATEO, Calif. (AP) — A tremendous explosion as Tom A. Keen entered his automobile Tuesday killed the president of the International Totalizer Company which makes the odds-flashing "tote" boards for race tracks.

Police said the mysterious blast apparently occurred when the wealthy 56-year-old sportsman stepped on the starter of his Cadillac in the garage of his home.

Officers said there was no indication that Keen, who formerly was engaged in dog racing, was in any trouble which would motivate a revenge bombing.

The blast blew through the back seat, it demolished the car and blew out one wall of the garage.

and possible calumny." The usual line. One of my correspondents suggests that "it is time that science here in America had a good airing as far as its Marxist tendencies are concerned." I agree. And it looks to me as though the AAAS were as good a place to start as any. You'll be hearing more about it.

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