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WORTHWHILE EFFORT

By CHARLES V. STANTON

The Inter-Service Club Committee, if it makes a success of its current venture, will have completely justified its existence even though it may never again chalk up a major achievement. We have no doubt that the committee will spearhead many worthwhile projects in the future. The effort on which it now is engaged, however, that of encouraging the people of the county to register and vote, is sufficient justification. The committee is to be commended for accepting the task.

Embracing representation from Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions clubs, the committee is designed to bring those organizations into united effort on joint programs. In the register-and-vote campaign the committee will be aided by the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to conduct a house-to-house campaign designed to ascertain that all eligible voters are registered. The Kiwanis Club will work through the schools to assist in the civic training program.

Promotion Events Planned

The Lions Club will arrange an old-fashioned torch-light parade — the kind that marked elections many years ago. Various other promotion events are planned.

The Rotary Club will be responsible for a telephone campaign just prior to election date and will provide baby sitting and transportation service election day.

Efforts will be made to get every eligible voter to the polls.

We can think of no more important or needed project. This year's elections are vital. History will hinge on decisions made by the nation's voters this year. It is the duty of every voter — a responsibility of citizenship — to give his counsel, through his ballot, in determining future policy.

Last week we heard Charles A. Sprague, former governor of Oregon, publisher of *The Oregon Statesman*, Salem, tell the state's editors at their mid-winter conference that Oregon's voting record was disgraceful. He pointed to the fact that less than one-half the qualified voters had cast ballots at the last election. He urged every possible effort to improve our voting record this year.

The work planned by the Inter-Service Club Committee should be a valuable contribution to this program. It is to be hoped that similar activities can be planned to reach every voter in the county. The project should not be confined to Roseburg alone. Perhaps the plans of the Roseburg organization will stimulate similar work elsewhere.

Douglas County Has Problem

Douglas County has a problem in connection with its elections, particularly with regard to local candidates. This problem is quite general in all counties of Western Oregon.

During the past ten years we have more than doubled our population. Perhaps as many as 70 percent of our residents have entered the community within the past 10 years as we consider removal of older residents by death or transfer. About 60 percent, we would estimate as a rough guess, have moved into the county during the past five years.

Many of these persons, busy in various phases of lumber production, have not become acquainted with the local political picture. They do not know candidates for local offices. They are not familiar with local issues. Most of them will have their ideas concerning presidential nominees. With only little interest in local campaigns, however, some will not trouble themselves, unless urged, to go to the polls to vote the presidential ballot only. As the elections correspond to their busiest periods, many persons, we anticipate, will not even endeavor to inform themselves.

Because of this condition, any effort directed toward the encouragement of prospective voters to study candidates and issues and to exercise their right of franchise will be extremely worthwhile.

Scrap From the MENDING BASKET

Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874 Drain, Ore.

Forty Easter hats, place favors when the Drain Study Club entertained the Yoncalla Study Club, were identical until they were tied on. Then the hats became individualistic indeed! The paper-lace, paper pom-pom creations, with their bright ribbon ties, started the fun.

While still at the table, band-leader Bessie Lakey, using a large printed list of instructions, led the group through the intricate orchestration of "The Country Garden," a gay tune played by Dorothy Randall on the piano while the rest tapped knives on glasses, clapped hands — eight bars to each variation — or tried to whistle when all one could do was laugh.

By then the party was all set for what might be called Animated Anagrams, very animated anagrams. Ever play it? First Mrs. Lakey made sure she had "enough vowels" in the first names of those present; then she asked each player to print the initial of her first name on a slip of paper and pin it on herself. The idea was to form words having three letters or more. Each one in the "word" wrote down the word on her own list. To illustrate:

Mrs. Anna Kruse, Edith Bushey and Lucille Phelps and I were happily forming our second word by reshuffling our first one, VALE, into VEAL, when Mrs.

Kruse was snatched away by a group needing an A. Irene Pinkston was handy so we hooked on to her, and made LIVE. Before we could make VEIL, our E was taken away. But we got Mrs. Kruse back, and Nora McArthur and another L — dear me, who was it? — and triumphantly made a VANILLA which was quite a feat considering the hubbub and rushing about, and the difficulty of hanging on to a "vowel" long enough to make the word. Ever play it? Fun!
It occurs to me to wonder if a time out period for Animated Anagrams might not be time well spent when a group of people get all tied up in knots of discordant discussion, and are not getting anywhere. After such a loosening up, I'm sure the discussion would proceed much better. Take Congress, for instance. Can't you just see them? Well, they do everything else in Congress, don't they?

OREGON PAYROLLS UP

SALEM — Oregon's business and industrial payrolls last year totaled more than \$1,200,000,000, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said Friday.
That is 140 million more than ever before.
The commission said the average employment during the year was 335,000 persons.

"Where'd They Ever Get That Idea?"



Oregon's Toughest Convict Sent To Folsom To Prevent Others From Slaying Him

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon State Penitentiary's toughest and most troublesome convict has been paroled so the other convicts can't kill him.

He is John Edward Ralph, 31, a confirmed and hardened criminal who suddenly had a change of heart. He exposed an escape plot, and that's why it was unsafe to let him remain with the other prisoners.

So, at the request of Warden Virgil O'Malley, Ralph was transferred last week to Folsom, Calif. Prison, where he was wanted as a parole violator to finish a five year term for auto theft.

During his four years at the Oregon prison, Ralph was involved in just about all the trouble the prison had.

He entered Dec. 4, 1947, to serve 12 years for beating a man up in La Grande and robbing him of \$100.

Ralph was mixed up in the big 1948 escape attempt, when some convicts set fire to the prison flax mill. He was chairman of the convict committee that led the prison strike last summer. Ralph tried many other times to conceal weapons for attempted breaks.

Last October 31, he was one of the 10 convicts who locked their guards in their cells and tried to get out. They didn't get out, though, because they hadn't figured a way to get out the main prison gate.

For this last attempt, Ralph got another 30 days in isolation. After that, he was transferred, along with the other escape artists, to segregation cells.

Ask For Execution

When Ralph was sent to isolation that last time, he said "I wish they would put me in the gas chamber." He added that his chief ambition was to kill guards.

On November 28, from his isolation cell, Ralph sent this letter to the warden: "I'm in a living hell, prepared to die. . . I believe a dead man has the best go anyway — no worries, no troubles. Let's come to an understanding or I'll give you

the chance to carry me out in a box."

But only two weeks later, this man, so bitter at society in general and the prison management in particular, reversed his field.

A guard slipped a gun, dagger, ammunition and dynamite to the desperate men in segregation. And Ralph told the other guards about it, thus blocking an escape plot in which somebody might have been killed.

Warden O'Malley wanted to keep it secret how Ralph exposed the plot. But a newspaper told about it briefly, and all the convicts soon knew about it.

"From then on, Ralph's life wasn't worth two cents around here," the warden said.

Started in Crime At 16

The warden got him his parole and rushed him off to the Multnomah County Jail. The California officers picked him up there a few days ago.

Ralph has a long record of 24 arrests for vagrancy, burglary, robbery and auto theft. He left home at the age of 12, started his criminal career at 15, and was in the reformatory a year later.

He has a deformed hand, and the psychiatrist says that makes him bitter. Ralph is a psychopath, meaning he is morally defective, not knowing the meaning of honesty, truth and decency. Most veteran criminals are psychopaths.

Another reason Ralph was sent to Folsom is that it has better facilities for giving psychiatric treatment.

At Folsom, Ralph might get rid of his delusions of persecution, his suspicion and his vindictiveness.

Dillard

By ROSA HEINBACH

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. McAllister, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Krewson of Myrtle Point, left Feb. 17 for Auburn, Wash., to attend the funeral of Mrs. Ann E. Hazel. Mrs. Hazel was a sister of Mrs. McAllister and Mr. Krewson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Martin of Grants Pass were Sunday callers at the O. D. McAllister home.

Mrs. Paul Hult and Miss Ann Armstrong of Spokane, Wash., attended the Camp Fire leaders meeting Monday afternoon in Drain.

Miss Armstrong is the Campfire Regional field advisor of this district. They also attended the PTA meeting in Drain where Miss Armstrong was guest speaker.

Miss Armstrong and Mrs. Hult were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Whipple, formerly of Roseburg.

Mrs. A. A. Friesen and son, Roger, returned to her home Monday after spending a week visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rummell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Campbell and children, Michael and Carol, of Bremerton, Wash., arrived Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Nickerson and son, Roger.

Saturday, they visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walker and son, Larry. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are well-known in Dillard and Roseburg, having lived there about a year ago. Campbell is employed with the Nalley Foods Corp., at Bremerton. They returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Susie Winston is expected to return to her home on Robert's Creek Wednesday after spending three weeks in Sacred Heart Hospital in Eugene. Mrs. Winston fell at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Anna French on Robert's Creek and broke her right leg and her wrist.

C. C. Fosback, daughter, Lois, and daughter-in-law, Mrs. Jimmy Fosback motored to Portland Friday to spend the week-end with Mrs. Fosback's mother, Mrs. Emma Fosback, who has been ill with a severe attack of flu. They were joined in Portland by Mrs. C. C. Fosback who had been spending the week visiting relatives. The group were guests of Fosback's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Baker and daughter, Patsy, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Fosback and children, Norman and Gayle.

Since her return home Sunday, Mrs. C. C. Fosback has been suffering with a badly infected finger. She has been having it lanced and treated in Roseburg.

Roger Lynn Metcalf, 16-months old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Metcalf of Dillard, has been ill with pneumonia in Mercy Hospital since Sunday. He is reported improving as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Halverson and son Virgil spent the past week-end in Coos Bay visiting at the homes of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Marnasco, and Mrs. Halverson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Smith, and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Newton.

Mrs. Fred Burks has been confined to her home with throat infection.

Ms. George McDowell is ill her home with flu.

Mrs. E. O. Nickerson has been ill with a bronchial cold.

Mrs. A. M. Matlock of Eugene and Mrs. L. E. Weeks of Salem were guests Thursday of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Andrus, and children, Sharon and Chris Stewart. The Ladies came to visit baby Chris who is Mrs. Matlock's only grandson and Mrs. Week's only nephew. He was born Dec. 26, in Douglas Community Hospital.

Mrs. Gene Hathaway, Mrs. P. L. Manley of Dillard and Mrs. Virgil Bateman and Mrs. Al Crook of Winston motored to Eugene Tuesday. They spent the day attending to business and shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hathaway spent Thursday in Portland attending to business interests.

Mrs. Mattie J. Collins, Mrs. Frank Lowell and son, Kenneth, of Klamath Falls were guests Tuesday and Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dean Collins and children, Frankie, Perley and Andy. Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Lowell are the mother and sister of Dean Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Dean Collins, Mrs. Zella Jorgenson and Mrs. Doris Roark motored to Eugene Thursday. They spent the day shopping and attending to business.

Mrs. John Bingham Jr. of Riddle, was the honored guest at a personal shower given Wednesday by Mrs. Norman Chapel and Mrs. John Markham Jr. of Riddle at the Chapel home in Canyonville.

Many lovely gifts were presented in a basket decorated in the Valentine motif. Guests were Mrs. Pat Metzger, Mrs. Howard Schoenicke, Mrs. B. O. Bordeaux, Mrs. Robert Proctor, Mrs. Robert Lilly, Mrs. William Markham of Riddle; Mrs. John Bingham Sr., Mrs. Charles Dowd, Mrs. John Theiss, Mrs. Olive Honime, Mrs. John Norman of Canyonville; Mrs. Joseph Tomaschewski, Mrs. H. W. Shultz, Mrs. William Kinard of Myrtle Creek and Mrs. Raymond Hayes of Days Creek.

DINNER PARTY HONORS WASHINGTON VISITORS
Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Nickerson of Dillard entertained Saturday evening with a dinner party in honor of the former's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Campbell and children, Michael and Carol of Bremerton, Wash. The six o'clock dinner was served on the lace-covered table to: Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Walker and son, Larry; Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and children, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson and son, Roger.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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IN THE GREATEST PRACTICABLE DEGREE OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT."

That, Lloyd, is NEWS. It ought to stop your yawns for at least an hour.

WHY is it news?

Well, here is a good man who announces himself as candidate for President and then puts his finger on the thing that in the past couple of decades has led us FARTHEST ASTRAY FROM THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE as the Founding Fathers envisioned it.

Our ancestors were wise. They wanted government kept CLOSE AT HOME, where they could watch it and control it. They started, in New England, with the town meeting. The town meeting was government on a scale that could be handled by the people. But, gradually, population spread beyond the villages. When that came about, there were COUNTRY people as well as TOWN people. They were entitled to their share of the say in government.

So we extended the scope of government to include the COURT HOUSE. In time, as we continued to grow, we widened our circle to include the STATE HOUSE.

There, for a long, LONG time, we stopped. It is true that one of our first acts as a new-born nation was to create NATIONAL government. But, in our thinking, we limited its powers sharply. We gave it control of foreign relations and foreign policy and NATIONAL DEFENSE. We permitted it to levy tariff duties—partly to protect our youthful industries against foreign competition and partly to enable our national government to finance itself. We gave it a few more modest powers.

But there we stopped. We were inherently suspicious of BIG government. We wanted government kept close enough to us so that we could handle it.

That was the root of our thinking until the REVOLUTION OF THE 1890's, which arose out of the Great Depression and was spearheaded by the New Deal.

In the course of time—a surprisingly SHORT time—the New Deal moved the court houses and the state houses to Washington. The result of it has been to move the bulk of government so far from the people that they no longer can control it.

In recent years, I think I must have heard ten thousand people say: "I don't like what's going on, BUT WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT? What can ONE PERSON do?"

It is true that when the bulk of our government is centered in Washington one person can't do very much. Washington is so big and so remote, and so impersonal that one person simply can't do much there.

But in the old days, when the bulk of government was wisely kept close at home, in the city halls, the court houses, and the state houses, even one person could do quite a lot and a dozen persons could always make themselves heard.

Government was then close enough to the source so that it could be handled by the people. Now it is so far away that it RUNS the people.

So, as one individual I'm immensely impressed by Senator Russell's statement that he believes in the greatest practicable degree of local self government. All in all, I think that is the best platform that has yet been advanced by ANY candidate for the Presidency.

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