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SCHOOL FOR POLICEMEN

Oregon urgently needs an academy where police officers may be trained. This is the opinion of Clyde A. Warren, veteran police officer, now serving as chief of police at Salem. Chief Warren was in Roseburg Tuesday conducting the regional school for police officers.

Discussing this project, Warren said:

The Oregon law requires that a man must have a thorough education, be examined and licensed before he is permitted to take a warrant off your finger.

A person cannot even cut hair without first having a college education, passing examinations and obtaining a state license.

But a chief of police can walk out on the street, pick up a man, pin a star on his chest, hand him a gun, and he is a police officer.

Resulting discussion at the police school confirmed the need for training as proposed by Chief Warren. But it went much further.

As we listened to the officers debating some of their problems, we could sense an undercurrent of disappointment — disappointment bordering on bitterness.

Underpaid, understaffed, inadequately equipped, lacking suitable quarters and facilities, city policemen feel the public is letting them down.

Public Cooperation Lacking

The public, policemen complain, is quick to criticize any show of inefficiency but is unwilling to pay wages sufficient to maintain efficiency. It demands protection, but denies funds to supply the equipment needed to assure protection. It wants law enforcement, but demands privilege.

Said one Roseburg officer:

The City Council condemns an old hotel building as a hazard and orders immediate removal. But the police department, jail, fire department and city offices are kept in a building condemned 25 years ago.

Roseburg officers spoke with embarrassment of having to drag a very sick man through the one entrance into the city jail, an entrance partially blocked by several citizens engaged in paying traffic fines. But the jail has only one entrance and it passes through the police office. So, regardless of the effect of such a spectacle upon the public, the officers had no alternative.

Training is desired by the average police officer. He wants to be a good policeman. His job requires a wide knowledge. He must know traffic control, investigations, fingerprinting, detection, and many other phases of apprehending and handling offenders and criminals. He must be thoroughly versed in the law pertaining to his department, rules of evidence and court procedure. He must be trained in the use of firearms. He must know first aid. He must be taught hand-to-hand combat, that he may protect himself and the public. He must have a good knowledge of public relations. The list could go on indefinitely.

Training Program Possible

A training program is possible. Federal funds are available on a match basis with the state to set up a school where new officers could get a 30-day course in fundamentals while older officers could obtain advanced instruction.

Establishment of such a school would require a state appropriation authorized by the legislature. Cities would need a budget allotment to pay officers while they attended the police academy.

Will the public approve of such expenditures? Policemen are hopeful that such a program can be initiated but, from past experience with the lack of public cooperation, are skeptical.

Police departments they feel are intitled to reasonable pay, adequate equipment and facilities, and access to a training program promoting better efficiency. After all, they say, they are hired by the public to do a job. They can do that job only within the limitations set for them by their employer.

Policemen are disturbed by the large number of their experienced fellow officers forced by low wages to seek other fields of employment. The public's failure to provide a wage commensurate with present living costs is discouraging, while seriously impairing law enforcement efficiency. Something, they think, should be done about it.



Last Sunday, Pass Creek Canyon looked as if a giant hand had been playing jackstraws with the fir trees along the right of way for the new road — freeway, isn't it to be? — and had tossed the trees just any old way. The pond at Landon's was not much more than a huge mud puddle, and oh, the houses, standing empty, some with roofs torn off, some nearly wrecked all empty!

Did you, too, watch the little log cabin right there by the Lane-Douglass county line, and have a friendly interest in the way the owners fixed the place up, little by little? Such a nice garden — now only an abandoned place. I do hope that couple found compensation in the enforced change caused by the new road.

It certainly gives one a queer feeling to drive through what was such a pretty canyon, but now is in the first throes of road construction. Looked to us as if the first part of an approach across the tracks at Comstock was under way. Seems like the road will go right through the Lawrence's mill. And the houses on Curtin that new road.

sold for \$100! One sold for \$35. I heard, the price of about four or five windows! Funny world, isn't it?

Well, if there should ever be an emergency requiring large numbers of troops and supplies to be moved north and south, guess the new road will be worth all it costs, and then some. If ever there was a traffic "bottleneck," the Pass Creek canyon was one. I remember during the big snow a couple of years ago, and the icy condition of the road; traffic blocked on 99 would go over Lorane mountain, 20 miles instead of eleven. One time a truck "jack-knifed" in the canyon and traffic almost bumper to bumper it seemed, then, EJ came back around that way, too, and later said the road was a sheet of ice up over the mountain. By the way, the old Cartwright place "Mountain House" of such historical interest, changed hands after fifty years or so, and now the Eldon Thompsons are living there. All because their Curtin place had to be vacated for the new road.

Now That He's Had a Chance to Look Into It



In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

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lady's age. At 82, she remembered other days and other manners.

There is another angle to the situation.

In these days, most of would be inclined to reason that the old gentleman with the chin whisker would get the bulk of the estate anyway in the form of taxes, so why break down and GIVE him anything?

But let's be serious for a moment.

Back in the days of which the Civil War was a part, there was RESPECT for government. For one thing, the President in those days was Abraham Lincoln, a man who commanded great respect. There was even respect for political parties. In the grave period that immediately preceded the Civil War, the Republican party was born. At its birth, the Republican party had more than a mere itch for office. It BELIEVED two things:

1. The Union is RIGHT, and must be preserved.
2. Slavery is WRONG, and must be abolished.

You RESPECT beliefs like that. You respect them deeply. That isn't all. You respect men who hold beliefs like that. The institution of individual human freedom, upon which our country is built, was established by men of that sort, holding beliefs of that sort.

And ready to DIE for them, if need be.

So— It isn't too surprising, when you think it all out, that one born too long after the Civil War and fathered by a veteran of that great war should hold for the government that treated her father right and lived up to its obligations to him such respect and affection that she would write into her will a considerable bequest to it.

We are living in the hey-day of the welfare state.

cerned, we are already doing our share and, I think, will continue to do it.

When the Housing and Home Finance Agency was created about five years ago it was supposed to consolidate, or at least coordinate, the various existing Housing agencies including the Public Housing Administration, Federal Housing Administration, Home Loan Bank Board, and what was then the Home Owners Loan Corporation. The legal status and the functions of those agencies were not changed.

What was done was to place a sort of head administrator on top of the other four. The first year the new super-office, the Office of the Administrator, required only 183 additional employees. In the intervening years this top organization has been given some additional responsibility but nothing of great magnitude. This coordinating agency now asks for 1,472 employees for the coming fiscal year! I understand that when the House Appropriations Committee received this request some of the members hit the ceiling and inquired of the other agencies just exactly what the Office of the Administrator did for each of the individual agencies. The reply the committee received from each agency, I am told, was simply the word "nothing." That is how bureaucracy grows. Such illustrations show why we are so burdened with debt and taxes.

Congress Chat

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M. C., 4th Oregon District

Having been rather close up to the problem of European defense when I was in Europe late last fall I was greatly cheered by news coming out of the Lisbon meeting of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. When I was in Europe it seemed the countries there were not taking defense against a possible attack by the Russians as seriously as they should. I am certain that at the time the Europeans were not so worried about the possibility of a World War III as we were. The agreement at Lisbon would seem to indicate that they really mean business — defense business — now.

We must remember, though that agreements made by the foreign ministers at Lisbon are nothing but paper agreements, until the parliaments of the various countries vote the men and money. They were hesitating about that last year. Perhaps now they will go ahead and do the necessary. So far as our government is concerned, we are already doing our share and, I think, will continue to do it.

As soon as the UMT bill has been considered, floor action on appropriations bills will begin. I understand two bills are now ready for action — meaning that the committee has finished its work on them. It is likely that legislative work in the House will be pretty much confined to appropriations bills most of the month of March.

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Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — If there ever was an example of carrying coals to Newcastle, it was a recent State Department report labeling present leaders of the Greek government corrupt.

Look who is talking. Well over 100 U.S. government officials have been fired, have resigned or have been suspended from their jobs for corrupt practices ranging from outright thievery to petty pilfering from the gift racks of five percent centers. And the various congressional investigations and independent probes are just getting warmed up.

Actually, in hanging a corruption rap on Greek government officials, the State Department was simply performing old tricks. It is standard operating procedure for Secretary of State Dean Acheson's Muscovite Stooges in the Department to find something wrong with every government that displays any friendship for the U.S.A. — with the exception of the British.

Only those with short memories in politics will fail to recall the treatment accorded Chiang Kai-shek by the State Department when his back was to the wall in his battle with the Chinese Communists. Chiang was called corrupt and worse, and all of his aids and assistants were relegated to the criminal class by the stuffed shirts in the State Department.

The same thing happened to Philippine government officials when they were in the midst of trying to restore order in the lands after World War II. The Communist-led Hukbs were trying to take over the government and they almost succeeded after a big propaganda boost from a special U.S. mission which labeled all the loyal leaders as thieves and worse.

Nobody, of course, except those sharing the loot, can condone corruption. But it seems odd that only anti-Communist governments get splattered by the State Department.

The Greeks are still hard at work rebuilding their country and trying to keep the Communists from creeping back across the border. They need our help, instead of our insults, and if there is any corruption it will be up to the elected government to weed out the thieves. It may take time, just as it did in the U.S., before honest officials catch up with the crooks. But it will happen, just as it did here, despite presidential depictions of clean-up efforts as "aspirations."

The State Department added a new twist to its slander of the friendly Greek officials, who are cooperating 10 per cent with us in trying to ward off Communist aggression. This gimmick comprised preparation of a confidential report at the American Embassy in Athens, in which all Greek political leaders were described as corrupt, and subsequent "leakage" of the report to the Communists. They, of course, promptly started flaying loyal Greek leaders with its words.

The facts concerning the incident were revealed at a current spy trial in Athens. Twenty-nine Communists are on trial, charged

William Brady Picked For College Play Part

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis (Special) — William Brady of Roseburg will be cast as Antonio, male romantic interest, in the Oregon State College presentation of "Cradle Song" March 6, 7 and 8, according to D. Palmer Young, professor of speech and dramatics.

The play, a two-act comedy with an interlude in verse, is the second presentation of the winter term. It will be held in the newly constructed College Playhouse which has a seating capacity of over 500.

Brady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brady, Rt. 1, Box 1646, Roseburg, is a junior in education.

The United States fight the Communists.

It was the same with Chinese and Philippine government officials. Chiang Kai-shek caught it the worst, of course. He was then in dire need of more U.S. money and military equipment and the issue was before Congress. When the State Department dropped its "foul" bundle, there was an immediate hue and cry from capital hill. State Department mouthpieces in Congress lathered the air with anti-Chiang charges. This only encouraged the Communists to keep on trying.

Maybe that is what the Russian lovers in the State Department want the Greek Communists to do. Until a better explanation comes along, this one will have to do.

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