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PATTERN FOR PROGRESS

By Charles V. Stanton

Glen Wellman, field agent for the Douglas County Flour Mills, and editor of that company's weekly publication *The Feed Bag*, told the Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon audience that "we have too many eggs in one basket."

While his cliché was paradoxical, inasmuch as he was pleading for increased poultry production, he was pointing out a critical danger in our economic position.

Our economy is much too dependent upon primary manufacturing in the forest industry. Should the market for rough green lumber hit the skids suddenly, we would be badly hurt financially. The forest industry, for its own protection, needs greater diversity, while the county as a whole needs development of potentials in other fields — agriculture and minerals in particular.

Wellman, in his talk at the luncheon meeting, offered several excellent suggestions.

For the timber industry he urged better utilization, specifically mentioning possibilities for products to be consumed locally by the agricultural industry, such as baled sawdust and shavings for poultry litter, also wood molasses plants producing stock and poultry feed supplements. He might well have added manufacture of shipping crates, cartons and boxes; special equipment needed on farms, prefabricated farm structures, excelsior for packing purposes and other such operations.

Wellman spoke of the need for food processing facilities, especially freezing and storage plants and a cannery. He suggested construction of water storage basins for irrigation purposes, increases in poultry and livestock production, development of farm forestry, together with many other excellent proposals.

Changing Markets Explained

The speaker used interesting statistical information to show the rapid change in market conditions. The growth of population on the Pacific Coast, he said, has caused us to import poultry products when we should be producing sufficient for all our own needs with enough for export as well.

Opportunity exists for large agricultural expansion, he pointed out, with resultant benefits from diversification of activity and protection to economy should any one section of industry collapse suddenly.

Wellman complained that the agricultural industry is being neglected in local planning; that more Chamber of Commerce activity and more newspaper editorial policy should be directed toward agriculture, rather than putting emphasis exclusively on timber.

We grant he has a point. Agriculture is important to our economy and merits much attention.

It is standard merchandising practice, however, to concentrate on commodities currently in demand and returning the highest profits. When people are in the frame of mind to buy refrigerators, a merchant advertises refrigerators and promotes their sale. He doesn't spend his time trying to sell floor lamps.

The forest industry today leads our economic parade. It is comparatively new. It is faced with many problems. Its problems are such that they absorb much of the time and capacity of such organizations as the Chamber of Commerce, which is working aggressively on access roads, salvage, secondary manufacturing, and dozens of related projects.

Yet the agricultural industry is not neglected. An active committee is studying problems and is ready to direct Chamber of Commerce energies and cooperation into any channels in which the organization can be of service.

We have one criticism of our agricultural industry, and we believe it is one in which Wellman will concur. Too many of our farmers expect everything to be done for them. Considering the tendency of the federal government to provide all things for all people, perhaps we have no right to be critical of the farmer's lack of aggressiveness in attacking industrial problems.

But if food processing plants are needed, a farmer organization could promote such plants. Some of the strongest canneries and freezer operations in the country are cooperatively owned and managed.

There should be no lack of cooperation with the agricultural industry on the part of any promotional organization. However, farmers themselves should show more leadership in presentation of needs, rather than waiting for some group, knowing little of the technical problems, to furnish leadership for them.

Wellman has presented an excellent pattern for progress. Cooperative effort to put it into operation should be forthcoming.

Suit Hits Permit For Pelton Dam

SALEM (AP) — Oregon Tuesday went to court to try to stop Portland General Electric Company from building Pelton Dam on the Deschutes River.

Arthur G. Higgs, assistant attorney general for the state, said he had filed with the U. S. court of appeals a petition to set aside the Federal Power Commission's order giving a license to PGE for construction of the dam.

The Oregon Fish and Game Commission objected to the dam when the power commission held a hearing last June. But the FPC held the objections not sufficiently valid to block a permit.

In Tuesday's petition, Higgs said,

Jack Stone Elected To Beaver House Post

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis — Jack Stone of Roseburg has been elected vice-president of Beaver Lodge men's cooperative house at Oregon State College.

Beaver Lodge is one of four men's co-op living groups at OSC which houses approximately 112 students.

Stone, sophomore in agriculture, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon W. Stone, 2821 Parker Road, Roseburg.

the state presents its opinion that the FPC lacks authority to give a permit to a private utility for a dam on a non-navigable river within the state. The state controls that stream under the Desert Land Act of Congress, the petition says.

Permits To Work Minors Granted Oregon Firms

SALEM (AP) — The State Labor Department has granted 1,526 permits to Oregon business firms in the first three months for employment of minors under 18 years of age, State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey said Tuesday.

It is a 12 per cent increase over the total for the first quarter of 1951.

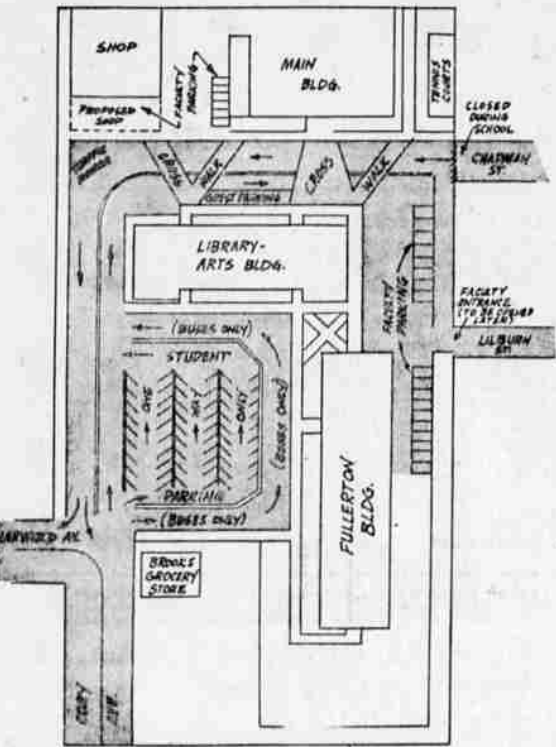
Governor Of Nebraska Will Speak At U. Of O.

EUGENE (AP) — Gov. Val Peterson of Nebraska will speak here May 2 in the mock Republican convention to be held by University of Oregon students.

The students voted recently to hold the convention with living organizations representing state delegations at the convention, which will continue through May 3.



DELEGATES—Those pictured above will be delegates to the YMCA's annual model legislature that will convene in the Capitol at Salem Thursday and Friday. They, with other youths from the state, will take over the machinery of the state government. From left, front row, are Margaret Taylor, Charlotte Sand, Mary Wells, Merlin Donaldson, local YMCA executive secretary, and Mary Ellen Holbrook. Back row, Velma Lankford, Mary Kathryn Purdy and Roland Cheek. Not pictured are Allen Winter, Junior-Senior Hi-Y Club and Sutherland delegates Janice Parks, Marta Lu Smith and Patsy Moore. (Picture by Paul Jenkins)



TRAFFIC PLAN ADOPTED—The map above, drawn by Dan Mindolovich, News-Review staff artist, diagrams the traffic plan now in operation at the Roseburg Senior High School grounds. Adopted by the Student Council, the plan is expected to eliminate existing congestion. Entrance to the grounds by way of Chapman street from Laurelwood will be closed from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or during school hours. Traffic in and out of the grounds will move by way of Harvard and Corey avenues. Persons having business at the school may park on the north side of the new Library Building. Student parking will be limited to the large area south of the Library Building, where buses also will be parked. Faculty cars will be parked west of the main school building and also north of the old Fullerton building. Student police, aided by an officer assigned from the city force, will supervise enforcement of the new pattern.



Another story of nature talking back when meddled with was included in the letter from Mrs. Lillian Stickney, who also enclosed clippings from her column, "Nature Notes," appearing in various N.H. and Vt. papers. This happened way back in 1810 at Glover, Vt. Anybody know the place? Could be.

"At the time Long Pond, a mile and a half long and half a mile wide... was partly situated in the township of Greensboro and discharged its waters into the La-moille River. Mud Pond was a little north and a little below Long Pond. Several mills were located on the small stream outlet of Mud Pond. Sometimes this stream failed during the summer, and it was proposed to turn some of the water of Long Pond into Mud Pond in order to furnish water for the mills."

"On June 6, 1810, about 60 men began to dig a channel in order to divert the waters of Long Pond into the smaller pond below. It happened that the northern barrier was composed of quicksand, with only a thin coating of clay, and immediately the waters of Long Pond went out with a rush, so that in fifteen minutes the bed of Long Pond (half a mile wide and 1-1/2 mile long) was bare."

"A torrent of water 60 feet high and 20 rods wide swept through the channel of the Barton River, over Barton meadows, destroying forests, leveling hills, filling the valley, moving huge boulders and carrying away mills, houses, barns, fenced cattle, horses and sheep. Residents in its path barely escaped with their lives. In six hours all the waters of this pond had reached Lake Memphremagog, a distance of 27 miles. The channel through which the waters escaped is 127 feet deep and several rods wide."

"A highway now runs through the bed of the old pond and on either side are cultivated lands."

as this was before the day of this onrushing disaster had no warning and it's difficult to imagine the calamity it must have been to those people on the 27 miles."

Now, kind readers, aren't you going to tell me a story of Oregon I can send back to our columnist-friend, Mrs. Lillian Stickney in Charles town, N.H.? Anything like that ever happen in Oregon?

Youngsters Shy At Air Service, Gen. Spaatz Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Gen. Carl A. Spaatz says the nation is dangerously short of youngsters who want to fly.

The former chief of the U. S. Air Force said demands by youths for flying instruction are critically below the level needed to sustain a major air power. Writing in "Flying" magazine, he called this "alarms."

Spaatz blamed slackened interest on the loss of "a whole generation of air-minded teenagers who, too young for service in World War II, were rather abruptly brushed off."

"That situation can never be quite corrected," said Spaatz, now chairman of the National Executive Board of the Civil Air Patrol. "These young people of World War II have now outgrown the golden age in the making of an aviator — the 'teenies.'"

Spaatz said the inclination to fly on the part of the "lost" generation of too-young hopefuls, was sacrificed to the wartime effort to build a fighting air force of 350,000 planes and 250,000 pilots.

Commies' Phony Offer In Korean Truce Rejected

MUNSAN, Korea (AP) — A U. N. negotiator said Wednesday the Allies "absolutely would not" trade a ban on repairing military airfields for the "strictly phony issue" of Russia as a Korean truce supervisor.

Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison made the statement after a Chinese negotiator hinted for the second successive day the Communists would like to make such a swap. "The are trying to offer us something that should not be an issue at all for something really vital to an armistice," Harrison told newsmen.

In Tokyo, British Gen. Sir Charles F. Keightley commented the "Chinese are playing a game at Panmunjom. They know, everyone knows, the U. N. is anxious for peace. When that peace will come probably will be decided by the men in Peiping."

SEUL, Korea (AP) — An outnumbered United Nations advance unit broke up an attempted trap by a hundred Reds west of the Munding Valley on the eastern Korean front Wednesday.

The Communists hit the unit's position from three sides, said a U. S. Eighth Army tactical summary. They directed their main effort at its rear. The U. N. troops withdrew on orders but two hours later had fought back to their front line post.

The U. S. Battleship Iowa dumped 145 tons of shells on Red rail lines along North Korea's east coast.

Pilots of B-26 night intruders and U. S. Marine fighter-bombers reported they destroyed 35 vehicles and a locomotive in attacks behind Red lines Tuesday night.

In Aztec days the capital of Mexico, Tenochtitlan, was a city of canals much like Venice.

Fulton Lewis Jr.



WASHINGTON — A Kentucky Democrat in Congress is at the crossroads of his political career. He is Representative Frank Leslie Chelf, chairman of the House committee assigned to investigate the Department of Justice.

Chelf has the choice of a sure route to political prominence by performing a competent cleanup job in Washington, or of knuckling under a gang of mud-splattered Democratic politicians, including the President, who want to avoid an expose at any cost.

Four presidential candidates have been produced so far in the nation on the heels of vigorous investigations of scandals in Government. They were Tilden, Cleveland, Hughes and Dewey. The Kentucky congressman can be the fifth.

Nobody else in Washington seems anxious or capable of doing the cleanup job now going begging. Former Attorney General J. Howard McGrath failed to meet the corruption challenge. Newbold Morris, the gabby New Yorker, lacked the competence for the job.

White House aides and advisers to the President are incapable of anything but sitting on the lid of the garbage can full of corruption that is stinking up official Washington. Many of them are tainted with the stench of petty graft and political fixing. They want to protect the President and preserve an administration that will continue to provide them with jobs.

Chelf is 55 years old, slightly built, former Air Force major who is serving his third term in Congress. So far he has escaped public notoriety, and is described by his colleagues in Congress as a competent, political lone wolf with an excellent mind.

The congressman is the son of a Kentucky judge. His parents died when he was five years of age and he was reared in the Masonic widows and orphans home. He supported himself while studying at St. Mary's college, St. Mary's Ky., Centre College, Danville, Ky., and as a law student at Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn. He was admitted to the bar in 1931.

Prior to World War II, Chelf served three consecutive four-year terms as prosecuting attorney in Marion County, Kentucky. He established a reputation as a vigorous prosecutor and avoided any charges of political favoritism.

During World War II, Chelf joined the air force, where he served until 1944, retiring with the rank of major for physical disability. He has three children, Carolyn, Bonnie and Frank L. Jr. He belongs to the usual civic organizations, including the Kiwanis and Knights Templar, as well as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

So far Chelf has not projected his own thinking into the public scrap between McGrath and Morris. He has made certain demands on the White House and Justice Department for records and has been promised cooperation. However, so have others, including Morris, only to learn that Mr. Truman didn't mean what he said he did.

Record Damage Suit Trails Fire

EUGENE (AP) — The largest damage suit ever to be tried in Lane County opened Monday before Circuit Court Judge William G. East.

A battery of lawyers began picking a jury which will hear the case resulting from the Little Fall Creek forest fire two years ago.

Plaintiff in the suit is the Booth-Kelly Lumber Co., which asks \$422,483.55 in damages. The company charges the damage resulted from negligence of the defendants.

Defendants are the Portland Manufacturing Co., and the M. & M. Woodworking Co., both of Portland; C. W. Guerrier Lumber Co., Rasor Logging Co., and several individuals doing business as the C. R. & K. Logging Co., all of the Eugene-Springfield area.

The fire burned over more than 5000 acres of timber in the Little Fall Creek area south and east of Springfield in late May and early June, 1950. The blaze spread to Booth-Kelly holdings.

crats are apathetic and dispirited.

The reason I hope it is true is that I believe the only way to clean up the mess in our federal government is with a new broom that will sweep all the closets and the cubbyholes under the stairways in the corners out CLEAN.

Poor old Stassen! I wonder what happened to him. And I can't help wondering if Oregon back in 1948 had anything to do with it.

If you will dig back into your memory, you will recall that in 1948 Stassen was going great guns until he came to Oregon for that week-long debate with Dewey on what to do with the communists. He had me convinced. I was going to vote for him as the Republican candidate for President.

That staggering week in Oregon changed my mind and I voted for Dewey.

In that miracle week in Oregon, Dewey HAD EVERYTHING. He had fire. He had enthusiasm. He had sincerity — FIGHTING sincerity. He was magnetic. He was wonderful. He was the perfect picture of a perfect candidate for President.

But—almost from the moment when he crossed the borders of Oregon on his way out—he became a dud. He was a dud from there on until election day. Maybe the historians will tell us someday what happened in that strange week in Oregon back in 1948.

It cooked Stassen's goose, too. I think we'd better wait until our Oregon primary next month before making up our minds as to how the Presidential cat is going to jump this year. The big boys in the upper political echelons aren't paying us much heed, but if 1948 is any criterion Oregon is potent stuff in the business of Presidential-making and President-breaking.



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