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AID TO ROSE FESTIVAL

Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg's Senior High School band is leaving Thursday to participate in Portland's Rose Festival.
 Our band has taken part in festival parades previously and always has won much acclaim. We have good reason to be proud of our representation in past years and have full confidence that both conduct and performance this year will compare favorably with former appearances.
 Director Stiles has been giving the group strenuous conditioning. Few people realize the physical exertion involved in marching several miles in rigid formation. If the sun is hot, marchers become dehydrated and actually suffer. If the weather is wet, footing is difficult, straining the feet and legs. It is a tough grind the band undergoes, yet the members look forward to the experience with keen anticipation.

Roseburg fans usually are critical because Portland newspapers fail to feature the band in news coverage of festivities. Naturally, we are extremely proud of our band. We contribute freely to the expense of the trip as a reward for local service. But, in voicing criticism for failure of the Portland press to go into raptures over the group, we fail to realize that the festival offers so many items of news that no newspaper can adequately cover them all. Each parade has many bands and it is impossible to give deserved space to all. Furthermore, Portland has some very "hot" high school bands of its own. We should consider ourselves amply repaid if our band turns in a good performance, which we know it will.

Roseburg To The Rescue

Roseburg's participation in Portland's annual Rose Festival has not always been confined to bands.

Fred Wright, justice of the peace at Reedsport, one of Roseburg's early-day residents, recalls that Roseburg "saved" the first Rose Festival.

When the time rolled around for the show, Portland was almost completely barren of the flowers for which it had named its celebration.

As Wright recalls the event — although he is not sure of all the circumstances — Mrs. George Sewell, the former Kate Buick, for many years telegrapher for Wells Fargo Express and Western Union Telegraph, spread an appeal to Roseburg residents.

Roseburg had an abundance of roses. Everyone responded. An express car was loaded with blooms. Local gardens were stripped. The car was rushed into Portland to provide the needed supply of flowers.

While the "City of Roses" has not been forced to call upon us in recent years for flowers to cover up its late seasons, it can always be assured that with our milder climate we will be able to meet any future emergency.

Fine Advertising Feature

Portland's Rose festival ranks as one of the best shows of the Pacific Coast. Its floral parade attracts nationwide attention. It is an advertising event of great benefit not only to the metropolis but to the entire state. It draws large crowds of out-of-state visitors. Publicity is of that kind that particularly interests potential home-seekers. The person considering a new location would be attracted by an area in which the rose is made the theme for an annual celebration.

This week's events will be attended by many Roseburg and Douglas County people. They will be waiting along the parade's line of march for the appearance of the Roseburg High School Band. They will have a feeling of much pride as the boys and girls march by with their snappy music, dressy uniforms, and beautiful and skillful majorettes and twirlers. And we can all feel grateful to the band for representing us so well in an event of such importance.



Well, well, think of that! And we supposed all one had to do to attract martins was to put up a public housing project consisting of many rooms, each with a separate round entrance, high on a pole, with a ring of tin to keep cats from having a look-see — and presto! before the last nail was driven, martins would be buzzing around your head. Not so in Oregon!

"Only instance of martins using man-made bird-houses in Oregon that we know of," says the "Oregon Audubon Warbler," June issue, "is in Reedsport, where Dr. Stanley Richmond of Eugene discovered martins using nestboxes under a bridge." Add that to the laurels of Douglas county! But an architect, Van Evera Bailey, who lives on a "scrumptious houseboat on the Willamette River... who has kept a fond and watchful eye on the violet-green swallows that like to nest about the place." Tyron Creek area where the boat is anchored, is complaining bitterly because martins, doggone 'em, have been chasing his swallows away!

He knows the culprits are purple martins because his mother, Mrs. Althea Bailey, identified them. She had first known them as a bride in Wisconsin because "they had nested in attic nestboxes affixed by her husband." However, folks who like martins can cheer up. "The more the houseboat dweller — lucky man! — considers the martins, the better he likes them. And now he is out to tie with Douglas county's

record of having martins in a public housing project which he is now working on."

We have a flock of violet-green swallows that put on an air circus every evening either for our special benefit, or to defy and tantalize the cat, or to catch bugs in the air. Pretty little things, and so tame. They moved into the attic, and such a twittering! When all (?) were out, EJ covered the ventilators with screen wire. That night we were awakened by the weirdest sounds from above. We finally figured out the mystery. The kitten, racing and jumping along the loosely laid boards on the attic floor, was trying to jump high enough to catch a left-in swallow! We were glad she didn't make it.

Douglas Fir Sawlogs Still In Good Demand

CORVALLIS — Demand for Douglas fir sawlogs continued good in the Willamette Valley last week, according to the weekly farm-forest products market report from Oregon State College and the Department of Agriculture.

Some mills in southern Lane County cut their sawlog prices \$2.50 a thousand, but other prices held steady at ceiling levels, the report said.

The cascara market dropped 2 to 5 cents for dry bark and 1 cent for green bark. Other forest products were generally unchanged.



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — I use this space to express my grief that Senator Guy M. Gillette, democrat of Iowa, failed to call Paul Henson Appleby as a witness before his subcommittee investigating elections.

I was really loaded for this one, having placed Appleby in a special niche for personal attention ever since 1933, when he began trotting around at the heels of Henry Wallace and the assorted Communists in the Department of Agriculture such as Alger Hiss, Lee Pressman, Nathan Witt, John Abt and others.

Appleby was in town, but the subcommittee, trying to disengage itself from public slaughter after harassing Senator Joseph R. McCarthy with prospective witnesses, who turned out to be insane asylums, had to postpone Appleby's appearance.

Appleby, now dean of the school of public administration at Syracuse University, said he couldn't wait. He filed a statement with the Gillette subcommittee, but it is not likely to be included in the public record. Senator Herman Welker, Republican of Idaho, objected.

What puzzles me is why senate committees are still calling on professors like Appleby to advise them on public matters. I tried to resolve my bewilderment by asking the subcommittee staff just who had hired Appleby to offer advice on how our national elections should be conducted, and how much his services are costing us taxpayers. Everybody ducked. Nobody knew. But somebody invited him.

Here is one clue. In a public statement at the time of Appleby's arrival in Washington, Senator Gillette announced that the professor was the next witness, and that he had been helping the subcommittee for some time in preparing remedial legislation for our election laws.

The best I could get out of the senator's office is that Appleby actually had no connection with the subcommittee, but had been asked to offer suggestions. I'm told the senator didn't ask him; no other senator on the subcommittee admits asking him; nobody on the staff admits issuing an invitation. So you can see why I remain puzzled.

Appleby will go down in history as the author of a scintillating remark made in 1946 at a time that the nation was trying to rid itself of Communist leeches on the public payroll. He said:

"Government employees have a just as much right to be a Communist as a Democrat or a Republican."

Congressman Fred Bradley of Michigan inserted Appleby's deathless prose in the congressional record, January 24, 1946.

Appleby was on the Department of Agriculture payroll for 11 years. Later he progressed to the Bureau of the Budget, although his only experience in fiscal matters was what he got as a one-time publisher and editorial writer for a weekly newspaper.

While assistant director of the Bureau of the Budget, from 1944 to 1947, funds for the U.S. Civil Service Commission investigative staff were scuttled. The Civil Service Commission had been alert to the Communist menace. Senator Karl Mundt, Republican of South Dakota, then a representative, charged that the Bureau of the Budget "crippled" the investigative arm of the Civil Service Commission and the Federal Bu-

Reader Opinions

Keeping Record Straight On Silt In N. Umpqua

IDLEYVLD — Let's keep the record straight.

We have checked with all three road contractors now working on the North Umpqua road. Not one of them holds one inch of work above Steamboat. Not one of them was doing any work involving the showing of silt into the river in such a manner to dirty the water between Steamboat and Toketee, as well as down this way later in the day as was the case Memorial day weekend.

We are sorry, Mr. Editor, that you were awakened by phone calls the other night. No, we don't expect you to be able to hold up your hand and halt the silt of the river. All we want you to do is tell the truth in your paper and not try to lay the blame onto someone other than Copco. We don't even expect you to stop Copco from damming the river.

All we would like, please, is for you to encourage them to consider the sports fishing and tourist industry to such an extent that they will schedule minor repairs to the Fish Creek flume at some time other than Thursday, Friday or a day before a holiday.

Do we ask too much? Every time they turn the water out of this flume into the old creek bed, we have from 12 to 24 hours of very dirty water. We feel sure that this work could be done early in the week and cause very little inconvenience to anyone, since most of our fishermen have only Saturday, Sunday and holidays to fish.

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(Editor's Note) — H. C. Wells, Copco district manager, informs The News-Review that a report immediately was made of the river to John C. Boyle, Copco general manager. An official of the company was dispatched to Toketee to ascertain cause of the situation. Wells says he was informed that this official could find nothing in connection with the Copco project responsible for the condition.

Muddy water was coming down the river from above Toketee, Wells says he was advised. The river is very high, because of melting snow. Water is flowing over Soda Springs dam, thus reducing efficiency of the siltation basin. Copco is anxious to cooperate in keeping the river in the best possible condition for fishing and doing as little damage to recreation as possible, Wells says. The company still is paying the cost of an inspector representing the Forest Service and Game Commission at its North Umpqua project, he reports.

Ashland Couple Seek Friends In Roseburg

ASHLAND — We're hoping this letter will enable us to locate some friends of our that we'd like to contact, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Evans (Bud and Lois). The last we knew of them, Mr. Evans was working south of Rose-

Threats Deter Chinese Couple From Home Buy

SPOKANE — A young Chinese couple said Thursday they have decided against buying a house in a north side neighborhood after being pestered by telephone calls and threatened with broken windows.

Mrs. Quay Fong Chung, with tears in her eyes, told a reporter that the anonymous callers said only while persons were wanted in the neighborhood.

"We've decided it's best under the circumstances not to buy this home," said Mrs. Quay, a mother of two young children.

Some residents of the neighborhood were indignant over the incident.

One, Jack Ruark, said he felt like moving out. He said he called the Quays and offered to do everything possible to help them move into the neighborhood.

A reporter who checked up found one woman who admitted she objected when she first heard the Quays were moving into the neighborhood but that she "hadn't been able to sleep" since.

She said she called the young couple and apologized.

The Quays operate a cafe here. A police officer, Francis Peck, is one of their customers and he started the first inquiry into the matter.

The Quays, grateful for the help and sympathetic friends, said they'd look elsewhere for a home just the same.

burg in a mill. Mrs. Evans' father and mother live just out of Roseburg, together with a brother, Bud Harris.

If you could publish part of this letter, perhaps they would see it and drop us a line.

MR. & MRS. J. W. STEVENS
 585 N. Main St., Ashland, Ore.

Miller Addition Resident Scores Talk Of 'Shacks'

ROSEBURG — I have never written anything like this before, but my temper is a little on edge. It seems that the mayor of Roseburg and the city council are always slapping Miller Addition in the face about the property being no good and nothing but shacks out here. Maybe if the Mayor would come out and look around he would see that there is something beside shacks. You would think this was skid row or a red light district.

How does he and the city council expect us to improve our property? I painted my house last fall, but look at it now! The dust from the streets is as bad as living in the Kansas Dust Bowl.

I see that the city has \$65,000 for storm sewers, but none for sewers for Miller Addition. I think if the city would fix a budget for sewers and street improvement all the public would benefit.

As for Ye Old Town Hall, maybe it would be a good thing if it did fall in. Maybe we would get someone in that would do something about streets and sewers and we would all benefit.

MARVIN T. HOWLETT
 Roseburg, Oregon.

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Wilson Brothers File New Action

SPOKANE — Utah and Turman Wilson scheduled to be hanged June 23 for the murder of 18-year-old Jo Ann Dewey, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus in Federal Court here Monday.

The brothers contend they are being wrongfully held in the state penitentiary.

Federal Judge Sam Driver, who denied them a similar petition last November, indicated he would set the date for hearing on the petition in Federal Court at Walla Walla June 20.

Judge Driver turned down the November petition on the grounds

the Wilsons had not exhausted their remedies in the state courts. The Circuit Court of Appeals later granted them a stay of execution just a few hours before their scheduled date with the executioner.

The Wilsons were convicted Aug. 9, 1950, of killing Miss Dewey in Vancouver, Wash.

N.Y. City Thunderstorm Deals Death, Damage

NEW YORK — A sudden wind driven thunderstorm plunged the New York metropolitan area into a terrifying half-hour of three deaths and extensive property damage. Winds with gusts up to 84 miles an hour blew a 225-pound man off a four-story Manhattan roof to his death, uprooted trees, tore down power lines and ripped off a main-floor door of the Empire State Building.

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