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SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT

By Charles V. Stanton
We have said previously in this column that one needs a sense of humor to enjoy presidential campaigns. Too often we become all excited over various phases of the contest and overlook possibility for good laughs. As we near the time for nominating conventions, incidents become funnier and funnier, bordering even on the ludicrous as, for instance, Senator Wayne Morse threatening to "take a walk" from the Republican party to which he has belonged in name only.
Then we find Senator Taft setting himself up as a military expert and trying to tell us that General Ike doesn't know what we need in the way of a defense force.
Too, we hear President Truman and Senator Kefauver blasting away at Eisenhower because Ike says we can cut the budget \$40 billion in a few years, despite the fact that the Democrats moved heaven and earth trying to get the general to take the Democratic nomination.
Perhaps our funny bone is misplaced, but we find those things amusing.

No Place Left For "Junior"

Oregon's junior senator, Wayne Morse, declares that if Taft is elected he will walk out on the GOP candidate. Naturally, it is the only thing he can do consistently. But where can he go?

Although running for office on the Republican ticket, he has followed the New Deal—Fair Deal program throughout all his years in the Senate. Yet he can't very well align himself with the Democrats, unless another Socialist is elected. He certainly is *persona non grata* with the Taft crowd. He has no place to go except with the Eisenhower forces. There is good possibility that "Junior" and other of the unfrocked political priesthood, will still have a "home" after presidential election. But if for any reason Ike doesn't make the grade, we're intrigued by the possibility of where Wayne's walk will take him.

We get even a bigger laugh out of "General" Taft. He virtually accused Eisenhower of sabotaging our Air Force. He proclaimed at much length, in recent political talks, how our defense forces should be organized.

He sounds like a blacksmith telling a surgeon how to perform an appendectomy.
If anyone should know how our military forces should be balanced, and how they should be made most effective, that person is General Eisenhower. If he doesn't know the answers, who does? Surely no one is better qualified by actual experience to plan our defensive strength and strategy. Nor can we find, in our opinion, a better authority on what help we must give to Europe.

"Taft, like 'Junior,' it seems to us, is getting himself out on the proverbial limb.

Democrats In Perdicament

But the biggest guffaw is furnished by the spectacle of the Democrats lowering the boom on Eisenhower.
Only a few months ago the Democrats were doing their level best to get Eisenhower to take the Democratic nomination. He could have had it by acclamation. All evidence points to the fact that Truman offered him the presidency on a silver platter.

Had Ike been the kind of a candidate the Taft crowd is trying to paint him — a candidate who would carry on the Truman policies and philosophies — the general would have grabbed the offer. Instead, he chose the hard way. He demonstrated his honesty by refusing certain nomination and election, declaring his party affiliation, and entering into a contest in which cards already were stacked against him.

Now he is being attacked both by the Democrats, who wanted him so badly, and by the Taft crowd within his own party, for saying it is possible, "within a few years," to cut \$40 billion from our budget.

He made it plain that he did not mean that such a reduction could be immediately forthcoming. His attackers, however, set up a roar that he would ruin our defense. But we imagine Ike doesn't propose to impair defense spending, although he probably would cut out a lot of needless waste, and extravagance. Rather, we believe, he has in mind the tremendous all-time record governmental civilian payroll from which at least several of the \$40 billion could be trimmed without difficulty.

And we find a spark of hope in that phrase, "within a few years."

Certainly Ike can't envision any large budget cuts if we are to fight a war. On the other hand, we could make very material reductions if the threat of war were to be removed. Can it be he sees daylight ahead?

If so, it's no laughing matter. Rather, it is strictly for prayer.

Scraps From the MENDING BASKET

by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or

Now that the National Congress of Parents and Teachers has decided to do something about the Indian problem, we can certainly look for results. The program will be passed on down through state channels in the 23 states having Indians on reservations or other communities, and the locals—the good old locals!—will look around, talk things over, and in the usual PTA way, do whatever comes to hand as practical, helpful and sensible in the way of the welfare for Indian children.
Since the PTA, as everybody knows, must hold to the "three N's," non-sectarian, non-political and non-commercial—their approach to any problem must be always in the light of welfare for children. The little Indians could stand quite a bit of intelligent and loving "welfare work." I wondered when I heard the news if this



Stiles Clarifies Views Concerning Judging Of Bands

E. G. Stiles, school band director, stated today that he would like to clear up possible misunderstandings that may have been gathered from an article in Wednesday's News-Review relative to the Roseburg High school band's participation in the Portland Rose Parade.

He said he does not contend the actual judging was unfair and that he didn't criticize the judging, but that because of the manner in which the judging was handled, the band could not appear at its best while being judged.

"I do not criticize the actual judging," he said. "However, many parades where bands are judged permit or require each band to halt and start into the judging zone, playing any number desired. This would not be necessary if the band used only one number or two of equal difficulty. Our band, however, memorized four numbers to break monotony for the players.

"Suddenly playing into the unexpected judging area (unexpected because an official in the stadium informed us the judging area was just outside and nearby the stadium), our continuity offered our most difficult number.

"The ideal in a marching band," Stiles continued, "is to maintain the best state of perfection possible on the entire line of march. Public judging eyes are always present on the sidelines. Eager music listeners constantly expect music—even just after the band has finished.

"We played often on the line of march, maintaining a brisk cadence of 156 steps a minute. I feel that more fair to all bands would be to permit them to enter the zone of judging with their best number, as many young people are 'on edge' during the march and fatigue can cut the efficiency of a band on part of some numbers.

"We didn't see the Grants Pass band march, but its director said it used a cadence of 144. We saw the Vancouver, Wash., band, which received honorable mention, and knew it deserved high appraisal.

"I have just received the three judges sheets. Bands are judged as follows: 40 points on music (six brackets of judging), 30 points on marching (three brackets of judging) and 30 points on appearance (four brackets of judging).

"Grants Pass bettered us in all three departments, receiving eight points over us in marching and two points over us in appearance. "I do not criticize the judging, only believe it more fair if all bands have a chance to enter the judging area more definite, and as long as no one number is required by all bands, that each band may have a chance to play a desired number.

"I intend to be a good loser and our students are just that. Had we been more consistent, I believe we could have netted more points.

"In latter April I wrote the Fe-

lival office in Portland for information on what a band is judged in the parade. I received a bulletin the same as had been sent us earlier. The following is all the information I received and was circled on the bulletin under special awards:

"Bands — The best High School Band in the parade from a city outside Portland, appearance marching and execution to count."

"This is all we had to go on, knowing that music would enter in, although not mentioned. This gave us nothing to work on concerning the matter of cadence. We are left completely at a loss as to whether we lost points on too fast a cadence, as no judge specifically said we used too fast a step.

"The music judge wrote on his sheet, 'Cadence 156.' Part of the mimeographed form of the marching judge says, 'Cadence may be 120 and 144, but must be regular and suited to the type of marching the band does. The marching judge deducted two points for each category, a, b, and c, however, he said 'very good' in front of each of the three brackets. Neither the marching nor the appearance judge gave any reason as to why we lost points. The music judge did, however, offer suggestions concerning balance, stating also that our selection of music was suitable for marching.

"From an educational standpoint, we directors would enjoy knowing why we lose points while being judged, because without the reason we have nothing to work on to better our bands. We had figured that a band could select its own cadence, knowing that it should be steady during the time being judged. We would have abided to any maximum cadence required if such was the case. Our band in general enjoys a fast cadence (within bounds of our playing ability) and a short snappy pace. However, our desire of a fast cadence made our most difficult number sound broken at the most unfortunate time. Again our old enemy — inconsistency — lost more points in the music bracket than in either of the other two.

"This loss of knowledge concerning deducted points and a more definite approach into the judging area is all I have to offer toward any ideas of betterment along the line of high school bands being judged in any parade.

"On behalf of the band, I want to thank all who in any way enabled us to get to the Portland parade if a Roseburg band could be Rose Festival Parade."

Stiles added that the band members appeared in uniform every three years so all members periodically could have the trip. He said, however, that no policy on this has been established. A float may be entered in the parade without a band, and a band may accompany a float. A band cannot enter without the float entry.

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Thieves Loot Wilbur Grocery

By ELSIE BROZIO
The grocery store operated by J. Todhunter was broken into Sunday night and some articles were found missing.

A small pane was broken in one of the front windows and the articles stolen were what could be reached by hand. Mr. Todhunter has sold his grocery store business to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dressler of Visalia, Calif. who will take possession sometime the early part of July.

Wilbur Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emmett and Mrs. E. E. Emmett of Roseburg and Mrs. Eva Kinsel of Wilbur motored to Kellogg Sunday to attend the 50th golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Radar. They reported a nice program and a generous potluck dinner was enjoyed by everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hamilton motored to Grants Pass Saturday to visit at the home of Hamiltons brother and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hamilton and to get their daughter Patty who had been spending a week visiting in Grants Pass.

Mrs. Hattie Clay of Hastings, Neb., was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Hamilton last week. Mrs. Clay is a sister of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Lerwill of Tiller were visiting at the home of Mrs. Lerwill's mother, Mrs. Carrie Blakely, in Wilbur Saturday and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Henry at Umpqua.

Roger Bennett spent a few days this week visiting in Sutherlin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Menzie Lee have received word that their son Donald and his bride are sailing from Japan this week for a visit at home. Donald is with the U. S. Army Forces in Japan.

Iowa Students Here For Forest Research

Two Iowa State College students are in Roseburg this summer on temporary forest research work. G. Lloyd Hayes, head of the Forest Service Research Center in Roseburg, said Merrill D. Richards and Martin E. Dale, would work here through the summer before returning to school. Both have finished their junior year at Iowa State College.

Dale will spend part of the summer assisting in a survey to check on a belief that Port Orford cedar grows better when it's not mixed with other trees. Later he'll work on a study to determine tree reproduction on cutover areas.

Richards will work on a ground plan for a 2,000-acre area to study the growth of sugar pine in the South Umpqua drainage area.

In the Day's News

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attention to these Scandinavian developments because I feel that I can BELIEVE them.
That is to say, it appears to me that the Swedes and the Danes are merely telling us what has happened, without any ulterior motive.
The aren't trying to HANDLE anybody. They are just letting the world know what has been going on up there in the Baltic.

It hurts me to say it, but I find I DON'T believe what OUR high-ups tell us. I have the cynical and sickening feeling that when they give out news they're feeding it to us to influence either our votes or the votes of Congress.

Take the present situation, for example.

We're told, all of a sudden, that anti-aircraft batteries are being installed around strategic industrial cities and critical air installations. At the same time, we are informed that from here on out a 24-hour watch is to be maintained around all our borders because the Russians now have the capability to attack us and we can't afford any longer to take the chance of another Pearl Harbor.

Those are wise precautions, of course. We would be foolish if we didn't take them. And if we are taking these precautions the people should be told about them—because the lives and the fortunes and the FUTURE of the people are at stake.

An INFORMED people is a PREPARED people.

But I find rising in my consciousness the cynical thought that right now the administration is locked in a bitter battle with Congress on the issue of money. Congress wants to spend LESS of it. The administration wants to spend MORE of it. Congress thinks we could do just as well with less expenditure of the people's substance—that by wise economy we could make the money we spend go farther. The administration is shocked by that idea.

It could be that the administration is painting the situation in dark and forbidding colors to make it appear that in striving for economy the congress is playing fast and loose with the nation's fate.

I can't help recalling that at the time when it has appeared to be good POLITICS to lead us to believe that everything is lovely and the goose is hanging high (because of the wisdom with which our foreign affairs have been handled) we have been told the GOOD news and the bad news has been soft-pedaled.

That leads to the uncomfortable feeling that at ALL times we are being HANDLED.

I find this prayer more or less constantly in my thoughts:

Dear Lord, give us leadership we can believe and TRUST. Leaders who will tell us always only the truth. Leaders who will give us the facts, so that we can act upon them. Leaders who will resist constantly the temptation to feed us only the information which they think will be good for us and which they are sure will be good for THEM.

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