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## THE BOLD ATTACK

Charles V. Stanton

The Winston community is giving serious consideration to the matter of consolidation. The Green School District is trying to decide whether to unite with the Roseburg district. Other population centers throughout the county are wrestling with problems resulting from continuing growth.

We are in a period of change. It is difficult for many of us to shake off the old ideas and old concepts. We hesitate to accept the gamble involved in basing our plans on what we may fear is an uncertain future. We dislike to obligate ourselves to the cost of expansion while we still entertain the old concepts.

How often have you heard someone say, "We've reached the limit of our growth"; or the person who says, "It's too good to last; look at all the ghost towns; that's the way we'll be before long?"

We postpone committing ourselves to radical change. Sometimes we court actual danger through reluctance to join the parade of progress.

### Should Plan For Future

Winston is talking about becoming a municipality. Do you remember how only a few years ago Coos Junction, as the community was then known, was only a wide place in the road? Today the population is estimated all the way from three to five thousand people.

The Green School District realizes that something must be done to meet its educational needs. Consolidation with the Roseburg district is under consideration after having once been narrowly rejected.

Here are two growth problems upon which the residents of those areas must decide.

Those decisions must be based upon the future as well as the present. But who can look into the future? Timid persons would postpone the decision. Impetuous persons would rush into action without serious thought. In between lies the group that wants to study all factors.

We are very much concerned with one particular phase of our growth pattern and that is the lack of planning. We are permitting communities to grow without zoning or setback regulations, with little regard to width of streets and with virtually no thought to the possibility of future growth.

We have made some advances in the right direction in late years, but we still are getting too much uncoordinated growth.

We are accumulating hazards. Lack of building controls and regulations invite danger of death or serious injury from burns. Absence of modern sanitary facilities contributes to disease, particularly infantile paralysis, typhoid fever, dysentery and others.

### Traffic Congestion Is Example

A good example of lack of vision is to be found in Roseburg's street pattern. Our streets are much too narrow. Because they were not laid out on coordinated plan, we have offsets, jogs, dead ends and angles. We find it virtually impossible to adopt a modern name-number system of street identification because there is no real pattern to our streets. It will be extremely costly to the municipality when the time comes, as it inevitably will, that we must widen and straighten streets. We have delayed all too long action on the job of developing off-street parking.

Yet, despite Roseburg's horrible example, we find very similar conditions developing in the surrounding suburban areas while union with the city is persistently postponed.

We believe there is no reason for timidity. With our proximity to huge resources of standing timber which, because of federal ownership will be managed on a sustained yield basis, we have no reason to anticipate any lasting decrease in our rate of growth for many more years. Nor have we cause to entertain possibility of ghost town status. It is true that the lumber industry traditionally has its economic ups and downs. But with the source of supply greatly diminished and with wood products manufacture being constantly diversified, the economic peaks and valleys should not be nearly as steep in the future as in the past.

In attacking our community problems, we believe, we should meet the issues boldly and with confidence.

We are closing out the first 100 years of the history of Douglas County as a political unit. What if those brave and hardy souls who first pioneered this county had been timid and pessimistic?

As we start our second century of progress, we should bring into it the same boldness and self-sacrifice that inspired our pioneer forebears to first set their homes in the wilderness.

Scraps From the



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Since there will be, probably, a lot of traveling going on during the holidays, the following may be helpful as it is taken from official explanations by the Arizona and California departments of Agriculture.

"According to the Arizona law, the Agricultural Inspectors do not have the legal right to confiscate materials of any kind. They may only REFUSE ENTRY to the State of Arizona. The produce still remains the property of the carrier and he has the right to re-ship it from the State, consume it on the spot, or if he so desires, he may witness its destruction. We would like this made clear to the traveling public."

In Arizona the inspection is for "insect pests on fruits and plants in the RAW or green state, there-

fore there is no restriction on CANNED fruit or vegetables as such have been processed. . .

"California-grown citrus fruit enters (Arizona) subject to inspection, and if found upon inspection to be absolutely free of insect pests, especially scale insects, and plant diseases it may be carried into or through the state."

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"Here's One Reason Ours Is Such a Happy Land"



**Fulton Lewis Jr.**  
**WASHINGTON REPORT**  
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WASHINGTON — I hate to keep going around in circles with president Bishop W. J. Walls, of the Second Episcopal district, A.M.E. Zion church, of Chicago, Illinois, on the issue of his activity in behalf of Communists and Communist front organizations.

The strangest thing, however, I find their way to my desk regarding this churchman, who also is a member of the Board of Religious Education, a trustee of the International Christian Endeavor Society, a member of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches and a member of the central committee, World Council of Churches.

I gave the bishop the name, date and page of his citations for membership in Communist fronts and subversive organizations, at his own request. I listed a number of other churchmen with records of Communist front affiliations along with him. So far the others have refrained from writing, but I have the same precise list of facts for their edification if they doubt what I've written.

Bishop Walls wrote in his letter to me that he had "never been against my country and its destiny of freedom for mankind." I'll take him at his word, but suggest that he get wise to what communism is, both in the U.S.A. and in the Soviet Union. As it now stands, the bishop would be better off, since he has so much concern for the nation's welfare, to stick to religion, which I assume he knows something about.

The Reverend Kenneth Ripley Forbes, P.O. box 1345, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, apparently acting on a suggestion by Bishop Walls, has sent me an invitation to join the bishop and other churchmen in signing an open letter to Mr. Truman, urging the President to spring the leaders of the Communist party, U.S.A., out of prison. The reverend has a lot of gall, but I'll take his invitation in stride since Bishop Walls has signed his name to the letter that will be mailed to Mr. Truman.

The late President Roosevelt once freed Communist Earl Browder from jail and said it was in the best interest of the United States. Bishop Walls' letter makes the same appeal.

Communist party leaders were convicted of teaching and advocating the overthrow of our government by force and violence. Bishop Walls holds the view that they were doing nothing of the sort. He says they were simply teaching and advocating their own political views.

I didn't think there was anyone outside the Communist party, U.S.A., who would deny that our domestic Reds are controlled by the Kremlin, and that every time they open their mouths it is Moscow speaking.

Does the bishop doubt it? Do any of the other churchmen, helping to

origin Extracted honey is admitted without certificate.

CALIFORNIA information: "Anything of an agricultural or horticultural nature (that is, fruits, nuts, berries, plants, trees, shrubs, etc.) are subject to inspection by offices of the state departments of Agriculture at stations maintained on the principal highways at or near the state borders."

"If the material is found free of infection and is not restricted by one of the quarantine regulations, it will be passed without question, but if, to the contrary, there is anything which the inspector feels is not safe to enter the state it will be rejected and must be re-shipped from the state or destroyed." (Above from a bulletin, quoting same, issued by Oregon Motor State Association.)

## Y Beneficiaries Of Chest Number Six Agencies

Six separate agencies benefit directly from the Community chest. One of these is the YMCA. The YMCA budget for 1952-53 is \$10,066.

Unless this budget is met the YMCA program for boys and girls in this community will be seriously curtailed. The Y program is designed to help boys and girls find a Christian faith to hold and live by, and to attain a religious idealism that forms their attitude in every way of life. The Y believes that the home is the great shaper of youth and seeks to become another member of the family circle.

The YMCA in Roseburg is comprised of the Indian Guide, Gra-Y, Junior Hi-Y, Freshman Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y. In addition to these organizations, the local Y also sponsors athletic teams, physical education classes, organized camping and special interest groups. Cool statistics bear out the importance of the Y in this community. It is realized that there are two tribes of Y Indian Guides, three active Gra-Y clubs, and the goal for this year is five groups, there are two Junior High clubs in Roseburg, three Hi-Y clubs and a total of four Tri-Hi-Y clubs registered this year.

It is anticipated that all of these groups will continue to grow in size and importance. If, however, the Community Chest goal is not reached, the YMCA program is one of the many children and youth sponsoring groups that must bear the brunt and suffer serious damage.

## Life Avoidance Of Five Years Ends In Death

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Alfred R. Hall isn't lonely anymore—and his neighbors know now why he avoided life for five long years.

Police found Hall's withered body yesterday in the home where his wife died in 1947.

On the floors were five years' accumulation of newspapers and letters. A heavy layer of dust covered every room but the one in which he lived. There was no food.

Bank books showed the 73-year-old Hall had \$12,000 in three Phoenix banks. A wallet held \$130 in cash.

Yet the medical examiner said he died of malnutrition.

When he died sometime last week, Hall weighed 100 pounds. Evidence showed he lived for years on milk and bread.

A 1947 calendar was on the wall. Officers were called to investigate when Alfred N. Letarte, a neighbor, failed to get an answer to his knock on Hall's door. Letarte said Hall had permitted no one in the house, located in a fashionable Phoenix district, since his wife's death.

For five years he left home only once a day—to place flowers on the headstone of his wife's grave—Letarte said.

Police said Hall probably died Thursday. But in their report book they wrote:

"This man died five years ago . . ."

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I doubt it.

In this grave emergency, my memory goes back to an incident of my early years.  
In the community in which I grew up there was an eccentric old man who was called "Lias" and who was known for his "fo' ty" years.

It was then the custom to "trade" work in threshing, wood-cutting and such. We were all ganged up at a neighbor's for oat threshing. Came the lunch hour—which in those days we called dinner. Everybody trooped in to the house, and the washpan, the soap and the towel were being passed around. It came old Lias' turn.

He declined the proffered implements of sanitation with this remark:

"I ain't washed fo' mo' than fo' ty years, and I reckon this ain't the time to begin."

Did a crisis arise?

Was the peace of the community shattered?

Nope!

The farmer at whose place the threshing was being held simply said casually:

"OK, Lias, you can eat in the barn."

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