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## STATE POLICE ARMY

By Charles V. Stanton

A bill introduced into the Oregon Senate by Senator Richard Neuberger would abolish the office of county sheriff. Local law enforcement would be placed in the hands of the State Police.

This measure, Senate Bill No. 370, is in line with a trend developing over recent years to centralize all law enforcement into one department.

Plausible arguments may be advanced in favor of this trend. We have a multiplicity of law enforcement agencies, particularly in the state government. We have special agents working for the Liquor Control Commission, Board of Forestry, Department of Agriculture, Department of Labor and many others. We have safety inspectors, boiler inspectors, forest inspectors, labor inspectors, brand inspectors and others too numerous to mention.

An industrial plant may have a half-dozen inspectors or agents working around its operation in a week's time, each performing a single duty. This officer is concerned with only one task. He might see any number of violations of law or regulation at the plant or on his travels over the highways, but he normally concerns himself only with the one job to which he is assigned.

Many people believe we could cut out much waste and extravagance by centering all enforcement of law and regulation into one department in which officers would be charged with equal enforcement of all laws.

### Need For Specialists Cited

Opposing this argument for consolidation is a school of thought pointing to the needs for specialists. An officer cannot be familiar with all laws and regulations, it is claimed. Many fields, particularly those of safety, labor, liquor control, etc., need men thoroughly trained and experienced in a specialized field.

A case in point is the dispute concerning transfer of game law enforcement from the State Police to the Game Commission. A bill for such transfer is before the Legislature. It is contended that efficient game management demands officers capable of serving as game managers and protectors, able to do a job of public relations and education, rather than a punitive force interested only in apprehension of violators after crimes have been committed.

The bill to strip the State Police Department of authority for game law enforcement is in direct contradiction to the idea of an all-inclusive State Police Force.

Thus we can see two opposing theories reflected in measures currently before the legislature—one widening and centralizing police powers, creating an all-inclusive State Police Department, the other proposing decentralization and use of specialists in various activities.

### Centralization Held Dangerous

Some people express fears concerning creation of an all-inclusive force. Combining and centralizing all law enforcement powers into one agency would result in a police state, they fear. While these fears may be exaggerated, they are, nevertheless, deserving of some consideration.

Stripping local law enforcement away from local control has its disadvantages, despite the fact that greater efficiency might result from superior training and equipment available to a large and centralized department.

It is true that modern methods of travel and communication are favorable to the argument of an expanded all-purpose department. At the same time, continued population growth adds to the complexity of local enforcement and lends to need for local control.

Rather than create a huge police army, which might become a dangerous political element, it would, in our opinion, be far better to work toward closer cooperation between existing officers and departments. By better cooperation and integration of operation, the same result is obtainable as is proposed in the one-department idea. At the same time there would be no surrender of local controls over the police function of government.

## Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Should women who have stayed married to the same husband 25 years get a medal?

"In industry a man who works for the same firm 25 years gets a pin to wear in his lapel," a wife complained to me recently. "But who routed him out of bed every morning and got him to his job on time all through those years?" His wife.

"And what is her reward? Nothing! Nobody ever thinks of honoring her with a pin or medal."

This does seem unfair. A lady with a quarter-century of matrimonial seniority today has had to steer her child husband through troubled waters indeed — a great depression, two and a half world wars, and a big inflation.

She certainly deserves some kind of recognition for long and valiant service on the homefront. All too often gets now is a tired orchid and dinner out at beefsteak Joe's neighborhood diner. That is hardly enough.

Well, how about a pin or medal then? I surveyed a number of married couples on this point, and regret to say I found nothing but disagreement.

"In any case, it oughtn't to be a pin," sighed a third. "It ought to be a slave bracelet — if anything."

Surprisingly, most husbands I consulted were today in favor of a medal for 25-year wives. The only reservation they made was that the cost, naturally, should be borne either by their employer or the government.

"My wife gives me a pin money," said one henpecked henry. "but not diamond pin money."

All the husbands were interested in the design of the proposed housewives' medal. Here are a few they suggested:

(1). "A brass shield decorated with 25 silver teardrops — to show

### TUNNEL CAVES IN

— Twenty Japanese still were missing Friday after the cave-in of railroad tunnel under construction on Kyushu Thursday night. Thirty-four others were rescued during the night and one body was recovered.

## New Business



## Roseburg Resident Likes Feeling Of American Security After Trip

"I think it is the feeling of security that America gives me that makes me so glad to be home." This statement comes from Joan Bruns on her second day back in the United States after a month's trip to Germany and Holland.

"The people of Germany seem to me to be very hardy by the recent floods, but the German people seem to wear their battle scars with an air of resignation." Miss Bruns, a staff nurse at the Veterans Hospital in Roseburg, flew to Augsburg, Germany to visit her sister, who, with her husband, W.O. Robert F. Keel, is living at an American Military installation there.

Miss Bruns was in Germany during the recent clashes between Allied and Russian aircraft, and reports that dependents of the Allied forces, the wives and children of servicemen, expected daily to be evacuated.

"There was no air of panic, just acceptance. The wives over there are happy, they have plenty to eat, their food and clothing comes from the commissary and P.X. and their housing is good. My sister will remain as long as her husband stays, unless she receives orders to come home, along with other dependents. So far, no one has had to leave."

When asked about the attitude of the German people toward the American occupation, Miss Bruns thought carefully for a moment, then said, "For the most part, it is all right with them. I was so aware of the air of resignation among them on all topics. If the Americans were not here, the Russians would be. The feeling of resentment that could be noted came from the older people. And there was one girl of about 25 who steadfastly maintained that if the war had lasted one more week, the tide of battle would have swung for the Germans, and they would have won. She said she had known Hitler, and he was the people's only leader, and she remembers him well."

Miss Bruns remembers Hitler well, too. She was on an American hospital ship, evacuating wounded from the Normandie beachheads after D-Day.

## Busenbarks Return After Three Months

By NETTIE WOODRUFF

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Busenbark returned to their home Tuesday following a three-month vacation trip.

They visited relatives in San Fernando and San Diego, Calif., and spent three weeks with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bunton at Phoenix, Ariz. They visited Big Bend National Park in Texas, and stopped at Brownsville and San Antonio, Tex. where they took sight-seeing trips. They also visited friends at San Mateo, Calif., on their return trip.

**Square Dancers To Meet**  
Melrose Square Dance Club members are reminded of the meeting Wednesday, March 25. Sandwiches will be served.

Mrs. Walter Kruse underwent a major operation at Douglas Community Hospital Tuesday morning. Mrs. Mervin Jacobson is spending a couple of weeks in Oakland, Calif., visiting relatives.

George Showers and Amy Matthews are confined to their respective homes by illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Busenbark spent several days this week on a trip to Klamath Falls and East-ern Oregon.

Mrs. T. H. Pargeter and children spent several days in Portland this week shopping and visiting relatives. Pargeter took the

## Do You Know? IT'S THE LAW!

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No person shall drive a vehicle upon a highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent, having due regard to the traffic, surface and width of the highway and the hazard at intersections and any other conditions then existing.

## In the Day's News

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Stalin's death has increased, rather than diminished this danger."

What do our own people think of it?

For an answer to that, let's turn to the market news. In New York this morning, the stock market DIPPED LOWER at the opening. On the commodities side, cotton futures opened in New York unchanged to 20 cents a bale LOWER.

In Chicago, grain EASED slightly in routine dealings on the Board of Trade. Hog prices at Midwest livestock terminals averaged steady to a little LOWER. At the opening of the market today, slaughter cattle averaged 50 cents LOWER at Chicago and steady elsewhere.

Nowhere in the market news as this is written is there any sign of price jumps.

That is to say: "Traders read the menacing news from over the world just as the rest of us do, but they see nothing at the moment to get excited about. History tells us quite plainly that if the traders thought war was near they'd be bidding prices up."

Why is that significant? Well, it's a truism that opinions that are BACKED BY MONEY are more realistic than opinions that are backed merely by talk.

Traders in the security and the commodity markets back their opinions with money.

Another straw in the wind: So far, there have been no reports of big troop movements in the communist satellite countries just behind the Iron Curtain. Such movements are hard to conceal.

News of them spreads by word of mouth, and these reports are pretty sure to be picked up by our intelligence services.

Moving troops and guns up to the front has always been a sure sign of EXPECTED war. If the Russians start doing it, we can look for trouble. So far, they don't seem to have done it.

The truth is that to know whether war is near, or not so near, we'd have to know what is in the mind of Malenkov, the new communist despot. We don't know that, and can't know it.

## Sentencing Of Jelke Postponed To March 27

NEW YORK — Sentencing of oleo heir Milt F. (Mickey) Jelke, convicted procurer of prostitutes, was postponed Friday until March 27.

General Sessions Judge Francis L. Valente, spurning new pleas to free the 23-year-old playboy on bail, sent him back to a jail cell. The judge said the postponement was because the probation department has not yet completed its report on Jelke.

## Whistling Swans Back In Grande Ronde Valley

LA GRANDE — Whistling swans have not put in their appearance in the Grande Ronde Valley this year.

In recent years they have been showing up about St. Patrick's Day. Wild life enthusiasts still are hopeful the rare birds will show up, as they usually do, on a marshy field near Cove, 16 miles east of here.

## SEEKS TELEVISION

NORTH BEND — A North Bend corporation has asked the city council for a 20-year franchise to deliver television impulses to local subscribers over coaxial cables.

Incorporators of the new company are Mrs. Josephine Bjarnsen, owner of Radio Station KFIR; Glenn Nickell, manager of KFIR, and John Ealon, North Bend attorney.

## Fire Protection, Insect Control, Research Needed

SALEM — Stepped-up forest fire protection, insect control and a continuing program of forest research are necessary requirements to keep Oregon in the position as the nation's leading producer of forest products, State Forester George Spaur announced today in his biennial report to Governor Paul L. Patterson.

The report emphasized forest protection, stating the state's leadership in the volume of standing timber and the economic conditions which have caused a steady migration of loggers into Oregon. Such influx has created a serious fire protection problem, with logging operations increasing from 6,000 a few years ago to currently over 15,000 and spotlighting Oregon as the center of the logging and sawmilling industry in the United States. Spaur reported the greatly increased industrial use means increased hazard in the woods and a potentially greater number of forest fires.

## Positive Action Toward Future Speakers Advice

Roseburg Rotarians Thursday were told that Americans should take a more positive, rather than negative, attitude toward democracy and the future.

Col. Bertram Rodda of the Salvation Army and student of international affairs pointed out that we must "look to our tomorrows" with positive thoughts and actions.

We put little into creating a positive democratic attitude, the energetic, white-haired speaker said. "We believe the right thing but with no real zeal," he said.

He pointed out that American youths can tell you the batting averages of major league baseball players, but can tell you little about "why America is worth fighting for."

Col. Rodda added that self-discipline and discipline are the main elements of the positive "music of life." You can't be enthusiastic over a minus quantity, he concluded.

The SA leader was introduced by Major Harry L. Larsen, divisional commander for Oregon and Southern Idaho, who accompanied the colonel on his Roseburg visit. Major Larsen was introduced by Capt. Del Baker, local SA commander.

The meeting was held in the Civic Room of the Hotel Umpqua with Rotary President-elect Percy Croft in charge.

Col. Rodda also addressed a public meeting of the Salvation Army building Thursday evening.

## Districting Of Counties Held Unconstitutional

SALEM — The Senate-approved bill to divide Multnomah, Marion and Lane Counties into sub-districts for election of state representatives got a death blow Thursday.

Attorney Gen. Robert Y. Thornton said the bill is unconstitutional because it is a reapportionment amendment, adopted by the people last November, prevents establishment of these sub-districts.

The opinion was asked by Rep. E. H. Mann, Medford, chairman of the House Elections Committee. Thornton upheld Mann's contention that the constitutional amendment, in designating how many representatives each county should have, was actually a limitation against splitting up any district.

However, Thornton ruled that the bill's provision that senators and representatives run by numbered provisions is constitutional.

Mann's committee expects to delete the sub-districting provision from the bill.

The bill, sponsored by a Legislative interim committee on reapportionment, provides that Multnomah County be split into five representative sub-districts, and Marion and Lane Counties be split into two each.

## Mexican Missionaries Scheduled At Sutherlin

Rev. and Mrs. Loren Ediger, missionaries to Mexico, will speak and show missionary films Monday, March 23, at 7:45 p.m. in the Legion Hall in Sutherlin.

The Edigers have witnessed considerable persecution and opposition to missionary endeavors in Mexico, and upon one occasion were forced to leave their station when an uprising occurred. At that time, one of the converts to the church was slain.

Another missionary film, titled "Jungle Blood Hunters" will be shown. This sound-color film covers missionary endeavors in India.

This monthly missionary rallies are sponsored by the Christian Missionary Alliance. The public is invited and no admission is charged.

## Alsea Future Farmer Has \$27,000 Net Worth

CORVALLIS — Darrel Bowen, an Alsea Future Farmer who runs a dairy and also has purebred Hereford cattle, was named the Oregon Star Farmer at Wednesday night's awards session of the FFA convention here.

Bowen has a net worth of \$27,027. He was chosen from 72 State Farmers named here Tuesday. The Star Farmer award is the highest given by the state FFA organization.

## LEGISLATOR ILL

SALEM — Suffering from rheumatic fever, Rep. Boyd Overhulse, Madras, was taken home Wednesday in an ambulance.

He became ill several weeks ago, and is expected to be in bed for three to six months.

## Local Schools Enter In Clothing Collection

Roseburg public schools will take part in a state-wide clothing cruise to collect serviceable used clothing during the week of March 23-27, according to Superintendent M. C. Deller.

The five-day collection is part of the 11th National Children's Clothing Crusade under the auspices of a national committee of school superintendents.

Clothing obtained will be distributed by Save the Children Federation in its program of assistance to children in isolated rural areas of the United States, or Indian reservations, in Western Europe, the Far East and Near East.

One of the major accomplishments was the cooperative insect control project which brought some 2,500,000 acres of budworm infested timber back to normal. Oregon forests, unfortunately, were struck by the Douglas-fir bark beetle, currently threatening 6 to 8 billion board feet of timber. Fires and great acres of blow-down timber have created a favorable breeding place for the insects and indicate a major infestation in 1953.

Spaur said that management of state forests had become a high priority activity and that current timber sales reached a high figure and were expected to rise. Seedling production at the forest nursery has been increased to 6 million annually.

Rehabilitation of denuded state forest land has continued with the principal problem being restoration of the Tillamook burn. In this area, 250,000 acres, almost devoid of any reproduction, will be

## Roseburg Marine Back From War

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — Marine 2nd Lieut. Bernard C. Downing, Rt. 2, Box 714, Roseburg, arrived here Wednesday from Korea aboard the U. S. Military Sea Transport General M. C. Meigs.

Downing is one of Oregon Marine veterans of the fighting in Korea who arrived here with the 275 man First Marine Division rotation draft.

The lieutenant served over 11 months as an Infantry Officer with the 1st Regiment, First Marine Division. He received the Korean Service Medal with appropriate campaign stars and the United Nations Service Medal for his action against the enemy with the Fleet Marine Force.

He will be processed and assigned to a new duty station in the United States during the next five days from the Marine Barrack Casual Section on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Lt. Downing will receive orders and leave en route to his new duty post.

brought into forest production. Major accomplishments have been made by the Forest Products Laboratory at Corvallis, with valuable products from Douglas-fir bark, such as tannin, wax and other compounds, brought to the industrialization phase. Options have been taken by concerns in the United States and Canada to operate under state patents. The Laboratory reported 30 active projects during the biennium and developed interest in establishment of hardwood industries through improved methods of milling, seasoning and marketing.

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