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ORCHIDS TO JAYCEES

By Charles V. Stanton

The Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce, in our opinion, is deserving of commendation for its part in election activities.

Of particular service to the community was the "Get Out The Vote" campaign initiated and conducted by the Jaycees.

Voters were contacted by telephone and were urged to go to the polls. Sound cars were operated as additional reminders. Transportation was supplied for voters who needed that service.

Although similar encouragement and services were provided by party organizations, who supplemented their efforts with poll watchers and second reminders to lagards, the Jaycees were non-partisan in their activities. They were interested only in persuading citizens to perform the duty which all Americans should be anxious to perform but all-too-frequently neglect.

Undoubtedly several hundred people went to the polls in the Roseburg area only because of the urging and help provided by the Jaycees.

Another activity with which the group is credited, although the action was not organizational, is that of a slate of officers for elective city officials.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is not a partisan organization and sponsors no candidates. It does, however, make leadership training a primary objective.

Dedicated Officials

Various members were disturbed by the apparent lack of interest in municipal politics. It is their belief that politics at the local level is just as important as at the national level. To stir interest locally, Jaycee members, without sponsorship or endorsement from the organization, formed a slate of officers.

They expected competition. They believed that their action would stimulate other filings. They even went so far as to build up competition among themselves in the wards from which councilmen were to be chosen.

But competition from other sources failed to develop. Considerable energy went into the campaign, with the result that Ernest Barker was elected to the office of mayor, succeeding to the position held by incumbent Percy Croft, the latter having put forth little exertion for reelection.

Although the Junior Chamber of Commerce had no technical or official part in the municipal campaign, President Don Hagedorn says he is personally delighted to see members putting their leadership training into practice.

The fact that these young men have been devoting much study to community service, and are thoroughly indoctrinated in the principles of representative government, assures their dedication to the official responsibilities to which they have been elected.

Facing Hard Problems

If they make mistakes, and they probably will, those mistakes will result from over-enthusiasm rather than lethargy, for the Junior Chamber has aggressively promoted civic welfare and its members may be expected to show the same spirit in their work as city officials.

The Roseburg City Council will be facing some tough problems. The situation is aggravated by the refusal of city voters to approve a new tax base. This probably means more special budget elections until such time as a decision can be reached on a new base.

It also is becoming apparent that the city government, even with the utmost economy, must soon have additional revenue.

We went through a boom period in which municipal expenses rose rapidly. During the last few years we have seen a slight leveling in the rate of climb. Demands are increasing, however, for additional services. We have had to set up a West Side fire station. We have added to the police force. We have extended boundaries.

But in the very near future we must have additional sewage disposal facilities. Off-street parking is essential. More streets must be widened. Ye Olde Town Hall must be replaced. We need one or more bridges across the South Umpqua.

All these things require money. But when voters even refuse to bring the tax base up to a realistic level how can we expect to meet the pressing demands of the near future?

We can't supply the answers, but we can ask the questions. We have confidence, however, that the young men entering into the policy side of city management will do the best they can with the tools provided them, and in that endeavor will have the solid backing and assistance of a live-wire organization, the Roseburg Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — For 20 years Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, owner of one of America's greatest racing stables, has spent most of his time amiably improving the breed of thoroughbred horses.

His world has been a race track, and he has loved that world.

But at 42 Vanderbilt, who inherited 20 million dollars by the time he was 35, is deeply committed to a more serious interest—the rehabilitation of war veterans in the free world.

Vanderbilt served as a naval lieutenant in World War II, and won a Silver Star for gallantry as a PT boat commander in the Pacific. Two years ago he became interested in the young World Veterans Federation, an organization which works closely with the United Nations in trying to alleviate the conditions which lead to war.

The toughest job—collecting money—fell to Vanderbilt as president of the World Veterans Fund, the finance-raising arm of the federation in this country.

His friends have been amazed at the vigor with which "Al" plunged into the work. In two years he has traveled more than 50,000 miles on a job that pays off only in the feeling he has helped

do something that needed doing. "Last year we met our goal—half a million dollars," he said. "But we could have used five times that amount."

"The money isn't contributed directly to individuals. We send rehabilitation teams into the various countries. They show the governments the need for programs to help disabled veterans and how to organize the programs."

The WVF now has 118 member organizations representing 18 million veterans in 25 countries.

"To give you an idea of the size of the problem," said Vanderbilt, "there are some seven million war disabled in these countries, and more than half have had to go without adequate medical treatment or vocational training."

"You can imagine how bitter they sometimes get. . . so many years after the war is over. . . and so little done to help them. The benefits the American vet-

Certainly! No Cause for an Overdose of Optimism



Bruce Blossat

India's revulsion over the prospect of a war fought with annihilating nuclear weapons is shared by all men of good will. But India's proposal for an arms truce pending conclusion of a disarmament treaty is totally unrealistic, and has been properly rejected in the United Nations.

The Indian plan would not even have allowed use of A- or H-bombs to repel aggression. The Indian representatives sought complete prohibition of such weapons. The flaw in this arrangement should be obvious, even to the Indians. Not the use, but the threat, of atomic weapons by the United States is acknowledged to be a principal deterrent to Soviet aggression.

That threat strikes home in the Kremlin only because of the superiority we have long enjoyed over Russia both in numbers and kinds of nuclear weapons. Should we at any time interrupt the production that is giving us this margin, then our leverage for peace—and the whole West's—would quickly be weakened.

The recent disclosure that Russia is conducting another series of atomic tests is a pointed reminder that Soviet leaders have been bending all effort to close that gap.

One might argue that an armistice would also interrupt Russian production. But that presupposes an ironclad system of arms inspection that would allow international representatives to check on output within the Soviet Union. The Russians have refused to countenance such a system in any and all disarmament discussions.

So the only truce Russia would agree to would be one weak on inspection, which would leave the Communists relatively free to go on closing the atomic gap, while our great deterrent force would be frozen.

Furthermore, such a truce would ignore the fact that Russia possesses a great preponderance of strength in land armies. These presumably would be held in being despite the arms ban, and would contribute heavily to a shift of power toward the Soviet orbit.

Any arms plan, whether intermediate truce or permanent disarmament treaty, can have no

Myrtle Creek Youth Wins Scholastic Honors

A Myrtle Creek boy has won a place on the scholastic honor list for the first grading period at Shattuck School in Fairbault, Minn.

He is Alvin H. Helgeson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin H. Helgeson Sr., Flying V Ranch, Myrtle Creek. The announcement was made by Gerald Keffler, director of studies at Shattuck School.

can gets are unique. You don't find them in other lands."

He and other WVF leaders feel it is vital that veterans of free world countries work together democratically to solve postwar problems. Responsible vet groups, such as Germany and Italy, have been welcomed into the organization.

"In the past the Communists were able to exploit the disabled in a lot of these countries because they weren't getting a fair break," said Vanderbilt.

He will attend the fifth annual general assembly of the WVF in Vienna later this month. A Communist-front group, the European Federation of Resistance Fighters, has announced it will hold a "cultural conference" there at the same time.

"It's a smart propaganda move on their part," said Vanderbilt. "I'm curious to see just what will happen."

The handsome, boyish-faced multimillionaire who for so long enjoyed his career as a socialist sportsman still loves his horses as much as ever. But he has also found he likes playing an important role in a race more vital to civilization than who wins at Hialeah or Belmont.

In The Day's News

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reading this are a man. Let's suppose you're an average American business man. Let's suppose further that last night you were entertaining a customer. Let's assume that you entertained him at the BEST PLACES. With all the trimmings.

In that event, the check would have been a hefty one.

Let's now assume that it is the next morning and you are telling your wife about it. Including WHAT IT COST.

Let's go no farther into the gory details. I just want to offer a bet at this point that you found her unenthusiastic about the whole business and unsympathetic with your explanation that you just HAD to do it and that after all it was a good investment because he was a customer and you needed his patronage.

Here's why your wife's reception of your report on your enterprise of the night before was chilly.

SHE WAS THINKING OF ALL THE THINGS SHE COULD HAVE BOUGHT WITH THE MONEY YOU THREW AWAY SO RECKLESSLY.

This Fable of the Man and His Customer that I've just related explains why I'm coming to believe that maybe it will be wise if we get more women into the fantastic business of government—especially the double - fantastic business of our federal government.

When it is proposed in the Congress to spend a squillion dollars on this or that, men can reason themselves into the belief that it is a sound proposal and that great good can come of it.

Men can look at things like that in the LARGER way. They can kid themselves about the greatest good to the greatest number. And so on.

WOMEN are realists. Being realists, they look right through all the flubdub and compute how much that squillion dollars is going to COST THEM individually in the way of taxes and right after that they think of all the things they could have bought with the money.

Let's put it this way: Every billion dollars the government spends costs you as an individual about seven bucks. If you're a man, you can think of those seven bucks in the LARGER SENSE.

If you're a woman, you can't. You think of it in terms of what you could have BOUGHT FOR YOURSELF with that seven dollars.

So— I'm coming to think it might be an excellent idea if we got MORE women into the government.

Liberal Trend Noted, ADA Says Of Vote

WASHINGTON (AP) — This week's election shows "that a liberal trend, although spotty, is clearly present," the Americans for Democratic Action commented.

The ADA referred to the Senate victories of Democrats Richard L. Neuberger in Oregon, Paul Douglas in Illinois, Hubert Humphrey in Minnesota, James Murray in Montana and Matthew Neely in West Virginia.

The organization also said some "local reactionaries" were defeated for the House and "liberal governors" elected in New York, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Connecticut.

"ADA is particularly encouraged to note that in most of those areas where Vice President Nixon concentrated his unprecedented smear campaign against liberal candidates his efforts were unsuccessful," the ADA said.

Reader Opinions

Unfavorable Conditions At Voting Polls Noted

ROSEBURG — I have been a registered voter in Oregon for the past 18 or 19 years, and prior to that exercised my franchise in the state of my birth; in fact, since my twenty-first birthday I have considered it an honor, a privilege, and a duty to vote and to the end of carrying out this responsibility, I have studied candidates and measures to the best of my ability prior to approaching the polls to cast my vote in each election.

However, in my attempt to give the act of voting the serious attention it deserves, I have been greatly handicapped since coming to Roseburg, because of the manner in which the polling places are conducted. I have noted unfavorable conditions in various precincts in which I have voted, and others with whom I have discussed the matter have commented that the same unsatisfactory conditions, to a more or less degree, exist in the various precincts in which they vote. These conditions have been noted in political, and in non-political school elections.

A few of the distractions to the voters, or irregularities in the conduct of elections are herein cited:

Members of election boards talking to each other in louder than necessary voices on matters not connected with their duties as members of the board during periods when voters are casting their ballots.

Members of election boards holding up the line of voters to visit with friends among the voters.

Persons apparently not members of an election board sitting at the table used by the board and on which blank ballots and the sealed ballot box rested.

Voters assisting other voters in marking ballots with no action being taken by the election board members.

Last, but not least, in a school election, I even heard a member of the election board express his opinion to a voter on the issue involved while serving in her capacity as a member of the board and while a number of voters were present in the voting area and within hearing of the board member making the statement.

Another unfavorable situation noted, one which has nothing to do with the election board, is the apparent lack of organization of the party workers who serve at the polls as checkers for their respective parties. Apparently these checkers are not furnished with lists of voters registered to their party in the precinct on which they may cross off the voters' names as they appear to vote. I hardly believe it the responsibility of a member of the election board to go out of his way to bring to the attention of a checker the fact that a voter registered to his party is about to vote.

In closing the list of unfavorable conditions surrounding polling areas in Roseburg, one cannot overlook the matter of the locations of some of the polling places. It behooves each and every one of us to assist responsible authorities by coming our precincts most thoroughly in order to locate suitable buildings to serve as polling places, in an attempt to avoid the use of active business houses for this purpose. A business house has its own work to accomplish during the period when voting is taking place, and in spite of the most cooperative efforts between the business officials and the election officials, the conduct of the regular business of the concern in whose establishment voting is being conducted, adds nothing to the business of conducting the election.

I have come to the conclusion after discussing this matter with other voters, with responsible persons holding public office, and with political workers, that the matter of the orderly conduct of elections, in accordance with laws laid down by responsible authority, and in areas absent from distracting influences, both to the voter and to the election board, is every voter's business. The neighbors in our precincts are fine people, that is granted, but do let us when conducting an election cooperate to keep the business of the election on an impersonal business-like plane, and make our polls what they should be, quiet, orderly places for the conduct of one of the most serious and responsible duties of an American citizen.

GERALDINE FARGETER
Roseburg, Oregon

Revised Casualty List Raises Number By 24

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Defense Department Friday raised the tentative total of American battle casualties in the Korean War to 142,991.

This was 24 more than the number reported on July 22. The new summary, which will be the last issued by the Pentagon until all casualty books on the Korean fighting are closed several years from now, listed 24 American still missing.

ADMIRAL DIES

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Rear Adm. Edward John Marquart, USN, ret., commander of the Yangtze patrol when the USS Panay was bombed and sunk by the Japanese in 1937, died at his home Thursday night after a long illness. He was 74.

State Milk Marketing Status Still Uncertain

SALEM (AP) — The status of 30 employees of the State Milk Marketing Administration in Portland remained in doubt Thursday.

Forrest Steward, executive secretary of the State Employees' Assn., said he understood the 30 had been fired and he added that he had filed an appeal with the State Civil Service Commission asking for a ruling on the legality of such discharges.

But S. B. Weinstein, deputy state attorney general, said he had not served notices of separation on the 30 employees. He said he had held an informal discussion Wednesday with the Portland workers at which the status of their future employment and the date of repeal of

RAINS HIT SALERNO

SALERNO, Italy (AP) — Violent rains pelted the mountainous gulf of Salerno Thursday, followed before there was any relief from last week's flood disaster, in which 318 persons died.

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- Nov. 7 "Ingredients of Marriage"
- Nov. 14 "Basic Rights of Each Person" The Christian view of marriage.
- Nov. 21 "Differing View Points of Men and Women" Conflict Areas of Marriage
- Nov. 28 Personality tests for those desiring.
- Dec. 5 "Working at Happiness" Question period following.

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Chamber of Commerce

MEMBERSHIP FORUM

Monday Noon Hotel Umpqua Civic Room

SUBJECT:

Program is designed to inform us of the recent reorganization of the Bureau of Land Management and its relation to our timber industry. Should prove of great interest to us because of the importance of proper timber management in the economy of Douglas County.

Mr. G. H. Sharrer, State Supervisor, Bureau of Land Management will be the guest speaker.

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