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CONTINUING PARADE

Charles V. Stanton

Do you have any ideas or suggestions for civic improvements in Roseburg?

The city administration is asking your help in civic planning. Mayor Ernest Barker Jr. and City Manager George Farrell became greatly interested in a report on a "Dear Mayor" campaign conducted by the city of Denver. Denver appealed to its citizens for constructive criticism. The local officials are trying the same experiment in Roseburg.

It is particularly fitting that this campaign should follow the Parade of Progress staged so successfully in Roseburg Wednesday. This unique parade amazed the huge crowd of spectators. It developed a great sense of civic pride and a better understanding of the magnitude of the industry supporting our economy.

Particularly to be congratulated on the success of Timberjack Days celebration are the members of the various committees, the managers for the parade, and all participants.

It is interesting to note the tremendous success of a big event organized and produced in an exceptionally short period of time. This frequently happens when an event is backed by general enthusiasm. Often a spontaneous celebration is more successful than one planned over many months.

Many Problems Faced

But the Parade of Progress for Roseburg and Douglas County can not be confined to a single public show or demonstration. The Parade of Progress is a continuing affair. It goes on from day to day. Often we see little evidence. At other times the evidence causes a community headache.

Roseburg is facing an expensive traffic revision program. It also must contend with installation of a costly sewage disposal system. It must plan for more buildings. It must look ahead to the day when population will be doubled. It also must care at all times for the safety, health and happiness of its residents.

In this connection the Mayor and City Manager are appealing to the general public for ideas.

They are following the pattern set in Denver, where the Mayor made a request, similar to the one contained herein, soliciting ideas from city residents. More than 400 letters were received by the Denver mayor offering suggestions ranging through better garbage collections and street improvements to traffic engineering. Not one "crank" letter was received. Utilizing the letters as a base, Denver is organizing a program of civic improvement.

Roseburg's Mayor and City Manager are hopeful that Roseburg residents will be equally constructive in their suggestions. They hope that many people will cooperate.

Specific Questions Asked

They ask that suggestions be made relative to the following specific questions.

1. What services do you believe should be expanded and improved?
2. What suggestions do you have for betterment?
3. What improvements are needed in your neighborhood?
4. What citywide improvements are most needed in Roseburg?
5. What is your reaction to a progressive municipally supervised recreation program?

Certainly everyone has ideas relative to these five topics, which fairly well cover the range of municipal service. The city officials sincerely solicit constructive opinions and suggestions, and request that letters be addressed either to the Mayor or City Manager at the Roseburg City Hall.

Wednesday's Parade of Progress cost each participant a sizeable sum of money. He made his contribution as a part of community service.

Roseburg's continuing Parade of Progress also can use many participants. The financial contribution required is only a three-cent stamp.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Every Irishman feels like a king on St. Patrick's Day. And if he acts like a king today—well he is entitled to. He is descended from kings. Every Irishman is.

This causes the Irish more trouble than almost anything. They know they come from kings. But when they point this out, not boastfully but as a matter of fact, they get into a fog that hovers over them. What happens? If the scene is a bar, some surly taproom is sure to erupt, some doubt or jeer, "So who cares?"

Now is this a way to talk to royalty? The poor Irishman, reduced to verbal frustration by this slight on his ancestry, has been known to resort to fistfuls of evidence: Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!

Naturally no one is going to argue with an Irishman on St. Patrick's Day even if he claims he's emperor of Timbuctoo (and he may, if he feels like it). For there are some 25 million Americans of Irish descent, and on this day most of them feel like the day's playing fullback for Notre Dame.

Personally, you don't have to take my word for it that I'm descended from a king. I can prove it. I've got a green card that says so.

So have a number of my royal Irish distant kinsmen. Like cousin Joe McCarthy, the senator from Wisconsin; cousin Jack Dempsey, the former heavyweight boxing king; and cousin Jim Farley, who now sells soft drinks but used to sell the nation's stamens when the Democrats ran the White House.

Yes, we all can prove the pure green of our Irish blood. This is Gaelic, which I gather means we sprang from a high place in a swamp. The English, who came to Ireland for a brief visit and stayed on for several centuries, lured my innocent ancestors into changing the

And It Could Be Nothing but a Sideshow!



Bruce Bissat

Again and again Adlai Stevenson must privately chide the peculiar fates that have dogged him since 1952. Life in politics has offered him few easy decisions, and the choices ahead look just as tough for him.

In the spring of 1952 he was running for a second term as governor of Illinois. Pressures built up to make him Democratic nominee for President. All the evidence indicates he honestly fought the idea, though he never quite closed the door.

Nevertheless, he was sufficiently reluctant to discourage some of his most ardent backers, right in the thick of the convention struggle. Perhaps only Big Labor's decision to scuttle the venerable Alben Barkley of Kentucky brought Stevenson back into the picture—through a genuine draft.

In any event, he had the poor luck to draw Dwight D. Eisenhower for an opponent. This and other factors sent him tumbling to defeat by some 6,500,000 votes. Yet Stevenson managed to emerge from this rough combat with a strong national figure and unquestionably powerful within his party.

From that moment on, it was said he could have the 1956 nomination if he wanted it. They're still saying that, and very likely it's true. No real challenger looms on the horizon.

But this hasn't made Stevenson's life any easier. For the question he faces in 1956, as in 1952, is not whether he can get the nomination but whether he wants it.

Most political sages think Mr. Eisenhower will run again. And since his popularity is now near its all-time high and seldom has fallen far short of that peak, the prospects of beating him are viewed as slim.

Frequently these days one hears the report that Stevenson would like to run for the Senate in Illinois against the Republicans. The incumbent, Everett Dirksen, should he decide to do this, he would not, of course, foreclose a later chance to accept the presidential nomination again. Still, having already abandoned a governorship nomination once, it seems plain Stevenson

name from O'Bohills to Boghill then Boyle and then Boyle.

My free-wheeling clansmen once ran the Barony of Boyle, but somebody sure must have foreclosed a lot of mortgages on them. For Grandfather Boyle, who emigrated here in the last century, spent most of his life digging coal in a Missouri pit he never owned.

Surely you're asking to know about my family crest? Well, it is a red heart, a cross and a battle-axe triumphant over what looks like a fallen baron.

"Does this mean that somewhere along the line we quelled a baron single-handedly?" I asked the lady in the shop.

"Oh, no, she said, 'the red and white stripes simply are the colors of a lady fair, which one of your ancestors wore in knightly combat. He had the crest fixed on his helmet so that in battle the other warriors could say, 'There goes Boyle!'

(Editors note: Which way was he going—forward or backward?) (Boyle's note: Forward, of course. This was my ancestor—not yours.)

Jim Farley's crest is the head of an antelope with an arrow through its neck. (My, how history does repeat itself). The crest of Jack Dempsey is a rampant lion swinging a short powerful sword. Sen. McCarthy's crest shows a big hand squeezing a groggy lizard. The reptile is green, not red.

When I proudly showed my crest and green card pedigree to my wife, Frances, she merely said: "Listen Rover—or Royal O'Bohills or son of Wm. Pell, or whatever you call yourself, you still have to carry the kitchen garbage out to the incinerator, and I mean right now."

There is one place in America where it is simply impossible for an Irishman to really feel like the descendant of kings. This is the place called—home.

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Army Officer Says Father Jailed For Religion

BERLIN (AP)—An American Army officer stationed in Berlin said this week his father has been jailed in Yugoslavia for "religious activities."

Lt. Col. Frank Novak, officer in charge of clubs and schools here, said his father, Joseph, has been sentenced to two years imprisonment, loss of all his property and his civil rights.

The father is a minister of the Pentecostal faith. Col. Novak has asked U. S. State Department officials in Belgrade to look into the case.

Novak's parents emigrated to the U. S. in 1914, where Frank and a sister, Julia, were born in Palmerston, Pa. The parents returned to Yugoslavia in 1922, where two more children were born. Frank and Julia grew up as Americans. Both are in the armed forces. The girl is a technical sergeant in the Air Force at Wiesbaden.

Col. Novak said his father was arrested in 1952 and sentenced to eight months for preaching the Gospel. He was released in three months after inquiry was made by American authorities.

His second arrest came after he chanced \$35 into Yugoslav dinars, Novak said.

Sale Of Rubber Plants Blocked By Committee

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Armed Services Committee Wednesday turned down a resolution designed to block the sale of 21 government-owned synthetic rubber plants to private interests.

The resolution, sponsored by Rep. Patman (D-Tex.), will still go to the House Tuesday for final action. The committee action Wednesday reinforces predictions that the House will vote to let the sales go through. Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) correctly forecast the committee action.

Under a 1953 law, the administration has concluded contracts to sell the plants for a total of 310 1/2 million dollars. The sales automatically go through unless Congress intervenes by March 25.

Patman argues that the law governing the sales contains inadequate safeguards to insure that small business will continue to get adequate raw materials.

In all, the government built 27 synthetic rubber plants to overcome wartime scarcities. Congress ordered disposal of the factories to private interests to break what some congressmen call a government monopoly in synthetic rubber.

Under government operation, the plants are making now between 46 and 50 million dollars a year.

Vinson who predicts the House will approve the sales, says the committee has received assurances that the buyers will make ample amounts of rubber available to small processors.

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Canyonville First Aid Classes Open

By VIRGINIA PROCTOR

There are still vacancies in the Red Cross first aid class sponsored by the Canyonville Fire Department held each Thursday evening in the city hall. Four more lessons remain and persons missing the first two will have to make them up, according to the instructor of the class. The lessons are not difficult, he added.

Firemen Prompt

Canyonville Fire Dept. controlled a fire in the Ball residence in Surprise Valley Saturday. The fire could have been serious as the chimney was constructed only of stove pipe. Mrs. Ball, who was home alone at the time, reports the firemen arrived promptly and put out the fire before too much damage occurred.

The Lions International held its zone meeting Sunday afternoon at the home of Milton Herbert in Canyonville. Officers of Lions club of Myrtle Creek, Roseburg, Riddle and Gladvale as well as Canyonville attended the meeting.

Several members of the Lions Auxiliary of Canyonville attended a meeting of the Sutherland Lions Auxiliary Tuesday night. Those who went were Mrs. Milton Herbert, Mrs. Leonard Clifton, Mrs. John Aaronson and Mrs. Charles Dowd.

Man Confesses Abducting Girl

TORONTO (AP)—A father of three children was held Thursday in the ransom kidnapping of the eight-year-old daughter of a wealthy Toronto lawyer.

The girl, Alice Nesbitt, was released unharmed less than four hours after her abduction as she walked home from school for lunch Wednesday.

Police said they had obtained a full confession from Philip O'Desse, 33, identified as a plumbing contractor from Penetanguishene, Ont.

Authorities said O'Desse held Alice captive in his station wagon, stopping only to telephone a \$25,000 ransom demand to her mother. The mother, Mrs. Wallace Rankin Nesbitt, called police shortly after she received the ransom call. He said she notified them despite the kidnaper's threats that he would kill Alice if she talked.

O'Desse was picked up at a point about two miles south of the Nesbitt home in Toronto's fashionable Forest Hills section. Police said the man knew the Nesbitts, who have a summer home at Penetanguishene. They described him as being "up to his ears in debt."

Spruce Budworm Funds Proposed By Committee

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Appropriations Committee has recommended a grant of \$2,570,000 for control of spruce budworm infestations in Oregon, Idaho, Montana and New Mexico.

In a report to the House on a supplemental appropriations bill, it estimated that 12.3 million board feet of timber with a stumpage

value of nearly 38 million dollars are immediately threatened by spruce budworm epidemics in these states.

The recommendation now goes to the House for approval. Edward P. Cliff, assistant chief of the Federal Forest Service, testified at a recent hearing on the appropriation request.

"The timber which is threatened amounts to some 12 billion board feet, which is almost a third of the total lumber production in the United States for one year, and it has a value of some 38 million dollars," he said.

The budworm eat the foliage of trees, weakening them until they die.

Shamrock, Tex., Whoops It Up On

SHAMROCK, Tex. (AP)—Faith and begorra, pardner, these Panhandle waddies—foine froths of lads—will do anything for a holiday.

And in this plains town everybody watching the huge street parade stood at attention Thursday when the band struck up "My Wild Irish Rose."

It was St. Patrick's Day and with a name like Shamrock, Tex., what would you expect from cowpokes and their lasses? Irish brogue mixed with cow country talk and Texas drawl was all around. There was dancing all over the town, and when the bands struck up "Where the River San Antonio Flows" nobody remembered for a day—where the deer and the antelope play.

Thousands were expected to show up again, just as they have since 1938 to watch Shamrock pay tribute to the Irish legend. Horses wear green ribbons in their tails. Folks eat Irish stew from sidewalk pots. And some of the prettiest Panhandle girls vie for the title of "most winsome colleen."

The town's 3,500 residents—an most of the visitors—dance a jig at the drop of a hat, green bow tie or tan ten-gallon.

It was back in 1890 that an Irishman named George Nichols dubbed the little community "Shamrock."

But it wasn't until 1938 that a band leader named Glenn Truax, an Irishman, dreamed up the idea of whooping it up for St. Patrick.

In that first parade, Mrs. Dennis O'Gorman and her 14 children rode the lead float, old-timers recall, and were promptly named the "biggest Irish family in Shamrock."

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