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WRESTLING DISPUTE

Charles V. Stanton

The Roseburg Boxing and Wrestling Commission is having a tough time with the problem of matches involving women wrestlers. The Commission may be taken off the hook by the State Legislature, which is considering bills prohibiting such shows. But unless and until the Legislature acts, the Commission doubtless will remain under fire.

The decision announced last week, denying an application for matches with women participants in or near the City of Roseburg, while leaving the way open for promotion in some of the neighboring towns, is probably a good compromise. It will not, however, be completely satisfactory.

The opinion that Roseburg, if it proposes to be the shopping center for the county, should be the recreational center as well has been expressed frequently in this column. I believe that Roseburg has a duty to provide a wide diversity of recreation and that, as the shopping and wholesale center, it should, as a matter of good business, make recreation a major project.

Roseburg has made substantial improvements in that direction, although it could go much farther. It should, for instance, have more parks and playgrounds. It should give support to league baseball. It should strive to keep sports and recreational events operating throughout the entire year.

Wrestling Important Factor

I am not a wrestling fan. But attendance at the weekly armory shows proves that Douglas County has a very large number of wrestling enthusiasts. The area has been fortunate in having a promoter interested in providing good entertainment.

Eltion Owen has brought to his Roseburg audience the very best competition. He has provided clean shows. Any wrestler, disorderly in conduct outside the ring, is immediately barred from further participation on the Owen circuit.

It may seem paradoxical to say that Roseburg needs more entertainment events and at the same time say that Owen should have protection against competition.

But it is my opinion that so long as Roseburg fans are furnished with the type of entertainment they have been given for so many years, Owen should be entitled to an exclusive franchise.

Considerable cost is involved in supplying equipment, paying traveling costs, reimbursing participants, etc. Unless matches are well attended, the promoter loses money. If losses continue, it will not be long until wrestling will be abandoned. In such case Roseburg would lose one of its primary entertainment factors.

It is better, I believe, to protect a proven activity than to take a chance on losing it.

Type Of Competition Involved

I would not suggest that wrestling, as a sport, should be protected from all competition. The local wrestling shows currently are in competition with the micro-midget auto races. These races have supplied another element to Roseburg's sports program. They should be encouraged. Wrestling must take its chances against such competition.

Women wrestling matches in my opinion, attract attendance more by their novelty than by their standing as athletic events. When the novelty is gone, attendance doubtless will drop. It would not be good business, I believe, to impair a valuable entertainment asset by bringing into competition a type of show that probably would be short-lived.

If other communities, having limited sports programs, want wrestling shows featuring women participants, it is their right to have them. The Roseburg Commission, I believe, has taken the proper stand, insofar as Roseburg is concerned. It has jurisdiction over the rest of the county, except where local commissions exist. In exercising its authority over other towns it should, in my opinion, make an effort to sound out public sentiment in those communities where shows are proposed before granting licenses.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Wives with a habit of talking too much often realize this is an ordeal for their husbands.

Sooner or later, their husbands tell them so. But few wives realize their silences are sometimes even more of an ordeal.

Or do they? Perhaps instinct tells them that nothing confuses a man more than a silent woman.

When a woman speaks, she employs symbols that have a meaning—a word, a phrase, a sentence, even an idea. Thus, even though she often cunningly bends language like a pretzel to make it mean something exactly the opposite of what she actually says, the man who loves her at least has a clue to what is going on in that maze called her mind.

But let her lapse into silence, and he feels as separated from her as if they were two sardines packed in different cans.

Men's minds are so simple to read a wife quickly learns that a husband's silence usually means: (1) He doesn't feel like bragging, or (2) He is tired and wants to store up his strength for a more important family argument.

Women, however, are full of deep and mysterious silences. Ten minutes of consecutive silence by his wife will reduce a veteran husband to a quivering jelly of apprehension.

Newlywed Worst Fooled

It is only the newlywed husband, pitifully unaware of the ocean depths of a woman's mind, who comes to work bogged.

"Well, I guess I got my little bride trained. I stopped off for a few drinks with the boys, got home two hours late, and my wife didn't even make a yap. After all, why should she? There's no rea-

son why a man should have to punch a timeclock at home."

Such foolhardy optimism merely gives an experienced husband the shudders. I know of a young husband who came to his office one morning pleased as a schoolboy. The night before, during a brief flareup with his new wife, he had told her she had better realize he was the boss because, after all, didn't he foot all the bills?

"You can bet that shut her up," he said. "She didn't give me a word of backtalk."

She didn't say anything for the next two days either. Just smiled and brought him his meals. But when the husband came home the third night, his wife was gone. So were the rugs, the draperies, the pictures on the walls, the pots, the pans, the silverware—and every stick of furniture in the place.

The stunned man reached for a chair to sit down. There was no chair. The gas and electricity had been turned off. The refrigerator was bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard. The bathroom rack lacked even a crying towel.

Penalty Of Underestimating

The only thing remaining in the empty apartment was a mattress on the bedroom floor. To the mattress the wife had pinned a scrap of paper. Eagerly the lonely husband read it in the gloom, hoping at least to read a farewell note. But the paper was only a notice the rent was

Ah, That's the Danger



Bruce Bissat

Maybe you read about the woman who was indicted recently for refusing to get off a party telephone line when a man sought to report a fire in his house. He had to get into his car and drive half a mile to another telephone.

It's less likely you saw an item how a housewife in a big city tried to charge a sanitation inspector with petty bribery after he gave her a summons for littering the street. Walking right past a nearly empty litter basket the woman had rolled up a paper bag she was carrying and tossed it into the gutter.

Next day she stormed into the sanitation department office, demanded to see the "commissioner," declared she had dropped a "piece of paper" by accident, and charged the arresting inspector with attempted bribery. Fortunately, the officer had a witness to the whole incident on the street.

These examples of bad public behavior could be multiplied many times today. They can be found anywhere in the land, from the country lane to the most crowded city streets. It's a growing problem that we had better meet.

We Americans grow more numerous every day. The experts say that by 1975 there'll be 229 million of us, against 164 million now. If we are to live as decent human beings, we must accommodate to these rising numbers. And that means we must exhibit better public manners than many of us are doing.

Confronted with often surprising hordes of people as we move about on the streets and highways, in stores, stations, theaters and the like, too many of us shove, bump, dig with our elbows, and try to jam in ahead of others who were "there first." We cast paper and other litter about as if the world were our wastebasket.

This is a spacious country. We've always had plenty of room to roam in, though our cities have been fairly well crowded for some time. But our communities are becoming teeming places today. It isn't due—his wife's ironic way of saying goodbye.

Now this pathetic young man simply made the mistake of underestimating the power of a woman's silence. Your wise husband realizes that silence in a wife, when they are alone together, is a real danger signal.

After a few minutes, he will do anything to get her talking again, even if he has to start a mild argument to do so. The main thing is to make her quit thinking and start talking.

No husband can plump the fabulous works of his wife's thoughts when she is silent, because a woman's mind doesn't travel in a straight line like a man's. It wheels in circles like a homing pigeon and then, like that same pigeon, heads for home.

Sequel: Violent Action

A normal husband with a normal wife can take it for granted that when she falls silent, she is brooding over (1) Something he should have done that he didn't do, or (2) Something he did do—but did wrong. It is unimportant whether the grievance is big or small, old or new.

She may be less angry with him because he went bankrupt yesterday than she is over suddenly remembering he smiled at another girl on their honeymoon 25 years ago.

He must merely keep in mind that whereas a man's silence usually ends up in sleep a woman's silence always ends up in some kind of action. And the longer she is silent, the more violent will be the action she takes.

Therefore no matter how flighty or foolish his wife's talk may be, the sensible husband realizes her vocal chords are the best safety valves of his own marital happiness.

Any woman's conversation is more endurable than the ordeal of her silence.

Wednesday: The seven worst kinds of wifely silence.

easy for us to learn the lesson that we must accommodate to each other if they are to be at all endurable.

Think ahead. In most of the places we know there will be more people next year, a good many more five years from now, and more than we can perhaps imagine 20 years hence.

If the level of public manners drops as our numbers increase, and this seems to have happened in recent times, then we'll soon be in danger of aping the ways of the jungle.

Basically, good public behavior stems both from self-respect and respect for your fellow men. If you think well of them, then it will be natural for you to act as if you knew they were around and had rights of their own, rights which often conflict with yours.

Then you will exhibit kindness and deference and courtesy. This is what we mean by "accommodation." There must be much more of it if life in America's public places is to be not only bearable but pleasant, attractive and rewarding in the crowded years ahead.

New Comptroller Opposes Ike's Highway Agenda

WASHINGTON (AP) — Joseph Campbell, recently confirmed as comptroller general over the operation of Sen. Gore (D-Tenn.), joined forces with Gore Monday in opposition to President Eisenhower's big highway program.

Campbell told the Senate public roads subcommittee, of which Gore is chairman, that the financing method proposed in the administration's 21-billion-dollar road bill is "objectionable."

The comptroller general said the General Accounting Office, Congress' housekeeping agency, believed federal borrowings contemplated in the administration program should properly be part of the public debt. Campbell heads the GAO.

Secretary of Commerce Weeks and Gen. Lucius D. Clay, author of the administration program, had argued in previous testimony that one of the key benefits in the plan was that it wouldn't add any money to the national debt.

But Campbell said: "It seems only right that such obligations should be considered, classified, and disclosed as part of the total borrowings of the government, that is, the public debt."

Gore's bill, which calls for eight billion dollars in federal road spending over the next five years, asks for direct congressional appropriation of the money.

The Eisenhower plan would set up a new agency to handle the borrowing. Congress would earmark gasoline tax revenues for the next 30 years to repay the federal indebtedness.

First Major NW Oil Refinery Energized

BELLINGHAM (AP) — A man turned a golden valve Sunday night and the Northwest's first major oil refinery, the 40-million dollar plant at Ferndale, started production.

C. E. Johns, state supervisor of industrial development, turned the valve at dedication ceremonies attended by some 300 persons, including T. P. Simpson, vice president and director of manufacturing for General Petroleum.

In a dedicatory address, Simpson said General Petroleum selected Ferndale for the plant because of the growing Northwest market and the availability of Alaskan crude oil.

He said the refinery has a capacity of 35,000 barrels a day—enough to keep 389,000 automobiles operating, 121,000 homes heated by 3,100 diesel tractors at work and 20 ocean freighters sailing

In The Day's News

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Or a deep water harbor at the mouth of a river, where the ships of the world can take on cargoes. Or a spiderweb of railroads.

Something tangible. Something that can be weighed or measured.

Las Vegas has none of these tangibles. Its only PRODUCTIVE industry is a relatively small metals reduction plant, established in wartime to provide sorely needed strategic metals and continued intermittently since.

Yet the town is growing like a weed. It is steadily covering the surrounding desert with handsome buildings. It is only a few years since its population was 10,000. Then, suddenly, it leaped to 70,000. Now it claims 50,000 and has its sights set on 100,000.

How did all this happen? Well, here's the way it works: People "keep pouring in, and there must be houses to house them. That makes work for the builders. These incoming throngs must be fed, and that makes work for cooks and dishwashers. Their shirts must be washed, and that makes work for laundries. They come in automobiles, and these automobiles must be fueled and maintained. That makes work for service station men and mechanics. People eat too much and drink too much and stay out too late at night and get sick as a result, and that makes work for doctors. And so on. I could go on like this for pages.

The point I wish to make is that here in Las Vegas, which—with the exception of the Henderson metals plant 20 miles away—hasn't a single smokestack, hasn't an acre of farm land anywhere near, has only the sketchiest kind of a cattle industry and hasn't green, tens of thousands of people are kept busy as bees just taking in each other's washing, cooking each other's meals and doing each other's chores.

What the economists call SERVICE occupations.

Las Vegas, of course, DOES have a principal industry upon which its prosperity rests. That industry is gambling—gambling in all its forms: roulette, craps, faro, blackjack, keno, bingo.

But principally it has slot machines, acres of them, shoals of them, clacking and clattering like a vast assemblage of automatic looms. Just servicing this gambling industry makes a lot of jobs.

EVERY growing city, of course, has to have something that keeps on bringing in NEW money. Money from elsewhere. Money to be added to what is already there.

In the case of Las Vegas this new money comes to town in the pockets of the thousands who come here to play, to show off, to have something to go home and tell one's neighbors about.

But principally to gamble. Take the gambling away and Las Vegas would wilt and die and the desert would take over again.

People do win at gambling. We came away with a gambling profit of 40 PER CENT—forty cents winnings on a total investment of a dollar.

Here's an interesting thought: If EVERYBODY did that well, Las Vegas would shrivel up and die.

Chinese Soprano Wins Top Honors At Festival

WINNIPEG, Man. (AP) — A 24-year-old Chinese soprano has won top vocal honors in the 37th annual national music festival.

Anna Chen, formerly of Hankow, China, who came to Winnipeg last August with her doctor-husband, was awarded the Rose Bowl Saturday night when she topped 11 contestants in the final competition of the two-week event.

She graduated last year with a bachelor of music degree from Maryhurst College, Maryhurst, Ore., but had never sung before in a festival.

Reader Opinions

North Bend Principal Clarifies Game Stand

NORTH BEND — I recently read an article appearing in your newspaper concerning a misunderstanding between the Roseburg High School football coach, Bob George, and Frank Akins, North Bend High School football coach, about a football game scheduled between the two schools on October 21, 1955, in which the blame on the misunderstanding was centered toward North Bend.

First, I wish to state that two errors were made in your article concerning myself. I was vice-principal at Roseburg High School and not principal. Second, I have been principal at North Bend four years instead of six years as your paper stated.

The meeting of the District 5 A-1 schools was held December 21, at Cottage Grove High School, with principals, athletic directors and football coaches of the schools present. The football schedule was drawn up at that time.

North Bend's schedule approved at the meeting resulted in the following league games and dates, other non-district games had been previously committed.

Sept.
2—Central Catholic at North Bend
16—Grants Pass at North Bend
23—Springfield at North Bend
30—Coquille at Coquille

Oct.
7—Cottage Grove at Cottage Grove
14—Myrtle Point at North Bend
21—Roseburg at North Bend
28—Eugene at Eugene

Nov.
4—Marshfield at Coos Bay

Frank Akins claims he did not tell Bob George by telephone conversation that North Bend would change our football game with Roseburg from Oct. 21 to Oct. 14 after the district meeting. Since I am both principal and athletic director, all schedules are made and approved through my office, with coaches acting in an advisory capacity.

I wish to state that at no time did Mr. George or Mr. Jacoby contact me regarding changing our football game until after they had negotiated with Grants Pass and had scheduled Grants Pass on the same date as Roseburg's scheduled game with North Bend.

Roseburg has in the past played Grants Pass the last game of the season and North Bend the third from last game of the season for a number of years. Since Roseburg High School is a member of District 5 A-1, their obligation should be to honor the scheduled date with North Bend on October 21, which is still being held for Roseburg.

As far as Myrtle Point is concerned, North Bend has played football with that school for a number of years. K. Peterson, Athletic Director at Myrtle Point, was called after Harry Jacoby telephoned me concerning the possibility of

Oregon's 10-Year Road Fund Need Exceeds \$1 Billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — New road construction estimated to cost \$1,071,000,000 will be necessary in Oregon through 1964, the Bureau of Public Roads reported Monday.

The Oregon estimate includes 469 million in rural construction and 422 million in urban needs.

The figures were contained in a bureau report to Congress which placed national highway construction needs at 101 billion dollars.

The survey, made at the request of Congress, provides an up-to-date picture of the highway problem and future needs for senators and House members considering proposals to speed up the highway construction program.

Major highways criss-crossing the nation would account for nearly a quarter of the big total, or \$233,000,000, the bureau said.

It estimated individual state needs from a low of 220 million in Nevada to more than 8 billion in California.

The bureau's figures show 30 states with estimated highway needs greater in cost than those of Oregon.

The interstate system portion of the estimated cost in Oregon totaled 319 million dollars. Of this 170 million is for rural needs and 149 million for urban roads.

Oregon requires 332 million dollars in other primary roads, including 187 million for rural construction and 145 million on urban programs.

The report estimated federal-aid highways—interstate, primary and secondary—in Oregon would cost 758 million. Other roads, built without federal aid, would cost another 313 million.

The non-federal aid construction, the bureau said, includes 180 million for rural and 127 million for urban areas.

SHOOTS SELF IN FOOT

Ronald Leroy Grafton, 18, Gardiner, is reported recovering satisfactorily from a wound in his foot. According to Dep. Sheriff Lee Shipley, Reedsport, Grafton was handling an "unloaded" revolver Friday when it discharged. The bullet shattered a bone in the right foot. Grafton was not hospitalized.

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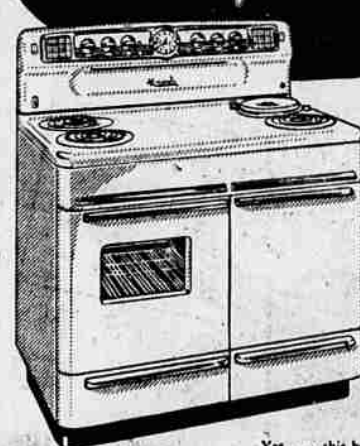
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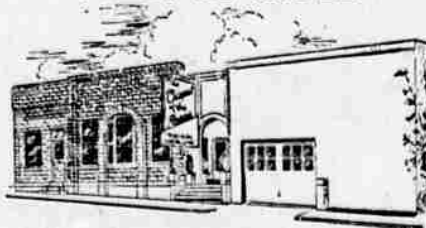
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