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AVIATION PROGRESS

Charles V. Stanton

The private flying side of the Roseburg airport holds a strong fascination to me. Having always been an aviation enthusiast, I greatly enjoy hanging around the field Sunday afternoon when the private fliers are out in force.

There was much activity at the field last Sunday, so I drifted out to see what was going on.

I arrived in time to see Leo Young make his solo flight, while kids flocked in to take advantage of the tradition that a solo flier must buy Cokes for the crowd.

Leo made his three circuits of the field, with landings and take-offs, with all the skill of an old veteran and then brought in his ship to receive congratulations and empty the Coke machine.

Sheriff Ira Byrd and Ty Evans took out a Ryan trainer for a trip to Eugene for license inspection, bringing back a plane that had been left in Eugene previously for CAA inspection.

Shirley Wardle, field manager, and Dr. Van Allen were up shooting aerial photographs. A dozen or more private fliers were practicing, or were taking friends and relatives for rides.

Mixed with local traffic were several transient planes, dropping in for fuel, together with regularly scheduled West Coast passenger planes.

Altogether it was quite a busy day.

Old Times Recalled

A number of others, like myself, were sightseeing. One of the group was Joe Thompson, another old-timer. We started reminiscing about earlier aviation activities in and around Roseburg.

We recalled the days when the U.S. Army took over forest patrol duties and flew off a field at Shady Point. The field had a hump in the middle, and planes both landed and took off uphill.

Much trouble was encountered in getting gravel to surface the dirt runway. The Army was reluctant to part with the few hundred dollars necessary for the desired improvement. At the same time the Army pilots, flying old World War I planes, didn't like the obsolete ships and wanted newer equipment. So, one by one, the old bombers were crash landed on the field and reports made that accidents resulted because of the rough landing strip. After about five ships had been demolished, peculiarly without injury to a pilot, the Army provided $800 which, in those days, bought a lot of gravel.

Then the City of Roseburg bought the present field, after promoting a bond issue, but had no money for improvements. The runway had only a light sprinkling of gravel. Heavy planes were constantly miring down.

Private Flying Developed

There was a minimum of private flying. Si Dillard had an old biplane, as did Harold Smith, now deceased. George Felt was flying around in an old crate, until he cracked it up in a stump-filled field in the south part of the county while making a forced landing. Fred Kinsel and a few others managed to pick up old planes.

Then the Umpqua Flying Club was organized. So far as I have been able to learn, it is the oldest continuously operated private flying club in the United States.

Created a few years prior to the Second World War it trained a number of pilots who went into military service. It was maintained during the war years with limited personnel, and then went back into action bigger than ever when wartime restrictions were lifted.

Private flying now is quite a factor in business at the Roseburg airport, where a large number of local planes are based. Many lumber companies maintain business planes. The flying club has trainers and cross-country ships available for members. There is considerable charter business. Every good day finds many light planes in the air as their pilots polish technique.

We have become so accustomed to the growth of private flying that we seldom stop to realize just how far aviation has progressed in a comparatively brief period. But more and more the airplane is coming into use for recreation, business and industry.

If you haven't been out lately, try spending an hour at the airport some Sunday when the weather is good.

You'll find the trip interesting and instructive.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — What is the magic of Manhattan?

Cynics have been predicting for some time that the flight to the suburbs would eventually turn this heart island of New York City into a ghost town on the Hudson—the world's largest pigeon roost. Some people, perhaps, rather hoped this would happen.

But what has really happened? No grass is growing in Wall Street yet. In the last 10 years some 21 million square feet of office space have been built or are planned in the midtown area. Luxurious new apartment buildings still are springing up like dandelions. The United Nations has lifted a towering new home of glass-enclosed hope for the future.

Commenting on this spectacular postwar growth, a real estate dealer the other day said, rather wonderingly, there seems to be "some magic in Manhattan that defies logic."

There is a magic in Manhattan, the magic of an ever-young town ceaselessly growing through 300 years of continuous change.

"The pace here is killing . . . everybody has a dog-eat-dog attitude . . . I couldn't live here, feeling so cramped and crowded." These are typical complaints of out-of-town visitors.

"What do you really see in the place?" they ask. "Why, I wouldn't take Manhattan as a gift."

But as they leave for their home town, they wonder secretly if, after all, there isn't something here they have missed.

There is. They have missed the whole thing — the magic in Manhattan.

They have missed the glamor and excitement and power and majesty that make up the real lure of Manhattan. They have a vague dislike of Manhattan, and an active distrust of it. But they don't know enough about Manhattan either to hate it or love it. You have to marry Manhattan to do that. You have to live here.

Manhattan is a mighty melange of money, mystery and melodrama made up of many smells and sights and sounds and an infinite number of voices. Manhattan isn't America, but it is America squeezed up like an accordian — where the mountains are man-made and the prairies have a "keep off the grass" sign.

Manhattan is the true "dream city" of our country. More people travel here to make their dreams come true than to any other city in the world.

This is the talent capital of the 20th century, the market place for every type of genius, whether your skill lies in training fleas, directing a symphony orchestra or building skyscrapers. It is the modern mecca of the writer, the salesman, the artist, the businessman, the chef, the boxer, the scholar and the con man. Whatever you can do, here is your market and your audience.

Manhattan is less lovely than Paris, less livable than London, less casually friendly than any major American metropolis. But it holds more grandeur than ancient Rome, and is gradually attaining some of the glory of old Greece.

There are a thousand accents in Manhattan, but the main accent is on youth. Youth isn't served here, but it has a chance to sell here anything it can dish up that has a new quality or a fresh excitement.

That is the real magic in Manhattan, a city that eternally renews itself by feeding on young dreams. Anything is possible here, whatever you look for you have a feeling you may find it.

Nobody owns Manhattan. It gives you a feeling of belonging to something greater than yourself. But anyone who lives here and then goes away knows in his heart that part of him will always belong to Manhattan, and that he has left something behind — usually his dreams.

In The Day's News

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to keep the cold winds out. In a pinch, bunched - up newspapers make pretty fair goose decoys.

The list of the newspaper's uses is almost endless.

Heck! You can even READ it, if you get tired of listening to the radio. When you're in a bad mood, you can call up the editor on the phone and tell him off in no uncertain terms. It will relax you no end, and it will do the editor no harm.

It's far better than going on the back porch and kicking the cat. The car doesn't deserve the abuse, and the editor probably does. Besides, it will keep him from getting cocky and trying to run the town.

The Bend Bulletin recently told of an interesting use for newspapers that was common in an earlier day: It says:

"Nearly half a century ago, homesteaders making the futile attempt to reclaim Central Oregon's high desert used papers of the day profusely in insulating their cabins. Layers of them were used between boards to provide some protection against the cold. Others were pasted on the walls, more for insulation than for decoration.

"When those old desert cabins were being torn down the papers not only dated their construction but provided interesting information about state, national and world conditions of the day.

"Those cabin builders of nearly five decades ago were actually recording the history of their own times when they papered the walls of their isolated homes."

That brings up an interesting personal recollection.

A decade and a half ago, or such a matter, Harlan Bosworth and I got interested in collecting desert glass—which is any kind of clear glass left exposed long enough to the rays of the desert sun. It takes on a beautiful color, varying from faint pink to fairly deep purple. On the way to Hart Mountain, we found these abandoned cabins the Bulletin tells about to be prize hunting ground for this desert treasure that then was quite highly esteemed.

The papers on the walls of the cabins dated the glass we found in the nearby area, and we came to the conclusion that it takes from 15 to 20 years for the sun to produce a color that collectors will be really interested in.

In closing this piece, I want to repeat that there's almost NOTHING that newspapers aren't useful for. You can twist up old newspapers into a tight roll and use 'em as insulation in your walls and if you do a good job of it you'll save enough money on a year's heating bills to pay your subscription with—thus getting all the other uses of the newspaper for nothing.

You can light a fire with a newspaper, whereas all you can do to a fire with water is to PUT IT OUT. During the chilly spring we've gone through, the last thing anybody has wanted to do with a fire has been to put it out.

Indiana's GOP First To Formally Urge Ike To Run

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Republican State Committee put shoulders to the Eisenhower bandwagon here it is the first to urge the President officially to run again in 1956.

Hoping to start a "Draft Eisenhower" movement which would spread to the Republican organizations of all other states, the committee unanimously adopted a resolution Friday praising the President's administration and urging his renomination.

State Chairman Alvin C. Cast said he knew of no such action by the party organization in any other state so far.

"It is high time we gave him the news that the Republican organization, as well as the people, want him in the White House another term," Cast said. "I would be very happy if every other state committee would adopt similar resolutions."

Cast predicted Eisenhower would run again if he were convinced the people and the party really want him

Demo Chief, Truman Scheduled In Portland

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler will spend five days in Texas next month to address fund-raising dinners and party meetings in nine cities.

Prior to the Texas trip, Butler will speak at a Portland, Ore., regional dinner, June 11 which also will be addressed by former President Harry S. Truman.

Reader Opinions

Writer Doesn't Concur In Opinions Expressed

ROSEBURG — I am sure that many of us are not in agreement with recent views appearing in The News-Review concerning our schools. We are in agreement with the right of the authors to express their opinions, if expressed in good faith. However, before making public declarations, I think dissemination of misinformation by leading citizens is very harmful to the community. The open letter in the New-Review, Monday, May 9, contained misinformation beyond the shadow of a doubt.

I have spent many hours in the past four years in Roseburg attempting to inform myself concerning our schools. It cannot be done in the space of a few days at budget time. Keeping in touch with our schools should be a continuous process. I have made many trips to school rooms; talked with teachers. I have hashed things out with the superintendent and the assistant superintendent. I have attended PTA meetings, the teachers' inservice programs, school evaluation programs, Oregon Education Association meetings on various phases of education. I have headed school study groups, have attended school board meetings and budget board meetings. It all leads to this conclusion, I am convinced that:

1-We have good school administrators working continuously in our behalf.

2-They are providing us with a sound educational policy and program.

3- They are doing their utmost, working in conjunction with a conscientious school board and budget board — consisting largely of local businessmen — to make each tax dollar count in doing the greatest good for each pupil.

I firmly believe that those taking the time to inform themselves would agree with me. If they have doubts, they should take them to the head office.

Concerning teachers' salaries, I am proud that they are relatively high. Teaching is a key profession in making our democracy work. We are entrusting our teachers with the future of our country. As it is their remuneration is discouragingly less than other professional people such as lawyers and dentists. They deserve a fair return on the investment they have in their education. Also they deserve to be able to feed and clothe their families. The nation is now faced with a teacher shortage because the pay is not enough to hold present teachers in the field and to attract new ones.

Let's not talk of reducing teachers' salaries. Let's continue to raise them as we can. First, because in a keenly competitive situation it insures competent teachers for our schools. Secondly, it encourages young people to go into the profession. Let us remember that good school buildings alone do not make good schools. The schools can only be as good as the teachers in them.

Finally, in advancing along the paths of changing education in a changing world, I want my children's education guided by educators, not business managers. There are many things in this world that cannot be solved by the business mind.

High taxes are not just reason to assault the schools. If the property tax is too high, let us unite our efforts towards getting money from other sources rather than let our standards deteriorate.

I quote from Financing Public Education in the Decade Ahead, Dec. 1954, published by the National Citizens Commission for the Public Schools: "The financing problem is a problem of policy, not of resources. The problem is to select the best basis on which to make a small portion of the increasing national production and income available to the public schools."

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Conservation Movement Given Encouragement

MEDFORD — Is Oregon to emerge from 150 years of medieval waste and destruction? It is indeed good to know that a statewide effort is being made to bring about at least a semblance of conservation of our forest and other natural resources. Pleadings and warnings were made through all those years for sane and sound use; but heeded not. Unequalled, uncontrolled greed and vandalism raged unchecked.

No longer can we fool ourselves, or be fooled into believing America's forests "inexhaustible," — "Timber-r-r forever-r-r-r," — "We'll never run short of timber," and other false slogans.

Had the West Coast Lumber Assn., which includes the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co., and a score of other big timber and logging outfits heeded the warnings through the past 100 years, and especially the last 50 years, there'd be no timber shortage now. Had the Federal Government and the states heeded the warnings of President Cleveland, President Theodore Roosevelt, and America's first Chief Forester, who brought our U.S. Forest Service and National Forests into being —or even if forest conservation urged at the October, 1946 American Forest Congress by Lyle Watts, and through his period as Chief Forester, been heeded by private lumbermen and loggers, the crisis we are now in would at least have been delayed.

Gifford Pinchot and some other far-sighted, public-spirited men worked tirelessly to bring about forest practices by which America might have forestry always, protected watersheds, streams, soil, wildlife, and other resources dependent upon forests, including labor. (May I urge the reading of Breaking New Ground by Gifford Pinchot.)

Working with Mr. Pinchot, President T. R. called a congress of all state governors, and others, in May, 1908, to whom he said in part: "We are on the verge of a timber famine in this country and it is unpardonable for the Nation or the states to permit any further cutting of our timber save in accordance with a system which will provide that the next generation shall see the timber increased instead of diminished." Those were the forestry teachings and practices of our first Chief Forester, Gifford Pinchot.

More power to every conservation movement that will bring the greatest good to the largest number for the longest time.

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Interest In Tax Facts Said To Be Increasing

OAKLAND — Public interest in tax facts seems to be increasing greatly, and rightly. However, I believe it should be pointed out that any consideration of this subject which does not encompass a comprehensive consideration of all other social and economic factors is superficial and likely to lead to more illusionment than enlightenment.

It is unfortunate that most of us must deal with this subject of taxation so briefly that fundamental consideration is not quite possible. I will state a few of the most profound fundamental tax facts in the hope that the readers will be enabled and encouraged to take it from there and arrive at more accurate conclusions.

Perhaps the most important factor is payment. It must be observed that payment of and for anything, including taxes, is found ultimately and only at the point of production. Work is the only producer, and only human beings can work. It follows from this that only those who work pay anything, including taxes. It makes no difference where or what kind of work the worker does, mental or manual, he pays his share of everything in direct proportion to the work he does.

In this connection an accurate definition of work is imperative. Here it is: "Work is a constructively productive expenditure of human time, energy and comfort."

Work must produce something beneficially consumable by human beings. Otherwise the expenditure of time, energy and comfort is waste, not work.

We see from this that property, in itself, pays nothing; that owners and non-owners alike pay in exact proportion to the product that their own work pours into the wealth stream of the nation. One does not pay taxes merely because he happens to have acquired the wherewithal to pay taxes. He must have produced it by working. No matter what kind of a tax may be levied, payment, in the final analysis, is from the same source, work, production, workers.

No kind of a tax is right, just, nor honorable in a social order where some of the people have the right, privilege and opportunity to avoid doing a fair share of the work and sharing the products on a basis of equality.

Indeed, "the power to tax is the power to destroy" and those having this power seem impelled to use it to its ultimate. However, they are not to blame. The fault is in the system and evolutionary processes.

A. LOUIS EGGLETON
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Handling Misbehavior On Busses Discussed

ROSEBURG There has been some discussion on what type of punishment should be used for misbehavior in our school buses. We parents feel that putting a child off the bus, denying him further supervision, and subjecting him to the hazards of the highway is not proper.

I liked your reprint from the "Make the punishment fit the crime."

As parents, educators and transportation companies let's not be guilty of shifting our responsibility onto the County Juvenile Officer, the State Police and other law enforcement officers. Let's keep our children in school, on the bus, and under care and supervision. This is not a superhuman task. Let's practice conservation with our children too. They are our greatest heritage.

HUBERT J. WILLIS
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Referendum Too Difficult, Says Sec. Earl Newbry

SALEM (AP) — Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry has stated that Oregon's "creaking legislative and executive machinery" deprives the people of their full right to refer bills passed by the Legislature.

While there is a 90-day period after legislative adjournment for distribution of referendum petitions, these petitions can't actually be circulated until the governor signs a bill on which a referendum is being sought. The governor has 23 or 24 days after a legislative session to act on bills.

Then, Newbry pointed out, the attorney general has another 10 days to prepare the ballot title that must be on the petitions.

Thus, sponsors of a referendum might have less than 60 days to get the 20,047 names that are needed to put a bill on the ballot.

Newbry had in mind the 3-cent cigarette tax bill which the tobacco industry wants to refer.

This bill hasn't reached the governor's desk yet, since it hasn't been signed by the president of the Senate and speaker of the House.

"The procedure is all wrong," Newbry said. "Under the Oregon Constitution, any citizen or group of citizens is entitled to a full 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature, in which to secure a referendum petition against an unpopular enactment."

Bruce Biossat

Free peoples everywhere can rejoice with Austria that at long last it has a peace treaty which will restore it to the fraternity of free nations.

Austria has been absent from this company too long. On March 11, 1938, Hitler's Nazi legions marched into Austrian territory, reducing the little country to a mere eastern province of Germany. Not once in the 17 years that followed was the nation free of foreign soldiers.

When the Allies crushed Hitler, their armies moved in and replaced Nazi control. There they have remained, in their respective zones, as West and East dickered fruitlessly through the years over peace terms.

Only a sudden change of heart by Russia, evidently dictated by new strategy for coping with increased Western strength in Europe, finally made possible a successful settlement.

Under the treaty terms, all Russian and Allied occupation troops are slated to leave Austrian soil before 1955 is out.

Russia also agrees to restore to Austria oil and shipping properties they had taken over as war reparations. The Kremlin first made this striking concession in a preliminary agreement signed with Austria in Moscow weeks ago. It balked at including it in the treaty, until the West made clear it would not sign otherwise.

That the Reds finally yielded on this point was the measure of their eagerness to conclude this treaty. Naturally enough, they did not give so much without believing they had made important offsetting gains.

As a price they demanded and got assurances of Austria's neutrality. The treaty cannot speak on this matter, but it is expected a separate pact will be prepared for this purpose.

But surely this is not what the Kremlin conceives to be its real victory at Vienna.

Moscow's prime goal in Europe is Germany. Though the Reds loudly said they would never discuss German unity if West Germany was taken into NATO, they already have offered new unity proposals. Germany's neutrality is a key aim. Austria is the model, the lure, the proof of good faith.

Russia failed to block West German entry into NATO, with all it can mean for Western strength. Now the West is on test to show whether it can work for German unity without giving up what it worked so hard to gain. A neutral Germany would be a Germany ever in peril of Russian domination.

Whatever developments flow from the Kremlin's new strategy, we can accept with deep satisfaction its notable by-product — the long-hoped-for treaty of freedom for Austria. A fabled land has found its own breath again, and that is no triumph for communism.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

THE GOODBY KISS

Oregon Statesman

We can't quarrel with the Long Beach officer who handed out a traffic ticket (and congratulations) to the car driver who stopped for a prolonged clinch when his lady love said "yes" right in the middle of a busy street. After all, things can be carried too far. But we don't see eye-to-eye with the common practice of honking like mad at cars whose drivers pause long enough to exchange a goodby kiss with the wife who alights at an intersection en route to work in the morning.

It happens time and again in Salem — and elsewhere. Are we to drive romance underground entirely. A kissable wife, and may they be many, is entitled to an osculation anytime she wants it, and husbands vice versa, and if it takes a second or so to reaffirm affection when parting for the day, we'd say let it take a second or so.

We aren't advocating a movie scene at our street corners each morning, but if we see a brief bestowal of mutual regard in the car in front of us, we aren't going to honk, either. We go along with the old saying that if you're too busy to go fishing you're just too busy. The world is altogether too busy if it can't stomach that goodbye kiss. Or is the rest of the world just envious?

Russian Attends U. S. Armed Forces Parade

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet commandant in Berlin set a precedent last week by attending a U. S. Armed Forces Day parade at Tempelhof Air Field.

Wearing a blue-green uniform with gold braid, Maj. Gen. P. T. Dibrova stood in the reviewing stand and saluted smartly as an Army band played the U. S. anthem.

Then he watched 4,000 American troops and 20 tanks maneuver across the field and chatted cordially with Henry Parkman, assistant chief of the U. S. Mission in Berlin.

Soviet Ambassador Georgi M. Pushkin was invited but did not appear. It was the first time that a Soviet commandant had accepted an invitation to attend the annual Armed Forces Day parade, first held here in 1949.

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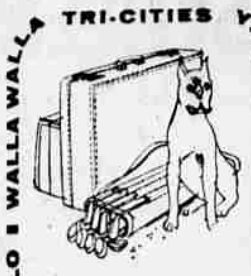
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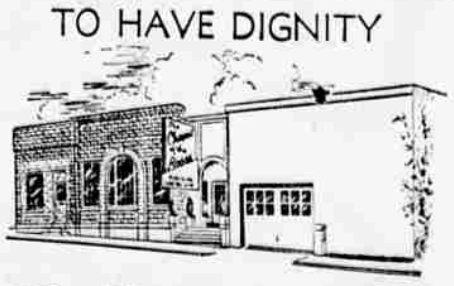
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