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LET THE EAGLE SCREAM

Charles V. Stanton

Many good things have originated in the West but the idea for the Eagles Lodge, coming from Seattle in 1898, has perhaps had more influence on more people than any other western-born program.

Theatrical people have always been noted for being warm-hearted and generous. At the same time they experience much loneliness. The Eagles Lodge, which this week holds its state convention in Roseburg, was conceived by lonely actors desiring to do good for humanity.

Six men from the theater, while working in Seattle, took a stroll which carried them to the Moran shipyards. The conversation turned to formation of a friendship society.

A few weeks later the originators of the idea met with a group of invited friends at the Bella Union Theater and adopted constitution and bylaws for the "Seattle Order of Good Things."

Thus was born the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the title soon selected to replace the original name.

As actors do much travelling, the charter members of the new organization became missionaries. Within weeks new aeries were formed. Spokane was No. 2, Tacoma No. 3 and Portland No. 4. San Francisco was next in line.

It was not long until the Fraternal Order of Eagles had spread across the continent. Aerie No. 40 is in New York City, No. 42 in Philadelphia and No. 46 in Buffalo.

The Fighting Fraternity

We usually think of peace and harmony when we use the word "fraternity." But the Fraternal Order of Eagles quickly became known as the "Fighting Fraternity." The appellation did not arise from any lack of brotherhood but rather from the manner in which the order took up the cudgel for public welfare, humanitarianism and social improvements.

It quickly threw its growing weight into such crusades as workmen's compensation, pensions for indigent mothers, old age pensions, social security and other legislation designed to give a richer, fuller and more secure life for all.

Throughout its history the Fraternal Order of Eagles has followed the charitable pattern outlined by its founders. It has maintained the warm heart, generosity and sacrificial spirit with which it was imbued at birth.

A native of America, the Fraternal Order of Eagles is a patriotic fraternity. It has made impressive contributions to national defense. One of its greatest humanitarian enterprises has been a Memorial Foundation, a trust fund created during World War II to provide medical care and college scholarships for children of members killed in action.

Big Convention Planned

Only a few of the outstanding achievements of FOE have been listed. Many more could be cited, such as its cooperation with Boys Town through erection of a dormitory, its work in youth service, cancer research and its program of citizenship training.

Roseburg will be host this week to an anticipated 1500 or more members of the Eagles Lodge in state convention. The public will see these members at play. Only the initiated will observe the work of the organization; the serious and sober contemplation of its aggressive program of fraternity, benevolence and charity. We will see the members having fun, with perhaps a bit of "horseplay." We might be led to the erroneous impression that fun is the keynote of the order.

But the greatest teacher the world has known once said "by their fruits ye shall know them." And so it is that we know the Fraternal Order of Eagles to be one of the Nation's most potent forces for compassion, patriotism, social betterment and brotherhood.

With these things in mind, we can take pride that Roseburg has been chosen to serve as host to this great organization, which numbers well over one million members nationally.

We invite our visitors to have fun; to enjoy our hospitality.

Let the Eagle scream!

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—What really does the most to lower efficiency in the average business office? Is it the girl watching or man watching?

Would you get more work done if every white collar man were forced to wear overalls and a halloo mask on the job?

I raise these questions only because my earlier campaign to put the American working girl in bloomers has fallen flat.

Why the campaign? Well, a survey showed that on an average day American men were wasting 20 million hours of company time doing nothing but daydreaming over the charms of their pretty girl co-workers.

My theory was that if all working girls were compelled to wear the same drab uniform they would become so repulsive nobody would waste time looking at 'em. The suggested uniform: black cotton stockings, old-fashioned black bloomers, and a blue middie or high-necked blouse.

But it looks as if I got off on the wrong blooming foot. You'd think it would be the office girls who'd raise a howl against being compelled to wear bloomers. Not at all. Many of them were quite attracted to the thought. It was the men who yelled.

Typical complaint from a boss: "Why don't you shut your big mouth, Boyle? It has taken me 20 years to work up to a place where I can have an office of my own and a good-looking secretary. Quit talking like a wife, will you? Let well enough alone."

An office supervisor remarked: "You're putting the cat before

the horse, son. There are more dollars in the average office today, and believe me most of them are man crazy.

"If men are wasting 20 million hours a day girl watching, then the girls themselves must be wasting 30 million working hours staring at the men in their offices. The real problem is how to make the white collar man less attractive."

I checked into this and—by golly—the supervisor was right! America's white collar men are getting downright irresistible. Every stenographer and secretary I talked to admitted (off the record, of course) that there was at least one man in her office she couldn't keep her mind and eyes from.

"There is a junior executive in our place who has been promoted to a desk with two telephones," said one. "And he's as happy as a baby with a new rattle. Every time I pass his desk it's all I can do to keep from reaching over and pinching his little fat merry cheeks."

What about a standard uniform for mer office workers then—overalls or Bermuda shorts, plus blinders or Halloween masks?

"In my opinion it wouldn't help," said a middle-aged secretary acidly. "To me most men look like they're wearing Halloween masks anyway, but in this civilization there is nothing you can do to make men repulsive—bells that they are—simply because there aren't enough of them to go around."

The case against putting office girls in bloomers was expressed most forcibly by Don Sauer, pres-

WASHINGTON (NEA) — A campaign to finance and force President Dwight D. Eisenhower to run for a second term of office has already been started among his White House staff.

This has been done somewhat on the q.t. Also, it was done without the President's knowledge or consent.

The news leaked out in Washington last week as a few members of the palace guard began to appear in public with little plastic pins in their coat lapel buttonholes reading "CLUB." The bottom horizontal line of the capital L extended below the smaller letters "ub."

Another pin was worn by Homer H. Gruenther, assistant to the Assistant to the President, Gov. Sherman Adams, and a brother of NATO Commander in Chief Alfred M. Gruenther.

The civilian Gruenther was a little shy in explaining what the Club pin was all about. He kissed it off with the comment, "Oh, it's just a little club that we have."

From Maj. Gen. Wilton B. Persons, deputy assistant to the President, came the first explanation. The correct, full name of the Club, he explained, is "The 130 Club." Now this is neat, but it's also tricky, so follow closely.

"C" is the Roman numeral for 100, as every fourth grader should know. "L" is the Roman numeral for 50. "CL" is 150. Got it?

All right. Each cell or Club unit is supposed to have 150 members. Every member of the Club and here is the gimmick—is supposed to go out and start a unit of his own with another 150 members.

Nobody knows just how this thing started. The original plan was to get \$150 from each member. Nobody took that seriously. The buttons finally ended up in the hands of one of the Filipino attendants at the White House. He sold out at \$150 each.

The arithmetic of the thing is terrific. The pins cost a cent apiece, so the profit on the first Club of 150 members would be \$224.50. One thousand Clubs would make \$224,500. It would all supposedly be turned in to the Republican Finance Committee.

But GOP headquarters say they never heard of the Club and to date they have received no money. General Persons, asked if he knew about this, said: "He probably doesn't. If he did, he'd give somebody hell."

This Club idea is reminiscent of other trick schemes which have been thought up to finance political activities.

There was, for instance, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's "One Thousand Club," for the 1944 campaign. A thousand members were supposed to give \$1000 apiece to raise one million dollars.

This goal was way too high. Only 291 members were ever signed up and some of them didn't give the full \$1000.

THE CIO POLITICAL ACTION Committee and the AFL Labor's League for Political Education

ident of something called the American Society of Girl Watchers, Inc. Sauer says girl watching may reduce office efficiency but boosts office morale.

I recommend that each American working girl be given a special income tax reduction of \$100 per year for cosmetics," he wrote. "And I suggest the hiring of one beautiful girl (for every 10 male employees) who has no talent for shorthand and who doesn't know a typewriter key from a piano key. Her sole assignment would be to stroll around the office adjusting venetian blinds and tidying up desk tops."

"Is anybody against this whole idea?"

Not me. Who am I to fight progress—in any form?

U.N.'s Tenth Anniversary—Still Coexisting



Civil Service Exams Set For Fire-Fighters

Civil Service examinations for beginner fire-fighters in the Roseburg Fire Dept. will be held Monday, June 27, at 1:30 p.m., according to Fire Chief W. E. Mills.

Applications are being taken now at Mills' office on the second floor of the city hall.

Applicants must be between 21 and 45 years old, a resident of the city and able to stand a physical examination. One vacancy is open in the department, Mills said.

Controversial Dixon-Yates Measure Proves First Test On Private-Public Power

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent
WASHINGTON (Special) — In the first solid test of the mood of the present House of Representatives on the touchy public vs. private power question, critics of public power have won a hands-down victory that is being taken as an indicator of what may happen to such Pacific Northwest questions as Hells Canyon and "partnership" construction of dams on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers.

The test came on whether Congress should vote funds to connect the TVA system with the proposed Dixon-Yates steam plant via transmission line across the Mississippi River as asked by the Eisenhower administration.

Democratic critics of the Dixon-Yates power contract, which has already been sealed by the administration and the private utility combine that plans to build the plant, saw this as a last opportunity to block the implementation of the contract. The Democratically-controlled House Appropriations Committee earlier had approved their scheme to deny funds for the transmission line hookup with TVA.

Republican supporters of the Dixon-Yates power deal brought the issue to a head on the House floor last Thursday when debate neared a voting climax on the big public works construction money bill. They moved to reverse the action of the Democrats on the committee and approve the power plant tie-in.

"The Dixon-Yates contract is a matter of national concern," declared Rep. Natcher (D-Ky.), "and success of this plan ultimately means not only the destruction of TVA, but the same situation will apply to Hells Canyon, Trinity River, and the Niagara Falls redevelopment."

Rep. Halleck (R-Ind.), GOP floor leader, roared back a few minutes later that "you people have done very well down there (in TVA country) compared to the taxpayers of the rest of the country, and I might suggest that it might not be too wise to ride a good horse to death. Possibly you are afraid the gravy train is running out."

Rep. Jones (D-Ala.) had a quick appeal to the "rest of the country." "This immediate proposal does not confine itself just to TVA. There is a larger question, the question of whether or not the people, through their government, will continue to control the management of the TVA, Bonneville Power administration, Central Valley project (in California), Southwest Power administration, Southeast Power administration, the rural electrification program, and all the flood control projects (of the Corps of Engineers) that presently contain a multiple function including the supplying of electric energy."

Rep. Arends (R-Ill.), GOP whip, said the vote the House was about to take was "whether, as a matter of national policy, we shall promote federal public power rather than private enterprise. It is essentially whether we believe in socialism or whether we believe in our American system of free, private enterprise. To this funda-

Spain Opens Campaign To Wipe Out Illiteracy

MADRID (AP)—A five-year campaign to wipe out illiteracy in Spain began this week with a good slice of the cost being laid on big industrial, farm and mining concerns.

Education Minister Joaquin Ruiz Jimenez has estimated the national illiteracy rate is 25 per cent of the population, although in some districts it is as high as 37 per cent.

In a recent speech he announced that penalties as stiff as loss of salary will be levied on fathers with children unable to read and write.

Benson To Offer New Wheat Plan

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Agriculture Benson said this week he would suggest a new wheat program if farmers reject marketing quotas for the 1956 crop. A farmer referendum is to be held next Saturday.

"We would not sit down and hold our hands," Benson told a meeting of the National Assn. of Television and Radio Farm Directors.

Benson said his department is taking a "neutral" position on the quota issue.

Reports from some wheat areas indicate that there is considerable opposition to the present program. Quotas are designed to limit production to prevent the accumulation of additional surplus supplies. Under the proposed quota program, farmers next week would be limited to planting 55 million

acres of wheat compared with war and post-war peaks of 80 million acres.

Benson said he was not ready to say what he might recommend to Congress in event of rejection of quotas. Approval by at least two-thirds of those voting is required. Under farm law as it stands now, price supports for wheat would drop to 50 per cent of parity in event quotas were turned down. Otherwise the support rate would be 76 per cent of parity. This year's rate is 82.5 per cent.

Lakeview Girl Wins Driving Code Contest

PORTLAND (AP)—Melba Snow, Lakeview, has been named as the winner of a safe-driving code contest, sponsored by the Highway Lifesavers Committee.

She will receive a \$250 defense bond, to be awarded by Gov. Paterson in Salem in September. Kay Pierce, Lebanon, won second prize, \$125 in bonds, and Sharon Cox, Portland, third, with \$75 in bonds. Honorable mention went to Eddie R. Warnock, Baker, and Betty Harris, Phoenix.

The contestants wrote codes to be used in safe-driving campaigns.

DIES IN MOUNTAINS

SPRINGFIELD (AP)—The body of Calvin Osborne, 30, of Rogue River, who died while fishing in the mountains south of Bend, was brought out by pack train to Springfield Monday night.

Coroner Fred Buell said an autopsy is to be performed, but it appears a heart attack was the cause of death. Osborne had hiked in with eight others to fish in the Mink Lake basin area.

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