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EDITORIAL NEIGHBOR

By Charles V. Stanton

A new editorial neighbor is Kenneth L. Hicks, who has succeeded Frank Streeter as editor of the Grants Pass Daily Courier.

Streeter, who retired at the end of last week following more than 50 years in newspaper work and 10 years at Grants Pass, was one of Oregon's most colorful editorial writers. He is a Republican. Not a "modern" Republican but one of the Old Guard, who accepts none of the trend toward the left and who has no patience or tolerance for the Socialist infiltration of the party.

Frank Streeter left no one in doubt as to his political opinions. He seldom let an issue of his paper get by without some vigorous comment on the political situation, usually critical.

Editor Streeter also had strong opinions on conservation. He seldom was in agreement with the Game Commission or any of its scientists, but he proclaimed his brand of conservation with great energy. I heard him mentioned at one time by a detractor as a "Chamber of Commerce Conservationist" at a time when he was supporting the construction of main stem, multi-purpose dams in the Rogue River.

Commanded Respect

As critical as I am of the Socialist trend of politics, I often found myself in disagreement with Frank Streeter's opinions. He was too far on the isolationist side to suit even me. We often clashed on conservation issues. Reading the "Letters to the Editor" column in the Courier, I know that Streeter aroused much criticism from his readers. But I also know that he held my respect and personal liking and that of his readers because he was vigorous, sincere and honest.

Commenting in a similar vein, the editor of the Register-Guard, Eugene, said:

"The world is full of wishy-washy newspapers, journals that are afraid of their own shadows, afraid of irritating somebody, afraid of being cussed. Frank Streeter did not permit the Courier to sink to that level. It was cussed, we understand, and cussed roundly by many citizens of Grants Pass. And nobody ever needed wonder what Mr. Streeter's views were. He set them out in no uncertain terms. For that he had, and has, our respect."

Many newspaper readers seem to feel, judging by their letters, that an editor should write to please his readers, that he should avoid controversy, that he should side with the majority. Then, too, there are readers who cannot conceive of separation between news columns and editorial columns. They believe that the editor sees and censors every news item, doctoring it to conform to his own opinions.

Objectivity Is Aim

The general practice of the modern newspaper, however, is to maintain complete separation between news columns and editorial columns. The aim in news columns is for complete objectivity, total impartiality. Editorial opinion is confined to the editorial column.

Frank Streeter was a vigorous writer. He had courage and personality. He put his opinions, definitely, in his editorial column, but maintained objectivity in news columns.

His successor, an experienced newspaperman who comes to southern Oregon from Bend, will endeavor, he says, to "maintain the high news and editorial standards that have caused the Courier to be recognized as an outstanding small-city newspaper." He pledges that "at no time will news coverage be restricted or colored because of editorial bias. The editor's opinions will be confined exclusively to the editorial page and we invite—even urge—our readers to take issue with us."

Editor Hicks can't go wrong so long as he adheres to those policies.

To my good friend Frank Streeter I wish the best in his retirement, which will start with a lengthy auto trip. My best wishes also go to our new neighbor in the editorial field. I will look forward to getting better acquainted.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Forty years ago this month the Russian revolution began with a riot for more bread in Petrograd. This was the first revolution, that overthrew the Czar. It was a revolt of moderate socialists and liberals.

Lenin was in exile in Switzerland at the time. Trotsky was in New York and Stalin was in the fourth year of Siberian prison camp.

Their leadership of the second counter-revolution to overthrow the provisional, democratic government set up under Alexander Kerensky, was eight months later.

A PERIOD OF 40 YEARS isn't a long time in history. Anyone who was an adult in World War I can remember the revolutions.

There are old Bolsheviks who look part in them who are still alive and in power.

But the third generation is now growing up under communism. Today, what is considered the most significant fact about the Russian revolution of 40 years ago is that it has not produced a new Soviet man.

Basically, say those who are closest observers of the Russian scene, the Russian people still have the same old Russian mind with the same old Russian qualities.

They may be sick of or bored by communism. They may be privately disillusioned by the lies they have been told about the revolts in East Germany, Poland and Hungary. But the Russians themselves are not considered ready for a third revolution.

SINCE WORLD WAR II much has been made of Russia's technical and educational advances. It

The Passing Parade



Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

MORSE IDEA OF IMPARTIALITY?

Astorian - Budget

The Oregon Democrat, a publication devoted to furthering the welfare of the Democratic party in Oregon, has been published in magazine style for several years. Now, under new ownership, it is to appear in newspaper form.

A sample has arrived recently. It contains some strictures against the Oregon press, plus congratulatory comments from various prominent individuals in the Democratic party.

There can be no quarrel with the strictures against the press. The newspapers of Oregon have been critical of Democratic policies and personalities more often than not, and the Democrats are certainly entitled to have a publication of their own in which they can work off some of their resentment against press criticism.

But issue can be taken with a statement by Sen. Wayne Morse included in the list of comments from prominent Democrats. He says: "The statement of your objectives and policies insures that the people of Oregon will have a newspaper publication dedicated to the full and impartial coverage of news and views of importance to the people of Oregon."

The Oregon Democrat makes no pretense to be other than what it is—a publication devoted exclusively to presenting the Democratic party's views and news. Does Sen. Morse really consider this to be "full and impartial coverage of news and views"?

It seems incredible that Sen. Morse actually meant what he wrote. If a frankly partisan organ fulfills his idea of "full and impartial coverage of news and views," no wonder he considers Oregon newspapers to be wicked institutions!

Alaskans Say Neuberger Wrong About Difficulty

JUNEAU—Alaska Republicans dispute the charge of Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) that a "raw, naked bitter struggle" within the party is holding up President Eisenhower's appointment of a new governor and that the Territory is suffering as a result.

Russ Arnette, president of the Anchorage Republican Club, said Neuberger's criticism "is unfounded."

Republican leaders in the Legislature declined to be quoted directly but one commented: "It just ain't so."

Sid Charles, publisher of the Kotchikan News, suggested Neuberger should pay more attention to Oregon affairs and less to Alaska. He said Alaska, under an acting governor, appears to be getting along all right but that he can't say the same for Oregon, on the basis of evidence before the current Senate investigating committee hearing.

Permission To Sell TV Station KFOR Asked

WASHINGTON—Oregon Television Inc. asked the Federal Power Commission Tuesday for authority to sell its Channel 12 station, KFOR, Portland, to George Haggerty.

Haggerty is a Detroit and Houston attorney and a Texas oil and gas operator.

The price was listed at about \$1,795,000.

Plans for this were announced in Portland recently and at the same time Haggerty said he had taken an option on Portland's UHF station, KPTV, from Storer Broadcasting Co.

Stalinist controls in Hungary and the Russian army remains in Poland under the Warsaw pact.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — The American husband has become the pioneer of the nation's changing food habits.

Papa (not Mama) is the new gay gourmet, the Marco Polo of the U.S. family dinner table.

"Husbands let their wives pick out the staple food items when they go supermarket shopping," said Harold Roth, president of the National Assn. of Specialty Foods Trade.

"But the men themselves are more adventurous. They like to explore the shelves for new and different food tidbits they can surprise their cronies with as snacks served during card games or at cocktail parties.

"Their new interest in different foods also is forcing their wives to pep up their menus. A husband no longer is profoundly grateful to come home to a dinner of beef and potatoes. After all, he can get that at a business lunch any day in the week."

This new male interest in a varied diet has spurred the fancy food industry from a pre-war annual level of about \$10,000,000 to nearly \$30,000,000 today, and a potential market of \$100,000,000 with in another decade.

An old-time grocer once drily defined a specialty food as "one that gathers dust." That is no longer true. Hundreds of unusual and exotic specialties now are stocked in more than 4,000 fancy food stores across America. Many supermarkets also feature them.

Typical specialty items: "Kiss proof" garlic; imported pate de foie at \$15 a pound, charcoal sauce, mayonnaise in tubes like toothpaste, Japanese smoked oysters, canned kangaroo tail and sharkfin soups—even floral lollipops for the kids.

What has caused this upsurge of interest in out-of-the-ordinary foods?

Roth believes it is a result of prosperity, wider travel, the fact that millions of American men have served overseas, and the desire to put more spice in the routine of suburban living.

But he is annoyed at pranksters who startle their cocktail guests by serving them, unwarned, such dubious delicacies as rattlesnake meat, fried grasshoppers and fried Mexican worms.

"These things may have a limited circle of genuine admirers," he said, "but they offend the squeamish and make them afraid to try new dishes they might really like."

"We don't think it's funny at all," Roth says. It now costs about \$30 to prepare and serve an ordinary good meal for six people at home. Here is his idea of a perfect gourmet dinner, which he says won't run above \$35 to \$40 for the same number of diners.

Cocktail appetizers of North Sea baby shrimps, clam canape cheese dip, and peppitas (roasted and salted Mexican pumpkin seeds)... pate de foie (domestic)... green turtle soup... Belgian endive salad with imported olive oil and freshly ground black pepper... three pheasants stuffed with wild rice and accompanied by baby carrots and tiny French peas with onions... dessert of canned crepes suzettes with coffee espresso followed by after dinner mints.

"Your guests will remember such a meal for a long time," he said.

Sharp Earthquake Jolts Southern California City

VENTURA, Calif.—A sharp earthquake jolted this Southern California coastal town Monday morning, breaking windows and sending canned goods tumbling from market shelves.

There were no reports of injuries.

A rolling aftershock followed the initial jolt.

The shock also was felt strongly at Oxnard 10 miles south and, less strongly, in Santa Barbara 20 miles north.

Seismologists at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena said the tremor apparently originated offshore in the Santa Barbara Channel.

In The Day's News

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tural fair, trade fair and exposition. He realizes, probably, that a state fair that amounted to nothing more than a collection of agricultural exhibits at the state capital wouldn't draw big enough crowds to make it worth while.

There was a time in our country when county, district and state fairs were immensely important from the standpoint of improving agriculture. They provided a place where farmers could come together and see what other farmers were doing. (You will remember the ancient story of the rooster and the ostrich egg. He brought his flock of hens to see the huge egg with the idea of showing them what others were doing in the egg line, hoping thus to arouse them to emulation of the ostrich.)

The exhibits of agricultural products, including livestock, and the prizes and the awards that went to the producers of the biggest pumpkin and the best ear of corn and the ripest watermelon and the fattest hog really did much in those times to stimulate other farmers to do a better job of farming.

But this is a different, and much more complicated, world. In these days, the agricultural colleges, the experiment stations, the agricultural researchers, the fertilizer people and the agricultural chemists are leading the way to better agricultural production.

They are doing far, far more along that line than state fairs can hope to do.

Here's a thought: Might not the money a state fair costs be worth MUCH more to agriculture in these modern days if spent for more agricultural research, more agricultural experiment stations and more study of the problem of finding more and better markets for our farm products?

Another thought: In both Oregon and California a lot of the money that helps to finance state fairs and district fairs and county fairs comes out of the state's share of the money that is bet on horse and dog races.

Might it not be better, in these days when the tax bite is getting bitting and bitting and ruggeder and ruggeder, to PUT THIS MONEY IN THE GENERAL FUND, where it would help to relieve the burden that rests with increasingly galling weight on the back of the average taxpayer's neck?

RETAIL PRICES UP

NEW YORK.—Wholesale food prices, as measured by the Dun & Bradstreet index, went up sharply this week.

At \$6.20, the index compared with \$6.12 last week and was 4.8 per cent higher than the year-ago week's \$5.92.

Legislative Try To Remove Langley Runs Into Legal Complications In House

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM — A legislative attempt to remove from office Multnomah County Dist. Atty. William Langley ran afoul of several legal complications Wednesday.

The House sent back to committee a bill that would let the governor suspend any officer of the state or its subdivisions who is under indictment for incompetence, corruption, malfeasance, delinquency or for offenses involving moral turpitude or involving violation of his oath.

The bill was requested by Gov. Holmes, and is aimed only at Langley, who has been indicted by the Multnomah County grand jury. After Rep. Norman Howard (D-Portland) explained that the bill is entirely for the purpose of getting Langley out of office, Rep. John D. Mosser (R), Portland, moved to send it back to the State and Federal Affairs Committee.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mosser objected to listing "incompetency" as a reason, and also complained that the provision that the governor name a temporary successor wouldn't work in the cases of local officials, such as school boards.

He also protested that the bill

Chile Holding Six Peronistas

SANTIAGO, Chile — Six Peronista leaders who fled an Argentine prison will be held in custody while Chile decides whether to grant their plea for political asylum or Argentina's request that they be returned.

The six, who are to be brought to Santiago, have been at liberty in the southern Chilean city of Punta Arenas since escaping Monday from Rio Gallegos prison in southern Argentina. They made a 150-mile automobile dash after fleeing the prison. Argentina sources said they bribed their way to freedom.

Argentina asked their extradition on grounds they were jailed for criminal rather than political offenses. The six deny they are criminal offenders. Extradition of criminals is provided under a political asylum convention signed by Argentina and Chile.

MORE AUTHORITY

SALEM — Legislation to give the state fire marshal more authority over fire prevention and protection in hospitals, nurseries and nursing homes was introduced Wednesday by Rep. Norman Howard (D), Portland.

The bill, requested by the fire marshal, would let him regulate the maximum number of persons in each institution, fire escapes, construction, wiring, and warming and extinguishing devices.

doesn't provide for payment of a salary to a temporary appointee.

Rep. George Layman (R), Newberg, one of the House's leading lawyers, said the bill probably is unconstitutional since it would apply to a man who is under indictment before the bill is passed. This, he said, would be an ex post facto law, or one which is passed after an alleged offense has been committed.

Layman also said the bill would violate home rule of local governments.

The House passed 49-7 and sent to the Senate a bill to license milk dealers and to audit their books. The audits would be paid by a tax of 1/2 of a cent for each 100 pounds of milk.

Rep. Joe Rogers (R), Independence, a milk producer, said the producers need these audits so they can find out if they are being paid enough for their milk.

When a producer sells to a dealer, a two-price system is used, depending on whether the milk is used in the retail trade or is used for manufacturing.

The audit, he said, would enable the producers to find out how much of their milk is sold for each use, and thus enable them to make sure they are getting proper payment.

Rep. Keith Skelton (D), Eugene, said the bill "is an opening wedge for a return to milk control, which the people abolished three years ago."

Rogers answered that the bill would forestall federal or state milk control. He also said it would stabilize the dairy industry.

Another bill passed by the House authorizes the Tax Commission to cancel income taxes of any taxpayer after seven years, if the commission has made all reasonable efforts to collect it.

That bill also goes to the Senate.

Rep. George Annala (D), Hood River, introduced a proposal to appoint an interim committee to study regulation and taxation of all forms of public transportation.

Hoffa Quoted As Saying Beck's Goose Cooked

WASHINGTON — The indictment against Teamster leader James R. Hoffa quotes him as saying it looked like union president Dave Beck's "goose was cooked."

Hoffa was indicted Tuesday on charges of conspiring to plant a spy within the Senate committee probing alleged labor union racketeering. He was accused of trying to bribe John Cheasty, a committee attorney.

The indictment asserted that Hoffa, after examining some documents from the committee files last week, remarked to Cheasty that "it looked like Beck's goose was cooked if that is what they have on Beck."

There was no elaboration.

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