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FREE LESSON MATERIAL

By Charles V. Stanton

In this column yesterday I commented on the needs of our Roseburg Chamber of Commerce in the matter of membership, budget and cooperation. I became particularly concerned in this matter when I learned that our Roseburg Chamber of Commerce hasn't even enough money to print folders it needs to describe our community adequately.

Because my name was quite widely used in connection with conservation activities some months back, I have had a great many letters from school children all over the nation seeking information concerning our community, its resources and, particularly, its recreation.

Chambers of Commerce, I am informed, are deluged with this type of request. It appears that teachers in elementary schools in many states are suggesting to their students that they write for descriptive material. The writing of letters, the collection of material, the organization of this material into essays, it is contended, is a much more successful method for teaching children facts about the United States than simply reading lessons out of a textbook.

But Chambers of Commerce find the job of replying to these many requests both expensive and onerous. Some, I am informed, refuse to send out their literature to children, reserving it only for adults who report interest in settling in the community. The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce can't send out literature to either adults or children, because it doesn't have any and is lacking adequate funds to print all the material needed.

Should Look To Future

I admit there is good argument on both sides of the question of whether chambers of commerce should provide descriptive literature to school children. Should Chambers of Commerce be expected to pay out several hundreds of dollars each year to provide lesson material for schools in other states?

The answer, it seems to me, depends on whether the Chamber has the money to spend.

Personally, I believe a Chamber of Commerce makes a mistake if it looks only at today in planning and conducting its activities. Who knows what a piece of literature pertaining to Douglas County, placed in the hands of a child on the eastern seaboard, might mean to Douglas County 20 or 25 years from now when the individual becomes active in business, industrial or professional career and seeks a place to locate and invest?

Obviously it is impossible, for a Chamber of Commerce to provide literature on a large scale, such as required if all applications from school children are to be honored, without an adequate printing budget.

The Roseburg Chamber of Commerce barely eked out last year's operation in the black. If it is to function efficiently, it needs considerably more money this year than last. It also should have a material increase in the allotment for printed material.

Industrial Fund Needed

Then, in addition to other needs, a fund to promote industry should be provided.

The Grants Pass Chamber of Commerce, with a considerably higher general budget than our Roseburg Chamber, has authorized a \$10,000 industrial fund. Grants Pass is dickering with a pulp and paper concern considering a site on the Rogue River. The community is getting quite excited about the prospect of adding a new industry. Incidentally it is to be commended for requiring that the Rogue River be kept free from pollution which might cause damage to the sports fishery.

The industrial committee of our Roseburg Chamber of Commerce is doing a great deal of research, making promising contacts, and doing much other work, but with very limited funds.

It is very easy to voice criticism of a Chamber of Commerce. Every person has an "expert" opinion on how the organization should be conducted and operated. But, unfortunately, too few "experts" ever meet with the board of directors to give the officers the advantage of their opinions.

The Chamber of Commerce is an essential part of community activity. Efficient operation influences all phases of community life. But efficiency requires complete cooperation, unselfish participation, and realistic contribution of time, effort, money and service.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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sein, who is anti-communist.

At the moment of writing this, Joe Morris, UP correspondent, is crouched near a window in the main cable office in Amman dictating into the phone a running account of the violence brewing in the streets below. He says:

"Through the half-closed steel shutters I can see an Arab soldier in combat uniform with his face painted black — an Arab sign that they will shoot to kill. I can see a fat agitator addressing a crowd of at least a thousand from a balcony. He is demanding the return of General Ali Nuwah, the pro-communist army chief who was fired by King Hussein a couple of weeks ago.

"The crowd listens in silence, then breaks into cheers and chants, taking up the refrain: DOWN WITH EISENHOWER — DOWN WITH EISENHOWER DOCTRINE."

What does it all mean?

It means this: In the little kingdom of Jordan — presently the most strategic spot in the strategic Middle East — an effort is being made by the Krem-

lin communists to SET UP AN OTHER RUSSIAN SATELLITE. What is happening in Amman is the spit and image of what happened in Prague when the communists made a Russian satellite out of Czechoslovakia. In estimating the importance of what is going on, we must remember that no satellite has ever yet got out from under the Russian heel once the Russian heel was firmly placed on the satellite's neck.

Communism plays for keeps. Why does Russia want another satellite in the Middle East (Syria) at all intents and purposes, is already a Russian satellite?

The answer is simple. Russia wants the Middle East as a further step in her program to conquer the world for communism. The Middle East has GREAT strategic value.

One more question: Why are WE so interested? Again the answer is simple. The basic purpose of the Eisenhower Doctrine is to KEEP RUSSIA FROM GRABBING THE MIDDLE EAST. The Eisenhower Doctrine is now an official part of our foreign policy.

In the Spring Before Elections, Thoughts Lightly Turn . . .



Reader Opinions

Camas Valley Students Opposed To Board Action

The following students of Camas Valley High School are strongly opposed to action taken by the local school board.

It is understood that the school board fired two of the school assistants, Custodian "Blu" Spencer and Cook Ellen Markham because of inadequate work.

We students of C.V.H.S. know this charge of incompetency is untrue. We eat the food and walk on the floors every day. Shouldn't we know if they do their jobs or not?

We believe that the school board, on its infrequent visits, can hardly be in a better position to judge this situation. We feel that both Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Markham have done remarkably well on their jobs since they have worked here.

It is also our belief that the board members who were in favor of firing these two well-liked persons did so on the basis of their own personal feelings instead of for the good of the school.

It is the general understanding that a school board should make decisions which would help the school run smoothly and efficiently, and vote according to the wishes of the people. However, these same school board members are making the situation quite the opposite. We also believe that anybody the board had in mind to take over these jobs could not do nearly as well as Mr. Spencer and Mrs. Markham.

We would like to see the people of Camas Valley do something to remedy this situation.

Signed by: Bob McCallan, John Wheeler, Bob Thrush, Mac McClellan, Dwain Brown, Jerry Bartley, Byron Baker, Roy Looney, Richard Hartley, Carol Ralston, Dick Delaney, Jandale Duncan, Joann Mode, Viola Burt, Clifford L. Wiley, Larry Delaney, James Irwin, Lynn Kirkendall, Phyllis Wiley, Sharon Zolegale, Judy Deffert.

Editor's Note — Individual letters, similar in content to the above, are acknowledged from Bill Barcus and "Buck" Dunham.

Editorial Is Commended By PTA At Sutherlin

To The Editor — Your recent editorial "Helpful Program" was read at the executive board meeting of the Sutherlin PTA last evening and the group has asked me as president to express our thanks to you for the good word you gave our recent meeting. We do appreciate the publicity this gave our PTA. It is good to let the people of a county know that we are interested in our teen-agers and doing something concrete to help them.

We know that the majority of our teen-agers are decent kids and we want to commend your paper for the Teen-Age Section. It certainly is a step in the right direction.

June Kirkpatrick, Pres. Sutherlin PTA.

Silverton Man Injured In Helicopter Accident

WASHINGTON — The Air Force Tuesday reported that Sgt. Dennis S. Fountain of Silverton, Ore., was one of two men injured in a helicopter accident in Japan.

He and another man were hurt and a third man was killed, the Air Force said, when their helicopter crashed while attempting to rescue the victims of a C-119 transport crash. Four men aboard the transport were killed.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — You meet at least one at every cocktail party.

I mean the All-America pest, the man who suddenly wheels through the smoke fog, halts before you, thrusts his face to within an inch of your nose tip, and then, fixing you with his glittering eye, demands loudly:

"Remember me?"

And I also mean the female of the species, the wandering lady gypsy moth who flutters up to everybody at the party, and makes a parlor game of cooing to each.

"Bet you can't tell me my name."

What should a fellow who loves his fellow men in most circumstances do in this situation? The chances are that he can't tell the strange man from John Foster Dulles. And who, confronted unexpectedly by a strange, martin-burdened lady, can immediately recall her name, which is probably something like Ramona Schnodfreglosser?

The unfair thing is that it is the one questioned, not the questioner, who is put on the spot. He is made to look like a premature victim of senile dementia as he stands there helpless before his fathomless smiling accuser, stuttering that immortal social line, "uh-h-h, y-y-your face is familiar, b-b-but your name, I'm sorry to say, escapes me."

Meanwhile, in your mind you are big dumb dolt? Why if my mother sprang at me like that I couldn't name her unless she also started humming "rock-a-bye baby."

So, publicly embarrassed, inwardly raging, you have to confess your ignorance until your persecutor reveals his or her identity and proclaims his forgiveness that you have forgotten it. Actually, even after he says who he is, you probably still can't really place him. The kind of person who is always asking other people if they remember him is usually the kind they find easiest to forget.

Isn't there something to be done in these situations to keep from looking less like a bum yourself and the pest from looking less like a hero?

There is, if one will drop the spurious politeness one doesn't feel anyhow, and give a really honest answer.

To the clod who demands "remember me," you might reply: "Sure I remember you but, man, how you've changed. What did it do to you—the war, your job, or your wife?"

Or, "I remember you like I do the measles — in a spotty way."

Or, "Your face is familiar, but weren't you wearing a number the last time I saw you?"

Or, "Sure, I remember you. You didn't fool me. Now take off your mask."

To the lady who wants to bet you can't recall her name, you simply murmur:

"I'm afraid I can't be sure. But aren't you one of the Smith girls — the one who married the abominable snowman?"

Or, "Your name? Gee, miss, it's your frame that really haunts me. It's come a long way since the old days, hasn't it? All things considered, I mean."

Or, laughing gaily, "Well, I must confess you had me for a minute, Mrs. Dracula. By the way, what is your first name?"

The pests you direct such answers to may be a bit taken aback. But the odds are the other long-suffering guests will either break out in applause, or even gratefully lift you on their shoulders and bear you in triumph to the punch bowl.

Police Seeking Man For Molesting Girl

PORTLAND — Police Tuesday sought a man who enticed an 8-year-old girl with promise of soda pop and then molested her sexually.

The little girl was reported missing when she failed to appear in her third grade classroom and a widespread search was launched.

The child was found later in the day near the Pacific International livestock pavilion in North Portland. She said that a man, whom she called "Uncle Sam," had left her there some time before after telling her to wait for him.

Wholesale Food Prices Decline During Week

NEW YORK — Wholesale food prices declined this week, Dun & Bradstreet reported Wednesday.

The organization's index stood at 56.11, compared with 56.19 the previous week, and 1.2 per cent higher than the 56.04 in the similar week last year.

The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use. Higher this week were wheat, berries, butter, coffee and cocoa. Lower were flour, corn, rice, oats, barley, lard, cottonseed oil, tea, eggs, hogs and lambs.

Peter Edson

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — A direct pitch for federal aid to college education, with government scholarships for gifted students in proportion to their need, is buried in a report just issued by the Educational Policies Commission.

Chairman of the 20-member, non-governmental group which made this recommendation after a four-year study is Dr. Herman B. Wells, president of Indiana University.

These proposals today seem headed for violent opposition from several sources. The issue of federal aid for public schools is still being fought over in Congress.

Also, there are many groups in the country who are against any form of federal subsidy to higher education. What they fear is federal control of higher education.

THE WELLS COMMISSION recommends in specific terms what that policy should be.

Doubling of college and university faculty salaries is also recommended by the Educational Policies Commission, which is an offshoot of the National Educational Assn., made up principally of public school teachers and administrators.

An earlier association survey showed that today's median salary is \$11,000 for college presidents, \$7,500 for deans and \$5,000 for professors. Increasing these by 75 to 125 per cent, which the Wells Commission recommends, would give

professors \$8,750 — \$10,000 on the average.

PURPOSE IN RAISING faculty salaries, of course, is to attract more and better professors to attendance. With about a third of the high school graduates now attending college, the Wells Commission tries to shape educational policies for a total enrollment of 40 to 50 per cent of all high school graduates by 1970. This would be 5.5 to 6.8 million students.

To accommodate six million students, many of the smaller colleges will have to double or triple their enrollments.

This recommendation may put the commission in another kettle of hot water, for most small colleges believe they fulfill a unique role in American education. They do not believe they should be converted into mass production diploma mills.

There are now 1,855 colleges and universities in the United States, according to U.S. Office of Education. These institutions' plants are worth 12 billion dollars. The worth must be doubled in 15 years.

FEDERAL STATE AND CITY public funds now go to 633 colleges. Of the 1,203 private colleges, 723 are controlled by church groups which give them most of their support. Over 500 institutions have fewer than 250 students.

New institutions, particularly junior and community colleges or branches of state universities, will be needed, says the Wells report. It recommends that in expanding this plant, today's accepted pattern of four-year courses be diversified from two to six or more years to meet modern requirements.

The commission is on sounder ground in its recommendations on what should be done about the student body. Admitting that many students in college today have no business being there, it urges better selection of students to recruit those high school graduates who should be in college but aren't.

WASHINGTON — A new study is being made of the Pleasant Valley Dam site on the Snake River between Idaho and Oregon, an Interior Department official told Chairman Anderson (D-NM) of a Senate Interior subcommittee Wednesday.

"An investigation is under way to determine the feasibility of a multipurpose (Pleasant Valley Dam as a possible substitute for an exclusive hydroelectric development," Asst. Interior Secretary Hatfield Chilton told Anderson in a letter.

The Pacific Northwest Power Co., organized by four public utility companies, is seeking a Federal Power Commission license to construct a single-purpose power project at Pleasant Valley.

Chilton said the Interior Department last year told the FPC it would have no objection to the granting of a license for a private power project at Pleasant Valley but ordered the new investigation to assure maximum development of the middle Snake River. The area encompassed by the proposed Pleasant Valley Dam and reservoir was singled out for particular attention.

A multipurpose dam at Pleasant Valley would be higher than the power project proposed by Pacific Northwest Power, and the reservoir would inundate the upstream Hells Canyon site where Idaho Power Co. has been licensed to construct a dam.

Chilton said the Interior Department regards the new investigation of the Pleasant Valley site as "fully in order" even though the site is involved in a pending license proceeding before the FPC.

WASHINGTON — A new high in speed—more than 9,000 miles an hour—is reported to have been achieved by a Lockheed X-17 missile launched at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

The three-stage research missile, informed sources said Wednesday, attained approximately 9,240 miles an hour, or 14 times the speed of sound, under the momentum of rockets fired to hasten its rush toward the ground.

The highest speed heretofore announced for a test missile is 8,000 miles an hour. That was recorded by a five-stage research rocket fired from the Wallops Island, Va., facility of the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics.

INJURIES FATAL

MEDFORD — Charlie N. Kelly, 44, Medford, died here Tuesday night of injuries he received Sunday when he was thrown from his car in a traffic accident one mile north of here.

State police said Kelly's car was involved in a collision with an automobile driven by George C. L. McBride, 17, Coos Bay. McBride and four persons in his car received minor injuries.

It was Jackson County's sixth traffic fatality of 1957.

House Defeats Verbal Consent Bill On Drunks

SALEM — The House of Representatives Wednesday defeated, 31-27, a bill that would have let persons suspected of drunken driving give verbal consent in taking blood tests.

The law now requires written consent. The change was sought by the Oregon Assn. of Police Chiefs, Oregon Lifesavers, and other traffic safety groups.

Rep. Vernon Cook (D), former Gresham police judge, said police officers frequently are overzealous in presenting evidence against drivers suspected of drunken driving, and they might be more so if they didn't have to show that the suspect gave written consent to a test.

Rep. Berkeley Lent (D), Portland, said officers in small communities could "easily convince the justice of the peace that a suspected driver had given his consent orally."

In support of the bill, Rep. George Layman (R), Newberg, explained that it is often impossible to get a driver to sign anything because they feel their signature on a card would be an admission of guilt.

Only Seven Governors Accept Invitations

WASHINGTON — Although invitations went out several weeks ago, only 7 of the nation's 29 Democratic governors have replied they will attend a party conference here May 4.

Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler invited the governors here for a conference with congressional leaders to exchange views on related state and federal problems. The meeting will precede a \$100 fund-raising dinner which leaders hope will put a big dent in the party's deficit of more than \$400,000.

Neither Gov. Rosellini of Washington nor Gov. Holmes of Oregon, both Democrats, have responded to the invitations.

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