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HIGHWAY PROBLEM

By Charles V. Stanton

The Lower Umpqua Chamber of Commerce, which had a large delegation at the Roseburg Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday, brought a message of particular interest and importance.

The outstanding topic, of course, was the offer of co-operation and the expressed desire to work hand-in-hand on projects of joint interest.

Roseburg people were informed of current activities in the western part of the county—the economic importance of Salmon Harbor, the prospects for the forthcoming season, and scheduled entertainment events.

Particularly emphasized was the importance of pushing to earliest possible completion the reconstruction of Secondary Highway 225, providing a shorter and faster commercial route between the southern interior of Douglas County and the Port of Umpqua.

The meeting demonstrated most forcefully the fact that the Lower Umpqua community has overcome the handicap of the inferiority complex it once had and that it now is one of the county leaders in civic spirit, enterprise and planning. The delegation had a wealth of facts and figures to support projects to which energies now are being devoted.

The importance of Salmon Harbor was related, with a showing that returns have produced more than 4 per cent interest on the public money invested, a very excellent showing, while having a pronounced stimulating effect on local business. This season is expected to add new records. Invitations were extended to inland people to utilize the facilities.

Road Connection Needed

Highway 225, to which the Lower Umpqua group is applying much effort, is of even greater importance to inland areas than to the coastal region, in the opinion of W. M. (Bill) Tugman, Reedsport, who acted as spokesman on that subject. Tugman, formerly editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, now publishes the weekly Port Umpqua Courier. He is, in his opinion, one of Oregon's foremost experts on highway matters. He has made an exhaustive study of highways and their relation to economics. Consequently, so far as I am concerned, he speaks with authority when he points out the advantages of Highway 225.

That highway, for those who may not be familiar with it, is a secondary state road between Sutherlin and Elkton. It connects Highways 99 and 38 with a shorter route than presently afforded by those two thoroughfares. It is a road which, when improved, can be used for commercial purposes. It would make the handling of both incoming and outgoing water cargoes economically feasible for the southern interior, particularly when coupled with barge transportation which, according to Tugman's opinion, soon will be the principal method in use for coastwise shipping.

Should Come First

The interior section, especially Roseburg, is being wooed most ardently by two seaport communities. Recognizing the volume of potential cargo available in the interior section of the county, both Coos Bay and Lower Umpqua want that cargo routed through their respective ports.

Tugman declared that the lower Umpqua delegation is not opposing a commercial route to Coos Bay. He declared that the more port facilities that can be built up along the coast, the greater will be the expansion in water transportation and trade.

The Coos Bay enthusiasts point to deeper water and more improved harbor facilities there. But, if Tugman is correct and barge transportation is the coming thing, Coos Bay would have little advantage over the shallower Umpqua port.

One thing is certain and that is that Highway 225 can be built to commercial standards a lot faster than we can expect a road to Coos Bay.

Coos County interests are squabbling over highway location. Communities along Highway 42 naturally do not want to surrender their advantages to a more direct route. But Highway 42 can never be built to commercial standards because of adverse grades. It is doubtful if any other location can be found that will have the favorable grade offered by Highway 225.

In any event, surveying a new location, engineering and building a highway to Coos Bay is a project that will need many years. Another angle to be considered selfishly is that a direct road to Coos Bay opens our interior Douglas County timber to competition from log-hungry mills in Coos County, whereas Highway 225 does not, while still serving the purpose of getting cargo to and from coastwise shipping facilities.

Hagerty Denies Report Of Delay In Queen's Visit

AUGUSTA, Ga., (AP)—The United States would be delighted to receive Queen Elizabeth II at any time and a London report that Her Majesty's visit has been postponed until spring was described at President Eisenhower's headquarters here as "completely wrong."

Court Refuses Review Of Teacher Strike Rule

CONCORD, N.H. (AP)—The State Supreme Court Tuesday refused to reconsider its unprecedented ruling that public school teachers do not have the right to strike. The Manchester Teachers Guild indicated it would appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. The state court rejected a guild petition for a rehearing of the case, which stemmed from a two-day teacher strike in Manchester, the state's largest city. The original ruling upheld a Superior Court injunction which halted a strike of the 400 Manchester teachers who sought a 17 per cent wage increase.



Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—"It must be terrible to be dead in any way," said the lady author, "but it must be worst of all to be dead in the head."

The author, Mrs. Grace Metalious, who became a literary sensation by lifting the lid on a small New England village, now feels it's time to lift the lid on a modest little town on the California coast.

It's a place called Hollywood. Mrs. Metalious recently made a trip there to wrap up details of the filming of her best-selling novel, "Peyton Place."

"There is only one word to describe Hollywood—fear," she observed. "I have never seen so much of the time—the fear of losing their jobs."

"I don't see how they can work in such a dreadful atmosphere," Mrs. Metalious also said she found herself a bit at a loss in trying to dig what passes for conversation at sophisticated Hollywood parties.

She gave this example: One guest remarked, "The Beverly Hilton is just a glorified motel," and another guest replied, "But aren't we all?"

"This I couldn't understand at all," said Mrs. Metalious. "I never felt like being called Mountain View Lodge or Bide-A-Wee-On-The-Highway."

In The Day's News

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have been few and far between.

But—

Let's be serious for a moment.

Twenty-two-year-old Hussein, monarch of a postage stamp realm that was created out of raw and unproductive desert for the artificial purpose of giving the British Empire a toe-hold in the Middle East, has displayed courage and stamina in upsetting a communist scheme to take over Jordan as another Russian satellite. He was enabled to get away with it because the Jordanian army stayed loyal to him.

The Chicago News correspondent in Amman, Jordan's capital, reported the other day that Jordan's army HASN'T BEEN PAID FOR FOUR WEEKS—the reason being that Hussein's treasury is so empty there is no money to pay the troops with.

History tells us that unpaid soldiers are apt to get restive. Ever in our own Revolutionary War our unpaid troops (unpaid because there was no money in the treasury to pay them with) got pretty edgy. If Patriot Robert Morris hadn't thrown his own considerable private fortune into the pot to back up the new American government's shaky finances, the Lord only knows what might have happened.

Soldiers can't fight forever on empty stomachs—especially when they have hungry families at home.

That is to say:

If we toss ten million dollars into the kitty and our ten million enable Hussein to pay off his soldiers and thus spike the communist plot to take over Jordan as a Russian outpost in the explosive Middle East, it could be well worth the money.

The point I'm getting at is that foreign aid isn't NECESSARILY bad. If we get our money's worth for what we spend, it is GOOD.

It would be VERY GOOD indeed if it kept a war from starting.

One more thought in closings.

Every time the government spends a billion dollars, it costs you as an individual about \$6. A million dollars is one one-thousandth of a billion dollars.

With that to start on, maybe you are good enough to figure out in your head how much ten million dollars would cost you as an individual. If so, you're a better man than I am, Gunga Din.

But it wouldn't be much.

Stalemate

United States Hurls Charge At Communists

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States charged Tuesday that "international communism," serving as agent for the Soviet Union, was guilty of foreign intervention in Jordan.

A State Department statement implied that the aim of the intervention was a Red takeover in the country.

State Department press officer Lincoln White, in issuing the statement, declined to say on behalf of the United States that the crisis in Jordan is considered now to be over.

Told that King Hussein had commented to that effect, White said "I don't know how to characterize it—the King is in a better position to know than I."

Russia charged through its Foreign Office Monday that the United States was responsible for any "grave consequences" that might develop in the Middle East as a result of Western, and particularly United States, intervention in Jordan.

White told a news conference Tuesday: "The respective records of the United States and the Soviet Union speak for themselves."

"Since World War II the United States has encouraged and well-combated the movement toward independence which has led to the formation of 19 new states."

"During the same period the Soviet Union has subjected 10 once independent nations to its rule. The harsh character of that rule was recently demonstrated in Hungary."

Asked whether he meant the Soviet Union when he talked about "international communism," White replied that "the United States is saying in effect that what we mean by international communism here are the agents of the fountainhead of international communism—namely the Soviet Union."

OTC failed to get by the House last year. Opposition to it is building up again from higher tariff advocates. And there is no special enthusiasm for it in Congress, for several reasons.

ONE IS THE GENERAL attitude and apathy of this session. Primary interest is in cutting the budget. There is no desire to do anything bold or constructive or different or new. And there is an apparent feeling that since the U.S. got along without an OTC before, it won't make any difference if there isn't one now.

A second reason is that there is some doubt as to what effects the creation of the new European Common Market will have on America's foreign trade and competition with Europe. The safe rule in politics is: when in doubt do nothing.

POLLS ALL INDICATE that a majority of the voters—the consumers—are in favor of lower tariffs and freer trade. But since the end of World War II it would be hard to find a congressional candidate who had been elected or defeated because of the stand he took on the trade agreements program.

What is important is the attitude of local businessmen who make the principal contributions to a congressional candidate's campaign funds. If these hometown manufacturers have even a faint suspicion that they are in competition with imports under low tariffs, that will decide how the congressional votes on all questions relating to the tariff.

If Congress takes no action on the OTC issue this year, the question is apt to be brought up again next year, along with a seventh renewal of the trade agreements act. And next year if a congressional election year.

Perennial Wheat Nearly Ready For Commercial Use

By LEIF ERICKSON

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A federal researcher reports he is "almost ready" to introduce a "perennial wheat."

He said commercial farm production of this "literally new crop" is no more than three to five years in the future.

Coit A. Suneson, U.S. Department of Agriculture research economist at Davis, Calif., reported his perennial wheat development Monday before the Inter-Society Conference on Irrigation and Drainage.

The conference is a joint assembly of the American Society of Civil Engineers, the American Society of Agricultural Engineers and the Soil Science Society of America on improving water use efficiency.

Suneson said his expectations are that one seeding of the new wheat will grow through four years. He said two harvestings

are possible in each of the first two years and grass or grazing the next two years.

He said test plots have produced 52 bushels an acre in a June harvest, followed by another 10 bushels in October.

Suneson said "the full potential" of this new wheat type—a cross of domestic wheat with wheat grasses, including one from Siberia—"has not been explored."

"But it certainly brings into our storehouse new characters useful for reducing water loss," Suneson declared.

Perennial wheat would achieve this by growing two crops of grain a year under irrigation. On marginal dry land, Suneson said, the genetic marriage of wheat and grass would provide ground cover or a crop, depending on seasonal rainfall.

"In the perspective of repeat harvests, or soil conservation with production, this literally introduces a new crop," Suneson contended.

Political Rivals Keep Haiti In Turmoil Today

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti (AP)—Political rivals who have brought local trade to a virtual standstill and forced the Bank of Haiti to close kept this rudderless country in turmoil Tuesday.

The army chief of staff, Gen. Leon Cantave, is the only remaining semblance of ruling authority.

The bank closed its doors Monday as commercial interests backing presidential candidate Louis Dejoie threatened a run on the institution.

Dejoie followers also continued their shopkeepers' strike, closing the main stores in Port au Prince. In an attempt to stop feuding between the various presidential candidates, Cantave banned political rivalry has brought down three provisional governments since Feb. 1.

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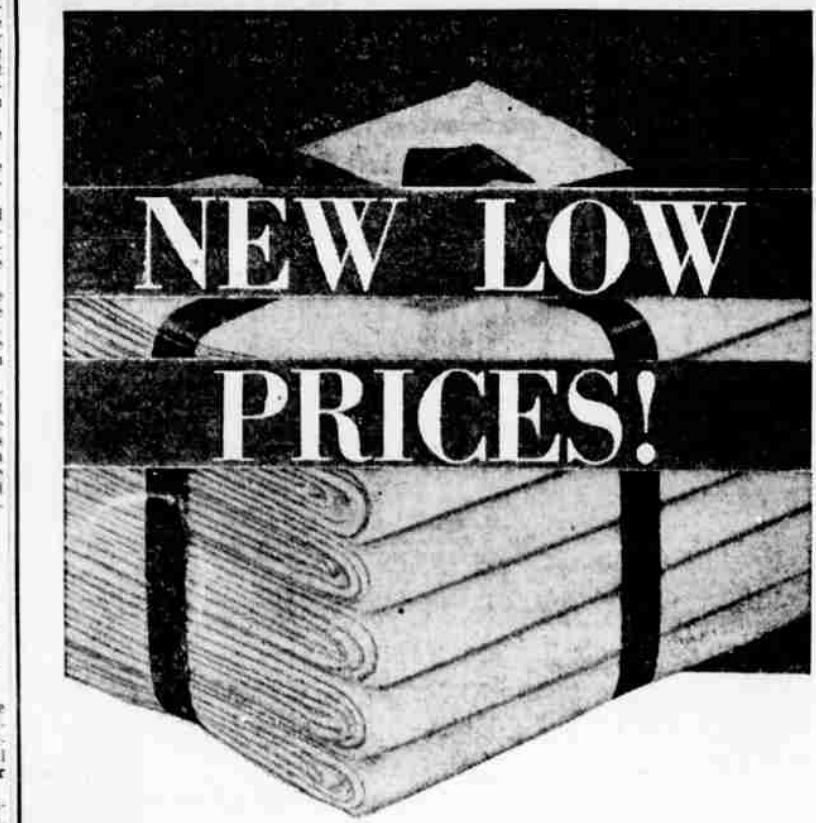
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