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PLEASING MISTAKE

By Charles V. Stanton

How little it takes sometimes to stir the fires of recollection! A shadow across the sun; a baby's wail; a remark made in passing or, an error in newspaper cutlines! These and other things can cause our minds to flash back suddenly to memories, pleasant or unpleasant, as the case may be.

For myself, it was an error in a cutline that brought back most pleasant memories.

It wasn't exactly an error, although it was a mistake, if I may be permitted to draw a distinction.

I presume you all thrilled, as I did, to Paul Jenkins' pictures and brief mention of the Glide community in a recent issue of *The News-Review*. It was a nice job of reporting with typewriter and camera. But the cutlines were left to some other reporter, and he mentioned the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. "Jack" Alexander.

Now, "Jack" frequently is used as a substitute for "John," usually indicating affection. But I doubt if even those who knew and loved John Alexander best ever referred to him as "Jack."

Had the cutline referred to "John" Alexander I perhaps wouldn't have thought so much about it. But the name, "Jack," startled me and caused me to dredge up from the past some most pleasant and happy recollections.

A Couple With Vision

I didn't know much about the personal life of John Alexander and his charming wife, Anna. Many people still living in Douglas County knew them much better than did I. But no one held them in higher respect and esteem.

While I knew little about their private lives and their earlier histories, such as where they were born, when and where they were married, when they came to Douglas County, if not born here, and so on, I knew well their faith in Douglas County and particularly their beloved community of Glide.

John, tall, spare, earnest, and his wife, small and vivacious, were people of vision. When others scoffed at predictions that Douglas County would become an important lumber center, John would quietly voice his conviction that nothing could stop an industrial boom. How he would have loved those pictures of Paul's as proof of his dreams!

John and Anna knew everyone in Glide. In fact, they knew most of the people in Douglas County, it seemed to me. Some people, perhaps, called them "busybodies." They appeared to know everything about everyone. They were very active in the Grange. They worked in the church. They served on the school board. They were always first to be named on the election board. When any worker was needed in the Glide area, the Alexanders were first in mind.

Was News Reporter

Anna Alexander was Glide's most diligent news reporter. With all respect for the fine work being done by Mrs. Arthur Selby, our present news representative for the Glide area, she couldn't possibly know as much about the Glide people as did Anna Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander wasn't the best writer in the world. She had considerable trouble with grammar and spelling. But she knew news and people.

We kept her supplied with copy paper and envelopes. But the copy paper, it seems, never was at the same time or the same place as the news. Mrs. Alexander's copy came on whatever piece of paper happened to be handy at the time. Usually it was written with a hard pencil, which left a scarcely discernible mark, and which, when coupled with the necessity of editing for spelling and grammar, drove a young cub reporter to the verge of madness, as I can attest. I was there, Charlie!

But if Anna Alexander had difficulty with spelling, she had no difficulty in loving. No friend was ill or in trouble without, first, her knowledge and, second, her help. And no Glide resident, temporarily down on his luck, had trouble getting credit at the store and post office where John and Anna made their home. You never stopped at their home unless you stayed to share a meal—and what a meal!

They worked hard. They loved harder. Loved everyone. John and Anna Alexander were representative of that fast disappearing tribe of hospitable, friendly, sober pioneers who made Oregon what it is today. They were not saints. Neither were they sinners. But they were a most lovable and loving couple.

I'm glad that our reporter made the mistake he did because, otherwise, I might not have gone back in my memory to relive some of those long ago experiences with that wonderful Glide couple, now gone to their deserved reward.

Senate Committee Amounts For Water Projects Listed

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Senate committee approved these amounts for water projects to be built by Army Engineers during the 12-month period which started July 1 (first figure in each instance is the Senate committee recommendation; second, in parentheses, is the amount voted by the House):

Oregon — Amazon Creek \$446,000 (\$446,000); Chetco River \$200,000 (\$200,000); Columbia River at mouth \$1,150,000 (\$1,150,000); Cougar Reservoir \$6,370,000 (\$6,370,000); Hills Creek Reservoir \$4,800,000 (\$4,800,000); Multnomah Drainage District No. 1 \$500,000 (\$500,000); Pendleton \$400,000 (\$400,000); The Dalles \$19,000,000 (\$19,000,000); Willamette River bank protection \$450,000 (\$500,000); Columbia River, Vancouver, Wash., to The Dalles, \$500,000 (none); Interstate Bridge, Columbia River, \$10,000 (none).

Washington — Bellingham Harbor \$1,078,000 (\$1,078,000); Blaine Harbor \$355,000 (\$355,000); Chief Joseph Dam \$4,800,000 (\$4,800,000); Columbia River at Baker Bay \$531,000 (\$531,000); Eagle

Gorge Reservoir \$8,000,000 (\$8,000,000); Everett Harbor and Snohomish River \$316,000 (\$316,000); West Haven breakwater extension \$291,000 (\$291,000); Day City Channel \$125,000 (\$125,000); Lee Harbor lock and dam \$18,500,000 (\$18,500,000); Port Angeles harbor \$396,000 (\$396,000); Shishole Bay \$1,780,000 (\$1,780,000); Willapa River and harbor \$555,000 (\$555,000); John Day Dam, \$1,000,000 (none).

Lower Columbia fish sanctuary program \$1,600,000 (\$1,600,000). Planning — Oregon — Blue River Reservoir \$100,000 (\$100,000); Umatilla River \$16,000 (\$16,000); Green Peter Reservoir \$225,000 (\$225,000); Holley Reservoir \$100,000 (\$100,000); Lower Columbia bank protection \$40,000 (\$40,000); Clatskanie River area \$15,000 (none); Rogue River harbor \$21,000 (\$21,000); Malheur River \$25,000 (none); Fall Creek \$150,000 (none).

Washington — Colfax \$126,000 (\$126,000); Lower Cowlitz River \$120,000 (\$120,000); Lower Columbia, Washington area \$32,000 (\$32,000); Lower Monumental Lock and Dam \$500,000 (\$500,000).

I Hear They're Working on a Bigger Paper Missile



Death Of Eugene Flier Becomes Symbol In Latin American Fight For Liberty Against Dictatorships

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Top political leaders and newspaper editors in two Latin American republics are convinced that Gerry Murphy, the Eugene flier, did not die in vain.

In Colombia and Panama, where this reporter interviewed them about the case of Murphy and Dr. Jesus Galindez, the missing Columbian University lecturer, the editors and politicians reflected these thoughts:

Trujillo Hated
1. Trujillo, the dictator of the Dominican Republic who apparently called the shots in the Murphy-Galindez mystery, is the symbol in Latin America of what all democratic elements hate and seek to undermine. With 37 years of dictatorial rule behind him, Trujillo is now the senior dictator of Latin America.

Editors and democratic leaders in Colombia, who suffered during the dictatorial rule in their own country of Gen. Rojas Pinilla before his ouster in May, are looking anxiously to the United States to shift its policy of treating the dictators as fondly as the democratic governments of Latin America.

They hope for continued pursuit of the Murphy-Galindez case by the State Department so as to reveal the Trujillo regime for what it is, a reign of terror that is abhorrent to all those who love freedom and individual liberty. The feeling is no loss strong in Panama.

Porter (D-Ore.), has helped crystallize anti-Trujillo sentiment. And this has also had the effect of making Congressman Porter, a 38-year-old Eugene lawyer who had never before been south of Panama, a hero to democratic forces throughout Latin America.

2. When the late dictator of Nicaragua, Anastasio Somoza, was shot last fall, he was flown out of his country to a hospital in Panama, where a team of Army doctors from Walter Reed hospital in Washington, D.C., was dispatched by President Eisenhower in an effort to save Somoza's life. Eisenhower also sent a note to Somoza

in which he decried this "dastardly" attack on the Nicaraguan leader.

Editors Indignant
Editors in both Panama and Colombia said Latins who favor democracy were indignant over the president's choice of terminology. "That was not a dastardly attack," said an editor in Bogota. "It was courageous."

In Panama City, the newspaper *El Dia* found that several days after the shooting was over, there was so much sentiment for Roberto Lopez, the man who shot Somoza, that the paper published a special edition with a big picture of Lopez. Everyone wanted to have his picture, one of the editors explained. He said many in this Catholic country wanted to mount it and burn candles for Lopez, who was killed immediately after firing on the dictator.

Mixed in with this strong feeling against Latin dictators is quite another feeling which was on full display in the Maxim Grill in Panama City, where a calypso singer has gained fame by mocking the dictators in calypso couplets. His number about Somoza has, of course, a happy ending when the dictator is killed—"fa-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-ta-Somoza is dictator no more."

Ridicules Trujillo
In his number about Trujillo, the singer uses the Gerry Murphy affair to ridicule Trujillo's tenuous claim to international respect, and his hero is "Senator Porter" who he sings "wants to send Trujillo to the electric chair." The reaction of the crowd is perhaps more significant than this calypso artist's, for it roared and clapped for more, obviously enjoying this ritual of laughing at the dictators.

3. Finally, there is only one overriding political issue in Latin America—democracy vs. dictatorship—which energizes students and statesmen alike and provides a most stimulating intellectual atmosphere for the visitor from Washington, where a type of political cynicism and superficial sophistication too often seems to dull sensitivity to official quarters to such fundamental concerns as now preoccupy our Latin American neighbors.

Improved Hog, Beef Prices Hinges On Steady Incomes

WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department said here this year's improved price level of beef cattle and hogs will continue another year or more if consumer income stays high.

Cattle prices particularly may hold up well and possibly rise further, while pig crop prospects seem to assure sustained hog prices through the summer of 1958.

This rather optimistic outlook was given in the department's monthly report on the livestock and meat situation.

Sustaining the price improvement is fact that beef cattle numbers are on a periodic decline. Likewise, pig production was reduced this year in the wake of disastrously low prices of 1955 and much of 1956.

Small changes in hog production have been indicated by producer surveys. It appears, the report said, that producers are "exercising caution in their management, in an effort to avoid the over-expansion that led to severe price declines in 1955."

Price Trends Unusual
"Unusual seasonal trends (in prices) can be expected," the department said. "Prices of hogs will likely decline as much as usual this fall and more than last year. They may be as high or higher than a year ago until late in 1957, but possibly a little lower thereafter. Prices of fed cattle will likely trend seasonally higher this fall. Supplies for that season may barely exceed last fall, as movements of replacement

feeders to feed lots this spring were little if any larger than last spring.

"Prices of grass cattle, on the other hand, are expected to drift seasonally lower. Prices of lambs also will probably decline somewhat more, yet may stay about as high or a little higher than last summer and fall."

The department said consumer demand is rising more for beef than pork.

Reclamation Funds Are Recommended

WASHINGTON — The Senate Appropriations Committee Friday recommended a \$164,100,000 reclamation projects construction program for the next year.

This is about six million dollars over the amount voted by the House in passing the public works money bill, but considerably less than President Eisenhower had budgeted.

The construction program recommended by the committee included in instances where differences occurred with the amounts voted by the House, the House figures are shown in parentheses: Oregon: Crooked River \$850,000; Rogue River, Talent Division \$8,041,000; Wapinitia \$100,000.

Washington: Chief Joseph Dam, Foster Creek Division \$1,138,000; Columbia Basin \$12,842,000; Yakima, Rosa division \$697,000.

In The Day's News

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Francisco's normal summer climate, and the visitors seem to be enjoying it.

Anyway, this is a normal convention, with nobody getting out of the hotel long enough to know whether the mercury is high or low.

As predicted, the children are getting a break. Families with three or four of them are reasonably numerous, and it looks like nearly everybody has one or two along. In a noticeable number of cases, the older ones have brought their grandchildren.

Many have driven out, and the Yellowstone Park route has been popular. Judging by the accounts of the younger generation, the Yellowstone bears put on a good exhibition.

Later—in fact, three days later. This gathering of the editors of America has turned out to be a busy one. There has been so much to listen to that not much time is left to write about it.

The annual meetings of the American Society of Newspaper Editors have been held for many years in Washington. As has been mentioned hitherto in these chronicles, the idea has been growing up in the Society that perhaps they have been permitting themselves to become too deeply enmeshed in the nation's political life.

Many of the members have been saying that they need to get away from the atmosphere of the Potomac and just "talk shop" for a change. This session in San Francisco is the result.

What do professional editors talk about when they talk shop? Well, in general, they discuss the techniques of bringing factual information to the people. How shall we GET THE FACTS, uncolored by propaganda and self interest? How shall we tell the people exactly what is going on, and what it means?

It sounds easy. But it isn't as easy as it sounds. If you doubt that, pick up the next rumor you hear and try to run it down to its source and find out what really happened. You will get many different versions before you finally arrive at the truth of the matter.

Trying to get the TRUTH about what is going on IN THE WORLD is an even more difficult matter. But it is the newspaper's job.

How to do the job as well as it can be done is what editors talk about when they get together to talk shop.

BLM Restores Mineral Label Near Grants Pass

PORTLAND — The Bureau of Land Management has decided to restore to mineral entry 37½ acres of public land withdrawn near Grants Pass for an air navigation site.

Virgil T. Heath, Oregon supervisor for the BLM, said the land has been classified for retention by the government for production of timber under sustained-yield management. Although not open for application under the non-mineral public lands act, it will be subject to location and leasing under mining and mineral leasing laws on Aug. 14.

The land, which contains generally immature timber, is a re-vested O&K Railroad grant north-east of Grants Pass.

Pope Issues Sharp Slap At Man And His Morals

VATICAN CITY — Pope Pius XII, in an encyclical issued Saturday sharply criticizing the West, hailed the forthcoming centennial jubilee of Lourdes and called for a Christian renewal in modern society.

The encyclical letter, addressed to French cardinals, archbishops and bishops, contained one of the Pontiff's severest criticisms of men and their morals. It was dated July 2, Roman Catholic feast day of the visitation of the Virgin Mary.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK — Things a columnist might never know if he didn't read his mail:

That the great wall of China, stretching 1,900 miles, is the world's longest cemetery... built over 2,000 years ago, it is the last resting place of 200,000 workers who died during its construction.

That one American out of every five drinks an average of five cups of coffee daily... and West Coast families drink the most, southern families the least.

That because of its long tongue the bumblebee, largest of the bees, is the only insect that can pollinate clover... so, if you're in clover, be thankful.

That the cheetah, the fastest animal on earth, has been clocked at 70 miles an hour.

That the porcupine's quill is actually a hollow hair... but try and tell that to anybody who has been stabbed by one!

That there are enough blood cells in the human race to carpet the surface of the entire world. (The big problem of the 20th century is to see that they aren't used for this purpose.)

That an acre of bananas, according to the Cuban Tourist Development Board, can supply 44 times as much bulk food as an acre of potatoes... incidentally, did you know that protein comes from a Greek word meaning "first"?

That there is a book out entitled, "Things you can buy for a nickel."... Yep, it's a short book.

That in Persia it is believed human tears are good for certain chronic diseases... so mourners at funerals often are presented with sponges to soak up their tears... afterward the sponges are collected, wrung out and the tears bottled.

That Dr. Henry Gibbons gave this scientific description of a kiss: "The anatomical juxtaposition of two vibicardis oris muscles in a state of contraction."... Any questions?

That, if you're planning a second honeymoon at Niagara Falls, you'd better not postpone it too long... some experts believe the falls, which are steadily receding, will be gone in another 5,000 years.

That the backyard is getting more and more popular as a dining room... some 40 million American barbecue fans will prepare two billion outdoor meals this year... not including the free lunches the mosquitoes will get.

That it was Seneca, the Roman wise man, who observed, "Men do not care how nobly they live, but only how long, although it is within the reach of every man to live nobly, but within no man's power to live long."

That the most remarkable thing about the International Geophysical Year just getting under way this month is that it is being undertaken at all.

The "year" actually will cover 18 months. In that time, scientists of some 60 nations will give the earth the most intensive checkup it has ever had in such a time span.

They will record coordinated measurements of the earth's crust, its interior, the oceans, the atmosphere and the forces beyond the atmosphere—cosmic rays, effect of sun spots and the like.

That the world's scientists should agree to the wisdom of this study is an inevitable tribute to their insatiable curiosity, their willingness to seek again and again for fresh understanding as this well-trodden planet.

FOR centuries men have been putting the measure to this earth, sniffing its atmosphere, poking into its depths, climbing its heights, plumbing the oceans. No one imagines the task is complete, and of course it has been going forward steadily with the passing years.

Yet much vital measuring and discovering has long since been done, and it was quite an idea, therefore, that the scientists of many lands should cooperate in so intensive a survey as has now been launched.

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Bruce Biossat

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Above the level of 9,500 feet—a zone occupied by virtually all four-engine planes of the more modern types—the pilots hereafter will fly at all times by instrument flight rules. This means they will be under the constant guidance of government air traffic control centers.

The object, of course, is to minimize the prospect of mid-air collisions on the pattern of last year's disastrous Grand Canyon mishap. At that time, one plane was following instrument flight rules but the other was using so-called visual flight rules, an alternative considerably handicapped by the poor vision afforded in most of today's pilot cabins.

This voluntary move toward air safety is a signal evidence of responsibility on the part of the airlines and their pilots. Not only should it promote safer travel now, but it should encourage all advocates of the President's broad, long-range plan to press for its swift adoption.

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PAPER AND AIR

President Eisenhower's program for greater air traffic safety, a comprehensive plan of necessity requiring gradual steps, is still a paper project in a nation whose airlines are saturated.

Meantime, the airlines and their pilots in cooperation have quietly begun to operate a new safety system in the crowded triangle of air routes from Washington to New

Oregon Rodeos Pay Top Cash

DENVER — Three Oregon rodeos over the Fourth of July dominated the departments liked best by cowboys—the cash pay-offs—the Rodeo Information Commission reported.

Some \$175,000 was posted by rodeos in 14 states. The biggest purses were those offered by the St. Paul, Ore., Rodeo, the Molalla Buckaroo, the Klamath Basin Roundup, the Black Hills Roundup at Belle Fourche, S.D., the Reno, Nev., Rodeo, and the Teddy Roosevelt Rodeo at Dickinson, N.D.

Wins \$160
The biggest winner of the 3,000-odd competitors was Bobby Broderick, 14, Molalla, who took advantage of a Rodeo Cowboys' Assn. rule which allows non-members to compete in their home towns. He won \$160 by placing second in steer wrestling.

Biggest shares of money went to competitors who raced back and forth between St. Paul and Molalla. Bill Boag of Portland, champion at St. Paul and third-place winner in bull riding at Molalla, won \$1,342 for the week's busiest single take.

Harley May Deming, N.M., was the week's busiest man, placing in final money in four of the five standard events. He won \$1,092 in his work at Klamath Falls and Reno.

Roseburg Injury Recurs

Casey Tibbs, the five-time national bronc riding champion and current leader in a tight three-way race, had to give up at Klamath Falls when a pulled thigh muscle, injured recently at Roseburg, proved too sore.

Best performance at a single rodeo was that by Brockles Brown at Belle Fourche. He won \$1,237 there in taking the all-around title.

RCA-approved rodeos scheduled in Oregon in coming weeks and their purses are: Cottage Grove Riding Club Rodeo, \$1,500, July 13-14; Elgin Stampede, \$1,000, July 20-21; Lebanon Roundup, \$3,600, July 26-28; Chief Joseph Days, Joseph, \$3,000, July 26-28.

PORTLANDER PICKED

NEW YORK — James C. Dezenford of Portland, has been elected president of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

The organization is working for the adoption of uniform and model acts by the states.

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