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THE COMMUNITY OWES A DEBT

By George Castillo

The name of Mrs. Lewis Johnson of Fresno, Calif., is one which shouldn't soon be forgotten.

It was she who launched the project which resulted in the establishment of two schools for retarded children in Douglas County, Park School at Roseburg and one at Gardiner.

Mrs. Johnson, whose life has been fraught with tragedy, started a one-woman campaign to start an instruction class for youngsters who could not be taught in regular public schools.

The reason was that her own young son was one of these. She felt that special instruction would help her son and the retarded children of others build lives in which they would be able to adjust and contribute to the society. She also felt the school atmosphere would be better psychologically for such children in that they would feel they belonged to a group situation.

With what little help she could beg or borrow, she managed to start a "bootstrap" instruction class at the Westside Christian Church. The class proved successful and began increasing enrollment.

Interest Increases

Interest began increasing in the community and more support was gathered. In the meantime, the instruction class became the Robin Dale School. (The name is a composite of the names of the child and wife of Roy Rogers, the cowboy movie star. The child, Robin, had been retarded and had died, despite the loving care of the mother, Dale Evans. She wrote a book about the experience.)

By this time, more influential groups and individuals had taken a strong interest in the project and a trained teacher was hired. Contributions of money and equipment helped and the school was moved to a quonset hut at the fairgrounds. The school received the recognition of the United Fund to help defray expenses.

The project was still in the struggling stage, but it had gained the momentum which led to its establishment as a full-fledged part of the school systems.

Through the efforts of the Roseburg Kiwanis Club, an arrangement of financing was worked out between the Douglas County Court and the Roseburg School District. This year it was incorporated into the school system, and shortly after the same type of plan was set into operation in the Reedsport area.

Now about 40 children, who would have probably spent their lives in a misty, maladjusted world of their own, have a chance to become contributors to society to the extent of their capacities. Roseburg School Supt. M. C. Deller says he feels the schools are "definitely serving a good purpose in giving such children a chance to achieve in areas in which they would not have been able to achieve otherwise."

Child Dies

Tragically, Mrs. Johnson's son died last year of a brain tumor, but because of him a host of other children will benefit.

It was some degree of solace to Mrs. Johnson Friday when she arrived back in Roseburg for a visit from her present home in Fresno. "I can't tell you how happy it makes me," she said.

Many mothers and fathers of Central and Western Douglas County could very well say the same thing to this dedicated woman.

The future of their own children was made possible through the dedication resulting from a mother's love.

—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON —(NEA)— Relations between the 48 states and the federal government have been put under new strains by congressional actions on highway and unemployment aids.

Breaking away from the established formula of 50 per cent federal aid to the states for all highway construction, Congress substituted 90 per cent federal aid for supplemental interstate road system construction, 66 2-3 per cent aid on primary and secondary state road projects.

After a considerable hassle among the White House staff, President Eisenhower approved this bill, but only because the new formula will be applicable to June 30, 1959. He could be expected to veto the formula if it comes up again.

The Democratic majority in the Senate could — but probably won't — give President Eisenhower another rough time with its proposal to let the federal government finance 16 weeks of additional payments at up to $45 a week for all unemployed workers, whether insured under state systems or not. This program would cost the federal government an estimated 1.5 billion dollars in outright grants to the states.

THIS CONFLICTS sharply with the House - passed Eisenhower proposal to extend unemployment compensation for an additional half of the period now authorized by each state's law. This federal aid would be in the form of a loan to be repaid later.

For several years now, the Eisenhower administration has been trying to persuade the states to increase their own unemployment insurance coverage, rates and periods of payment.

Only a few states have acted.

This whole question of federal aid to the states is argued from two completely different points of view.

ONE IS THAT THE state governments, being more conservative and under more reactionary local interests, do only the minimum of social welfare work on their own initiative.

According to this view, the federal government has to take the lead, show the way and prod the states into these programs with incentives. Certain it is that whenever the federal government does offer a grant-in-aid program, all the states rush in and make a grab for their share.

The opposite view is that the federal government, by throwing money around in this way, weakens the initiative of the state governments and the will of their people.

Over the past 25 years, the federal government has given the states over 85 billion dollars in grant in aid.

The result of this, according to some authorities, is that about 75 per cent of the states' autonomy has now been handed over to the federal government.

THE EISENHOWER administration in the last few years has been making some attempt to shift responsibility for such things as disaster relief, community redevelopment and vocational education back to the states.

These programs aren't making any headway in Congress this year.

Whether the purpose is political or economic, the majority intent on Congress on recession relief measures this year has been to spend more money than the President has proposed and to shift the burden of expense away from the states and onto the federal government.

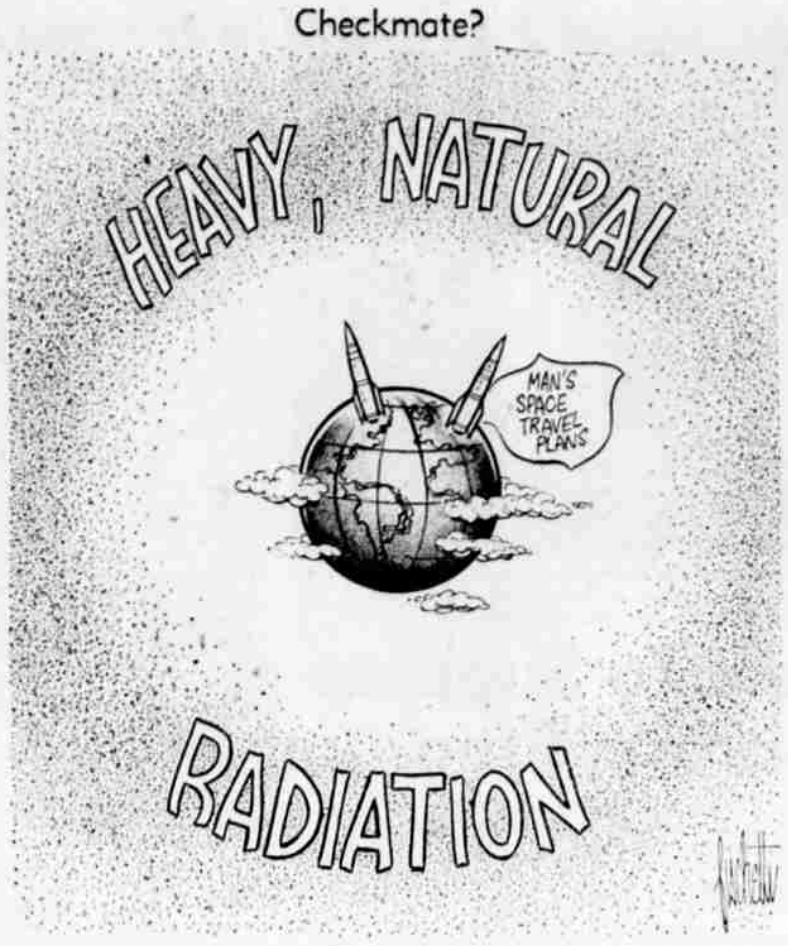
Perhaps the Eisenhower administration had no hope of getting its new federal - state relationship programs accepted this year. But the administration is expected to repeat these proposals in the 1960 budget and messages to Congress.

TO SPEAK IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND (AP) — Dr. C. Easton Rothwell, director of the Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University, will speak at Portland State College commencement exercises June 15.

Degrees will be presented to more than 300 seniors in the school's third graduating class.

Checkmate?



—Bruce Biossat—

In the booming late 1920's, any railroad buff could get a big thrill any afternoon just by planting himself on the platform at Chicago's Englewood station, a secondary pickup stop for the New York Central on its Chicago-New York main line.

Suddenly he would hear the train caller announce: "The 20th Century Limited to New York—first section!" First section? That was right. There were more to come.

The long all-Pullman train thundered in and out of Englewood. Then, at roughly five-minute intervals, came a second section, a third, a fourth. All full-length trains. On the busiest days, the Century, glamor train of modern America, ran eastbound to New York in as many as seven sections.

Quite a sight to see. Seven trains barreling through, loaded to the vestibules with prosperous Americans bent on business and pleasure, all seven bearing the proud name of the country's most famous limited.

To that plush estate had the Century risen from its modest beginnings as a five-car train in 1902.

And from that estate has it now fallen, as rail travel has declined through the postwar years, until at last, one day not long back, it was stripped of its elegance and became just another day coach and sleeper train.

IN ITS LONG LIFE it has earned the railroad 200 million dollars. So haughty had it become as it clung to its glory in the later years that it made no passenger stops at such big cities as Cleveland.

Maybe one day the Century will be restored to its old eminence. But men who know the railroad business as it is today are not counting on it.

The 20th Century Limited was frankly a luxury train. But as such it was a symbol of the throbbing business American railroads enjoyed for long years as a key factor in the growth and maintenance of the U. S. economy.

What has happened to this train is a dramatic exclamation point which highlights the grim statistics of our tottering railway system. Further emphasis came from the Baltimore and Ohio's abandonment of ALL rail passenger service between New York and Washington.

How much more service will have to be abandoned or curtailed or downgraded before solid national effort is made to put the rails back on a sound footing where they can serve this country in both peace and war?

In The Day's News

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feeling (especially ill feeling against the U.S.A.) the communists rush in to pour oil on the flames.

Whatever the root of the trouble in Peru may be, we'd better give it close and intelligent attention. We must keep this fact clearly in mind.

Throughout the rest of the world, we look upon communist infiltration with uneasiness and seek by diplomatic means to hamper and thwart it. But if there is a communist invasion in the Western Hemisphere we will GO TO WAR ABOUT IT.

We're pledged to that by the Monroe Doctrine.

We're impelled to it by our own safety.

We've poured a lot of American dollars in the form of aid into the rest of the world. We have poured comparatively little foreign aid into Latin America.

American aid in Asia, in the Middle East and in Africa is at least open to question. But American aid — and American help and friendly co-operation — in the Western Hemisphere ISN'T open to question.

The Western Hemisphere is OUR business. If we're in hot water south of the Rio Grande we'd better find out how to get out of it.

Interesting business note:

The Hilton Hotels Corporation has made a commitment with a Portland group to invest more than 5½ million dollars in a 500-room Hilton hotel in downtown Portland. The site for the proposed hotel is land under option to Hilton on the blocks bounded by S.W. Broadway, Sixth Avenue and Salmon and Taylor streets.

Success of the project would give Portland three new hotels. Work has been started on a 200-room addition to the Benson Hotel at Broadway and Stark. A 300-room Sheraton hotel is under construction in the Holladay Park area of East Portland, adjacent to the new Lloyd shopping center.

Why is that so interesting?

The answer is simple.

It indicates CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE. As long as people have confidence in the future and are willing to back their confidence with their money, the future will turn out all right.

It is when confidence is lacking that real trouble brews.

Business, Industry Leaders Honored, Get Alger Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Eight business and industrial leaders were honored this week as examples that humble beginnings are no bar to success.

The eight were declared winners of Horatio Alger awards, named for the author whose fictional characters fought their way up from the bottom by hard work, honesty and thrift.

Presentation ceremonies were held in the Waldorf-Astoria.

The awards have been presented annually since 1947 by the American Schools and Colleges Assn. Previous winners include former president Herbert Hoover. This year two citations also were given to educators outstanding for service to youth.

The 1958 award winners:

J. H. (Slim) Carmichael, chairman, Capital Airlines; Benjamin F. Fairless, retired president and chairman of U. S. Steel; Milton G. Hulme, president and chairman of the Pittsburgh investment banking firm of Hulme, Applegate and Humphrey; Thomas Payne, president, Big Chief Drilling Co., Oklahoma City; T. Claude Ryan, president and founder, Ryan Aeronautical Co., San Diego; Raymond E. Salvati, president, Island Creek Coal Co., Huntington, W. Va.; William B. Tabler, New York architect; and Peter Volid, chairman, King Korn Trading Stamp Co., Chicago.

The citations went to Howard K. Moore, headmaster, Peekskill Military Academy, and Dr. Paul Dawson Eddy, president, Adelphi College, New York.

Evidence Of Spring Sales Pickup Reported By Heads Of Major Corporations

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Evidence of a spring sales pickup was reported by heads of several major corporations at annual meetings around the nation.

In Oakland, Calif., Henry J. Kaiser told stockholders of Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. Tuesday that aluminum sales are on the upbeat. Shipments in April showed a significant and encouraging improvement over the previous three months, he said.

Dollar sales of American Snuff Co. so far this year are continuing ahead of the 1957 pace, President M.J. Condon reported. He attributed the gain to a sales increase which became effective in the middle of last year.

Some Sales Up

Stockholders of Sterling Drug Inc. were told that sales of some company products are up 33 per cent from a year ago. J. Mark Hiebert, president, said sales and earnings for April were not quite as buoyant as in the first quarter but were still well ahead of April last year. The 1957 flu epidemic put many of the company's products into circulation, he explained, and the momentum has carried forward well into 1958.

Second quarter earnings of Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. should show a slight improvement over the first three months, Frank H. Driggs, president, predicted at the annual meeting. He credited the upturn to economies in operations and cost cutting.

Less optimistic were officials of M.A. Hanna Co. who told stockholders that the lower trend of the company's earnings so far this year will continue as long as the steel industry remains in a slump.

In Chicago, stockholders of Marshall Field & Co. heard that first quarter sales of the big department store declined less than five per cent from a year ago, but earnings were down more sharply.

Johnson Proposing Moving Restaurant From Capitol To Give Department Space

SALEM (AP) — State Motor Vehicles Director James F. Johnson asked that the restaurants be removed from the state Capitol buildings and that his department be given the space.

His letter was directed to Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, who assigns space to state departments, and who has ordered Johnson's department to vacate the Capitol group by July 1.

The restaurants are located in the Capitol, Public Service and State Office buildings.

Johnson said they occupy 7,261 square feet, and that his department would be glad to pay $13,069 per year to rent that space. That would be at the prevailing rate of 15 cents per square foot per year.

Time For Politics

Hatfield replied that Johnson "is spending more time in political maneuvering than in remedying the delays and dis-integration in the services he is supposed to provide."

Hatfield said the restaurants have no windows and poor ventilation, making them unsuitable for office use.

"Forcing employes to go several blocks on established coffee breaks would cost further production time to the state," Hatfield added.

Johnson also took Hatfield to task for constructing a new private dining room for executive conferences.

Hatfield replied that the private room is in space unsuitable for any other use, and that it would provide a place where boards, commissions and agencies can work while eating.

The three restaurants are now leased to private operators, who pay 3½ per cent of their gross receipts as rental.

Hatfield said the rental last month amounted to $492.

Little Girl Renews Acquaintance With Smokey The Bear

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pretty Judy Bell, 12, has renewed acquaintance with a guy she knew when both were little kids.

Judy's old pal now lives in Washington's zoo. He's called Smokey the Bear.

Each has changed considerably since the old days. Especially Smokey.

Judy was 4 when Smokey came to stay a while in her home at Capitan, N.M. Smokey was just a cub who had been rescued from a forest fire.

Smokey weighed about 10 pounds then and ate bay food. Now the nation's living symbol of forest fire prevention, he weighs about 300 and chomps bear food.

Judy's father is Ray Bell, New Mexico state forester. Smokey was the Bells' house guest while recovering from his burns. He was later shipped to the Washington zoo, where he serves as a constant reminder to millions of tourists that forest fires are bad for the country.

"I didn't want him to go," Judy said after calling on her former pet Thursday.

"I don't have any more bears."

This probably suits Judy's daddy just as well. He disclosed last year that Smokey was a bit of a devil, snapping at everyone in the house and swatting the family's cocker spaniel.

Judy was in Washington to receive a gold Smokey Bear statuette from President Eisenhower, who passed out four such awards for fire prevention work. Judy represented Capitan, recognized as Smokey's home then.

Columbia To Rise, But No Serious Flooding Forseen

PORTLAND (AP) — Heavy April rains and snow will push the Columbia River close to or above flood stage in its spring runoff, but no important flooding is in sight.

The report from the Weather Bureau's River Forecast Center here this week said the snowmelt runoff was now getting under way in the principal drainages of the Columbia Basin.

If future precipitation and temperatures stay near normal, the forecast said, the often dangerous Kootenai River will halt in its rise at 31 feet at Bonners Ferry, Idaho. That is even with flood stage but 6 feet below dike tops.

Portland-Vancouver harbors will have a level of 18 to 21 feet. That will flood low, undiked land, but cause no major damage.

April, the report said, was the wettest April since 1920 in the Oregon-Washington-Idaho area of the lower Snake River.

The total runoff for the year is estimated at 132 million acre feet at The Dalles, 100 per cent of average.

Reader Opinions

Subtle Campaign Brings Demo Support, Man Says

As a reader of The News-Review, I have noticed several letters to the "Reader Opinion" in regard to the coming election of a circuit judge.

As we all know, everyone is to be his own judge as to whom he will vote for. Why anyone will impugn the honesty and ability of one candidate by stressing how upright and honorable the other is must certainly mean a very ulterior motive. Especially, when that person emphatically states that he is sure a fine Democrat but will vote for another candidate.

I never knew anyone before to criticize a county chairman of any party for doing or saying anything he feels would benefit the party to which he belongs and which he directs.

There are too many "good Democrats" going all out for Mr. Davis. As I see it, there is a subtle campaign behind the people who are coming up with all the praise for Mr. Davis.

Let anyone vote any way he wants. As for myself, I will vote for dignified, qualified men and men with settled minds and legal attributes with no subtle campaign shenanigans.

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Some Democrats Fooled, Says Canyonville Man

So, some Democrats have been fooled by thinking Mr. Davis is a non-partisan Democrat and a non-partisan Republican.

Well, with the Democratic registration such as it is, it seems to me wise to try to go to bed with the Democrats. However, I have never heard Mr. Davis deny that he is and has been an active, loyal and hard - working Republican, which is okey, but why try to be both when it comes to being elected a judge.

Mr. Dimick certainly has an outstanding record that far overshadows Mr. Davis when put down in black and white and you forget the emotionalism. I am a Democrat and 100 per cent behind Dan Dimick, not just because he is a fine Democrat, but I believe the best material we are voting on for judge, and I know he will be non-partisan with anyone who appears before him when he is elected, as he will be by an overwhelming majority of both Democrats and Republicans.

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Altitude Record Setter Easily Controlled Plane

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The United States claimed a new world altitude record of 91,249 feet this week.

It was achieved in a 27-minute flight over the Mojave Desert Wednesday by a Lockheed F104A Starfighter flown by Maj. Howard C. Johnson, 37, stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base, near San Francisco.

The Air Force said the altitude he reached exceeded by more than two miles the mark of 80,190 feet recorded May 3 by a French experimental Trident Isere-06.

This, in turn, had topped the altitude of 76,928 feet achieved April 16 by Navy Lt. Cmdr. George C. Watkins, Alhambra, Calif., in a Grumman F11F-1F in a flight over Edwards AFB, Calif.

Gen. Nathan Twining, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, calls the Starfighter "the most advanced plane of its type ever developed."

Maj. Johnson, green-eyed and jet-jawed, told a news conference:

He had no trouble controlling the plane. With colder air, he thought, he could have gone higher. The temperature outside the plane at the peak of his climb was minus 43 degrees Fahrenheit.

What does the sky look like at such altitudes?

"At 45,000 to 50,000 feet you get out of the haze. It gets darker the higher you go."

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