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## CENTENNIAL SIGNS

By Charles V. Stanton

Eric Allen, managing editor of the *Mail-Tribune*, published at Medford, pays high tribute to Douglas County's park department.

His comment, contained in an editorial in which he urges park organization for his own county, referring to Marion County's example, was, in my opinion, directly to the point and was logical in every particular.

Naturally, being provincial, I am personally delighted with the fact that Douglas County was, so far as I have been able to learn, the first county in the United States to have a solely complete and separate park department. Maybe the fact that I had a hand in getting our department organized makes it more important to me. But I feel we started something. Other counties are following our lead. Some have far outstripped us. On the other hand, our department has been working principally for acquisition—getting land ahead of need and settlement. It is my contention that some counties need a different form of park development, but our own program has been most efficiently and effectively handled. Everyone connected with our park program here in Douglas County is to be highly commended, in my opinion, for a swell job.

### Parks Badly Needed

The manner in which other counties now are going into the business indicates how badly parks are needed throughout all of Oregon.

Nearly all of our surrounding counties now have some form of park development. Naturally, the needs are not all alike nor is the organization necessarily the same. More populous counties have problems we do not have. We are preparing for the day when we will be populous. We hope when that time comes we will have recreational facilities for all.

Our Douglas County system was formed on a self-help basis. We asked no one for help. On the other side of the picture, I was a member of a committee that made a special study of the park situation. Multnomah County put on a strong bid for the state of Oregon to take over the Columbia Gorge situation. In my opinion, much of Columbia Gorge is adequate for park and picnic areas. But most of those areas would be enjoyed by the people of Multnomah and surrounding counties. It is not, in my opinion, the duty of the state of Oregon to buy the Columbia Gorge and turn it into a playground for Portland people. If Multnomah County wants parks for its people then, I believe, it should do as has Douglas County and provide those facilities for itself, and not expect the taxpayers in this area to build picnic spots for the people in the Columbia region.

We have acquired many parks that are as yet undeveloped. One of the most successful of our enterprises is the construction of parks in and near municipalities. In most of these cases the department has entered into agreement with some local agency to provide needed supervision. That, in my mind, is an ideal piece of business.

### Recreation Growing

The growing interest in county and state parks shows the steadily increasing recreational demand, both locally and nationally. More people have more time. They also have better travel facilities. We find a growing load on our camp grounds. People want to fish, take pictures, loaf, and see scenery. Many local people want a place where they can get out-of-doors for a picnic, or maybe camp out for a few days, just for relaxation.

Next year we have a centennial year. We anticipate great numbers of people from outside the state as fair visitors.

This fact, together with the recreational facilities we have, brings me to one of my favorite ideas.

For a long time I have broached the thought that we should have signs pointing to every spot of recreational interest in Oregon. I would like to see every few miles a big wooden fish showing where fishing might be had or a sign for some scenic or recreational attraction. I am sure that if a tourist spotted one of these signs every few miles along our major highways, he would go home impressed with Oregon's playground resources. He would want to come back when he could explore further.

Location and construction of such signs would be a major project. Our adult and juvenile delinquents and vandals probably would shoot them full of holes or would tear them down in time, but they should serve for our centennial year and, in my opinion, would be well worth the cost and effort.

## Episcopalians Call For Calm Reason, Respect For Law And Humility Before God

By GEORGE W. CORNELL

Associated Press religion writer

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—The Episcopal House of Bishops today issued a solemn plea for calm reason, respect for law and humility before God in the midst of the nation's racial crisis.

In their traditional pastoral letter, the bishops also appealed to Christians "to meet and know and listen to your brethren of other races and groups."

The 2,000-word message was issued at the close of the church's 12-day triennial general convention.

It is to be read, within the next month, from the pulpits of all the denomination's 7,200 churches, with more than 3 million members.

### Message in Brief

Briefly, it said:

1. Be aware of God's certain judgment "upon all our divisions and conflicts."

2. Remember that Christ's "redeeming love... has made us one in him."

3. "Meet and know your Christian brethren."

4. "Honor and obey the laws of this land."

5. Instead of acting on the basis of emotions, "give a larger place to the liberating, manly and noble quality of reason."

"Let us not think that like children we can shout down other people and their wishes and interests," the letter said. "They are not ghosts, nor children to be frightened away."

The letter was drafted by a committee headed by the Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, bishop of Washington, D.C.

Thursday night deputies threw out a resolution adopted by the bishops urging an end to racial segregation. The deputies adopted their own toned-down version after lengthy debate.

**CANCER FIGHTER**

WASHINGTON (AP)—A relatively new antibiotic called Mitomycin C might be promising as a cancer fighter, a team of Japanese surgeons reported today.

They said so in reporting on results of use of the drug in 82 patients with advanced cancer.

They told the sixth annual Symposium on Antibiotics that there were instances of temporary reduction of tumor growths and even some temporary disappearances of growth.

## Possibility of Tripping Over the Little Fellow



## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### WELL-PUBLICIZED FIASCO

Astorian Budget

The Oxbow dam fishway fiasco has become the best publicized case of its kind in the history of the Columbia river fishery. The great attention being given to this situation by the Portland newspapers perhaps is the result of Gov. Holmes' recent allegation that they had suppressed the original story. They are giving it fullest attention now, perhaps because the governor's comment put them on their mettle.

This great publicity is invaluable for the salmon fishery. Public indifference to the salmon of the Columbia and their fate has been one of the biggest problems facing the fishing industry in the past. Runs as big as or bigger than that in the Snake at Oxbow have been exterminated with almost no public attention.

The attitude of Idaho Power Company, in its shipboard and halfhearted attempts at fish passage through the Oxbow damsite, has but reflected the indifference of most people in the state to the fate of salmon.

Now suddenly the whole state's attention is being directed to the waste caused by inadequate attention to a fish passage problem at a dam, and it's safe to say that the whole Northwest is outraged by the situation. There's going to be a deal more attention paid in future to fish protection throughout the whole Columbia basin.

We don't know if Gov. Boh

Holmes foresaw this keen public interest when he dramatically needed the Idaho Power Company and the Portland newspapers, but if he did, it was a shrewd job for the fishery.

Just last month, the dean of the graduate school of journalism at Columbia University observed that the rising education of the reading public is a potent force to effect changes in newspapering.

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**Prisoners Foiled In Escape Try**

DENVER (AP)—Seventy prisoners, at least one of them a confessed murderer, made a desperate bid to escape from the Denver County jail late Thursday.

More than 100 officers, armed with submachineguns, riot shotguns, tear gas and football helmets, quelled the uprising in little more than two hours.

Four guards suffered cuts and bruises. None were believed seriously injured. The prisoners were uninjured and suffered only from heavy doses of tear gas.

The end came when the last of some 25 prisoners who had holed up in a penthouse atop the jail's maximum security block apparently retreated through the same small hole they had cut to gain entry during the riot's early confusion.

The men who took refuge in the brick enclosure housing the jail's air-conditioning system and those who stubbornly held out in the cell block were a shouting, howling mass of humanity. They protested what they termed brutal treatment from guards.

**TITO HAS LUMBAGO**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—President Tito has gone to the Adriatic island of Brioni for treatment of lumbago, the official news agency Tanjug reported today.

### DEMAND FOR DEPTH

Eugene Register-Guard

The phrase "reporting in depth" commands attention these days wherever newspapermen gather. The increasing complexity of news happenings, the need to relate each day's happenings with prior events, and the responsibility of providing readers with background information so they may thoroughly understand news developments—these matters are the main concern of newspapermen today.

Nothing in this world is permanent but flux, or change, and so it isn't extraordinary that newspapermen should be in a state of transition. If there's anything noteworthy about the present situation of American newspapermen, it's the fact that they are just now attempting to recognize, in themselves, a change that has been underway a long time.

The vast majority of newspapers in this nation ceased to be "journals of opinion" decades ago. News—which might be described partly as new information and partly as the chronicling of events—has been the forte of our modern newspapermen. And, in presenting the news, writers and editors have been edging toward greater depth—the provision of more detail, more background, more correlation of occurrences—almost as long as they have been treating factual information as their staff of life.

No doubt the accelerated pace of public affairs in a world that has rapid communications, atomic power and rockets ready to shoot the moon has been influential upon newspapermen's views of their assigned task. Such factors have in recent years made them more conscious of the need for comprehensive news presentations. But they have hesitated somewhat lest they "get too far ahead of the readers."

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**Lakeside People Want District With Reedsport**

A group of Lakeside residents has proposed that their school district be included in the Reedsport Union High District, and told the Reedsport Union High School Board that petitions calling for an election will be circulated.

The group pointed out that 36 Lakeside students now attend the Reedsport school, compared to 22 attending North Bend High School.

The request apparently grew out of a reorganization meeting held at Gardiner late last month. It was proposed then that Lakeside be included in a school administrative unit in the Lower Umpqua area.

Lakeside is a joint district, partly in Douglas county, although the community is located in northern Coos county.

The Lakesiders said an informal poll conducted among residents of the district shows a preference for unification with the Lower Umpqua school administrative area, although the Lakeside School Board has accepted a recommendation of the Coos County School Districts Reorganization Committee that the area be combined with the North Bend District.

**Cheryl Crane Custody Change Fight Possible**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Any change in the custody of Cheryl Crane will bring a fight between her parents, Lana Turner and Stephen Crane, attorneys say.

The Juvenile Court placed Cheryl, 14, in the custody of her grandmother, Mrs. Mildred Turner after Cheryl stabbed her mother's lover Johnny Stompanato to death last April 4.

Crane's attorney Harold Rhoden said that if Miss Turner attempts to gain custody, Crane will "fight her tooth and nail."

Miss Turner's attorney Jerry Giesler replied, "You can be sure that when the Juvenile Court releases custody of Cheryl, Miss Turner will be in there fighting with everything she has to keep custody of her daughter."

## BALLOT MEASURE

# Financing Urban Redevelopment Projects Measure Originated In Legislature; Vote Needed

Editors Note—This is one of a series of articles pertaining to measures on election issues. Recommendations are advisory only—CVS.

By CHARLES V. STANTON

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## Proposition No. 5—FINANCING URBAN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

**PURPOSE**—Makes possible for property taxes levied against property included in an urban development or renewal project to be divided so that taxes levied against any increase in value of such property be used to pay any indebtedness incurred in carrying out the project.

**EXPLANATION**—The measure first originated in the last Legislature as a joint resolution and, because it must be an amendment to the Constitution, has been referred to the people. It would enable any municipality or county sponsoring an urban renewal or redevelopment project to use the increased taxes, resulting from larger tax valuation, to repay the debt incurred for reconstruction.

For example, some of our cities and towns have slums or old residential districts where buildings are outmoded or are in bad state of repair. Under this act, a whole section could be replaced with more attractive and serviceable buildings. These newer buildings immediately would bear a higher assessed valuation and a larger tax. The measure would provide that the sum resulting from increased assessed valuation would be applied to whatever debt, in the form of bonds or otherwise, might exist, to be repaid from the higher rate of taxation. All taxing agencies would continue to receive the same amount in taxes as before, but would receive no gain from the project until the debt had been repaid.

The measure is not self-enacting. It demands legislative enabling powers. A municipality or county then would be required to vote before a project could be established.

**FOR**—Substandard areas are detrimental to any community. If these areas could be made to produce their fair share of taxes, other taxpayers, now forced to carry the load, because poor districts don't pay their share, would not provide as much money. Renewal or redevelopment would provide more revenue. Passage of the measure would permit the difference in tax income to be used for debt retirement. Existing tax revenues would be protected. Annual taxes would go up as soon as project costs were paid.

**AGAINST**—The provision for use of tax money on renewal and redevelopment property is discriminatory because it does not provide a uniform base for debt retirement. There is danger that costs of renewal or redevelopment might be imposed upon all taxpayers. There is reason to doubt that the increase in taxes on renewal or redevelopment projects would be sufficient to pay the total debt. The general taxing power of the community might be required. In any event, so much time would be consumed in debt retirement that by the time increased taxes were received from the improved area, other sections would be on the downgrade.

**RECOMMENDATION**—This is one of those issues whereby central government would take over affairs of private interest. At the same time a vote of the people would be required before any project could be adopted. A "No" vote is indicated until such time as protection is assured for all property outside the renewal or redevelopment area and financing within a reasonable number of years is authorized by the legislature.

## Nationalist China's New Ambassador Said Giving Up Isles Would Break Morale

WASHINGTON (AP)—Nationalist China's new ambassador said today abandonment of Quemoy and Matsu to the Chinese Communist troops and those holding the line against the Reds in Korea and Viet Nam.

Dr. George K. C. Yeh said his government has no intention of giving up those islands just off the Communist-held mainland "because the abandoning of them would mean a retreat for the entire free world."

Speaking of the Communist cease-fire now in effect, Yeh said this resulted from "a combined stand of firmness" by Nationalist China and the United States.

In a speech prepared for the National Press Club, Yeh made no mention of talk the Nationalists might trim their forces on the embattled islands. Both President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Dulles have been critical of heavy Nationalist troop concentrations there.

**Response To Challenge**

The Nationalist envoy said a gradual increase in such forces, beginning in 1949, came "in response to the steady challenging buildup of the Communist strength along the Fukien coast."

He stressed that forces stationed on the offshore islands "were at no time intended for offensive purposes" and that it was never

the intention of the Nationalist command to use Quemoy and Matsu for operations against the mainland.

In explaining why the Nationalists attach such importance to the offshore islands, Yeh noted they lie in key positions facing the Red ports of Amoy and Poochow—ports he said would be convenient centers for assembling ships to invade Formosa and the Pescadores Islands.

With Quemoy and Matsu in Nationalist hands, he said, "the Communists will not be able to initiate their invasion preparations in that immediate area facing Taiwan (Formosa) without being immediately detected and deterred."

**Hatfield Records His Philosophies**

PORTLAND (AP)—Secretary of State Mark Hatfield—Republican candidate for governor and former Willamette University dean of students—has become a recording artist.

A recording went on sale through Oregon this week for \$1. It carried Hatfield's views on education, labor, taxes, power, agriculture and problems of senior citizens.

A news release from Allied Publishers Inc., which issued the recording, said:

"This is not a political recording. It does not mention any party. Nor does it refer to the forthcoming election."

"This is a record of the forthcoming philosophy suitable for the libraries of all serious-minded citizens."

A spokesman for Hatfield said later the records probably would be used at informal political gatherings when Hatfield could not be present.

## In The Day's News

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oftener than was generally known among parents and guardians they were read out in the haymow.

Ah, me!

How times have changed. In these days, I'd say, the fact that people are cheerfully plunking down 85 cents for these dime novels of yesterday and ACTUALLY READING THEM in preference to a lot of the trash available on the paper-back racks is a distinctly GOOD sign.

That is to say:

It indicates, perhaps, that our literary tastes are IMPROVING.

Speaking of inflation—

You've noted undoubtedly, if you're at all interested in such things, that the Federal Reserve Board (generally referred to in the jargon of the security markets as "the Fed") has raised margin requirements for stock purchases from 70 per cent to 90 per cent.

That is to say:

If you want to purchase stocks, you must now put up 90 per cent of the purchase price in cash. For some months past, it had been necessary to put up only 70 per cent in cash.

Prior to that time, for a long period, stocks could be bought with a cash payment of only 50 per cent of the purchase price.

What's "the Fed" up to? The answer is rather simple. IT'S PUTTING ITS FOOT ON THE BRAKE.

Everyone who drives a car, I suppose, has felt the temptation, on topping a hill and seeing a long, straight, downhill road ahead to LET 'ER ROLL. It's fun.

And—

And long as the road stays straight and only gently sloping it's quite OK.

If beyond what seems to be a gentle curve there comes a series of SHARP curves, with perhaps a cliff on one side, the pleasant whoosh down the gentle decline may have fatal consequences. It would have been better to put on the brake sooner.

The Fed's in better to put on the brake in time.

**Negro Children Shun Little Rock Private School**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—Negro children will not show up at a private high school which starts here Monday, says an NAACP leader.

The Little Rock Private School Corp. announced Friday it will begin classes for white seniors in a 30-year-old building formerly used by the University of Arkansas Graduate Center.

Public donations are being used in the private school venture.

Mrs. L. C. Bates, Arkansas president of the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People, said Friday night no Negro students would try to enter the private school Monday or "as long as there are no state funds being used."

But an NAACP attorney promised a legal test of the operation.

W. C. Brashears, superintendent of the private school system, said the scheduled school opening brought a rush of telephone inquiries from eager students and parents. He said the school is for seniors only because the corporation lacks enough teachers to provide for the lower high school grades. Some 351,000 have been collected, he said.

About 180 public school teachers are under a federal court restraining order not to participate in any private school plan as long as they are under contract to the Little Rock School District.

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