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SERVICE APPRECIATED

By Charles V. Stanton

Orders have gone out, according to press reports, to deactivate the Ground Observer Corps. The deactivation order will go into effect the last of January, we are told, at which time the service will be taken over by the automatic controls.

In my opinion, there has been no more dedicated and faithful group of people than those who have served in our Ground Observer Corps. It would be difficult to estimate the many thousands of hours given to this work over the years by volunteer civilians.

Day and night they have manned stations as important links in an extensive service, keeping close observation of all airplanes which might attack our country.

It has been a more or less thankless work. The great satisfaction has been in the knowledge of a job of major defensive consequence. The service has been selfless. There has been no hope of reward. Men and women served in the Ground Observer Corps strictly from a sense of extreme patriotism.

They are deserving, I believe, of the thanks of every citizen.

We know that they are to be replaced with the latest scientific method of observation, detection and orientation. Through huge electrical machines, a threatening plane can be placed in missile sights quicker than the human eye can operate. This is evidence of the new, scientific age. Machines are replacing humans in many areas of operation.

But nothing can replace or equal the patriotism of the human heart.

READYING FOR WINTER MONTHS

During the last few days I have had the happy privilege of traveling over a large part of the interior section of Douglas County.

We are hoping (and I emphasize that word "hope") that business conditions will permit us to inaugurate a business, financial and industrial section in our newspaper next spring. During Centennial year we hope to attract attention to the industrial and business picture of Douglas County. We believe such a section could be of great value in impressing the thousands of tourists who will stop in Oregon and Douglas County next year.

But if we do put in such a section, we will need the utmost cooperation from industrial and business plants throughout the whole area we attempt to serve. So I have been trying to feel out sentiment and the possibility of help from the many scores of sources. It looks good, I might add.

But as I have gone over the many highways and country roads, it is a most interesting sight to see the county buttoning up for the winter. Farms are being made ready for the wet months. Industrial plants are shaping up their winter's work. Everywhere there is gratitude for the long fall months.

It is an interesting experience to observe the seasonal activity unfolding in every direction.

WE GOOFED!

An apology is hereby made by *The News-Review* to the Douglas County Court and to the readers of this newspaper for the form of a news story appearing in Thursday's newspaper. The item concerned the county court's action with regard to the child guidance program.

The item neglected proper accreditation and, as a result, appeared as opinionated and slanted. Although the item would have been proper, had the source been quoted, the form made it appear that the opinion expressed was that of the newspaper.

It is the purpose and desire of this newspaper to remain free from all opinion, except as expressed in the editorial section.

We therefore apologize to our readers and to the county court, in particular, for the form in which the news item appeared.

Auto Makers Expect Demand From Unfilled Large Backlog

By DAVID J. WILKIE
A.P. Automotive Writer
DETROIT (AP)—Auto makers who expect sharply increased 1959 car sales count on a large backlog of demand unfilled in 1958. Part of the expected 1959 sales will be delayed replacement of cars by all normal indicators, a broader new car market is due. One industry authority said: "You can't cut sales volume from approximately 6 million units to 4,250,000 in a single year without shutting up a lot of unfilled demand."

The figures represent the 1957 total and the indicated 1958 volume. Imported cars are included in both inventories. They numbered nearly 207,000 in 1957 and are indicated at close to 265,000 for 1958. Working Overtime
Trying to overcome a new car shortage that developed at the start of the new model year, the industry generally is working overtime. It has scheduled production of 500,000 cars this month and 600,000 in December. That volume brings the year's assemblies to approximately 4,257,000 cars.

While the industry is trying to rebuild inventories depleted by work stoppages in October, it undoubtedly will gear production to indicated demand after dealer stocks have been replenished. It is not likely dealer inventories will approach the 1958 high of 805,000 units counted March 1.

It is an interesting fact that wherever future car sales are considered the unknown factor is the penetration of imported vehicles. In 1955 when the U.S. car industry sold 7 1/2 million new cars only

SP'S Salem And Albany Round Houses To Close

SALEM (AP)—Southern Pacific round houses at Salem and Albany will be closed by Dec. 1, Clarence R. Cornelius, Salem round house foreman, announced here.

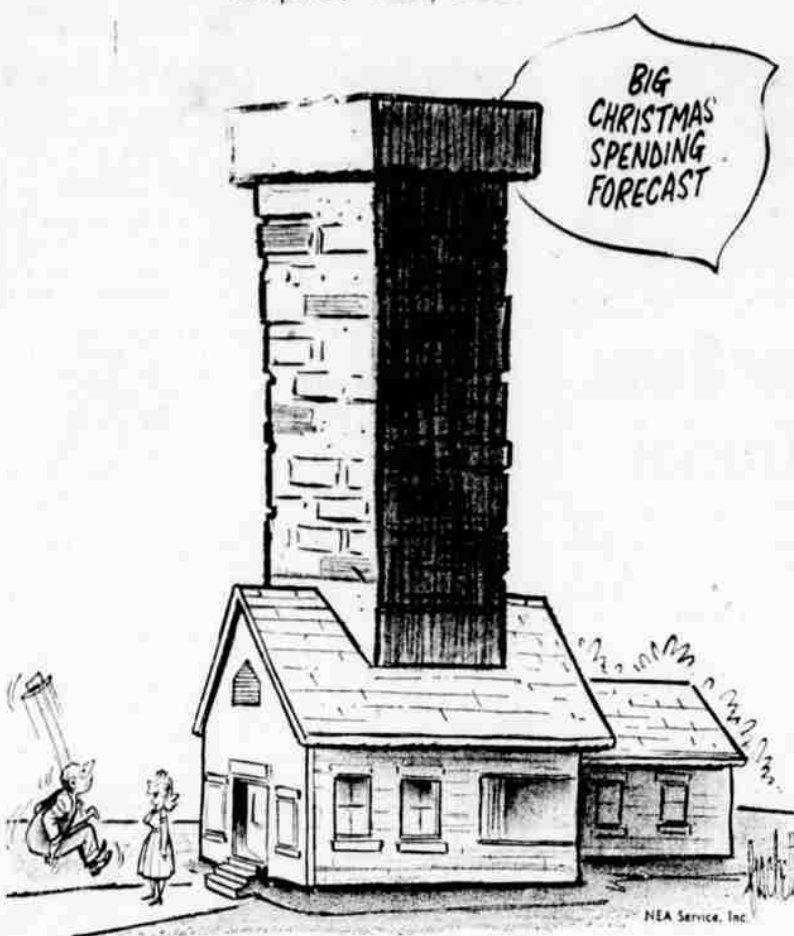
Cornelius said the Albany shop will close by Monday and the one at Salem will be closed later. He said facilities from the two communities and some of those at the Brooklyn yard in Portland will be relocated at Eugene.

Some of the 14 men at Salem and the 12 at Albany, he said, would be moved to Eugene. Last week the railroad consolidated its passenger and freight offices at Salem and asked the state Public Utilities Commission for permission to withdraw its agent from nearby Gervais.

AMBASSADOR ARRIVES

COLOMBO, Ceylon (AP)—The new U.S. ambassador to Ceylon, J. Lampton Berry, arrived Friday on the liner Orangethorpe. Berry, a career diplomat, succeeds Robert H. Gluck.

"I Knew the New Chimney Would Surprise You, Dear"



Holmes Appointing Of Next Secretary Of State Could Hinder Plans Of Hatfield

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP)—If Gov. Robert D. Holmes succeeds in making David O'Hara secretary of state, it will throw a monkey wrench into Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield's plans for the 1960 elections.

Hatfield wants to appoint a Republican liberal who would have a strong chance to succeed himself in 1960. O'Hara doesn't qualify, in Hatfield's thinking.

O'Hara is 71 years old, and never has been engaged in partisan politics. As elections neared in 1937, he was about as nonpartisan as anybody could be.

Republicans and Democrats alike praised him for his fairness in administering the election laws. Change of Election Laws

As secretary of state, O'Hara would have charge of administering the election laws—as the election supervisor's boss. These laws got a thorough overhauling in the 1957 Legislature—and O'Hara opposed the change.

He doesn't believe in the state civil service system. He opposed creation of the state Department of Finance and Administration.

He is a conservative, and was a great admirer of the late Sen. Robert Taft. Yet he also admires Sen. Wayne Morse, mostly because of Morse's ability to keep things stirred up.

While on the Salem City Council for 28 years, O'Hara generally was a vigorous dissenter. He hated to spend the taxpayers' money on projects he thought unnecessary.

In 1956, O'Hara almost filed for election as secretary of state against Hatfield. But he finally decided he couldn't win.

O'Hara hated to retire from state service, but his boss, Mark Hatfield, thought it was time.

Accord Doubtful
It is very doubtful whether Hatfield and O'Hara would get along on the Board of Control. Their philosophy on many matters is different.

The question of who has the right to make the appointment is expected to go into the Marion County Circuit Court under the declaratory judgment law.

This broad law gives any interested party the right to ask for an interpretation of the Constitution or the laws.

There had been talk that the case might go directly into the state Supreme Court, but it looks as though that court would not accept original jurisdiction.

If the judges speeded things up, there could be a final ruling in two or three weeks.

However, Hatfield could just sit tight, and refuse to resign before becoming governor. He then could name his successor after being inaugurated.

If Hatfield chose this course, then the court test would have to come after he became governor.

In The Day's News

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of all of Germany is going to be given back to the Germans.

What he MEANS is that Russia is proposing to give West Berlin, a little island of Western freedom, back to the communist carpetbaggers who took over all of Germany east of the Elbe river and have made of it a communist satellite.

That's a horse of another color.

In Washington this morning the White House, in the face of Russian threats to upset the four-power occupation of Berlin, says the American government "WILL PERSIST IN ITS FIRM INTENTION to maintain the integrity of West Berlin."

What will come of it? It's hard to say. Diplomacy, we must remember, is a poker game. Running bluffs is an integral part of the game of poker. Running bluffs is an integral part of the game of diplomacy.

In both cases, one never can tell what will happen.

But this, I think, can be said: In the case of the recent blurring in the Formosa strait, the American people as a whole were unwilling to run the risk of war for the tiny island of Quemoy. They made their feeling rather plain at that time.

But West Berlin is different. The principle that is at stake there is one that the American people will be ready to go to war to defend if there is no other way out.

Democrats State They Must Share Responsibility

PORTLAND (AP)—The Democratic Party of Oregon told Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield this week that it shares his responsibility to produce good government and it pledged constructive help.

The party's statement was released by Dave Epps of Sweet Home, state chairman, after a meeting of the executive committee.

It took a swipe at the Republicans on the way, saying that "the Democrats will consider your recommendations on their merits and will not engage in the narrow partisan tactics adopted by the Republican minority in the 1957 Legislature. We will not oppose just for the sake of opposition."

The Democrats are in the majority in both houses of the Legislature. Two years ago the Senate was split 15-15.

Although Democrats will control the Legislature they will not have enough votes, without Republican help, to override a veto.

Epps said that party headquarters will remain in Portland but a branch office will be established in Salem, with a full-time publicist for the legislative session.

The Salem office and publicity work by the Republicans was good, Epps said, and inspired the similar Democratic move.

Storms, Sluggish Buying Slow Lumber Trading

PORTLAND (AP)—Severe and unusually early storms and sluggish November buying activity slowed lumber trading to a snail's pace this week. Crow's Lumber Market news service said today.

Standard and better grade green fir held its price level in the United States, but slipped in British Columbia, Crow's said. Utility grade dimension is weak, and boards have fought slight demand in either grade.

Ponderosa pine common boards showed no increased strength, but shop, select and moulding grade pine are doing reasonably well. Quarter-inch sand-on-one-side grade fir plywood was wavering at \$76, with some sales below that level. Unseasoned sheathing is selling in the \$56-\$58 range.

West Berlin's Mayor Says 'We've Got Strong Nerves'

By SEYMOUR TOPPING

BERLIN (AP)—Willy Brandt is ready to take on whatever the Communists throw at Berlin. "We've got strong nerves and we're ready for the difficulties ahead," says the handsome 44-year-old mayor.

Brandt is a fighting Socialist politician in the tradition of the late Ernst Reuter, mayor who saw Berlin through the Soviet blockade of 1948-49.

Some fellow Social Democrats think Brandt may one day be chancellor.

His lust for the political rough-and-tumble may stem from his background—voluntary exile during the Hitler years, escape from the Gestapo, marriage to a Norwegian beauty and a meteoric postwar political rise.

Controversy centers around his activities in World War II. Some political foes accuse him of treason, claiming that he fought with the Norwegian army while a political refugee.

Brandt denies the charge. He says he put on the Norwegian uniform to escape the Gestapo hunt for him after Norway fell in 1940.

He succeeded in eluding the Nazis and wound up the war as a Norwegian citizen in Sweden working as a journalist.

After Germany surrendered, Brandt returned to Berlin as press attache in Norway's military mission.

He readopted German citizenship in 1947. He won a seat in West Germany's Parliament, and in 1950 became a West Berlin city legislator.

Brandt was a hard-headed practical Socialist then, and is now. Experience with Nazis and Communists has made him shy at too much state power.

In 1948 Brandt married Rut Hansen, whom he had met in Scandinavia. They have two sons. The Brandts live in a four-room apartment of a two-family house.

Says slim, blonde Mrs. Brandt wistfully: "The boys sometimes ask me how it is that the father of the children upstairs can come home for lunch."

Brandt isn't coming home for lunch nowadays — and rarely for dinner. He is too busy speeding around among his 2,200,000 people, telling them to stand fast.

50 Private Utilities Would Build Nuclear Power Plant

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Philadelphia Electric Co. and more than 50 other private utilities have offered to build a 240-million-dollar nuclear power plant near Philadelphia.

The aim is to provide cheaper electric power.

The project, a pioneer gas-cooled type of reactor, was submitted to the Atomic Energy Commission just before expiration of a 60-day deadline fixed by Congress for private industry to act.

If no proposal had been received today, AEC was under congressional orders to build and operate a gas-cooled power plant at public expense.

The proposed prototype plant would be completed in 1962 or early 1963, AEC was told. It would be owned by Philadelphia Electric and would feed 20,000 kilowatts of power into the firm's system initially. Later it would provide 40,000 kilowatts.

Joined in Project
Though the Philadelphia company was the official sponsor, it was joined in the project by a newly organized, nonprofit group of utility companies from coast to coast. This group calls itself the High Temperature Reactor Development Associates, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

The site is to be announced later. The project is contingent on AEC's agreeing to put up an additional 14 1/2 million for further research and development.

If AEC accepts today's proposal, the industry will have headed off

what it considers a major threat—further incursion by the federal government into public power, via the nuclear route.

The AEC research and development contract would go to the General Atomic Division of General Dynamics Corp., which conceived the new design.

Portlander Heads Soil Conservation Districts Assn.

BAKER (AP)—Elmer Peterson of Portland is the new president of the Oregon Assn. of Soil Conservation Districts.

His selection by the group which is winding up its annual session Friday was unanimous. He succeeds Ralph Wilson of Salem.

James McCrae of Willows was re-elected secretary and Ben Christensen of Harrisburg was re-elected treasurer.

Area No. 7, the West Umatilla County District, won the award as Oregon's best conservation district and for this its representatives, Ralph Saylor and Gaylord Madison of Echo, will receive a trip to a research farm at Litchfield, Ariz. Award for the second best district went to the Linn-Lane district.

The high school speech contest on forest conservation was won by Laverne Post, Newberg High School. Second was Scott Reading, Illinois Valley freshman, and third was Ronnie Owens of Klamath Falls.

Delegates, who will wind up their meeting with adoption of resolutions this afternoon, heard Wesley Cornwall, national area director, outline the program for the area meeting to be held Dec. 23 at Spokane.

Parents Halt All Traffic On Busy Portland Street

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Thirty-three parents formed two columns that halted all traffic on busy Powell Boulevard here this week to protest heavy traffic that endangered crossing school children.

The children leaving the Creston grade school marched in the corridor formed by parents—two fathers and 31 mothers—who stood side-by-side on the street that carries U.S. highway 36 traffic.

Mrs. Frances Dirks, chairman of the Parent-Teacher Assn. safety committee, said the practice would continue until the city provides a permanent red and green light, moves the crossing to an intersection, and adds warning signals.

Several children have been injured at the crossing marked by pushbutton lights operated by patrol boys and the city ignored a letter seeking the changes, Mrs. Dirks said.

"I hope you see fit to utilize these potentials for effective action."

Wholesale Food Prices Hold Steady This Week

NEW YORK (AP)—Wholesale food prices held steady this week after a four-week slump. Dun & Bradstreet Inc. reported today.

The organization's food index was unchanged from last week at \$6.38 and up 1.6 per cent from the \$6.28 reading a year ago.

The index represents the total cost at wholesale of one pound each of 31 foods in general use.

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