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SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

By Charles V. Stanton

Roseburg's school problems promise to stir up increasing controversy.

Supt. M. C. Deller has proposed enlarging the junior high school system and conducting a 6-3-3 form of organization, six years in elementary school, three years in junior high school and three years in senior high school.

On the other hand, the evaluation committee, a committee named to make a long range study of the school system, has been very insistent upon a 7-5 form of organization, seven years of elementary school, five years of high school. But the 7-5 proposal of the evaluation committee differs from the recommendations of the sub-committee which had a different plan, but was overruled at the top.

Some of the Parent-Teacher organizations have been greatly concerned, have had various speakers on the subject, and some have even adopted resolutions favoring the 6-3-3 plan.

It is my personal belief that the form of organization isn't nearly as important as subjects, studies and efficiency of education. Nor, in my opinion, can anyone furnish absolute proof in the existing argument.

It is true that people have very strong beliefs. Some believe one form of organization is most suitable, while others believe we should have a different system. If we could find a conclusive model in widespread use we might have some reason for the degree of intolerance which seems to have marked the local school situation.

Every indication is that Roseburg schools will have a great increase in enrollment. In fact, if all conditions get together, we're apt to have another boom, in which case our present school system and its facilities will be totally inadequate.

Economy becomes an important factor, particularly if our school district is to grow. The Evaluation Committee contends the 7-5 plan is the more economical. Advocates of the 6-3-3 plan say the Evaluation Committee's conclusions are based on old construction costs not on present-day expenses. And so the argument rages.

It is my opinion that we shouldn't be spending so much time arguing what our form of organization is to be, but that we should be giving most serious consideration to the matter of the highest possible degree of education for the children and young adults now in school and the great increase we soon may expect.

CONSERVATION IN SCHOOLS

While discussing the subject of education in our school system, we should mention National Wildlife Week now in progress. Under the theme "Conservation in the Schools," the program is being carried out chiefly among the youngsters of the nation.

It seems to me that our greatest opportunity for conservation education exists among young people. Those of us who have spent years in the woods, along the seashore, on the banks of our waterways, and in other of our recreational spots, are quite opinionated. If we annually killed a deer from a certain stump five years in a row, for example, we are very insistent that the deer population is down when we go two years in succession without a kill from the same stump.

We have formed certain prejudices, ideas and opinions, based on narrow observation. Too, adults who have become law violators, poachers, vandals, etc., aren't apt to change.

But there is promise that the children and young adults being taught to respect and love the land in which they live, will be very much more protective of our natural resources in the days to come.

Bruce Blossat

Pioneer's Real Meaning Lies In Better Guidance

With our new Pioneer IV satellite racing in an orbit about the sun, we have given fresh notice that in the great East-West struggle outer space is just as competitive as the earth itself.

When the Russians put what they briefly called Lunik and now call Mecha into space early this year, the achievement was admittedly a stunner. Never before had man thrust an earth object out beyond the pull of the earth's gravity. And this one weighed 3,245 pounds.

Yet few space experts in America doubted we would be long in matching the distance aspect of this feat, as we now seem to have done. Some of our earlier "moon shots" had missed by fractions attaining the needed speed to escape the earth's pull.

Pioneer IV's instrument package weighs a mere 13.4 pounds. But in that there is no surprise. Though we are moving steadily toward rocket engines with a thrust of one million pounds, we have nothing close to that order at this time.

IN FACT, the Russians' ability to develop a powerful thrust and toss objects of substantial weight into space seems to be their chief superiority right now in the space-missile field.

Our scientists believe we will eventually catch up in this matter, and that meantime we ourselves are showing consistent superiority in the equally vital field of guidance and control of missiles.

To be sure, we did not this time succeed in the immensely delicate task of timing required to direct a rocket into orbit around the moon. But the sober, uncomplicated betting among U.S. space specialists is that we probably have the best chance of being first at succeeding.

In this bizarre competition there are as yet no winners or losers. And it is likely to go on this way for quite a long time.

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Highway problem: Shall we have white lines on our highways? Or should they be yellow?

Oregon has yellow lines. So does Wyoming. Both states want to keep 'em yellow. Yellow, they say, shows up better through a thin skin of snow or frost.

But Uncle Sam says NO — that most states have white lines, and we ought to have uniformity and if we're to have uniformity the majority should rule. So Oregon and Wyoming will probably have to conform.

Uncle holds the purse. It's our money that goes into the purse, of course. But UNCLE SPENDS IT. That gives him a lot of authority.

Another highway problem: What shall we do about the drivers who smack into other people, smashing cars, breaking bones,

running up big hospital bills, etc., and turning up WITHOUT INSURANCE? Shall we pass a law compelling everybody who drives a car to carry insurance?

It's quite a problem. There's a lot of talk about it, but nothing much has been done yet. Maybe the best IMMEDIATE solution for provident drivers is to take out insurance against getting hit by the other fellow. That's at least the rugged individualist's way.

The federal government has a new idea. It would like to be authorized by congress to establish a national clearing house for the names of drivers whose licenses have been suspended or revoked.

It might be a good idea. It would make a lot of new federal jobs. New federal jobs cost money. The money comes out of the taxpayers' pockets. The more Uncle takes out, the less the taxpayer has to spend.

Maybe all these things are essential. Maybe they should all be enacted into law. Maybe they are all so important that we just can't get along without them.

They'd all cost money. A LOT of money. Why not close this piece by talking for a moment about something that would perhaps contribute more to highway safety than anything else that could be done — and it WOULDN'T COST A CENT.

I'm referring to courtesy. Just common, everyday courtesy. The same kind of courtesy we employ more or less EVERYWHERE ELSE, but fail to display on the highways. If we were all as courteous to others, as considerate of the RIGHTS of others, when we are out on the highways behind the wheel of a car, as we normally are in our homes and on the sidewalks on foot, our highways would be FABULOUSLY SAFER.

And it wouldn't cost a red cent.

Peter Edson

Maybe Manuela Deserves Washington Statue, Too

WASHINGTON — (NEA)—President Eisenhower's belated acceptance from Venezuela of the Simon Bolivar statue — down by the Pan American Union buildings — should make the South American liberator better known in this country.

Postmaster General Arthur Summerfield has already issued a Bolivar memorial stamp which will help.

One other thing this dedication should do is make Americans better acquainted with Manuela Saenz, who was the most important woman in the liberator's life.

The general impression of Bolivar is that he was a rather saintly character — another George Washington — who never told a lie and never committed a sin.

Bolivar, pronounce it Bo-lee-var, with the accent on the "lee" to please the Southerners and the South Americans, was indeed the father of about four countries, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, and father of all South America's independence.

BUT HE WAS A LOT MORE than that. He was a great human being. He had the Spanish temperament. And his love affair with Manuela is one of the little-known classics of history. It should rank right along with Romeo and Juliet, Louis XV and Pompadour, John Alden and Priscilla, John Smith and Pocahontas and Eddie and Wally.

For many years the Latin Americans tried to hide Manuela. In the general business of making Bolivar into a saint, Manuela was banished from polite history books. She was of uncertain birth. She had been married to a correct Englishman, James Thorne. She left him to follow the fortunes of Bolivar. She died of the plague.

For years at our home, when a bird starts drumming on the house, I take a broom handle and tap on the inside of the house where I can't be seen. I use the same rhythm as the bird and as near the same spot as possible from inside the wall or ceiling.

I have had only one bird return and since, using the same procedure, it gave up and did not return.

Try it! It is better than killing such beneficial little creatures.

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GOP Studying N. Y. Convention

NEW YORK (AP)—Representatives of the Republican Convention Committee have arrived to check on a half-million-dollar cash offer to hold the 1960 convention in New York City.

Realtor William Zeckendorf extended the cash offer this week and proposed building a huge arena in the Bronx to stage the convention.

A decision on the site will not be made until April 11. Up to now Philadelphia and Chicago have been considered the leading possibilities, with Miami Beach a close third.

Seed Dealers Name Officers

PORTLAND (AP)—The Oregon Feed & Seed Dealers Assn. has named Fenn Emerson, Albany, president.

Other new officers named at the 28th annual convention were Alec Runciman, Portland, vice president; James McDowell, Portland, secretary treasurer; and Russ Hays, Portland, manager.

Among those elected to the board of governors were Glen Fravel, Salem, and Don Hodge, Eugene.

Trujillo Agent Receives Fine

WASHINGTON (AP)—John Joseph Frank, Washington attorney and former FBI agent, was fined \$500 here for acting as an agent for Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo and the Dominican Republic without registering with the Justice Department.

U.S. Dist. Judge Luther W. Youngdahl fined Frank \$500 on each of two counts in the indictment, but suspended one fine.

Judge Youngdahl said he was taking into account that Frank now has registered as an agent of a foreign principal as well as the fact he made no apparent effort to hide his activities.

Frank, 41, is a native of New Britain, Conn. He withdrew a plea of innocence last week and threw himself upon the mercy of the court.

Frank was indicted by a grand jury delving into the disappearance of Jesus Maria de Galindez, Columbia University lecturer; and Gerald L. Murphy, an American pilot.

Galindez, 43, a bitter critic of Dominican strong man Trujillo, disappeared in March 1956 shortly after leaving a class at Columbia. Murphy, 23, a pilot for the Dominican government airline, vanished in Ciudad Trujillo, the Dominican capital, the following December.

Some reports said Murphy had boasted of knowledge about the circumstances of Galindez' disappearance.

25 In Telephone Booth

DURBAN, South Africa (AP)—Twenty-five youths from the Durban YMCA today claimed they had taken themselves into a telephone booth to set a record in the new international craze.

When they were all packed in, the phone rang. None of the human sardines could answer it.

Lenten Devotions

Text: Matt. 21:1-11

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Triumphal entries — there have been many in history. There was Alexander in the third century before Christ; there was Caesar of the first century; then such as Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler of our own day. And we can't forget Russia in its cold war efforts and success. These all battled for a physical dominion. They battled for acres of earth. They all used the most modern techniques of warfare.

Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem was entirely different. It was one week before He was to die voluntarily. He came not in royalty, splendor or power. He came unarmed. He was followed by some of His captives — captives of love, not of force. He came not in the proud triumph of war-conquests, but in the meek rule of peace. He rode a borrowed colt and palm branches were waving instead of swords.

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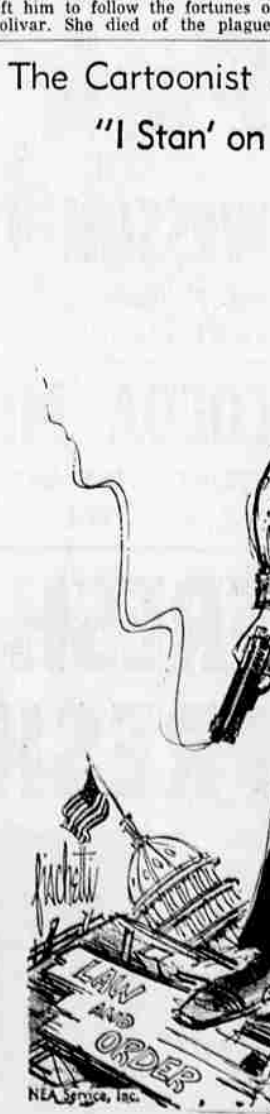
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Calvin Harrah, pastor Melrose Community church

The Cartoonist Says:

"I Stan' on D 'Fift'---Among Udder T'ings"



Columnist Learns Things By Opening His Letters

NEW YORK (AP)—Things a columnist might never know if he didn't open his mail:

A new jewelry fad among men, the wearing of engagement rings set with their birthstones is being strongly encouraged by their fiancées. The gals figure the rings warn predatory females: "This guy is already taken."

When you make your first visit to the moon—almost any year now!—don't forget to take the scenic crater tour. The moon has more than 30,000 craters. Many are 50 miles wide, and one is 20,000 feet deep—five times the depth of the Grand Canyon.

The equal rights movement in America has had one unexpected result. One out of four alcoholics is a woman.

Actor Walter Slezak says his three children are too old to have baby sitters, and too young to be baby sitters.

At Fort Churchill, way up north in Manitoba, milk is bought by the slice. The milk is frozen and shipped in refrigerator cars.

America suffered its millionth war fatality and its millionth motor car fatality in the same month—December 1951. The auto has killed as many people in 51 years as all U.S. wars have in 176 years. Our quotable notables: "A wom-

an's club," says comedian George De Witt, "is a place where they knock after they enter."

Michigan brag: The Wolverine State claims it has so much water it could fill a bathtub for every person in the world, and the level of its 11,037 inland lakes wouldn't go down an inch.

The first case of human artificial insemination was reported by an English surgeon at the end of the 18th century. Now an estimated 20,000 test tube babies are born yearly.

Had your child's eyes checked lately? "Ten million American school children have vision problems," says Dr. Lois B. Ring of Cleveland. "Half of them will stumble along without anyone ever detecting their handicap."

One in 10 American families has an annual income of \$10,000 or more. One in seven an income of \$2,000 or less.

It was Abraham Lincoln who observed, "I cannot conceive how a man could look up into heaven and say there is no God."

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Ruling Due March 30 On New Racing Chief

PORTLAND (AP)—A circuit judge will announce March 30 whether the state Racing Commission can name a new racing steward, the chief state official in preserving honesty at a court hearing here that Warner Nunn, executive assistant to Gov. Mark Hatfield, had demanded Edwards' discharge.

Edwards went to court to fight for the job as racing steward after asserting he was fired at the demand of Hatfield. Edwards said it was because he had supported Hatfield's opponent, Democrat Robert Holmes, in last year's election.

Edwards also contended the discharge was illegal. He said he came under civil service, but that the commission failed to conform to regulations, not giving him written notice when citing a cause. He said that prevented him from asking the Civil Service Commission to review the discharge.

Witnesses Testify

Testifying that Hatfield's assistant had demanded the discharge of Edwards were Charles A. Huntington, Eugene, commission member, and Scott W. Kelley, special assistant attorney general who is attorney for Edwards.

Both were questioned on the stand by Pat Dooley, former speaker of the House, who is attorney for Edwards.

Kelley said Hatfield had reported numerous complaints about Edwards.

Huntington, who has been on the commission since 1939, said he "had received no complaints about Edwards, who had held the job eight years."

Melvin H. Cleveland, Salem, acting director of the state Civil Service Commission, said he received a dismissal notice on Edwards on Feb. 24. He said the notice from the Racing Commission was dated Feb. 20 with the effective date made retroactive to Oct. 9, 1958, the day after the state racing season.

For years Edwards has been paid only for the racing season. That was to leave him free to do other work in the winter. Occasionally he also took on off-season assignments from the state.

School Attended

He testified that as recently as January the commission had sent him to attend a harness racing

Dulles Finishes X-Ray Series

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has completed his radiation treatments for cancer. A State Department spokesman said doctors have yet to decide whether or when he can return to his desk.

The X-ray treatments began Feb. 20. They were reinforced two weeks ago with an injection of radioactive gold.

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Economist Advises U. S. Tariffs Slash

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sumner H. Slichter, Harvard University economist, has recommended that all U.S. tariffs be cut further and all import quotas abolished over a 10-year period.

"No single step that the government could take would make such an important contribution toward strengthening the American economy and toward the achievement of rapid growth with stability of prices as a program for reducing tariffs and eliminating quotas," he declared.

Slichter appeared as the first witness in a study by the Senate House Economic Committee on problems and prospects of the American economy.

If quotas were cut drastically and duties removed, he said in his prepared testimony, "foreign competition would be of invaluable aid in checking the tendency of wages to outrun labor productivity and in retarding the rise in prices."

How to add years to your life

100 years ago the average American could expect to live about 40 years.

Today—about 70. Modern sanitation, diet, drugs and medical practice have added 30 years to our life span. And note that 70 is average. Many die sooner. Many live longer. You up your chances of being a "longer" if you eat properly and get proper medical care. This means periodic check-ups by your physician. As pharmacists we are pleased to help by supplying the drugs your doctor prescribes—drugs unknown a century ago. We're so conscious of the effectiveness of modern medicine that we're shooting for a life span of 100 years.

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