

CAPITOL MALL

By Charles V. Stanton

The Oregon Legislature has before it a bill to reduce the land area being secured by the State of Oregon for its Capitol Mall.

The state presently owns land extending to Union Street. Between Union Street and State Street, on which the Capitol now stands, buildings are being erected to house the respective departments of our state government.

North of Union Street, in what is called the D-street tract, the state has been buying private property as it is released by owners.

Lack Of Vision Costly

But some of our legislators seemingly can't envision future needs. They can't see beyond wood, concrete and steel.

This lack of vision is a costly thing. We're inclined to look at the proposed public expenditure and shake our heads.

So, there is a possibility that our beautiful Capitol Mall, with its buildings and decorated center area, will be flanked with hamburger joints and hawking stands.

Once upon a time, as stories go, the land area here in Roseburg contained a beautiful grove between the Southern Pacific railroad tracks and the South Umpqua River, lying south of Mosher street.

It was undeveloped, except as people had built a track for Fire Department contests and local bicycle and running races.

Rose had a choice of subdividing the property for building lots or selling it to the city for a park.

Then there was an ambitious proposal to develop what we know today as Umpqua Park. It was earlier known as Alexander park, taking the name of the would-be promoter who was considerably ahead of his time.

We have an organization in Roseburg today trying desperately to secure and develop some park sites. The organization is getting but little support.

Some people seemingly are totally unable to look ahead and envision future needs. They can't see beyond the immediate dollar. They see no value in anything aesthetic.

Fortunately for the State of Oregon we had men like the late Judge Sawyer of Bend who, despite his age, could peer into the future and who led the way in the preparation of a master plan for a Capitol Mall, including the proposal for the D-street park area.

It would be a shame, in my opinion, ever to lose sight of the goal he and his co-workers set for the State of Oregon in its capitol development project.

Rep. Edward N. Fadel, D-Eugene, said the state's interest is not protected.

Boeing would pay \$60,000 a year rental, Rep. Clarence Barton, D-Coquille, pointed out the land is producing nothing now.

Barton said Boeing needs the space and prospects are good if it will be of benefit both to Boeing and to the state.

"This is a risk both for the state and for Boeing," Barton said, "but these are the risks that dreams are made of. They will make Oregon strong. By taking such risks, Boeing has grown into a business that hires 65,000 persons in Seattle."

These figures are approximate pending appraisals. It is hoped that the lease might be signed by next December.

Rep. Sidney Bazzett, R-Grants Pass, told the House that "this is a breakthrough of the major barriers that have kept industry out of the state."

But Rep. George Van Hoomissen, D-Portland, argued that "if

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Government economy note: Postmaster General Day says in Washington this week he won't restore twice-a-day mail delivery.

That's what might be called a meeting of the minds. A lot of us taxpayers out in the brush wish there could be more such meetings.

This modern world note: In one of our big Mid-Western cities the other day an unemployed worker was caught trying to put phony quarters in a juke box.

When he came up for trial, he testified that on February 28 he drew a \$90 relief check, cashed it and made a round of the neighborhood taverns.

The jury found him guilty. Court officials estimated the cost of the case, including indictment, incarceration and trial, ran somewhere between \$750 and \$2,000.

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Latin Stoic philosopher, who wrote about 2,000 years ago in his Epistles: "What fools these mortals be!"

The line was so good that some 1500 years later William Shakespeare picked it up (inadvertently, let us assume) and put it in the mouth of Puck in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The Soviets say they are standing pat on their old proposals for the time being.

From Geneva: The Big Three nuclear test ban resumes here today with the U.S. and Britain ready to offer a new package plan for a quick treaty.

Let's let Dr. Edmund Teller, our noted H-bomb physicist, supply it. He said at a University of California alumni banquet last night:

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Kuykendall Refuses To Relinquish Post

WASHINGTON (AP)—Jerome K. Kuykendall, a Republican, shows no sign of relinquishing his post as chairman of the Federal Power Commission in favor of President Kennedy's selection.

Kuykendall, chairman since 1953, is reported to feel he has a right to the post until his current term expires June 22, 1962.

Kuykendall, a former chairman of the Washington State Public Service Commission, was former President Dwight D. Eisenhower's first appointment to the commission.

Only the question of the chairmanship is involved. Kuykendall would remain on the commission even if he relinquished the chair to Swidler.

House Passes Bill Setting Up Work Relief Program For Cities

SALEM (AP)—The Oregon House voted 49-11 here for a bill setting up regulations for the work relief program, and to let cities take advantage of it.

More than 20 counties have provided work relief for welfare recipients.

Opponents, fearing the program would result in loss of jobs of regular county and city workers, tried various parliamentary moves to kill it.

The bill provides that any welfare recipient who refused to accept a work relief job would be stricken from the rolls.

Rep. Winton Hunt, R-Woodburn, argued that the work relief program "has a therapeutic value for the people involved."

They made three different motions to send the bill to various committees, but all were badly beaten.

Two daughters of the popular couple hover nearby constantly, aware that their parents' physician, Dr. James Pettigrew, expects no immediate improvement in their condition.

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Chairman Walter W. Heller of the President's Council of Economic Advisors told the Women's National Press Club there is evidence of "some improvement" ahead.

Most of all the business indicators which normally rise in advance of a general economic upturn have gone up, but only moderately, he said.

After his talk he was asked: "Are the odds for or against the administration going to congress for a temporary tax cut?"

Heller laughed and observed that "he hadn't made book on this question before," but went on: "I would say that the odds are not very strongly in favor of a tax cut," Heller replied.

Reader Opinions

Sutherlin Resident Says Flood Control Needed

To The Editor: Something I have never been able to understand is why, when a creek or river goes on a rampage, destroying property even causing death, there seems to be no one to whom we go to have anything done about the situation.

One day several years ago, when the County Court was composed of Judge Busenbark and Commissioners Roadman and Hutchinson, I stopped them while they were on tour east of Sutherlin. I asked if there was anything they could do to help in the flood situation around Sutherlin.

If a gully is provided for water to escape, it will do so. Also we can aid by building dams to hold back water for use when we need it in the summer.

This last flood was again a sad reminder how critically we need flood control. Very few people in Roseburg and elsewhere realize how close they came to disaster.

Must we have a disaster, possibly drowned some people, destroy a lot of property before a dam is said to be feasible?

We can look at Drain, Cottage Grove, Harrisburg, Jefferson, and other spots. We can learn there something about the damage a flood can do.

They don't like to talk about it because none of us likes to talk about damage to his own home town. I always hated to see flood pictures showing boats on the streets of Sutherlin published on front pages of newspapers.

But I have changed my mind. We need more pictures so people can see what floods really are like. Can you imagine what your house

might get a child with latent defects? Some people inquire: "Well, so far as I know every child born since the beginning of time had latent defects of some kind—of body, mind or temperament, which show up sooner or later. That's no sound reason either for fearing to have a child, or to adopt one."

Look at the world of grownups around you. Do you know of a single one without a defect, large or small? But most of them still find life worth living.

As a matter of fact when we got Tracy Ann, her defects were pretty obvious. She couldn't stand up, speak a word of English or even write her own name. All she did was lie in her crib all day kicking her chubby feet in the air, making odd noises and waiting for someone to do something for her.

At the age of 8 she has outgrown these early defects, and acquired others which in time we feel she will outgrow too.

The truth is that those we love endeavor themselves to us almost as much by their small defects as by their shining virtues. And children do a wonderful service for adults. By letting us care for them they tend to cure us of our own defects of selfishness and blind preoccupation with our own interests. They keep our world bright and young.

Loving itself is a gamble, and if you want a child and can't have one, the best gamble you can take is to adopt one.

It isn't too big a gamble. Of the sources of parents I know who have adopted children, I have yet to meet one who regretted it.

For example, they often mistakenly praise you by saying, "That's a wonderful thing you're doing—to take a strange infant into your home and treat it as your own."

Actually, of course, it's just the other way around. It is the child that is doing you a favor by widening and deepening your life with a new sense of fulfillment.

Others ask dubiously, "Do you ever really quite get to think of an adopted child as your own flesh and blood?"

The answer to this is, "Yes, but it does take time." In our own case it took a full 24 hours.

Since then we have been blindly and positively and overwhelmingly certain Tracy Ann is our very own daughter in every way.

That is the greatest miracle of adoption. You don't wonder or doubt afterward. You are wonderfully, wonderfully sure you have done the right thing. You might kind of wish you had done it earlier except for one thing—if you had you might have missed getting the perfect child you now have.

"But aren't you afraid you

would look like if from one to four feet of muddy water went through it? And what it would look like with two or three inches of mud everywhere?"

Let's all work together for flood control and preserve our soil and water supply. It's not what the country can do for you, but what you can do for your country that counts, as President Kennedy has told us.

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Ex-Resident Remembers Arrival Of DeHavillands

Someone—bless his or her heart—sent me the Feb. 27th issue of The News-Review (Progress Edition). It interested me greatly, as I grew up in Roseburg, from the second grade (in the old red brick school, up on the hill) through the second year in Roseburg High School.

I attended another year of high school in Eugene, then returned to Roseburg to work in the store department of the Southern Pacific Railway.

I should like to make one correction. The first airplane came to Roseburg long before 1924. I remember the occasion well. I was in the 7th or 8th grade at Rose school when some kid saw a plane through a window.

Now—as I was a young man of 18, and left Roseburg in July of 1923 for the Navy, the year that the first plane came to Roseburg must necessarily have been about five years previous to this—or in 1917-18.

Jay and John Wright are mentioned under one picture. I remember them well, having gone to school with Jay Wright's young son and daughter at Perdue (now Milo) one winter. My mother grew up in the Days Creek area and in later life married Leonard L. Perdue for whose family the town of Perdue was named.

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Learning To Love Adopted Child Takes Time -- A Full 24 Hours

NEW YORK (AP)—"Should we try to adopt a baby? If we do, how do we know it will work out all right? What if it should turn out to be a mistake?"

Millions of childless American couples ask themselves those questions.

Many have asked my wife, Frances, and me these same questions since we adopted a 5-week-old daughter, Tracy Ann, nearly eight years ago.

Our answer invariably is: "Don't worry about it being a mistake. If you have an urge to adopt a child, the biggest mistake you can make is to delay or dawdle. The sooner you set about making an adoption, the more years you'll have to enjoy the child."

People who have never adopted a child have some weird ideas on this subject.

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