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A GOOD APPOINTMENT

By Charles V. Stanton

The county court has announced creation of a new job—administrative assistant. The announcement also includes the news that Earl G. Plummer has been appointed to the position.

This, in my opinion, is an action that has been justified for a good many years.

Douglas County is an \$8-million business. Would any private industry, handling that much money every year, operate in such a haphazard way as does the county? You can just bet your life it wouldn't! It would conduct itself in a much more businesslike way than has been the past practice in administration of county affairs.

That is not to say that our county court and the various elected officers and their deputies have not been efficient or careful. I do not mean to indicate that there has been any form of laxity.

But when an organization, private or public, handles more than \$8-million annually and hires in excess of 450 people it certainly needs some centralized control.

Plummer's first job will be to act as a purchasing agent.

Presently each officer or department head handles his own purchases.

To Buy Supplies

They buy office supplies, printed matter, machines, furniture, stamps and all the other things needed in the conduct of an office. It is quite evident that buying in large quantities, having purchases directed from a central place, should result in the saving of a good many thousands of dollars over the course of a year's time.

After Plummer becomes better acquainted with the operation of the county, it is expected he will become a sort of business manager. He will act as an adviser to the county court on financial matters. He will direct the mechanics of the salary schedule, which is getting to be a complicated task.

The county, as was stated, has some 450 employees. The pay scale has been somewhat of a hit-and-miss affair. Recently the court secured the services of the Oregon Civil Service Commission to set up a salary schedule. Every county job has been evaluated and a salary set for that particular job. At the same time the schedule calls for a set rate of advancement over a period of years.

"We are hopeful that getting our salaries on a scheduled plan will permit us to keep good men longer," Judge V. T. Jackson said. "Without a fixed plan, a man can be attracted into some other work. Now we hope employment with the county will become a sort of a career job and we'll be in a better position to retain experienced workmen."

Cuts Essential

It is obvious that this somewhat complicated wage schedule will require a considerable amount of work on the part of the newly-named administrative assistant. At the same time, he doubtless will be able to coordinate work in such a way that the overall payroll can be cut.

Cuts in cost of local government are essential in my opinion.

We're in a period of big government. Our federal government is running away with expenses. It is setting up tremendous bureaucracies with much resultant waste of taxpayer money. But before the federal government can be brought to time, people must exhibit a desire for economy. If people learn that by a practice of businesslike methods they can do the local job in a less expensive way, they may finally get around to demanding economy at the top.

Plummer, in my opinion, is a good selection for the job. He has been a resident of Roseburg for 20 years, 15 years of which he spent as office manager for the Roseburg Lumber Company. Recently he has been working with the Green Valley Lumber Company. In his employment in private industry he obviously was interested in economy. I'm positive he'll carry the same sentiment over into a public job.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

HE'S GOT MUCH TO LEARN!

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend has been overseas for two years. I just got a letter from him telling me he'll arrive home July 28th. We plan to marry as soon as he gets a job. He told me not to tell his mother when he's arriving as he wants me to meet him alone, and he'll see his mother the next day and tell her he just got home. His mother has been counting the days until his return, too, and I feel bad that she won't have the pleasure of knowing he's coming home. Should I tell her?

DEAR GIRLFRIEND: Write and tell him to write his mother so you can both meet him. And bear in mind, a man rarely treats his wife any better than he treats his mother.

DEAR ABBY: My problem is, how do you say no to a guy you've been saying yes to for two years? CINDY

DEAR CINDY: The same way you say no to anybody else. Only louder!

DEAR ABBY: My problem is not easy to answer, but I certainly wish you would help me. How does a respectable woman meet a decent man? (Object—matrimony.) I refuse to cheapen myself by going to bars alone and I don't want to get mixed up with any Lonely Hearts Clubs. I am getting tired of people asking me how come a nice woman like me isn't married.

READY, WILLING AND LONESOME

DEAR R. W. AND L.: Because

Fire Truck Chasers Get Police Warning

Public curiosity in fire fighting operations drew a warning today from Police Chief John Truett.

The chief said on several occasions recently fire fighting efforts have been hampered by motorists following emergency fire vehicles too closely and parking unauthorized vehicles too close to the fire site.

"It's not only a dangerous practice, but also interferes with the firemen's job," Truett pointed out. "We may have to start issuing citations if the situation gets any worse."

City ordinance prohibits citizen motorists from following closer than 500 feet to any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm. It is also unlawful to drive or park a vehicle within two blocks of a point where a fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm, or within three blocks of a point where a fire is in progress.

It is also unlawful for a motorist to drive across an unprotected fire hose without consent of the Fire Department command.

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Junta Names New Korean Premier

SEOUL, Korea (UPI)—Strongman Gen. Park Chung Hee resigned Monday as acting premier and the ruling military junta immediately named Kim Hyun Chul, a former finance minister under ex-president Syngman Rhee, to replace him.

The American-educated Kim was director of the Economic Planning Board. He was named to that post last month after the resignation of Premier Song Yo Chan and temporary assumption of the premiership by Park.

Park still retains his post as acting president and chairman of the ruling junta.

Peter Edson

No Fanfare—But Important News On Agricultural Front

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—While Sen. John L. McClellan's Government Operations Committee staff and the Department of Agriculture were marshaling their forces for the big-show investigation of Billie Sol Estes shenanigans in cotton allotments, 800 members of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers quietly four days in Washington spent making some constructive reports about the farm problem.

The contrast couldn't be greater. The Estes hearings will run for weeks, get many columns of newspaper space, hours of radio and television time and will be on every tongue.

The agricultural engineers, who have 8,000 members in 70 countries, had their year's research and findings to discuss. They may have benefits for hundreds of millions of people for years to come. Yet they got no publicity at all.

Over 150 papers were presented. Many were too technical for most of us, and there isn't space here to review the others adequately. But highlights will give consumers an idea of some of the important things being done.

"More than three-fourths of the

Bruce Biossat

Perspective For India

American relations with India always have had their ups and downs. In times of difficulty they are occasionally handicapped further by the peculiar view of some Indian officials that the misunderstandings are due wholly to United States shortcomings.

Prime Minister Nehru is accusing this country of anti-Indian sentiments simply because we believe that issues like the future of Goa and Kashmir are a proper subject for negotiations within the United Nations framework.

India's defense minister, Krishna Menon, in a long television interview presented in the United States suggested that most of our public comment on Indian matters is heavily invested with ignorance. Menon, of course, has never distinguished himself by the warmth of his attitudes toward America. From Nehru we perhaps have a right to expect more. But in these recent instances neither man appeared to advantage.

It is significant, and of immense value to this country, that at this troublesome juncture a temperate statement of our position toward India should come from a man eminently qualified to speak with authority—Republican Sen. John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky.

Cooper was ambassador to India in 1955-56. He is a proven friend of that nation, having consistently espoused its economic and other objectives as it struggles to lift itself to higher living levels.

In a Senate statement given all too little attention, the senator carefully points out that our call for the use of the channels of negotiation has been consistent—even when it has meant, as it did in the Suez crisis of 1956, standing out against our traditional allies, Britain and France.

Cooper also soberly chides Nehru and his government for evidently accepting news speculation that we might cut aid to India if it should buy jet planes from the Soviet Union. The senator speaks with care as he suggests such an American course is most unlikely.

But he goes on to explain that we may have some legitimate cause for concern. We have long respected India's avowed policy of non-alignment as between the great East-West powers. We naturally want nothing to happen which might tend to draw India away from that posture.

In turn, says Cooper, Indian leaders should understand from a long record of American acts and assertions that our support of Indian independence and Indian development effort is a deep conviction.

In this latest case, it is not our ignorance of Indian affairs but India's ill-informed judgment of us which has been demonstrated. Cooper, a friend whom India cannot doubt, has with quiet effectiveness pointed this up. We must hope the Indians respect the spirit in which he has spoken.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, July 11, the 192nd day of 1962 with 173 to follow.

The moon is in its first quarter.

The morning stars are Jupiter, Mars and Saturn.

On this day in history:
In 1804, Vice President Aaron Burr challenged Alexander Hamilton to a duel.

In 1884, the Democratic convention in Chicago nominated Gov. Grover Cleveland for the presidency.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler signed a treaty with Austria, and promised to recognize the Austrian frontier.

In 1952, General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower won the Republican nomination for President.

No Simple Cure Likely

Specialist Says 105 Types Of Cancer Discovered That Affect Human Beings

NEW YORK (UPI)—After much scientific fretting and thinking, Dr. George E. Moore, the famous cancer scientist and surgeon, has come to the conclusion that 105 varieties of cancer afflict the human race.

Rarely do you find an acknowledged cancer expert willing to name an exact number although they all know there are many. Previous expert numberings of varieties have ranged from 70 to 500.

Moore decided the numbering of varieties was important. It is

a way of emphasizing both to physicians and to the lay public that cancers have intensive individualities.

"It should be emphasized repeatedly that no single cause is responsible for the disease and no magic curative drug is likely to be found," he said. On the other hand, classifying cancers by variety is scientifically useful.

Positive Approach

It is an approach which centers on "the possibility of curing many individual cancers in various in-

dividual ways, rather than on the general incurability of cancer in general."

This stimulates scientific work and, he continued, it "should also help to decrease the fear which the word cancer commonly engenders."

Moore is director of the Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. Editorializing in the technical organ of the American College of Surgeons, he said the figure of 105 "is no magic one, since the exact value depends upon your own personal philosophy."

In the future, some tumor categories will probably be eliminated by combining them with others, whereas new ones will be added when etiologic (causative) factors have been found, new clinical syndromes have been described, and specific responses to definitive therapy have been attained.

More Than One

You can be scientifically emphatic in stating that cancer is not a single disease, he said. Some kinds of tumors are entirely benign and some of those which are malignant "are rarely fatal." But opposed to the latter are the few kinds which are just about never cured.

"The unpleasant fact," he said, "is that no one really knows how many kinds of cancers there are."

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