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HIGHWAY FACTS COMMITTEE

By Charles V. Stanton

Huron Clough of Canyonville and Roseburg, former Oregon State Highway commissioner, later a commissioner of the Douglas County Court, is one of six former highway commissioners urging what I call some common sense on the part of the Oregon Legislature.

The last Legislature seems to have decided it knew more about building highways than did the State Highway Commission.

So, not satisfied with the way the commission was running things, the Legislature yielded to the supplications of the Housewives of Highway 42, and the citizens along Highway 197 and ordered bonds amounting to \$4 million each for those two roads. But, not content with that disturbance of orderly management of highway revenues, the same legislature voted \$24 million in bonds for a bridge across the Columbia River, at Astoria. The highway commission already had appropriated a large sum of money for some highway changes, desired by a good many Astorians, but violently protested by my good friend Art Steele, publisher of the Clatskanie Chief, and others of Highway 30. They contended the need for an improved highway between Portland and Astoria was of far greater importance than "a road to the Astoria Country Club," as I recall the project was described.

Cooperation Endangered

It is not my purpose to enter into any argument concerning the merits or needs connected with the improved highway at Astoria nor the bridge across the Columbia River. If, however, the Legislature permits itself to yield to pressures for road projects foreign to commission's orderly pattern, it should, in my opinion, make provision for repayment of bonds required for such projects, outside the normal revenues open to the commission.

Because of the Legislature's acts, it is feared the State of Oregon will not be able to match all available federal funds by 1965. The necessity of meeting bond principal and interest will reduce the revenue available to the commission to the point where the state will be unable to match a considerable chunk of federal aid money. The department's present estimate is that it will be forced to curtail construction by \$4 million in 1965.

Raiding highway funds must not be repeated, the six former commissioners insist. They have organized the Oregon Highway Facts Committee. The men making up this group, in addition to Clough, are Milo K. McIver, who recently retired from the commission, Henry F. Cabell, Ben R. Chandler, Charles H. Reynolds, and Herman Oliver. Each has served on the commission. They are circulating some very pointed and interesting statistics showing the effects of the "raid" conducted by the 1961 Legislature.

The "Fact Sheets" show that income between now and 1965 will increase but that expenses, including bond service, will increase faster; so less money will be available for matching federal funds. The 1965 estimate is that 20 per cent of the income will be needed to match federal aid, but fixed expenses will leave only 12.3 per cent for that purpose.

Should Provide Funds

Bond payments in the period from 1960 to 1965 will jump from \$6,530,000 per year to \$9,922,000. Simultaneously the money remaining for matching funds will drop from \$11,523,000 to \$8,950,000. That means the state must postpone some of its planned road work.

We can already hear, it would seem, some of the squalling that will result and the demands on the Legislature to do something about it.

It seems to me the Legislature should have learned its lesson.

The Legislature, of course, must have the right to specify extra road work. But the Legislature should, if it is to take highway matters into its own hands, arrange some method of financing and not disrupt the highway commission's long range planning.

If the newly created Oregon Highway Facts Committee, made up of men who know the score through actual experience, can get this message across to the people of Oregon and to the Legislature, in particular, it will, I believe, be doing a great service.

DEAR ABBY

Abigail Van Buren

Use A Friendly Approach!

DEAR ABBY: We live in a middle class neighborhood. We all own our homes and work for a living. We awaken about 6:30 or 7:00 A.M. except for one neighbor who lives next door to me. He is up watering his flowers or washing his car at 5:30! He mows into our property (right under my bedroom window) and sings or talks to his wife, who is in the house. My husband works nights and doesn't get home until about 2:00 A.M. (which they know). What is the polite way to approach this problem? Or should we call in the law?

DISTURBED
DEAR DISTURBED: The "polite" approach is to call on them and tell them they are disturbing you. If they are considerate, peace-loving neighbors like yourselves, they'll accommodate you and start their day an hour later. If you want to "call in the law," you'll have to prove that 5:30 A.M. is an unreasonable hour to be up and at 'em. And that won't be easy.

DEAR ABBY: I'm surprised you didn't advise the girl who wanted so desperately to lose weight to join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). They have done wonders for me. Their pledge is: "I am an intelligent person. I will control my emotions, not let my emotions control me. Every time I am tempted to use food to satisfy my frustrated desires, build up my injured ego or dull my senses, I will remember, even though I overeat in private, my excess poundage is there for all the world to see what a fool I've been."

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DEAR ABBY: My mother is a 50-year-old widow. Dad left her comfortable but not wealthy. This past year she took a job to keep occupied. The past three months a married man ("family friend") has been coming by every morning to drive her to work. (His place of work is in the opposite direction.) He also brings her home every evening. His name has come into her conversation frequently of late. Mother is a good woman but quite glib. I want her to keep her name clean. How can I tell her that even though there is probably nothing wrong, it looks bad?

MARRIED DAUGHTER
DEAR DAUGHTER: A mother-daughter talk is in order. This time the daughter should recite the facts of life. Tell your mother that although the "family friend" may only furnish transportation, he could be taking her reputation for a ride.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? For a personal reply, write to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

For Abby's booklet, "How To Have A Lovely Wedding," send \$6 to Abby, Box 3365, Beverly Hills, Calif.

News Analysis:

Finns Know They Can't Tweak Russian Bear's Tail Too Hard

By PHIL NEWSOM

UPI Foreign News Analyst
HELSINKI — There is a sly, popular joke which Finns sometimes tell in the privacy of their homes.

What do you think of that great Russian inventor, Professor Repugastoff? The American visitor is asked.

When the visitor expresses his puzzlement, the laughing Finn translates it for him. The translation is:

Reg. U.S. Pat. Off.

Thereby he expresses his own opinion of Russian claims to have invented everything from the bicycle to wireless.

By law and in recognition of the facts of life, the Finn is determinedly neutral. But emotionally he is pro-Western, sometimes violently so.

Limit on Choice

It is also remarked in Finland that one can select one's friends, but he cannot select his neighbors.

In this far northeastern portion of Europe, the Finns often feel terribly alone. Two recent wars against Russia have proven to them the futility of expecting anything but sympathy from their friends. Sympathy is a poor return for blood.

In the winter war against Russia, which lasted for three and half months just after the start of World War II, they lost Karelia and were faced with the task of resettling 400,000 persons.

In the war which began in 1941 and lasted until 1944, they lost the all-weather Arctic port of Petsamo and 4.5 million Finns paid reparations of \$370 million.

The Finns know they cannot tweak the tail of the Russian bear too hard.

Last Nation Free

They also know that of all the free nations which emerged after World War I, they alone remain free.

But it has dimmed neither their humor nor their determination to retain their independence.

In the last national elections,

some 450,000 Finns voted Communist. Many of these the Finns regard simply as protest votes. Guesses as to the number of hard-core Communists in the country run to about 35,000 to 40,000.

This correspondent asked one Finn what this hard core would do in the case of another war with Russia.

It wouldn't much matter, he shrugged. They'd all be dead in the first five minutes.

The Lighter Side

Tongue-Tripping's A Good Rule For All Public Declarations

By DICK WEST
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Shakespeare once wrote that actors should speak their lines "trippingly on the tongue."

This is a good rule, not only for the stage but for all types of public declaiming. It is, for instance, closely observed by members of Congress.

Seldom a day goes by that one of them doesn't trip over his tongue.

There have been some truly classic examples of congressional tongue-trips. One of the best to come forth recently was produced by Rep. Elford A. Cederberg, R-Mich.

Speaking on the floor of the House, Cederberg made reference to a young lawyer, who, he said, was "still green behind the ears."

Even so, Cederberg was hard pressed to top the tongue-tripper of Rep. Alfred E. Santangelo, D-N.Y., who became indignant the other day over a proposal to organize a national lottery.

Santangelo declared that such a thing was "morally repugnant to millions of people, not in the United States, but also in the 24th Congressional District." Chicago, too, probably.

Dent Ranks High

Among connoisseurs of tongue-trippers, Rep. John Dent, D-Pa., ranks high. I particularly admired the way he once pictured a group

of people who were confronted by some dilemma.

They were, said Dent, "torn between two fires."

It is generally agreed, however, that the all-time champion congressional tongue-tripper was the late Sen. Kenneth Wherry, R-Neb. There are many cherished "Wherryisms," including his reference to "indigo China."

Wherry once addressed Sen. Spessard Holland of Florida as "the distinguished senator from Holland." He and former Sen. Tom Connally, D-Tex., habitually referred to Chiang Kai-shek as "Shanghai Chek."

Among present members of the Senate, Sen. Homer E. Capehart, R-Ind., is regarded as an ace tongue-tripper. Nearly matching Wherry, Capehart once addressed a colleague as "the senior senator from junior."

Advance Hindsight

On another occasion, Capehart got so carried away by senatorial courtesy that he referred to himself as "the distinguished senator from Indiana."

My own favorite tongue-trip is the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's famous "most unheard of thing I ever heard of."

This sort of thing is not, of course, confined to lawmakers. Tongue-trips also can occur among congressional witnesses, as evidenced this week by Donald A. Russell, an Agriculture Department official.

Testifying at the Billie Sol Estes inquiry, Russell neatly summed up the department's position by observing that "unfortunately, we are not equipped with hindsight in advance."

That's what I call hitting the nail on the head in a nutshell.

Others Visit

Also visiting at the Densmore home recently have been Mr. and Mrs. James Mull and two sons who were returning to their San Francisco home following a trip to the Seattle fair, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Koch and family of Del Mar, Calif., who stopped overnight on their way to Seattle. Both families were acquainted with the Densmores in San Francisco before they moved to Tiller to make their home on the former Corbett place.

Mrs. Stuart Williams drove to Eugene on business recently. En route, she stopped at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edward McElmurry of Tri-City, to return her small granddaughter, Kim, who had spent four days visiting her grandparents.

Robert Skauget of Bend and Jerry Skauget of Milton-Freewater spent a day at Tiller recently looking after property interests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Squyres, accompanied by the latter's cousin, Rick Pomeroy and his friend, Dan Nadler of Salem, hiked to Fish Lake over a recent weekend. Rick, who just finished high school in Salem, is employed for the summer by the South Umpqua Ranger District.

Grandparents Visited

John Gervais of Grants Pass spent two nights last week at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Erlebach. He accompanied his grandmother to Roseburg one day for a brief visit at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Olson and four children have moved from Canyonville to the Skauget house, the former Howell property, upriver from Tiller. The family has lived at Canyonville since moving here from North Dakota last year when Olson joined the Cow Creek Ranger District as district engineer.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Myers, who have been living in the Skauget place, have moved to the Lawrence Michaels place, the former Staats ranch, between Tiller and Milo, which was vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer (Bud) Fisher and family, who have returned to the Klamath valley area to make their home.

Late Findings Indicate Big Gain For Steelhead

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Jerry Bauer and his associates at the Southern Oregon regional office of the Oregon Game Commission in Roseburg are quite excited over the possibility of a "breakthrough" in rehabilitating summer steelhead populations in the North Umpqua River. Latest findings indicate a large gain in the summer-run species, a migration that has been declining seriously for a good many seasons. Observers have been worried by the failure of the steelhead run to increase. Now, they say, they may have found the answer.

The North Umpqua River once was one of this country's foremost game fishing streams. Sports fishermen came from all over the United States to fish the North Umpqua. The noted author-sportsman Zane Grey made an annual camp on the Umpqua. He wrote freely of the glories of the Rogue River as a fishing stream, but he did his own fishing on the Umpqua.

"I ruined the Rogue by telling about it," he used to say. "I'll never write a word about the Umpqua."

And he didn't! But the run of summer steelhead began making a startling decline a few years ago. The migration went downhill very rapidly. Biologists were at a loss for an explanation. They were greatly worried.

Then, only a few years ago, an exhaustive study of this species of fish was started. Previously little was known about the steelhead and its habits. But the Game Commission began marking fish, studying their habits and movements. The steelhead in the last few years has resembled a goldfish, insofar as observation is concerned.

Much of the decline, according to some persons, is believed to have resulted from a drop in the volume of food in the river. Scientists do not fully agree with this theory.

The Fish Commission maintained racks at Rock Creek for a number of years, stopping the upriver migration of salmon. Previously salmon had spawned and died in the upper sections of the river. The disintegrating carcasses provided food for aquatic life which, in turn, fed trout and steelhead. Then, too, trash fish stopped the outflow of food from Diamond Lake near the head of the river. Consequently the river was unable to support as many fish as in earlier years.

The food level now, however, appears to be on an upward trend. Natural propagation seems to be gaining, judging from creel counts. But there's another interesting factor—one which has the Game Commission observers elated.

Every prospect, according to Jerry Bauer, biologist in charge of the Umpqua study, is that this season's summer steelhead migration will be the largest in recent years. Actual count has been lost. There was great disappointment earlier because of the apparently small migration of salmon and steelhead. Then it was discovered that there was a hidden leak in the dam at Winchester and fish were going through the hole instead of over the counting board. The hole was repaired and the count picked up. But it still wasn't up to snuff. A few days ago another hole was discovered. It, too, was patched. Now the migration is booming.

A calculated estimate, says Bauer, is expected to be well over 40 fish, far ahead of the count on any late year.

Still a more interesting factor, however, is the discovery that eggs from the Umpqua may be hatched elsewhere, the fingerlings released in the Umpqua and the fish then will return to the stream.

Of the fish examined at the Winchester counting station, Bauer reports, 54 per cent were hatched at Bandon. The eggs were taken at Rock Creek, fertilized, then hatched at Bandon. But the fish were returned to the Umpqua and released.

The discovery that this system offers such good results may be the "breakthrough" needed to rehabilitate declining fish migrations.

It has always been assumed that fish must be spawned, hatched and nursed in their native streams if they are to return. Present indications are, however, that fish may be hatched and reared elsewhere. Then, as they develop the instinct to go out to sea, an instinct evidenced by changes in form and coloration, they may be released into another water yet will return as adults to the streams in which they are released. It is thus indicated that summer steelheads may be produced in abundance by several hatcheries, then planted into streams where runs have declined. Such a discovery, if proven, has tremendous possibilities, biologists say.

Sad news from Algeria: Disident Vice Premier Ben Bella (who seems at the moment to be on top in the struggle for power) said Wednesday he already has received approval from the rebel Algerian parliament for a plan to create a SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY to control the newly independent nation.

Por Algeria!

A SINGLE political party! Mussolini had a single political party. Its members were known as Fascists.

Hitler had a single political party. Its members were known as Nazis.

Khrushchev has a single political party. Its members are known as Communists.

Let's cite a little history.

Mussolini and his Fascists led Italy into a war that Italy had no business getting into. It's too long a story to be told in detail here. Suffice it to say that the whole one-party adventure was a tragedy for Italy.

What of Mussolini?

Well, in the end, he and his mistress Clara Petacci were shot to death by enraged Italians who had been duped, and their bodies were hung by the heels in front of a garage to be scorned and spit upon.

Hitler led his Nazis into a war that ultimately involved the whole world and left Germany in rubble and ashes. The world is still suffering as a result of what Hitler did.

What of Hitler himself?

He and his mistress Eva Braun, whom he had married the day before, came to their end in a bunker deep down under the German Reich chancellery. Both are believed to have committed suicide. After destroying Germany and crippling much of the rest of the world, they came to their end as ignominiously as did Mussolini.

What of Khrushchev?

That remains to be seen.

But history tells us it is a rough road that Algeria will travel if she goes in for one-party government.

In conclusion: In our own country, the Republican party may never get back into power.

But—Let's hope the GOP remains at least a POWERFUL MINORITY—powerful enough to keep TOO MUCH POWER out of the hands of the majority, thus preventing our nation from becoming a nation governed by ONE PARTY.

One-party government is dangerous.

The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Thursday, July 26, the 207th day of 1962 with 158 to follow.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter and Saturn.

The evening stars are Venus and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1898, Spain sued for peace in the Spanish-American war.

In 1941, Gen. Douglas MacArthur was appointed commander of U.S. forces in the Philippines, including the Philippine army.

In 1945, the heads of government of the United States, Britain and Russia call on Japan to surrender unconditionally or face "prompt and utter destruction."

In 1952, King Farouk of Egypt boarded his royal yacht in Alexandria and sailed into exile following a revolution.

A thought for the day: James Monroe, fifth President of the United States, said: "National honor is national property of the highest value."

THANKS KHRUSHCHEV

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Kennedy has thanked Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev for attending Benny Goodman's jazz concert in Moscow last month.

The White House said Tuesday after Goodman visited Kennedy that the President also told Khrushchev in a message he looked forward to seeing the famous Russian Bolshoi Ballet here this fall.

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