

Countdown for Orford Start As Weather Improves

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OLD FASHIONED PLANNING

By Charles V. Stanton

The city of Winston is deserving of either praise or censure. It is all in the way you look at it. Winston is preparing to build a new and very attractive City Hall. Oddly, Winston proposes to pay cash for this fine bit of public construction.

It is my personal opinion that the City of Winston, its officials and civic leaders, are to be very highly commended for this pay-as-you-go policy.

The city has been creating a sinking fund from annual cash carryovers. The money has been set aside for the new City Hall, street construction, improved drainage and similar civic improvement.

If there isn't enough money in the pot, it is stated, to pay for the proposed new building at the time bids are received, the city may postpone the project until more money is on hand.

My personal feeling is one of pride in a Douglas County community that is striving to keep itself on a cash basis. At the same time I must admit that I'm old-fashioned in this opinion. Winston isn't following the modern trend. Today's political theory appears to be, "We'll spend ourselves rich."

Grass Roots Thrift

It is especially interesting to me to observe this demonstration of thrift.

One pleasing facet is that Winston represents grass roots opinion. It is a comparatively new municipality. It has a great many problems—problems of growth. The all too general practice of new communities is to "put it on the cuff."

But Winston's "City Fathers" seem to have the old-fashioned idea that you should be able to pay for what you get. As I said earlier, I'm old-fashioned, too, and I approve most heartily.

In my opinion it is a most healthy sign to see a relatively small but rapidly growing community show thrift with public money. If that same sentiment can only be made to travel upward through the various levels of government until it reaches our Congress and the White House, the example from the country's grass roots will put an end to what in my book is irresponsible financial theory and management at the highest level of government.

But, of course, there are those who would disagree with this opinion. Spending public money, they contend, creates an outlet for materials, for manufactured goods, and furnishes employment. This, in turn, results in more tax revenue in coming years. Consequently the thing to do, they say, is go on and spend. Let future generations take care of the cost.

I've never been able to swallow that doctrine. I guess I was born thirty years too soon.

LIFTING BY OWN BOOT STRAPS

There is an old saying to the effect that one can't lift himself by his own bootstraps.

Economically, however, that is exactly what some segments of our woods industry is doing and what may get us out of the doldrums.

One of the big demands in this country today is low-cost housing.

As more and more people enter the so-called Golden Years and retire from productive occupation, they want places to live. The number who can afford high-priced living facilities is comparatively small. Most have very limited financial reserves and income. Some have a fairly good house to sell or trade—a house larger than needed. But they can't afford a new house costing \$15,000 or more. Nor can they produce the down payment required for an FHA home, nor the high cost of interest figured on a discount basis.

A group of plywood manufacturers now are reported to be planning a corporation that will finance low-cost homes. These homes would range in the \$8,000 to \$10,000 class. The down payment would be kept low, and capital payments would be no more than rent.

The homes would be simple in construction, would use a maximum of plywood, would have built-in safety factors needed by aging people.

The plan, it seems to me, is a sort of "bootstrap" operation that holds considerable promise.

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THE LIGHTER SIDE:

Whoever Heard Of Lion-Hearted, Steel-Nerved, Iron-Willed Girl?

By DICK WEST
United Press International

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A man who is lion-hearted, steel-nerved and iron-willed enough to quit smoking finds himself drawn into heroic camaraderie with other lion-hearted, steel-nerved, iron-willed men who have given up tobacco.

We rejoice with each other in our triumphs and encourage one another in our tribulations. But mostly we talk about how lion-hearted, steel-nerved and iron-willed we are.

Those of us who are endowed with these attributes naturally feel superior to our spineless, craven brothers who remain slaves to nicotine. But at the same time we pity them.

We would like to help them, if only they would listen to us. They, however, look the other way when they see us coming, or leave the room, or make little transparent excuses to avoid our company.

Given 47 Lectures

In the six weeks that I have been courageously abstaining from cigars, cigarettes and pipes, I estimate that I have given 47 unsolicited lectures on this subject to my friends and colleagues.

The only friend and/or colleague with whom I now have any sort of rapport is one who began courageously abstaining about the same time that I did. The others just don't seem to care.

The strangest upshot of the entire experience, however, has

been a letter I received from a reader who claimed to have been fed the weed for something over seven weeks.

It was, of all things, written by a girl.

I had to laugh it was so ridiculous. Whoever heard of a lion-hearted, steel-nerved, iron-willed girl?

This girl was telling me how quitting smoking had played hob with her social life. She now only makes dates to go to the movies, which sort of limits her appeal.

Didn't Miss It

The reason is that smoking is forbidden in the theater. She couldn't smoke there before she quit smoking; therefore, it's the only place she doesn't miss it now that she has.

This girl also passed along a tip she said I might have overlooked.

"I have found it helps if I leave off certain foods and beverages that had previously induced a desire to smoke," she wrote.

"I have stopped drinking coffee, tea, milk, water, cokes and cocktails. I have stopped eating meat, bread, vegetables, poultry, fish, eggs, salad and desserts. I'm living on lemonade and yogurt."

This girl certainly sounds like an authentic ex-smoker, all right, but I simply can't believe a member of the weaker sex could endure the travails I have conquered these past six weeks.

I'll bet anything she still sneaks a few puffs on the sly.

Peter Edson

And How's YOUR Economic Crystal Ball These Days?

WASHINGTON (NEA)—In all the talk about businessmen's lack of confidence in the Kennedy administration, one of the principal criticisms has been that the President is getting the wrong advice from the wrong kind of people.

At first there was confidence in Treasury Secretary Douglas Dillon, a Republican right out of Wall Street. Lately there has been some uneasiness that he is being too flexible in supporting Kennedy programs.

When Dillon took over at Treasury he found that he had no economic staff. Former Secretary George M. Humphrey had abolished it. He didn't believe in economists. "They can't tell you where you're going," he used to say. "All they can do is tell you where you've been." And, "If anybody knew all the answers, he'd soon have all the money."

Anyway, Dillon took his problem

of having no economists at Treasury to President Kennedy.

He suggested that Seymour Harris of Harvard, his old professor and adviser, be called in. This was done. Harris assembled a group of academic economic consultants—now 37.

Usually they work in small panels on specific problems. The full group has been called in only twice.

Last November the economists were all optimistic. The business outlook was rosy. The consensus was that the gross national product would top \$570 billion this year. All indicators pointed to a big boom and high growth rate.

When about 30 members of the group met at Treasury June 27, they heard seven papers on the state of the economy and one on the international outlook. All were gloomy.

No specific recommendations were made on what ought to be done about it. No votes were taken. Policy making was left to the politicians and administrators. But the consensus of the meeting was that there should be a tax cut. Cuts of from \$6 billion to \$10 billion were mentioned.

One Treasury skeptic at the meeting is reported to have whispered to the man in the next chair, "If these economists were so wrong last November, why should we think they are so right now?"

The question was put to the panel out loud. The answer that came back was, in summary:

"Well, we didn't anticipate the stock market slump."

This highly revealing report recalls a column which the late, great Fred Othman wrote toward the end of the 1957 recession. He had sat all day in the old Supreme Court chamber in the Capitol, listening to an expert after another tell the Congressional Economic Committee that the business outlook was terrible and that Congress ought to do something about it.

Fred came back to the office and wrote a piece which began, "The recession is all over." His logic was that any time you get economists to agree on something unanimously, they're all wrong. As it soon developed, Fred was right.

Anyone interested in checking out this Othman theory of economics might file this piece away for six months or a year and see how things turn out.

Fighter's Missile Scores A Bullseye

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A missile launched from a fighter plane has knocked down a winged guided missile in a head-on interception, the Navy announced Tuesday.

The Sparrow III, a missile which scored the unprecedented kill, was fired from a Navy Phantom jet fighter against a Regulus II guided missile while both were flying faster than the speed of sound.

The Navy said the interception was made high over the Pacific Ocean in the test range area off Point Mugu, Calif.

It declined to state security grounds the test was conducted. The Regulus was destroyed, the Navy said.

The Sparrow is an air defense weapon designed for interception of enemy aircraft.

PALMER ENTERED TOWN

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI)—Arnold Palmer of Latrobe, Pa., golf's leading money winner of 1961 and apparently heading for a repeat this year, Tuesday became the first entry in the \$110,000 Cleveland Open golf tournament set to begin in August, 1963.

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National Leaders Talking Again About Politically-United Europe

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United Press International

PARIS (UPI)—Western Europe's leaders are talking again about the dream of a politically-United Europe.

A three-month logjam in political unity negotiations appears to have been cracked.

Prospects look good now for a Western European "little summit" meeting in Rome in September at which plans for a politically united Europe will be launched again—this time with real chances of success.

The six European Common Market countries—France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands and Luxembourg—have been trying since last summer to agree on a blueprint for a politically united Western Europe.

Amazing Progress

They have achieved an amazing degree of success in the field of economic unity. Their aim is to try to match this with a political union which ultimately would point the way to a United States of Europe sometime in the future.

But they have run into some major snags along the way.

Chief of these is that some of the Common Market countries are shooting for a genuine political union, including a European government and elected parliament and other "supranational" features.

Strongest supporters of such a plan are Belgium and the Netherlands.

But French President Charles de Gaulle, who is against any surrender of French national sovereignty, has vetoed this blueprint. He wants nothing stronger than a loose federation of independent, sovereign states, whose leaders would meet periodically to discuss political policy, defense and cultural relations.

Adenauer Chances

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, originally one of the "supra-nationalists," now has moved closer towards the line of thinking of De Gaulle, whom he greatly admires.

The whole problem has been enormously complicated by Great Britain's request for admission to the Common Market.

At a conference in Paris last April, Belgium and the Netherlands refused flatly to go ahead with the political unity talks until it is known whether Britain will be a Common Market member or not.

But during Adenauer's recent state visit to Paris he and De Gaulle agreed that political unity negotiations should be lifted off dead-center as soon as possible.

The next stage now is expected to be the meeting in Rome at which De Gaulle, Adenauer and other government heads of "the six" will try to get the whole political unity idea off to a new, more auspicious start.

Reader Opinions

City Seeks Property For Umpqua River Park

To The Editor:

I appreciate your concern about obtaining and developing recreational sites while they are still available.

In your Aug. 1 editorial you stated that there was probably no chance of obtaining the river frontage between Gaddis Park and Stewart Park.

I have recently sent letters and copies of a resolution to our three congressional representatives requesting legislation to convey that strip to the City, along with most of the remaining V.A. property between Harvard Avenue and the river. These 2 parcels total about 47 acres. The present and former City Managers and I have been working on this about a year. Our city engineers have surveyed and provided legal descriptions on the two parcels. Boundaries, water and drainage easements, use of present buildings and greenhouse etc. have been worked out with Dr. Merker, manager of the Veterans Hospital, who has been very cooperative. He has persuaded the V.A. that these lands are not needed for their purpose and they actually constitute a burden in their operations. I don't feel ashamed to ask for the properties free gratis because Roseburg originally bought and gave them to "Uncle." If we can squeeze in our request to Congress between filibusters, we stand an excellent chance of approval. I hope many of the project to our congressmen so that these three will not think the mayor is the only one wanting it.

As a result of a right-of-way purchase, the city now owns a nice small piece of river frontage at the corner of Douglas and Spruce Streets. I have been criticized for not selling this land. However, I hope the city retains it as a possible link in the system you mention to eventually connect to Stewart Park. The city "owns" Gaddis Park with the provision that we must expend specified sums of money to develop it. We are now hard pressed to spare money for this because of the heavy demand for improving existing facilities in other parks.

I'm sorry that after the blast the local lumbermen threw cold water on the ideas to develop the river front you spoke of in the blast area. Many local people and the western lumber and plywood associations were hot on the idea. In fact, these associations probably would have footed most of the development costs, according to some of the managers who attended meetings in Roseburg. But we didn't strike while the iron was hot. That sentence has been true too often in Roseburg. We must remember that the more park lands we have, the more maintenance and development expense we will have. Our taxes are very reasonable compared with other cities. We want to keep it that way. But if we ever wake up and consolidate our community population as we should our census would show 25 or 30 thousand people instead of 12,000. Then we could attract outside capital and interests and begin a more steady and orderly growth. If that happens, we'll need far more parks than we have now.

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Editorial Comment

FEAR FOR FIRS DISPELLED
Albany Democrat-Herald

Not much has been said about it publicly, for its implications were too horrifying to be bared until more was known about it, but foresters have been downright fearful that a root fungus might get out of hand and destroy or seriously damage Oregon's Douglas Fir forests.

Such a root-rotting fungus has been laying Port Orford cedar trees low for several years, spreading gradually throughout the state. The Oregon Extension Service is no longer pushing the graceful and popular Port Orford as an ornamental tree and the Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. has been forced by the disease to abandon its Port Orford tree farm in Coos County.

While destruction of the Port Orford was bad enough, it was insignificant compared with a possible similar fate for Douglas Firs, for the Port Orford Cedar has no longer much commercial value. Its principal commercial use was in the manufacture of battery separators, but development of plastic separators has practically eliminated this species from the commercial field.

But now fears for the Douglas fir have been greatly allayed by a report of research scientists at Oregon State University.

It was not feared that the Port Orford scourge would spread to the firs, because it had been observed that the type of fungus known as Phytophthora, which is killing Port Orford cedars, does not attack Douglas firs, or even other types of cedar or cypress.

The fear for firs arose when in 1951 a fungus known as Phytophthora was discovered at Salem. This destructive type of fungus was found to be hosted by Douglas firs as well as some ornamental shrubs.

The discovery prompted intensive research into the characteristic of the newly discovered tree-killer and the results of this research have been reassuring. The OSU scientists analyzed about 1,800 samples of forest soils of western and southern Oregon without finding a trace of the blight. The savants have come to the conclusion that this fungus does not thrive in Oregon forest soils and therefore cannot spread so widely or so rapidly as its devastating cousin has done.

The investigators have concluded also that Oregon climatic conditions are not conducive to spread of the disease. This fungus, it seems, thrives only in warm, wet soils, whereas in Oregon when soils are wet they are not warm and when they are warm they are not wet, so the fungus cannot survive long enough to travel far.

Experiments have disclosed, however, that the disease can be come established in root systems of isolated trees, and can spread from the roots of an infected tree to the intertwining roots of an adjacent tree.

This leaves open the possibility that if the disease were to get started in a dense forest it might eventually cause severe damage, but thus far this has not happened. Steps necessary to insure against its happening are now under study.

While the immediacy of the menace has been resolved, precautions are still advised, but the scientists have at least made it possible for the forest industries to breathe more easily.—wce.

IDLENESS MUST END
Portland Oregonian

Dominating the skyline of downtown Portland stand the tall skeletons of two unfinished buildings, empty and silent. The workmen who should be speeding them toward completion are gone, idled by another in a seemingly endless succession of strikes, as first one and then another in the long list of construction trades unions takes its turn to walk off the job and force everybody else to quit work, too.

What this continuing cycle of shutdowns is doing to the entire community, as well as to the unfortunate wage-earners caught in a situation over which they have no immediately effective control, is disheartening. The new Standard Plaza, under "construction" for 13 months, has been comatose more than one fourth of this time, when the durations of the several strikes hitting it are totaled. The new Hilton Hotel, under construction for a longer period, accordingly has suffered more delays. In four of the last five summers, in the best working weather, the construction industry in Portland has been shut down.

Calculating the lost payrolls tells only part of the sad story. What of the hurt to the community's reputation? What of the industries which might be considering Portland for new branch plants or new base of operations? How many new payrolls have been lost because this area is getting a reputation as a hotbed of labor strife, a place where you can't get a job done once you start it?

What is happening to Portland is bad, for labor, for management, for everybody. And there is only one way to remedy the situation.

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