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No First Class Roads

From an unofficial source we learn that no first class roads are planned for this area in 1954 by the Lane county commissioners. First class roads are usually defined as those having a proper base and four coats of oil or asphalt.

We were fortunate enough to get a few miles of good roads built in 1953, but one important road around the Dorena lake was never properly finished except to the Y. Most of us recall that the road built around Dorena lake when the dam was being completed was never properly constructed and was accepted by the court, despite the fact that it was paid for by the federal government.

The present court had nothing to do with the road or its acceptance, nevertheless a good many people have felt that there was an obligation on the part of the county to make this road at least a good second class road.

There can be no quarrel with the present method, which we understand the county uses in selecting the most important roads and constructing a system of roadways based on this method, but at the same time each community contributing taxes for roads is entitled to consideration on the basis of taxes paid. There is a chance that this important factor might be overlooked if the selection of the roads to receive improvement is left up to the judgment of one individual, such as we understand is the case in this instance.

Past county administrations have promised to oil and improve the Delight Valley road, but apparently this promise has fallen by the wayside as has the promise to improve the Lorane highway. The county road department according to present plans will build a first class road for a distance of five miles from Lorane in the direction of Eugene, but this won't aid us any or make it any easier for people from Lorane to get into Cottage Grove.

Aside from the facts cited above the present road plan is to be commended if succeeding officials see fit to carry it out. Former administrations have wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars of the taxpayers' money in trying to build narrow concrete roads, which in time will prove practically useless, if they have not already been proven so.

Most Disheartening Development

The most disheartening domestic development of recent times has been the growing dependence of millions of people on government, mainly the federal government, to provide services and benefits, if a free system is to be preserved, must remain the responsibility of the individual and the family group. There has been a blind seeking for a kind of cradle-to-the-grave security whose end, in the sweep of history, has always been the sapping of moral fibre and spiritual values and ultimate slavery. The most obvious manifestations of super-government are crushing taxes and mounting national debts, and the inevitable undermining of economic and political freedoms.

Another phase of the debit side is found in the long strides that have been made in either socializing outright American enterprises, or in subjecting them to so much government dictation and control that socialization comes ever nearer. And socialism, historically, is but the forerunner of communism or some similar system of government by oppression and terror.

It is true that our present government is pledged to reverse this deadly process. It is true that some heartening steps in that direction have been made. It is equally true that the forces that would destroy our free system and replace it with a very different kind of system are still awaiting their chance.

As a matter of self preservation we must put the welfare of the nation first in considering important national issues, because our jobs, our businesses, our farms, and our liberties depend upon the perpetuation of a strong nation of self-governing people.

Applying the Moral Brakes

There are a lot of folks who argue that we have to live with a number of evils, otherwise if they are suppressed they will return in a sort of clandestine form. Robert Thornton, the present attorney general of Oregon has been making a vigorous fight on the red light districts over the state and says the situation is bad on the west coast. Yet even now there are those who will argue a red light district is necessary to protect the womanhood, but on the basis of a study made by Mr. Thornton this argument is refuted. He says those who patronize the red light district do not ordinarily attack women, but such attacks are made by the rapist regardless of the existence of such a district. What the study of Mr. Thornton concludes is that the existence of a red light district is a nuisance rather than to be tolerated and should be stamped out by the law enforcing officers.

The same could be said of many things we tolerate including dirty movies, although the supreme court says no one has a right to censor a movie, regardless of how immoral. There are movie producers, who are only interested in the money the film makes, notwithstanding how immoral the film may be or how it may affect the moral life of the young people.

By the same argument we could say, "don't interfere with the personal liberties of the dope peddler, let him sell his wares." It all depends on how liberally we would interpret the morals we live by and how we apply them in the teaching of the youth.

Challenge for Today

The other morning, as we sat down and consumed our usual breakfast, we took notice of what was on the table. We were surprised. There was cereal. One of those "quick to prepare" varieties that is made by adding so much water to a certain amount of pre-prepared cereal grains. Next to the cereal bowl stood the glass of orange juice. Easily prepared by adding so much water to an amount of pre-prepared concentrated orange juice. As our cereal cooled, we poured some boiling water over some instant coffee. We waited a few moments before stirring the concentrated cream in the coffee since the directions say to "let the cream sink below the surface of the coffee." Then we ate the cereal, drank the juice, consumed the coffee, burning some stomach tissue in the process, and hurried off to work. We have reached one conclusion about breakfast. Chickens held their own when powdered eggs were introduced. It's encouraging. Maybe we'll have scrambled eggs for breakfast tomorrow. It would present a real cooking challenge. (L.O.)



MAN OF THE YEAR IN COTTAGE GROVE. Mayor Joe Crepeau received Chamber of Commerce "First Citizen" plaque from Oregon's Governor Paul Patterson at Chamber banquet held January 18. Left to right: Mrs. Taylor Young; Taylor Young, incoming Chamber president; Mayor Crepeau, Governor Patterson; Dwight Near, outgoing Chamber president (partially hidden); and Mrs. Near.

Honorable Joe Crepeau
Mayor of Cottage Grove
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Dear Mayor Crepeau:

It was a privilege for me to attend the dinner in Cottage Grove at which you were named First Citizen of your community and to have the opportunity of meeting you.

As Governor of the State, I am very keenly aware that my work would be much heavier, if not overwhelming, were it not for the fact that so many people are giving of their time and themselves to carry out their civic duty and governmental tasks in their communities. No finer tribute could be paid to a citizen than that his friends and neighbors select him as their First Citizen for the work he has done in their community.

I wish to add my congratulations to you for this honor and to thank you for the assistance you are giving in making our way of government a success.

January 20, 1954

Sincerely yours,
PAUL L. PATTERSON
Governor

"Flying High"

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by a lovable old rascal—Jeb T. Purdy. A curious assemblage of hotel guests provide many amusing situations.

Cast members and their roles include: Jeb Purdy, Cecil Gum; Betty Green, Joan Metcalf; Mrs. Augusta Van Sneerington, Virginia Bricher; Robert Van Sneerington, 3rd, Harold Monaghan; Mary Lou Milford, Shirley Barnett; Beulah Potts (colored maid); Al Wakefield; Gabby Hopkins; Bertha Kenady; Prof. Boomer K. Barnsmeller, James Barnett; Titus Pincham, Warren Edwards; Ted Sterling, Ted Anderson.

Admission to the play is \$1 for adults, 50 cents for high school students and 25 cents for youngsters. Tickets may be purchased at the high school the evening of the performance.

Included in the evening performances will be specialty acts and a Kiddies' circus featuring 40 or 50 children from the first, second and third grades at Adams school.

Mrs. Suiter Installed Chaplain at Grange 22nd

By Mrs. Ruby Meacham
Phone 998R4

CURTIN—The North Douglas Grange held its regular meeting Friday evening at the grange hall. The meeting was opened by Mr. Allen, the master of the grange. Two of the members were reported ill, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Sowles, but hope they will soon be able to be around again. Mrs. Helen Suiter was installed as chaplain of the grange.

The executive committee served hamburgers before and after the meeting. The hamburgers were sold at 25 cents, coffee 5 cents and pop 10 cents. The proceeds are to be used to help pay for the range and piano. The cooks were Wanda Crane, Donna Drake and Betty Thompson. Needless to say the hamburgers were all sold out with patrons stating they hoped the idea would be continued. Next meeting is to be February 12.

Zipper Note Books—The Sentinel

Editor's Mail Bag

Governor Commends Chamber
STATE OF OREGON
Executive Department
Salem

January 20, 1954

Dear Mr. Martin:
It was nice to meet you at the First Citizen's dinner at Cottage Grove.

I feel that these things have a definite contribution to make toward communities, in that they encourage our people to perform their civic work and then they reward them for a job well done.

I believe the Chamber is to be congratulated upon the program and the community is to be thanked for the support that they gave to it. I enjoyed very much being with the people in the community and the opportunity of saying "Hello" to you.

Sincerely yours,
PAUL PATTERSON
Governor
Mr. Walter C. Martin, Publisher
Cottage Grove Sentinel
Cottage Grove, Oregon

Brake 'Know-How' Useful in Winter

Oregon State Motor Association in a winter seasonal bulletin suggests many perilous skidding "thrills" or accidents could be avoided if more drivers would learn how to handle their brakes on slippery pavement.

The notice, "Slippery When Wet Or Frosty," is not a casual sign to the seasoned driver, they caution. The safe driver slows immediately when outside weather conditions make the sign meaningful.

"Fanning" Technique
The experienced driver also has learned the art of "fanning" or "feathering" the brakes when slowing down so as to avoid locking the wheels on slippery pavements; thereby throwing the vehicle into the inevitable skid.

The "fanning" technique, employed by experienced drivers, is a series of quick applications on the brake pedal, being sure to release the brake after each quick application. "Feathering," another method, requires "feeling" for a point at which the brakes begin to lock, then releasing them slightly.

Experts warn, that the hand brake which gives little or no "feel" of contact, even though applied gently while going down hill, is almost certain to lock the rear wheels and send the car into a skid while the driver has but one hand on the wheel. It is well to avoid use of the hand brake, sometimes referred to erroneously as an "emergency brake."

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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shipley.

Russia's Big Bluff

By Harold Lord Varney

(Editor's note: In this third, and final portion of "Russia's Big Bluff," the author, Harold Lord Varney, discusses Russia's atomic weapons reserve, and the prevalent attitude of the American people towards the Soviet Union. Varney's article appeared in the December, 1953, issue of the American Legion magazine. Permission to reprint the article was given The Sentinel by the magazine's editor, Joseph C. Keeley.)

But there is a sizable body of public opinion which will contend that America's peril does not lie in these facts, but in the possibility of a sneak Russian atom bomb or hydrogen bomb attack upon American cities and industries. We cannot wave aside such a possibility, although it leads us into a realm of admitted conjecture where provable facts are non-existent.

Could Russia win a war with the United States by such an unannounced terror attack?

Science fiction addicts and Captain Video cultists will say positively that she could. Chronic viewers with alarm have already conceded defeat. A soberer view of this threat, however, must seriously question whether Russia either has the long range, non-stop bombers to deliver the bomb over American targets, or the stockpile to sustain the stupendous follow-up duel which would come with our counter-attack. If Russia attacked now—and it is the present we are talking about—she would unquestionably hurt America terrifically, but enough of us would survive to stage a deadly reprisal. When that second phase developed, Russia's fearful inferiority would immediately become obvious. Her only hope of crushing us would be through a one-shot operation, which could not be repeated. Without stockpiles for a second assault, she would quickly succumb to the terrific attack which our B-47s could make upon her 70 major targets, from all or most of our surrounding ring of advance air bases in England, continental Europe, Morocco, Libya, Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Iceland, or by our 4,000 mile non-stop B-36s, taking off from United States bases.

Russia, despite all her propaganda, knows with painful clearness that she is not presently prepared for sustained atom combat. This fact makes the likelihood that she will risk everything upon the A and H bombs extremely remote. And so current talk about the Flying Saucers, belongs to fantasy rather than to serious political discussion. To pivot our thinking about American preparedness on such a supposition is not only unrealistic; it is downright dangerous.

That is not to say that Russian atomic power, as a long-range threat, is not nightmarishly real. Give the Kremlin another twenty years to link the incalculable resources of her Siberian and Chinese hinterlands to her atomic power program and a different Russia, freed of her present dependence upon oil and coal, will confront America. Then, and not now, will we face the full horror of the atom threat. The logic of this outlook demands, as a matter of life and death, that we maintain our present wide lead over Russia, in every power field, as the central objective of our long-pull defense planning. Russia, in all of her calculations, is counting upon America to make the political blunders which will throw away this lead.

The greatest of these mistakes would be to mislead our enemy. It would be to gamble our all upon war in 1954 or 1955, when the war we have to fight will not come until the Nineteen Seventies. Our greatest present danger lies in the realm of political psychology: it lies in ourselves. The American people, superbly great in moments of high crisis, are not pitched to long sustained political efforts which call for patient restrained planning over a span of decades. There is no continuity of top leadership in our system, such as Russia possesses in her presidium. The curve of our progression is a zig-zag, not an unbroken line.

Because we are the people that we are, Russia and her well-wishers are opposing us with an astute program of psychological warfare which plays diabolically upon our weaknesses. They are disbalancing us with a distracting series of Korean, and Tibetan, and Laoses, and Irans. They are keeping us jittery with contrived disagreements with our British, French and other allies. They are disorienting our Asiatic policies by continuous intrigues with the "neutrals," India, Burma and Indo-

nesia. They are keeping us on an uneasy moral defensive, in the United Nations and other world arenas, by their bogus championship of the nationalism of the Far East and the irredentism of the Arab Near East. They are even nibbling at our own hemisphere by penetrations in Guatemala and British Guiana and by unwholesome intrigues with Peron.

At home, the Russian line is aided, wittingly or unwittingly, by the ideologies among our own people who place moony internationalist goals ahead of practical American Security. It is aided by their own unextinguished Fifth Column of false-face Soviet sympathizers who deliberately sow confusion in American political thinking.

Today, America stands at the pinnacle point of her national power. She has the opportunity for total world leadership in her hands, if she can overcome the doubts and uncertainties which are in her own mind. Russia will endeavor, unceasingly, to deepen those uncertainties, and to exploit them. Her preoccupation, in the next twenty years, will be with the psychological war with America—not the physical war.

Will the United States fall into this yawning trap? We can avoid it, but not if we continue to be hand-led by our myth-makers. (The End.)

FULL COPY AVAILABLE

If you have missed a part of "Russia's Big Bluff," (final part of which appears today), or would like to send the entire article on to a friend, we are delighted to tell you that many full-copies of the Varney piece have been printed. Just stop by the Sentinel office and ask for your copy. If you would like more than one copy, we'll see if that's possible. The Sentinel is reprinting "Russia's Big Bluff" in this manner so that as many as possible will have an opportunity to read the article.

Disston Mothers To Meet February 2

Mrs. J. G. Barber
Phone 69667

DISSTON—Darla Hogate, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hogate was crowned queen of the Sweetheart Swirl Dance at the Cottage Grove High school, Friday January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Layng and their daughter Walda spent the week end with the Hogate family, recently.

Olaf Morton and his daughter Jeanette of Los Angeles visited recently with all the Carr family at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Carr.

Mrs. Claude Carr's brother, Cliff Robinson, and his family and her mother, Mrs. Robinson, all of Philomath visited in Disston Sunday before last.

Lefty and Lois Baehler of Myrtle Point spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson and visited other friends in the community a couple of weeks ago.

Charles Johnson son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Johnson has gone to West Fir, where he is employed by the Hines Logging Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Harrington of Cottage Grove visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jones, a week ago Saturday, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sears and their family of Mount View were recent callers.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Chittester visited her mother Mrs. George Butler in Castle Rock and Boyd Chittester also visited friends there the week end of Sunday the 17th of January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Carter and family of Springfield called on the Barbars in spite of the snow Sunday before last. They had quite a time getting here, their car going into a skid because of the snow on Gleason hill and scaring them all pretty badly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spellman and Clint Brice of Cottage Grove attended the Oregon-Washington basketball game Saturday night.

M. Sgt. LeRoy Danielson and his mother, Mrs. Clarence Emmons, of Castle Rock and Bremerton, spent several days visiting at the Chittester homes. Sgt. Daniel-

son is a paratrooper and had just returned from 40 months of service in Japan and Korea. He was on a 30-day furlough and left Monday for Indiana where he will be stationed for awhile.

Mrs. Donna McNabb has been feeling quite ill and miserable because of a virus skin infection the past several weeks. She has been under a doctor's care and has been going to Eugene for violet ray treatments several times a week recently. Her mother, Maude Chittester, has been taking care of little Stevie the help the McNabbs.

Alton and Glenn Chittester spent a week at Castle Rock where they were having some machinery made for their logging operations.

The old flu "bug" bit Jim Barber and "laid him low" so the shop has been closed for almost a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kephart, their small daughter and Dillard Hass left for North Carolina Saturday for a visit.

Mrs. Gerald Hills of Powers, Oregon, visited two days with the J. W. Middletons. She will go on to Portland to visit another sister and do some shopping.

U. Woody and Sid Davis left for North Carolina to bring back his father and a new car.

The Disston Mothers club met Tuesday, January 19 with a pretty fair number present. The date to put the quilt on the frame was set for Tuesday, January 26. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2 and everyone is urged to attend as this is the last meeting before the dinner for the club members and their families February 12 and there are a few things needing everyone's attention.

Folks, I'm sorry the telephone didn't work again, it seems to be an old story, doesn't it? I guess you will just have to keep trying. The bad weather that is causing so much trouble will be over one of these days. I will be glad to get the news anytime. Try during the middle of the week, or leave your news at the stores, if it is inconvenient to come to my house. I am also ready to take your renewals or new subscriptions anytime.

Show us the man who never makes a mistake and we will show a man who never makes anything. —H. L. Wayland

Mistakes are lessons of wisdom. The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power. —Hugh White

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