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ROAD REPAIR UP TO PEOPLE—

The Clackamas county board of county commissioners has announced that it will present to voters at the May 21st election a proposition for the levy of 2.5 mills county tax for maintenance repair work on county roads. The Post has advocated such a step in the past and is happy that the commission has taken action to do something about improving Clackamas county roads.

The Post also predicted that Clackamas county voters would give support to such a levy and it has confidence this prediction will be realized on May 21st.

Everyone who drives on Clackamas county roads knows full well how grave is the need for their improvement. Residents of Clackamas county should also know full well that the reason it has been impossible to properly maintain even the most important county roads has been that the county has not had the finances with which to do it. That makes it pretty obvious that it was up to the commissioners to provide the means for getting needed cash by giving the voters an opportunity to approve a road tax levy. It makes it just as obvious that the voters must approve the levy or quit squawking about our poor roads.

And heaven knows that it is going to be impossible to stop squawking about the sorry condition of Clackamas county roads until they are put in decent repair. Even if we within the county would keep quiet, the rest of Oregon would keep us reminded of it because Clackamas county's bad roads have become a standing joke with residents of many other counties of the state.

The 2.5 mills levy will raise approximately \$150,000, which is little more than a drop in the bucket of the \$2,800,000 which state engineers estimate would be required to put all roads in this county into first class condition. However, it certainly will be a start in the right direction and once that start is made, the levy should be continued on an annual basis unless and until some other and better source of road maintenance funds can be developed, which is not a likely possibility. Voters should keep this in mind and demonstrate their eagerness for better roads by approving the levy currently proposed by such an overwhelming majority there will be no doubt that they want a similar program carried on year after year.

STASSEN SWEEPS WISCONSIN—

The tremendous victory of Harold Stassen, former Minnesota governor, in the republican presidential primary election in Wisconsin last week may not have come as a surprise to his fans and boosters, but it certainly was far beyond any pre-election guesses of most of the so-called experts.

Stassen's rout of the Dewey forces was in itself something of a surprise, although most observers gave the Minnesota stalwart a fairly wide margin over the New York governor. The Stassen victory over General MacArthur was quite another thing. Most political prognosticators gave the general a strong chance to carry a sizeable majority of the Wisconsin delegates. As recently as last week one national magazine indicated that a MacArthur victory in Wisconsin was practically a foregone conclusion and that the margin of that victory

was about the only thing in question. It also pointed out that backers of the general poured between \$50,000 to \$100,000 into their campaign in Wisconsin on the theory that they were going to make that state a real test of MacArthur's possible strength as a candidate for the G. O. P. nomination.

Dewey, likewise made a big effort to have his delegates elected in the Badger state. He made 10 pre-election speeches and his cohorts carried on a thorough-going campaign. His camp was not over optimistic in pre-primary predictions, but it left no doubt that Dewey would exhibit strength which would definitely keep him in the front rank as a prospect for the nomination.

All these things considered, the Stassen sweep in Wisconsin actually was a sensational victory and definitely puts "Big Red" in a position as the top-ranking candidate for the republican nomination at this hour. Add to that the nation-wide strength the brainy, brawny Minnesotan has demonstrated in polls of public opinion and there can be no doubt of his strength as a candidate, both for the nomination in convention and for election at the polls in November.

Another pre-convention test of strength will be staged in Nebraska next Wednesday, when that state holds its presidential preferential primary. Generally that state has been conceded as a Stassen stronghold for some time and if these predictions are born out, Gov. Dewey may well go the way of Wendell Wilkie in 1944. While Dewey's fighting character is such that he may never withdraw, as Wilkie did, he will find it extremely difficult to hold any appreciable amount of the support he has exhibited in the past and hence will approach the convention with little backing of serious consequences.

While there is yet much time before the convention, on the basis of the political winds of today, the Taft organization and the boosters for all other candidates are going to be hard put to prevent the Stassen snowball from rolling down from the north and building up to such gigantic proportions that nomination of the former Minnesota governor amounts to much more than a mere formality on an early ballot after all of the traditional "favorite son" balloting has been completed at Philadelphia next June.

HELP BUILD YOUR CHAMBER PROGRAM—

The Sandy Chamber of Commerce will hold an open forum meeting next Monday evening at which projects proposed for that organization's attention during the current year will be discussed. It is a meeting which should be attended by every business man and woman and every property owner in Sandy because the work undertaken by the chamber and the effectiveness of its endeavors has a direct bearing upon the welfare of all of them.

Chamber President Ray Beeson and the other officers and directors of the chamber have been giving a lot of time and study to many proposals in an effort to select for immediate attention those of primary importance to the community. These have been augmented with others of less importance but of greater ease of accomplishment fabricate a well rounded and well balanced program. The board now plans to submit its selections to the forum meeting for approval of the entire business community, or for additions or deletions to the program if the members deem such changes in the best interest of the community.

The meeting affords an exceptional opportunity for Sandy residents to get together, discuss their mutual problems for community betterment, outline a plan of action and start the ball rolling toward a fulfillment of their dreams of an ever finer city in which to live and do business. The greater the participation by Sandy citizens, the sooner those dreams can be realized.

Fishermen Bring Home Three



TWO ENTHUSIASTIC FISHERMEN burst through the door of The Sandy Post last week. None other than Herman Steinke and Charles Lane. They had taken three salmon from the Willamette. So—proud as punch—they posed, fish in hand, on Main street. Herman is the guy on the left. Charlie is on the right.

Welches P.T.A. Elects New Officers; Plans Boy Scout and Cub Scout Groups

Officers of the Welches school P.T.A. for the coming year were elected at the group's April meeting held Tuesday afternoon at the school.

Elected were Mrs. Marguerite Goff, president; Mrs. Ida Darr, vice-president; Mrs. Maxine Williams, secretary; Mrs. Bette Skaer, treasurer; Mrs. Alice Alt, auditor, and Mrs. Dorothy Meyer, historian.

Edwin A. Woodworth, Clackamas county school superintendent, was the guest speaker. He explained the purpose and work of the new rural school law.

Mrs. Ervin Bliese reminded the parents of P.T.A. plans to begin a boy scout troop and cub scout den in the Welches community for boys 9 to 15. Parents will receive letters soon stating the date of the first meeting, and will be urged to attend.

Delegates were elected to the state P.T.A. convention to be held in Klamath Falls. The delegates are: Mrs. Goff, Mrs. Darr, Mrs. Skaer and Mrs. Margaret Christensen.

An announcement was made that a box social will be held this month, for both children and adults. The date will be announced later.

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