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Dare to Be Different

"Stay with the Crowd!" How many times do you hear this common little sentence murmured? Certainly it is more than you can count on the fingers of both hands or the toes of both feet.

It was during World War II that the ready room of one bomber group had these familiar words over the exit door as a constant reminder to each member of the crews to keep their bomber plane in its proper flight position while on a bombing mission over enemy territory. To better illustrate the point of matter, a drawing was placed over the exit door. This drawing pictured a group flying along with all planes in pattern except one. The one "lone wolf" was off by itself and just above it there appeared two enemy fighters coming in for the kill.

Yes, in this instance it certainly pays to stay with the crowd. And that seems to be the type of people who are growing up in this present world of ours. The crowd does this . . . so, we'll do it, too!

But staying with the crowd is not always the best prescription. Take the little man in France who dared

to be an individual and before long he became the leader of one of the strongest armies in the world. That man, Napoleon, we read about him in our history books today. He dared to be different . . . to get away from the crowd.

Now, we're not advocating that everyone, or anyone, should be a modern-day Napoleon. Yet, let us stop to think for a moment about this question, "Do we dare to be different?" Or, to put it in reverse, should we always "stay with the crowd?"

Every notion and every community, as well, must have a certain number of both if it expects to progress and continue pressing forward. To try to be different, in a constructive manner, for the good of the nation or the community in which one abides is not always the popular thing. This for sure! But, we need individuals who dare to be different . . . to get away from the crowd of unconcern and don't care attitude of what is happening around us.

No, staying with the crowd isn't always the best policy, it has its pitfalls as well. Do you DARE to be DIFFERENT?
—JC

Commissioners Keeping Campaign Words

At election time of the year it is quite easy for those engaged in political contests to make flowery promises while on the campaign trail. A great many of these "do everything for everybody" pledges have a way of being forgotten, though, once the successful candidate is settled into office.

Not so, at this time, with the county commissioners of Clackamas County. They, too, made campaign promises to the people of this Hoodland vicinity prior to last November's election day. They promised not to forget to look after the interests of this end of the county, too.

As a result of the flood waters that devastated our entire state, including this end of Clackamas County, the toll of damage to the Hoodland area was extensive. It spoiled an otherwise happy and joyous time of the year, Road travel on the Mt. Hood loop be-

yond Sandy has been a real bottleneck since.

But Commissioners Stan Skoko and Stan Ely have not let us down. They, along with County Roadmaster John McIntyre, have made preliminary surveys of the road situation. They have taken immediate steps by placing available manpower and equipment into the area to make, at least, temporary travel routes along county roads.

We, as human beings, normally are quick to criticize folks for not doing things. Likewise, we ought to be just as quick to pass out a word or two of praise and appreciation.

With this thought in mind the Sandy Post says: "Thank you Stan Skoko and Stan Ely for keeping your eyes on this end of the county in a time of need." And, may we see more of you both.
—JC

A Salute to a Small-Town Doctor

We don't know whether or not the American Medical Association's alternative to medicare stands a chance.

But win or lose, its very espousal by the AMA is a tremendous tribute to a small-town doctor, Dr. Walter Noehren of Sandy. The AMA plan, you see, is Dr. Noehren's.

Dr. Noehren has fought for years to have his health-care plan adopted, knowing full well that unless the medical profession came forth with some proposal, inevitably the federal government would.

The Clackamas County Medical Society adopted Dr. Noehren's plan in 1961 and the Oregon Medical Assn., several years later. Basically, it provides health care for the elderly through private carriers. The govern-

ment would foot the bill for those unable to pay.

Dr. Noehren's proposal has two strong arguments in its favor . . . it provides more for the elderly than does medicare, and it would dispense health care only to those unable to afford it. Medicare would furnish benefits to everyone regardless of income.

Dr. Noehren has been working on his proposal for some 20 years. He has faced tremendous difficulties, both personal and professional, but never wavered in his belief that sometime it would be accepted.

It may be too late to stop the medicare steamroller developed by the Johnson administration but at the very least, the AMA action is a wonderful victory for this small-town doctor—Sandy's Walter Noehren.

A Challenge to Get Out

The coming of a new year serves as a challenge to each of us to get out of any ruts that may have assailed us in the past year. It is a challenge to push ahead with more determination than ever before. To put it in a few brief words—"we need to tend to our knittin'" in '65.

"Knittin'", that sounds like something that grandma used to sit by the fireside and do night after night. "Knittin'" may become a lost art among the fairer sex nowadays but there is something to be learned by each of us from Grandma's knittin'.

When Grandma sat down in the old rocking chair with those two (or three) long knitting needles and a ball of yarn she also had something in

mind. She had a goal to be reached. Grandma kept knitting away relentlessly until that sweater, sock, scarf or whatever it might be was completed.

Our goals for 1965 need not be sweaters, or socks, but like Grandma's knitting they can be something that will add warmth and comfort to the atmosphere in and around the area in which we reside.

If you plant a crop and don't cultivate it, nothing grows. That's the way it is with goals and projects . . . if you don't tend to them they dry up.

Yes, 1965 is a year of challenge to get out and meet each commitment that lies in our pathway, and then, carry it through to its completion.
—JC

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Resting in midair are the latter portions of these four homes located behind Log Lodge. The earthen foundations have been washed away by flood waters. Progress towards moving these homes to safer ground is now under way. In fact, the fourth home from the left has been moved.

THE MOUSE TRAP

by Jerry Crouse

Dear Snooper:

You're welcome to the fair community and wishes of good luck, here's hoping, our fingers are crossed, etc. are met with mixed emotions. . . glad to be here, what do I do next. . . and a curiosity of my own: how many Post subscribers will be wiping their brow and sighing 'phew, he made it through another week' as each issue comes off the press with the same editor - and still intact!

But, just to ease your mind and for the records I do intend to stick around! Since my little hitch in Uncle Sam's fleet, my moves have always been a little closer to the Northwest - and the coast - if I go much farther I'll end up in the drink! Besides my better half hates the thought of moving and this will be like home since both grew up in the Portland vicinity.

While on the subject of moving, Snoop, you might keep your eyes peeled for a home that will meet my families requirements. It has to be three bedrooms, too, since our offsprings total three at the present time - two girls, Colleen and Carla and a boy named Ricky in the middle. The wife and I would like to have the other bedroom for ourselves. Oh yes, we're not ritzy folks, just commoners who enjoy homelife and friends. See what you can do, okay?

I had some business affairs to take care of in Payette, Idaho, last weekend. Practically every merchant I met wanted to know where in the world is "Sandy?"

After a short desertation of the good things about Sandy - which I only learned four days before them - they were satisfied and wished me "good luck, too!" Say, the chamber of commerce here needs to get busy and let the people of the neighboring State of Idaho know where they are.

Well, so long Snooper. . . while you're busy snooping I'll be busy sneakin' around the area, too!

Mousie, P.S. Almost forgot, thank you for those kind words "gentleman."

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News of FIRWOOD Extension Unit

BY GRACE LAMB

The Firwood Extension held its regular meeting Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Sandy Womens Club at 10:30 a.m. The project, Health Insurance, was given by Eleanor Seibert and June Huserik.

Our Christmas party was lots of fun. After a short business meeting, yours truly, gave a report on the National Home Demonstration Convention I attended in Hawaii. (Sorry no pictures; camera fell apart—good excuse to go back), but Dottie Shoup of Brightwood, very kindly, showed her pictures taken while at the Convention. Thanks, Dottie, for being our guest and a very good convention partner.

After mincemeat and pumpkin pie, we played games, sang carols and had exchange of gifts. Arleigh Hall won the door

prize. What better way to start the Yule season.

Now that the New Year has arrived, may I pass on to you, a few choice words from friends in Hawaii.

We wish you luck in '65, Knock on its secret door, Leave behind the year that passed.

To heck with '64!!! My sentiments exactly -- Although we've learned quite a lesson from our December disaster -- How to be a friend -- How to be a good neighbor -- How to get along with very little -- Never to feel sorry for ourselves. (There are always others with worse problems.) Above all to be thankful for what we have, even though it be very little.

Don't forget knitting will be continued Tuesdays at the Woman's club--weather permitting.

Sandy Students On Honor List

Two Sandy area students were named to the fall term honor roll at Oregon College of Education.

They are: Carolyn Lee Cooke, a freshman in elementary education, and John Andrew Strope, Jr., a senior in secondary education.

Miss Cooke, a 1964 graduate of Sandy High School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest M. Cooke of Rt. 1, Box 772. Strope, a 1961 Sandy graduate and current student body president at OCE, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Strope of Rt. 2, Box 12.

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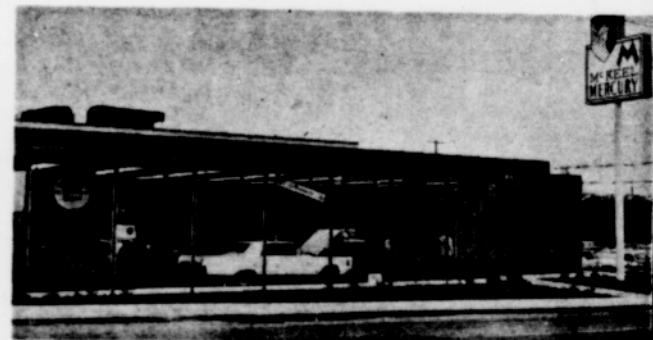
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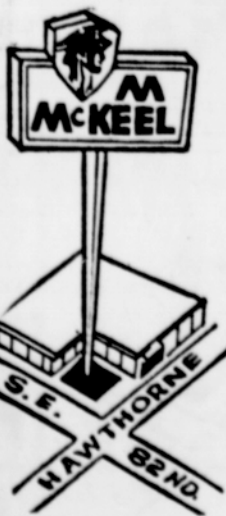


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