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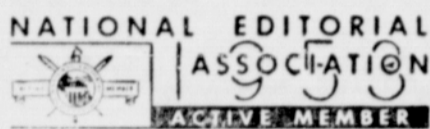
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Judge Forsythe's Complaint

The action of County Judge Guy Forsythe in going before the State Highway Commission in Portland to protest the location of Highway 101 through Curry County is one of the most regrettable of a long line of regrettable occurrences concerning the highway.

It was regrettable because the Judge evidently (according to the news stories) took it upon himself to protest for Curry County. In so doing he acted completely without authorization from the citizens of this county, and without even attempting to learn whether the majority of the citizens of this county have any complaint with Highway Commission plans.

No one denies the right of Judge Forsythe to protest highway plans as they affect him. If he felt that he was harmed by the proposed location, he had every right to complain.

But, it seems, the Judge complained, not for himself, but for the county. And in so doing, he took on a mission that was neither authorized nor wished by the people he is supposed to serve.

We know that there are people who are dissatisfied with the highway plans. . . they are making themselves heard. That is for them to settle with the Commission.

But we know, too, that the great bulk of the people in this area have every confidence in the plans the Commission has drawn, and we know, too, that the same applies for the people of Northern Curry County. When Judge Forsythe disregarded them in his mission to Portland, he did his office no honor.

The Growers Get Together

The firm stand taken by Lily Growers of this area last Saturday against attempted price cuts by brokers may mark the beginning of a period of cooperation among the growers. If so, it may mark a turning point in the recent fortunes of bulb growers.

For many years, brokers of bulbs have taken advantage of the lack of unity among the growers, and have pitted them, one against the other, to force down the price of bulbs.

The informal business methods used by bulb growers has helped them to do so. For instance, this year, one broker, after having received his bulbs, decided he would reduce the agreed-upon price. He could attempt to do so because of the lack of a firmly established price at the time of shipment.

At any rate, the prompt action taken by the growers to insist upon fifteen cents for 7-8" bulbs has shown their unity, and most brokers have willingly paid that price. What few cut-rate bulbs did go to market will not be enough to upset the market, and cannot fulfill the needs of the brokers who attempted to cut prices.

It should be mentioned that most of the brokers willingly paid the price. They did protest, of course, when they heard that one broker might get bulbs at lower prices than they had paid, and the prompt action of the growers to solidify prices should quiet those protests.

If, now, the growers can maintain their new-found unity, then peace and prosperity may return to the bulb business.

For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Governor Langlie of the state of Washington certainly made the headlines recently when he declared war on reckless drivers. It was certainly high time that someone in a position of authority attempted to halt the highway slaughter.

The governor maintains, as this column has often done, that the reckless driver is a potential murderer and should be treated as such. However, I still have my doubts as to whether the governor has found the real remedy.

I have always felt that our traffic officers were doing an excellent job on our highways in spite of the handicaps under which they labored. In fact, I have always been of the opinion that the enforcement of our laws was on a much higher level than the judicial interpretation of those same laws. Everyone is well aware that while there has been little laxity in the matter of arrests, legal maneuvering has enabled many of those arrested to go free.

Conditions such as these are definitely discouraging to the conscientious traffic officer. Similarly, they are no deterrent to the habitual highway criminal. In fact, his ability to laugh at the law only increases his arrogance.

Thus it is very possible, and highly probable, that even though Governor Langlie's forces do corral all the traffic violators, much of their activity will go for naught unless those responsible for passing judgment are equally zealous.

The governor's action might even boomerang. With all the emphasis on arrests and very little on seeing that all are punished equally and sufficiently regardless of wealth, position, or influence, the result may be to further increase the disrespect for law which is already only too evident.

The governor has certainly taken a needed step in the right direction. He can do an even better job if he follows up his crusade with a careful analysis of what happens to those brought in. His next move will then be made apparent.

Social Security Envoy Here

A representative of the Social Security Bureau will be in Brookings next Wednesday, Nov. 18, to assist local people with any problems they have concerning Social Security.

Claude Dawson, manager of the Medford bureau, will be at the Court Room in the City Hall from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. that day. He invites anyone with problems in Social Security to confer with him at that time.

TEEN-AGE NEWS

A Teen-Age Club dance was held last Friday evening, at the VFW hall. Cold pop was served.

There was a very good turnout. We hope to have one like it next time.

The chaperones were Mrs. La Vere Hewitt, William Arzner and Mrs. Bud Lowe. Mr. Arzner is visiting from Lakeview.

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VISITS ROGERS

Mrs. J. E. Saueressig of Salem is visiting here at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Rogers.

ODE (AND OATH) TO AN EDITOR

By BERNICE SWANSON

"A little Nonesense Now and then
Is relished by the Wisest Men."
But it's been known to start a War
From carrying certain things too far.

More than one gal's face turned a Crimson Violet
When they read that Corny Rhyme in the Pilot.
And they could have torn from stern to stem
The guy who turned in that little Gem.

For him, the going will soon be rough
For publishing all of that exclusive stuff.
Which was never meant, you won't deny
To ever reach the "Public Eye."

While we know, sometimes, there's not much News,
Editors should be careful what they choose
And not just try to fill their Pages.
(They ought to have to work for Wages.)

If they did, they'd learn to be more Wary
Of every Tom and Dick and Harry (and Berger)
Who brings in stuff without Consent
Just to get his name in Print.

Better change the tone of this fearful thing.
I might have to ask for a job in the Spring
And there isn't a better place, by Gum,
Than working for that Swede-Dahlstrom!

So we'll sit by the fire and watch it rain
(No wonder people go insane.)
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