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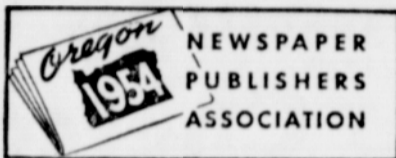
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LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

By HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.

All of us here in our office, and her many friends, are mourning the sudden passing on February 22 of Miss Ursula Leipold. She was one of the secretaries in my office. Miss Leipold was home for several days with what appeared to be a bad cold. It suddenly developed into pneumonia which was fatal within a few hours.

In a small office like ours we are not only all co-workers, but we become good friends. Miss Leipold, or Su as we knew her, was a loved and respected member of the office "family." Her death was a blow to us all. We shall miss her terribly.

Miss Leipold had relatives in both Grants Pass and Eugene. During the summer and fall of 1952 she spent several months in my office in Roseburg. The many friends she made while there will be saddened by this news also.

Recently I have had conferences with Forest Service officials and with Mr. Joe Dodge, the Director of the Budget, regarding my access road bill, HR 4929. I still hope that the House Committee on Agriculture will hold hearings on that bill during this season. However, it is the usual practice for a committee to wait until it has a departmental report on a bill before hearings are held. It happens that such reports must first be cleared through the Bureau of the Budget. I hope it will be possible for the Department of Agriculture, which operates the Forest Service, to make a favorable report on the bill and that such report will be cleared for submission to the committee by the Budget Director.

I think Budget Director Dodge understands our forest problem and need, even the urgency, of such a program of access road building as is proposed in my bill. However, the Director very properly pointed out that even such worthwhile and reimbursible expenditures must be most carefully considered in view of the critical Federal financial problem. Since the sale of timber made available by road construction will repay the road cost so quickly I dare to hope that the financial experts of our government will agree to such an expenditure—or what it really would be, a loan.

The Rivers and Harbors Subcommittee of the House Committee on Public Works, headed by Oregon's Congressman Homer Angell, is holding hearings on two projects which are in our Congressional District. The hearings are scheduled for March 4.

One project is the harbor improvement at Gold Beach and the other is to make a rather small improvement to the Port of Umpqua Harbor at Reedsport. This bill under consideration, which contains these two projects as well as numerous others, is for the purpose of authorizing the construction of the improvements. This does not mean that money will be appropriated and spent upon them immediately but simply places the projects in position to be included in a forthcoming budget—in other words, the pending bill makes such projects eligible for appropriations.

Several people are coming from Oregon to testify before the committee on the two projects mentioned and upon a project for further improvement of the Columbia River and its entrance.

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FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

Nothing is more refreshing in this highly competitive and complicated world of ours than a man of accomplishment who is humble. On the other hand, nothing is more discouraging than the man inflated by temporary success who places himself on a pedestal of his own making and demands that all bow down.

One need not go to history to find examples. In the ebb and flow of our daily life we are certain to be fortunate enough to come into contact with those who are humble in success as well as unfortunate enough to be forced to look up to some whose exaggerated importance robs them of the very brilliance of character they should possess.

The truly great do not need to puff themselves up, for their deeds will speak forcefully for them. Only those lacking the real qualities feel called upon to constantly remind themselves as well

as those around them of their own importance.

Attitudes such as these go far toward determining the permanence of any greatness. While all are aware that leadership is a necessity, most are equally aware that such leadership cannot long exist which does not inspire confidence, respect, and affection in those who for the time being are followers.

The passing of time is a cruel guardian for the great who forget the steps by which they ascended. For with the passing of the hours, while the falsely great peer into the clouds ignoring all beneath, the elements of lost faith may so undermine the structure upon which they stand, that it topples, leaving them to be buried beneath the wreckage and soon forgotten.

True greatness can only be nourished and strengthened by the regard of ones associates in endeavor. He who never forgets this basic principle need not worry about the future.

VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morton and their two small children of Newburg are guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Estes Morton.

MOVE TO MEDFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vincent moved to Medford the early part of the week. Mr. Vincent has been in the contracting business here.

HARBOR'S FIRE PROBLEM

Last week there was another fire in Harbor. Neighbors and friends extinguished it with a small amount of damage, and without any casualties.

But somewhere, sometime soon there will be another one in Harbor . . . one that cannot be extinguished without proper fire equipment.

That equipment will not be there unless the people of Harbor unite to firm a fire protection district soon. We hope they do . . . before it is too late.

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