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By Clifford P. Rowe
"Wanted—A reliable enemy."
While I have never seen the above advertisement in the classified section of the paper, I am daily becoming convinced that some effort along that line could be definitely profitable.

I find that as I grow older I become more aware of the need for having someone around who has no hesitancy whatsoever in pointing out my faults. The world is only too full of people who pat one on the back and tell him what a wonderful guy he is and what a great job he is doing. Soon or later, he accepts the blame for being the truth. When this occurs, he is headed for his downfall; for no man can long remain balanced in his thinking and acting who is convinced that he can do no wrong.

Cato, the Roman philosopher long ago maintained that "Some men are more beholden to their bitterest enemies than to friends who appear to be sweetest itself. The former frequently tells the truth, but the latter never."

Trouble with friends is that they are so imbued with the idea of giving one an encouraging pat on the back that they forget that sometimes the biggest favor in their power to bestow is that of pointing out a glaring weakness. That is why I am searching for an enemy—one who dislikes me so much that all he can see will be my faults and who will derive great personal pleasure from hurting my feelings. When the pain passes, which it always does, I will be benefited to the extent of knowing wherein I am weak. True, many of his accusations may be false but those which are true will be readily recognized by me to whom they belong.

Ironically enough, the good friend who blinds himself to my faults or who is guilty of withholding from me the unpleasant truth, is doing me an injustice. He is lulling me to sleep thus leaving me defenseless against those who would seek to profit from my weakness.

One should not have to look to an enemy for such assistance, but such are the ways of the world.

SIMMONS SELL HOUSE
Word was received from R. E. Simmons, who have sold their home on Cape Ferrele, that they have moved to Menlo Park, Calif., near Oakland. The Simmons children live nearby.

pipe dreams



joe murphy

We get a raft of bulletins and news letters from our Political friends in Washington. Sen. Wayne Morse has at least one lengthy article every week in the mail, and of course, Congressman Ellsworth sends his in. We have been getting a column from Sen. Dick Neuberger lately too "Washington Calling", with some items from Maurine, reporting from Salem.

All this material is interesting to me personally. And Neuberger writes his in a style that gave him a high place among feature writers in the country. He tells in this weeks message, for example, that he has lunched in the White House. He doesn't go into detail about the president but he does go into detail about the things such as the engraving on the silver, and what they had for dinner.

But what would the local reader's reaction be? Would you be interested in the columns? And how much, and how many? Or would the Pilot serve best by trying to get more local news in its columns, and let the big city papers handle the national news? Anyway give us a clue on your feelings in the matter.

I attended a Boy Scout luncheon

meeting Thursday, and heard some interesting things about that group. Suddenly I found out that I was a committee chairman, for fund raising. Now this is fine, indeed, as I know of no organization I would rather help, having been quite active tenderfoot myself, for a number of years. Some of my most pleasant memories of my youth were those sitting around a camp fire singing camp songs. However, it does seem a little incongruous that here I am, the father of FOUR, (4) girls, and working with the boy scouts. Maybe in later years I will be able to scout a boy for one of my girls.

The Ground Observer Corps and old Joe can't seem to get together. I want to help out and serve my watch, because it seems to me that if enough people volunteer, it should only require perhaps one watch per month, and that isn't much of a sacrifice. However, the first time I had my name put down, I fouled up, and mentally wrote down the wrong date. The second time my name went on the list Rev. Ed. McLain called up, and asked me to change it to next Thursday. By George, I'll get up there yet, or know the reason why.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Sir—
Last year no one attended the public meeting held by the School District to discuss the next budget. The previous year one lady came. The average attendance is one-half a person a year. Is this evidence of tremendous confidence in the school board or public apathy?

In the next ten-year period, School District 17C will spend approximately four million dollars. During the present twelve months about 600,000 dollars was spent. Some people thought this was too much. Others think it is not enough.

The school board has the responsibility of providing children with an education. A child has only one chance to get it. They can't wait. They grow up quickly.

You can't put them in cold storage like a piece of beef and take them out at a later date.
More people should become interested in school affairs. Everybody ought to work together on this. All our groups—civic, religious, business, labor—our women's clubs—parents—all ought to be represented at the next budget meeting. What kind of schooling do you want for the children? Tell the school board what you think.
The next budget meeting will be held March 24 (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the school.
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A Step In The Right Direction

Surely that move by the Harbor Rural Fire Protective District last week was a happy one for all concerned. The group, represented by Bob Chambers, asked that some thought be given for fire protection in the Harbor area.

What could possibly be more important to the many people living on the Harbor side than adequate fire protection? Some day, a fire will strike a home or a business place in that area. Then, will there be protection or not? A speedy solution has best be found.

The only solution seems to be as the group has suggested, and the council agreed to a meeting of the council with the board of directors of the district. At a meeting of that sort, certainly something equitable to all can be worked out.

As a district, the group will be without funds to operate with for some time. However, future taxation will assure the district of operating funds, and then perhaps secondary equipment could be purchased to augment the existing equipment here. Whatever the groups decide in their meeting Friday, we're sure that it will be a step in the right direction, and that is some type of fire protection in the Harbor area.

Building Slump Is Over

Now that the winter building slump is over, new buildings should be springing up in Brookings. During this past winter things were slow and here, work progressed on only the North Gate Building, the Whelan-Kessler building, the new U.S. National Bank Building, a score of homes, and a raft of remodeling and renovation projects.

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