

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH

By CLIFFORD ROWE

Each year as August rolls around, I find myself inclined to forego the issues of the moment in order to preserve the passing of another milestone in the history of this column. It was just four years and 208 columns ago that it first saw the printed page.

This year, however, instead of indulging in the very pleasant practice of patting myself on the back, I wish to use the occasion to express my appreciation to the one who made the column possible in the first place—namely, the publisher of this paper, my employer.

During the past 11 years, my work has been such as to enable me to be inconstant association with publishers throughout the state. As a result of this experience if anyone were to ask me today what individual in any community contributes the most to the welfare of the area, I would not hesitate in pointing to the local editor.

The fact that good government depends almost entirely on a well-informed public places a tremendous responsibility on the desk of the editor. For he's the conscience of the community, the psychiatrist who interprets its day by day activities as well as its dreams, the fond parent who reprimands when admonishment is warranted and who gives praise when such is due.

Yet in spite of all these accomplishments, the average citizen is usually unaware of them; for while the editor is only too eager to record the activities and accomplishments of others, he is notorious for his omission of such events when they might present himself in a favorable light.

The editor does not seek praise and as a result seldom gets it. He just happens to be one of those queer creatures who love the work they are doing. He knows he will never be rich or

Bruce Ellison left Sunday for Montesano, Wash. to visit friends. Sara Jane Ellison also left Sunday for Myrtle Creek, Ore. to visit friends.

Mrs. Pat Harroun and three children left for Nevada last Wednesday and will be gone for about two weeks visiting Mrs. Harroun's parents.

Elder McCoy of San Diego, California and Elder Tolman of Logan, Utah, who are traveling missionaries spent the past week in Brookings.

even famous, but his long years of dealing with his fellow men have brought him the realization that wealth or fame are often unsatisfactory rewards for a lifetime of activity.

And so this week I want to say "thanks" to my boss on behalf of that vast multitude of readers who feel the same as I, but never get around to expressing it. We know he is doing a good job for which we are indebted.

The many friends of Rev. Peter Dally, formerly associated with St. Timothy's Episcopal Church here, will be glad to know he is back to his parish duties. Rev. Dally was very painfully injured, some time ago, in an auto accident near the Coos-Curry line.

Mrs. Ira Hull drove her daughter, Nancy Lou, to Eureka last Thursday to see the orthodontist there. Evelyn Jakelwicz drove along.

Mrs. W. R. Darnell's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. De Rowland Ward of Glenwood, Wn. arrived Sunday bringing with them Darnell's son Dwayne, who had been visiting with them for six weeks. While in Brookings this week they also visited their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arndt Wellenbrock.

Mr. and Mrs. Gyle Jensen had as houseguests over the weekend Mrs. Jensen's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Verlin Roberts of Sweethome, Oregon.

When we asked Mrs. Dora Beaulieu if she'd checked Henry over to see if she gotten all of him back from his long session in the hospital, she said right off, that

Hank had left some 20 pounds down there and didn't like to think about the materials and labor that will be needed to get him back to fit his clothes.

HYDRANGEAS ARE BIG BUSINESS HERE

Gary Wimberly is pretty busy getting his newly rooted hydrangeas potted, in the greenhouse, to grow into dormancy, out of doors. These thousands of plants will be brought inside, along in mid-winter and forced to bloom for the Spring holidays.

Wimberly, at the Brookside Azalea and Bulb Farm, supplies many thousands of dormant and soft cuttings to greenhouses throughout the country. Climatic conditions here fit the cuttings into the florists' growing schedules when none other are available, elsewhere.

Women and kids, with buckets and shovels, are harvesting the first fruits of the Himalaya berries, now really getting ripe. Many a family will convert the berries into luscious grub, either for immediate consumption in the raw or in pies, or preserve them, in one form or another, for winter use. There sure ought to be enough to go around, and then some.

Andy Gunsolus tells a Yellowstone Park bear story, prefaced of course, with having actually seen it.

Says he and his Misses and kids saw a guy shoving a box of crackers out his car window to feed a bear and when the bear was about to chaw it, yanked the crackers back into the car. Figuring that this game had gone on long enough, the bear put his shoulder up against the car, both paws under where the running board had been amputated, gave a good boost, probably figuring he'd crack a car like a monkey shelling a peanut. Whereupon the teaser flung the crackers out the window so the bear just dropped the darn thing and ambled off after the crackers, leaving the folks a good scare and a heck of a jolt from which it is hoped they profited.

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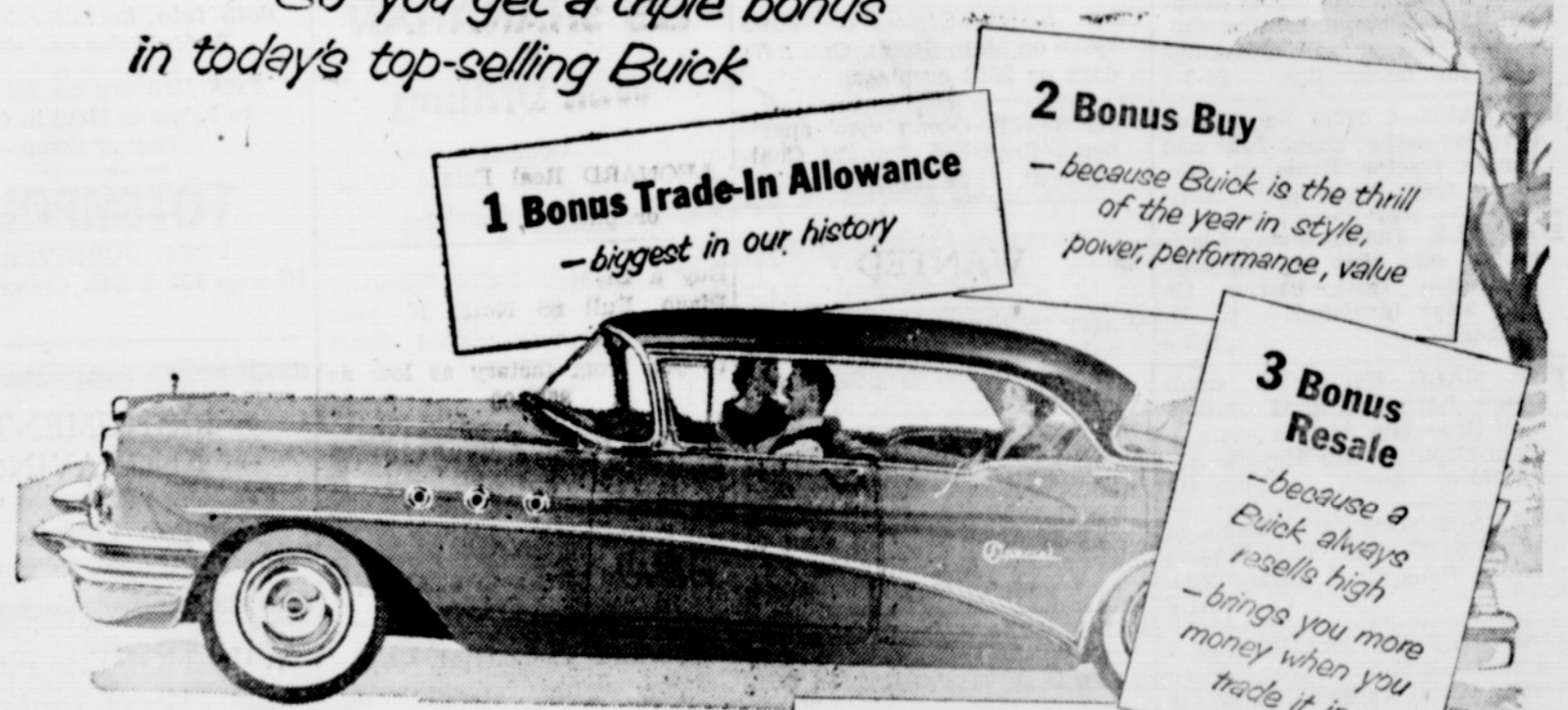
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