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### "Junction" Contract is Signed

As we go into the New Year, it should be a matter of much satisfaction that the three-way contract between state, county and city for the "Millrace Junction Project" is signed, at least. Sometime next summer, the first unit of the \$1,350,000 undertaking should be built—the four-lane all the way from 6th avenue to Judkins Point. Later, as soon as steel and other materials can be had at proper prices, will come the new county bridge and the city's overhead structures across the Southern Pacific tracks.

This traffic handling facility, when it is completed, will be one of the finest examples of integrated planning in this state, and back of it lies more than 8 years of continuous effort—by Ed Turnbull's highway committee, the state's engineers, your county and city officials and planning commissions. There should be no illusions that such projects are easy of accomplishment. It is a tremendous job to bring so many different people and agencies to final agreement.

City Manager Seeger handled Monday's final negotiations at Portland with skill, but even the final discussions were prolonged by the writing in of stipulations to protect state, county and city against further price increase, not expected but always possible in these uncertain times. However, barring the unforeseen, the first contracts will be let by the state highway department in the next few weeks and dirt will move when the construction season opens.

In our opinion the conclusion of this joint contract sets an important precedent for similar joint enterprises in other parts of the state. If the state highway commission has seemed over-cautious in entering this deal with Lane County and the City of Eugene, it is because of all too prevalent inclination to "put the bee on the state highway department." Except for the big front street job in Portland, this is the first instance, so far as we know, where a county and a city have come forward with substantial contributions toward an integrated project.

It is a precedent which will be valuable as more and more major reconstruction is attempted in urban areas. State and federal funds are available for work in cities, but only on the immediate right-of-way of designated state highways. Nevertheless a well planned tieup of county and city facilities is essential to proper traffic management, and it is only fair that the local governments in such cases should contribute their full share of the cost.

This whole project will be handled as though it were entirely a state job. That is, Lane County and the City of Eugene, get for free the full services of the state highway department's large engineering, right-of-way and legal staffs. The state will let the contracts, unit by unit, supervise construction and bill the county and the state for the agreed share of cost.

For the community (the entire Eugene-Springfield area) the setting up of this integrated project is a key link in the modern traffic pattern because it opens these possibilities:

1. A new Springfield-Eugene connection on the east side of the river.
2. An opening via the Coburg road to the future east-side highway to Portland.
3. A traffic pattern on which OFF STREET

PARKING plans can be made intelligently.

4. Restoration of the historic Millrace above Broadway to recreational and scenic use.

Years of effort lie behind and years of effort lie ahead, if we are to meet the problems of modern traffic management. The line from Judkins Point to Goshen must be completed. The "outer highway" across the Spencer foothills may have to be relocated to save cost of hacking through areas which are building up, but the "outer highway" must not be allowed to be forgotten.

Eugene, like every other rapidly growing city must continue to think in terms of traffic management or it will be crippled by "hardening of the arteries." This is a good job of planning, but the work of planning has barely begun.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

BY PETER EDSON  
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

#### Stassen's Candidacy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1. — (NEA) — Ex-Gov. Harold E. Stassen's path of glory that leads but to the White House—or the political graveyard—is about as difficult an obstacle-course as was ever laid out.

Reporters needed the former governor into saying flatly, "I am a candidate—unquote. The way he said it the first time was "I intend to be a candidate." That wasn't satisfactory. Why didn't he come right out in the open? So he did, though for a long time there has been no uncertainty on what Stassen was up to.

Harold Stassen's real purpose in coming to Washington just before Christmas was not only to be as good as he could be, but also to announce the opening of Washington headquarters. He will spend considerable time in Washington, he said, "to move the Republican Party along the path toward true liberalism."

If Stassen can do that, it will be something you must see. At a time when most of the liberals have taken to the tall timbers and tried to disguise themselves as "progressives," this is a refreshingly frank statement of policy.

To achieve this noble ambition, Stassen says he will work with the Republican majorities of the Senate and House, taking particular interest in labor policy as the first phase, with the three subordinate problems of housing, health, and small co-operating, he says, in conferences with individual legislators, or in small group sessions.

#### Who'll Play Ball?

The question raised immediately is how much co-operating the Republican senators and congressmen are going to do with Stassen.

Minnesota Senators Ball and Thye and the Minnesota congressmen might play along. A few other self-styled liberals like Wayne Morse of Oregon might join the club. But who else?

Not Joe Martin nor Carroll Reece. Not Taft, not Bricker, nor Brewster nor any other lawmaker who also has the presidential bee in his bonnet but has not yet been bold enough to let the bee out by taking off his hat and tossing it in the ring. And in the first great year of the GOP return to power, you can bet your boots that all the boys will be found blowing bazookas on the bandwagon to show what regular Republicans they really are.

Stassen has apparently taken pride in his strategy for going after the Republican Presidential nomination. He declined to run for senator from Minnesota, though he could have had the nomination for the asking. Like Dewey, he wanted to be free from any entangling alliances with any wing or faction of the party.

If, however, Stassen had been elected to the Senate, he would today be one of the boys. He could get up and make speeches, serve on committees, investigate, pull wires all over the place, campaign as hard as he chose and still be accepted because he would be on the inside looking out.

As an outsider butting in, he may find the story different. Instead of being a popular guy, there is a great political danger that Stassen may become a great nuisance and a greater bore.

#### Endurance Needed

The job that Stassen has set for himself is important. Somebody should keep needing the Republican majorities, to keep them from going too far to the reactionary.

But all congressmen are jealous of their prerogatives, and they don't like to have it known they get their ideas or directions from anyone else, even when they do.

If Stassen is to develop as the Republican Party leader and fair-haired boy, more power to him. He has done considerable studying and thinking on all issues, domestic and foreign. He knows what he thinks, and he doesn't pussyfoot on his answers. His labor program for continuing high production with no major strikes, intensive white-collar salaries, opposing restrictive labor legislation and exercising consumer resistance to high prices is sound. He probably made all the CIO leaders mad by blasting at the Nathan report recommendation for 25 per cent wage increases out of profits. But he didn't waver—word his statement just to curry favor with labor.

It may be that Stassen's directness will win over a big popular following. No one would suffer if that happened.

The first rule of horse-racing and politics is that it doesn't pay to get too far out in front, too early in the race. Stassen is young, sound of limb and feeling his oats. But will his wind hold out?

## SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

### Mohawk Girl Wedded At Nuptial Mass Said In Church at Mass

A nuptial mass at St. Rose Catholic Church Thursday morning, December 26, married Miss Rita Elaine Bruce to Raymond Goracke. The Rev. Thomas Connelly officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bruce of Mohawk. Until recently she was a teacher at the River Road School.

The church was decorated with two large baskets of white chrysanthemums, and Christmas flowers were upon the altar.

Escorted by her father, the bride was gowned in white embroidered tulle, fashioned with gathered bodice, long sleeves and sweetheart neckline, and three-tiered hooped skirt with train. Her veil was of three-quarter length, falling from a coronet of lace and seed pearls. She wore a pearl necklace as "something borrowed" from Miss Eva Stephen, cousin of the bridegroom. Her flowers were white carnations centered by an orchid and tied with satin ribbon.

**Sister is Matron**  
Mrs. Alice Turpening, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. She wore a floor-length gown of pink net over satin, the bodice brocade and made with long sleeves. Miss Patricia Ann Goracke, cousin of the groom, as bridesmaid wore a floor-length gown of embroidered chiffon over satin in shell pink. It was made with short, puffed sleeves and a pastel blue satin sash. Both attendants wore halo caps of white starched lace trimmed with a touch of rose and blue in rosettes and streamers, and both carried bouquets of pink rosebuds encircled by small white and rose chrysanthemums.

The bride's mother wore gray with a corsage of pink and white camellias.

Best man was Robert M. Goracke, and usher was Floyd Goracke; both are cousins of the bridegroom.

Servers at the altar were Sammy and Jimmy Caruthers. During the mass hymns were sung by the choir with Mrs. M. C. Goracke at the organ.

For going away the bride had a suit of gray. The couple motored

### Club Calendar

**Thursday**  
Re-Active Club, Osburn Hotel, 7:30 p.m.  
Painting Group of Eugene City Club, with Mrs. Harry Lichty, 1:30 p.m.  
LOE, Elks Lodge, 2 p.m.  
Order of Rainbow, Masonic Temple, 7:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Grace Lutheran Women's League, church parlors, 2:30 p.m.  
Evening Division, Central Presbyterian Women's Union, church, 7:45 p.m.  
Welfare League, Eugene Hotel, 10 a.m.

**Saturday**  
Sewing Club of DUV, with Mrs. Laurice Fry, 12:30 p.m.  
Women's Benefit Assn., WOW Hall, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Evangeline Chapter, OES, Masonic Temple, 9 p.m.  
Executive Board, B&PW Club, Eugene Hotel, noon.

### Women's Choral Club To Hold Auditions

Eugene Women's Choral Club will open its 1947 season with its first rehearsal Monday evening, January 6, at Fellowship Hall adjoining Central Presbyterian Church. The first audition for new members also will be held at this time.

Any woman wishing to sing with the group is invited to call Miss Maud Densmore, 1662, for further information about the chorus. There will be a few vacancies in all four voice sections for replacements. Old members who will be unable to continue in the second season are asked to let Miss Densmore know at once.

Auditions will be held at two later meetings, as well, but it is advisable for prospective members to appear at the first one if possible. They may come at any time between 7:30 and 9:30, as auditions are to follow the rehearsal.

#### SEATTLE FOLK STOP

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morrow of Seattle stopped over in Eugene to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chandler on the Coburg Road Monday. The couple was en route to the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena.

For California for a week. They will live on his farm in the Irish Bend district near Monroe.

### Davenport-Nelson Portland Wedding Held at Cathedral

St. Stephen's Episcopal Cathedral in Portland was the scene of the wedding Saturday of Miss Vivian Lita Nelson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gunnar E. Nelson, and Jerry Glen Davenport, son of Dr. and Mrs. Randall White of Oswego. Dean Charles Guilbert officiated. The bridegroom, a nephew of G. E. Gaylord of Eugene, formerly lived here.

A large reception was held afterwards at the University Club. Pouring were Mrs. Leonard K. Greer, Mrs. Robert W. Neighbor, Mrs. Warren J. Ulrich, Mrs. Louis R. Centro, Mrs. Hugo Osterman of Seattle and Mrs. Harry Nelson of Tacoma. Assisting were Mrs. Philip M. Lively, Mrs. Theodore Miller, Mrs. Franz Drinker and Misses Mary Gray Osterman of Seattle, Dorothy Miller, Susan Ulrich, Nancy Neighbor, Nancy Salt and Roberts Carter.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory satin frock with neckline embroidered with seed pearls, with full illusion and lace veil held in place by a Juliet cap of rose point lace and orange blossoms. She carried a round bouquet of bride's roses centered with gardenias.

Mrs. David White of Bremerton was matron of honor and bridesmaids were Misses Margaret Criswell, Barbara Vowels and Joan Watney. They all wore ivory tulle frocks with Juliet caps of red carnations and carried fan bouquets of the same flowers.

Little Linda Layton of Seattle was flower girl.

Lt. (jg) David White was best man and ushers were George Van Vleet, Peter Shephers and Charles Fagan.

On their return from a trip north, the newlyweds will be at home in Portland.

#### LIONS CLUB GIVES TO JUNIOR SYMPHONY

Another contribution to the Junior Symphony fund is announced by the board of the musical group, twenty-five dollars having been given by Eugene Lions Club. This is one of several such gifts by local organizations made to meet the emergency of financing the Junior Symphony in its present year.

### Eugene Audience Asked to Choose Preferred Music

Eugene members of the Civic Music Association are to have a chance to name their preference of symphonies for the program which the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra will play here April 9. A list of ten symphonies has been submitted by Dimitri Mitropoulos, conductor, to the local association. Members are urged to read the following list, and to drop a card giving their choice of the ten to Civic Music Association, U. S. Bank Building, Eugene, by January 7. All replies must be in by that date to be considered, according to G. E. Gaylord, president of the association. The indicated choices will be compiled and the result will be airmailed back to New York to the office of NCAC.

Here are the ten:  
1—Beethoven, Symphony No. 2, in D major;  
2—Beethoven, Symphony No. 6, in F major, "Pastoral";  
3—Brahms, Symphony No. 3, in F major;  
4—Franck, Symphony in D minor;  
5—Mendelssohn, Symphony No. 3, in A minor, "Scottish";  
6—Mozart, Symphony No. 40, in G minor;  
7—Rachmaninoff, Symphony No. 2, in E minor;  
8—Schumann, Symphony No. 3.

In E-flat major, "Rhenish";  
9—Sibelius, Symphony No. 2, in D major;  
10—Tchaikowsky, Symphony No. 5, in E minor.

### Recipe

**De Luxe Swiss Steak**  
(Serves 6)  
Four tablespoons flour, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 pounds round steak (1-inch thick), 2 tablespoons lard or drippings, ¼ cup chopped onion, ½ cup catsup, ¾ cup boiling water, 6 medium sized potatoes, 6 green pepper rings, 1 cup diced cooked carrots.  
Combine flour and salt and pound into steak with edge of a heavy plate. Brown steak on both sides in hot lard in a heavy skillet. Add onion, catsup and water; cover tightly and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F. for 2 hours until tender. During last hour, place peeled potatoes around the meat in the skillet. Arrange potatoes around the meat alternately with green pepper rings. In the center of each pepper ring heap a mound of diced carrots.

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### London Paper Says Royal Marriage Topic

LONDON.—(AP)—The London Star proclaimed in banner headlines Wednesday "Cabinet Discusses Royal Romance" and "The Princess and Prince Philip."

The Star said the cabinet has already discussed the engagement of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip of Greece and that the matter will be studied again when the cabinet meets Thursday.

"Before going into further details, the cabinet decided they should look reactions of the other empire countries over which the princess will one day be queen," the Star said.

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### Pair to Make Home Here After Wedding

Miss Ruth Alice Chappell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hepworth Chappell of Portland, was married to Charles D. Scofield, army air corps veteran attending the University of Oregon, at Grace Memorial Church in Portland Sunday, December 22.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a dusty rose dressmaker suit with brown accessories and carried a white Bible with a shower of brown orchids. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Scofield of Roseburg. The Rev. John Richardson performed the afternoon ceremony in a setting of white chrysanthemums.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. T. J. Van Alstyne. She wore a smoke-white suit with

brown accessories. Maid of honor was Miss Suzanne St. Pierre, who wore a smoke-blue suit with brown accessories. Both carried poinsettias.

Best man was Jess M. Shinn. Ushers were Donald McEachron, Jacob S. Risely, Theodore Rilt and Martin Conlin. Assisting at the reception, which was held at the parish house, were Mrs. E. A. Wolfe, Mrs. F. M. Phelps, Mrs. James Chappell, Mrs. Arthur Hosfeldt, Miss Gretchen Nicolai, Miss Virginia Parr, Miss Rebecca Fish and Miss Gay Edwards. After a short wedding trip to California, Mr. and Mrs. Chappell will be at home in Eugene.

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