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Robert N. Stanfield

The recent sudden death of Ex-Senator Robert Nelson Stanfield, 68, at Weiser, Idaho, brought few comments from Oregon newspapers, and some of those so uncomplimentary that they had better never have been written. As, because of prejudice and partisanship, "now we see through a glass darkly" instead of objectively, a proper appraisal will have to be left to the better perspective of the future. However the record reveals a man of unusual ability, with the courage of his convictions, who in his one term in the senate accomplished as much or more for Oregon than any other single term—for under senate rules of precedence as they existed a quarter of a century ago, a freshman congressman received scant opportunity.

Stanfield was a native Oregonian, born at Umatilla landing. His father was a California pioneer of '48 who in the early 50's took up one of the first cattle ranches in Oregon. Young Robert learned ranching from the grass roots and got his education from distant country schoolhouses and completed his schooling at the state normal school.

After the cattlemen finally gave up the Umatilla country to the sheep men, Mr. Stanfield entered the sheep business and by 1920 his sheep holdings numbered 350,000 head and he was acclaimed the largest sheep owner in the world. Meanwhile he had been elected a member of the Oregon legislature for three terms, and speaker for one term. In 1920 he was elected to the United States senate but failed of reelection. In 1926, at the risk of his life, he saved a woman from drowning in a heavy undertow off Ocean City, Md.

During his term in the senate Stanfield attained prominence and had the people of Oregon given him another term would have become a power in the national legislature. He is best remembered for passing the Stanfield act which brought millions of dollars to western Oregon counties by requiring the federal government to pay to counties sums they had lost with the reversion of the O. & C. land grant to the government—a real accomplishment for a first term. He was afterwards an unsuccessful candidate for the republican nomination for the senate. Neglect of his livestock interests because of his absorption in public business, combined with the depression lost him his fortune but he was still carrying courageously on to the last.

The people of Oregon have always been ungrateful to their hard working senators, which is one reason the state has not had more influence in Washington, where powerful committee assignments hinge on length of service. In recent years they turned down Jonathan Bourne, who had in one term attained national prominence as father of the parcel post law; George Chamberlin, who was chairman of the senate military committee during World War I, and won national fame by his courage in exposing conditions and forcing reforms, and Rufus Holman who rendered valuable service on the appropriations committee. Charles McNary was the only exception and he became the most powerful influence in Washington and nominee of his party for vice-president, as a result.

Wartime Discourtesy

Recognizing the fact that the war has brought about an entirely new attitude between retail establishments and their customers, a group of Hempstead, Long Island, merchants cooperating with their local newspaper have launched a campaign to restore courtesy to their dealings with the public. Their motivating thought is the elimination of the sales clerk whose attitude toward customers is summed up in the now familiar expression, "Don't you know there's a war on?" In reply to some unusual request. They seek to restore the nearly forgotten maxim "the customer is always right."

As a result of their self-examination 260 retail merchants in Hempstead are cooperating in the publication of 12 full-page advertisements addressed to their customers, one of which reads in part as follows:

"Because ours is a role of service, we cannot let our teamwork slump to a routine level, since perfunctory service to the public all too rapidly degenerates into discourteous service. . . . We on the service front are human, just as you are, with no additional physical and emotional armor to withstand the strains and stresses of war. Occasionally our patience may wear a little thin and unwelcome impulses break through before we realize it. Such lapses from good form are excusable in all of us, can be expected once in a while. But a constant lack of courtesy . . . an attitude of superior indifference to customers' problems . . . a readiness with short answers and ultimatums . . . must not be tolerated at any time."

Behind this novel campaign lies the fact evidenced in almost every city that common decency and courtesy have disappeared to an alarming degree in this wartime seller's market. So widespread is the complaint that women's groups throughout the country are talking of retaliation against offending merchants when business returns to normal. This attitude of independence is due in the small shops to the proprietors themselves. In the larger stores it can be laid to inexperienced and overworked help. In either case it can be explained largely by the handicaps which merchants must contend with these days—shortages of help and merchandise and the myriad government rules and regulations designed to develop short tempers and lack of patience.

Where They Have Gone

Here are the answers to frequently heard question as to what has become of the plentiful supplies of every day articles which the American people have come to take for granted, and the absence of which they unthinkingly resent; articles ranging from fuel oil to cigarettes.

These answers are contained in a list of stores used by Service Squadron 10, the "floating naval base" which supplied fighting ships of the U. S. Fifth Fleet supporting the Okinawa landing, as prepared by the information division of OPA. Illustrative of the heavy demands of war on civilian supplies are these articles and quantities used in that single invasion:

"Enough fuel to make a train of tank cars 238 miles long, with enough left to heat 10,000 homes for a year; enough gasoline to run 30,700 American automobiles for a full year—enough to run one car for 300,000 miles; sufficient lubricating oil to allow for complete change of oil in 466,000 automobiles; enough explosives to blast Tokyo out of existence—the equivalent of 480 freight cars full; nine million gallons of water to ease the task of distilling plants carried by each ship for converting ocean waters to fresh; enough food to feed Portland for 30 days; enough spare clothing to completely clothe more than 1,500,000 persons; enough tooth powder, candy, stationery, shaving cream and razor blades to fully stock 6000 drugstores; two hundred seventy thousand pounds of soap and 5,000,000 packs of cigarettes."

Student Leaders Meeting in Seattle

Seattle, April 21 (AP)—Student body presidents and delegates from 18 Pacific northwest col-

leges are meeting in the University of Washington. The gathering, which will close Sunday is the first meeting of the Pacific Students' association, northern region.



'Authoritative military quarters believe the President's death will seriously affect the enemy's conduct of the war.'—Tokyo Radio

The Fireside Pulpit

Reverend George H. Swift
Rector, Saint Paul's Episcopal Church

Your Part in World Security—The fate of a nation of a people is often determined by the decision of a few men to act at a given time in a certain way. When Napoleon and his advisors decided to send the armies into the heart of Russia to conquer Moscow, the fate of Napoleon's empire was determined. When Hitler and his advisors decided to strike east into Russia instead of west into England, they changed the course of German history for a possible thousand years. When the Japanese war lords decided to stab the United States in the back at Pearl Harbor they started something which will change Asiatic history for centuries.

When the Big Three and their advisors decided on "unconditional surrender" for Germany, they took the first step toward future world security. Other steps were taken in the same direction when conferences such as Dumbarton Oaks were called and held. These preliminary conferences paved the way for the United Nations conference about to be held in San Francisco. According to an article in the Saturday Evening Post (April 21) this conference aims "to provide legal and consultative machinery for dealing with disputes among nations," looking to world security from bloody wars.

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

The Door, Suh!

Santa Fe, N. M.—Farmer A. F. Schrader said he didn't mind obliging when a stranger opened his front door, walked in and asked for a match but—When the man crawled into bed and dropped off to sleep, Schrader lost little time in yanking the intruder out and showing him the door.

Achtung, Adolf

Topeka, Kas.—The Germans may be supermen but they apparently aren't very tall. Lt. Nels A. Anderson, Jr., six foot, one inch lieutenant, wrote his parents here that he looked all over Germany while with the first army and still hadn't found a bed long enough for him.

Memorial Award Goes to Ernie Pyle

Chicago, April 21 (AP)—Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, announced Friday award of the Raymond Clapper memorial award to Ernie Pyle. It was the second consecutive year the prize was given the famed war correspondent.

He was chosen April 2, 18 days before he was killed. In announcing the award, John S. Knight, publisher of the Chicago Daily News and papers in Detroit, Miami, and Akron, O., said the selection was made "for human interest, down-to-earth reporting of the war."

"More than any other reporter, Pyle had the gift of bringing the horrors and realities of war close to home. His articles have been magnificent," Knight said.

There is something every family can do. Every family can pray for the success of the conference. If we believe in the power of prayer at all, (hundreds of millions do believe in the power of prayer) and if we pray to God at all—now is the time to do it. Now is the time to make a practical application of our belief. The words of Phillips Brooks on prayer should reach the ears of those whose votes will spell success or failure. "If you would have God hear you when you pray, you must hear Him when He speaks." The conclusions of the conference must reflect the will of God!

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Temperature went up to 86 degrees at Medford Tuesday which we'd call good weather!

Sheriff Denver Young who lives out on Croisan creek got up early enough this a. m. to drop out into the back yard and snake himself out a couple trout for breakfast. This is one of the principal reasons why city chaps like to be gentlemen farmers especially if they can find a gentlemanly farm situation on a creek.

Says an exchange, "Three cows at Rockford city farm gave birth to litters of 8, 11 and 13 pigs, respectively." This is either a don't you believe it item, or else times are changing.

Announcement is made that a school for sheep shearers is soon to be established and in a few days turn sheep shearers out of men who've never had their hands on a pair of clippers. But they probably won't pull the wool over the sheeps' eyes when they get to work in earnest. Steve Stone, our compatriot who was brought up on an eastern Oregon ranch and learned to shear sheep the hard way when he had to stand on a soap box to reach the sheep just grunted when he heard about this new course in the curriculum. "B-a-a," he said.

Belated Proof

(Lebanon Express)
Sodaville—Last Friday proved so disastrous to C. W. Reynolds he says he is considering spending the day in bed whenever Friday falls on the 13th of the month. First he broke some ribs while working at his job at the mill. A few minutes after he arrived home from the doctor's office where he was treated, he cut his hand while splitting wood. The gash, a bad one on the back of his left hand.

Ben Clagget's frog which went on exhibition downtown yesterday and at first displayed a seemingly supreme contempt for the folks who began to crowd around his glass cage and look him over, began showing indications today he was beginning to enjoy the admiration of the humans who crowded around.

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The War Today

By DeWitt Mackenzie

An interpretative analysis of war developments by a famous Associated Press war correspondent.

With the mighty Russian battle-front again surging forward the strategy to follow junction of Moscovites with western allies becomes the question of the day.

The reich is slashed in two—what then; well, we remain in much the same position forecast by General Eisenhower and his commanders within the last few days. That is to say, there still are a lot of isolated pockets of Germans to clear up. In short no man can put his finger on the calendar and say: "This is the date of V-E day."

This is a keen disappointment to a lot of home-front folk who jumped to the conclusion, from the dazzling speed of the allied tank columns, that the war was over. However, we shall do well to swallow this strong mustard and make up our minds that there's still some distance to go.

Fight to the End

Of course, if Hitler should suddenly change his mind and decide to surrender as head of government, that presumably would end all German resistance. However, up to now he and his lieutenants have shown every sign of fighting to the end and there is no other body of Germans who could speak for the many pockets of resistance in the matter of surrender. So we must continue cleaning house.

With the enemy divided into two zones the southern theater will comprise Hitler's fortress in the Bavarian Alps near his Berchtesgaden home, the northern will be made up of large pockets along the coast clear to Norway.

Drive in Italy

We must link Hitler's last stand in the Alps with that of the German army which is fighting in northern Italy. The allied forces on the peninsula are now in the full swing of an offensive to annihilate the Hitlerites. However, the latter have a strong force—some 25 German divisions and about five Italian divisions—and the advantage of terrain which is cut by numerous rivers. I should say we have here the prospects of a tough and bloody battle.

Now as to the German stand in the far north: there is no doubt that the nazis intend to defend the capital as long as possible—not an enviable task in view of the way the allies are closing in on both sides and are threatening to cut the German corridor previously mentioned. When the capital succumbs, the defenders will do their best to retreat to one of the pockets on the north coast. The measure of their success is highly problematical, because the Russians are driving hard to cut the German line above Berlin and thus surround the forces holding the capital.

Girl Reserve

Marion Carter, leader of the Parrish 7th grade Girl Reserves, is planning a "Spring Hike" as

an out-door event for their next meeting. Last week they were responsible for the gathering of the decorations for the "Miniature Convention" which was held at the YMCA.

Mrs. Esther Little met with the Parrish 8th G. R.'s last Tuesday in the absence of their leaders, Pat Sears and Jean Barham. Members were told of the summer camp at Smith Creek. Registrations are being taken now at the YWCA. Mrs. Little also led the group in singing Girl Reserve songs. The Girl Reserves of Leslie 9th enjoyed an afternoon of playing croquet in the backyard of the YWCA last Wednesday. Next week they will have an out-door supper, to be followed by games.

Tri-Y—Shirley Liudahl, president of Ann Guthrie and her committee members, are completing plans for a Mother's Day tea to be given in May. Mrs. Harmon Garrett is the leader of this chapter.

Cabinet members of Abbie Graham met at the home of Mrs. Neil Brown, with their leader, Barbara Crawford, to plan spring events for the remainder of the school year. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Committees were appointed by Marjorie Lundahl, president of Rhoda McCullough, Thursday evening during their meeting at the YWCA to plan for a dance to be given in May.

Elcena McCune, president of Margaret Meade, called her club members together in the gardens of the YWCA Thursday evening to discuss club officers for next year and plan events for the spring. An announcement was made concerning the rummage sale which is scheduled for the 27th and 28th of April.

Marion Cuthbert chapter members enjoyed an out-door supper in the gardens of the YWCA Friday after school, which was followed by a theater line party.

The monthly meeting of Tri-Y was held in the high school auditorium Thursday of this week. Grace Elliott and Abbie Graham presented a joint club talent show, featuring "Women at Work in Wartime." Margaret Meade and Rhoda McCullough were responsible for a two act skit, entitled "This Little Pig Went to Market, dramatizing a family budget.

Harriet Huston, in Takoma, Washington last month, gave a report on the summer planning conference which was held at the YWCA.

There are 551 wooden bridges and 41 completely concrete ones spanning Marion county roads exclusive of those on main or secondary state highways.

Halsey Deep in Hatred of Japs

New York, April 21 (AP)—Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., commander of the third U. S. fleet, today charged the Japanese with vivisection, rape and cannibalism and demanded that after the war, one Japanese officer be put to death in retaliation for every one of "our men" murdered in the Pacific. Halsey's plan was presented in a signed article in Collier's magazine. He urged that no peace treaty be signed with the Japanese and that a "prolonged armistice" be substituted. He said his staff joined him in "extremely violent hatred" of the Japanese.

"Most of the Japanese atrocity stories you hear about are not exaggerations," he said. "We have documented proof that some of our marines were vivisected, that some nuns were subjected to 48 hours of continuous rape, and definite signs that the Japs practiced cannibalism on Guadalcanal and on Leyte."

Halsey demanded punishment in payment of "all Japs guilty of war crimes, without respect for rank or high position," and singled out Field Marshal Juichi Terauchi and General Tomoyuki Yamashita as deserving of special attention.

Outlining the military control which he maintained was necessary in the postwar period, Halsey said a United Nations supreme commander with a free hand should be placed in charge.

He said we "must make the Japanese race powerless, and then keep it powerless." With this in mind, he proposed three restrictions: that no Japanese ship should move without allied approval, that all Japanese should be stripped of all arms of any kind, and that "most industrial material should be kept away from them without forcing them into starvation."

Freedom of Press Action at Chicago

Chicago, April 21 (AP)—The National Editorial Association, representing 5100 publishers of smaller dailies and weeklies, met today to act on a freedom of the press resolution.

Association members yesterday at their streamlined, curtailed meeting, praised the efforts of Kent Cooper, executive director of the Associated Press in behalf of freedom of the press the world over.

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