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Community Prize

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
JUST SIX MONTHS ago, the city of Roseburg became a disaster area as an explosion ripped a big section of the business area. The explosion itself was a disjointed story of many courageous people who performed heroic tasks in the grim hours of disaster. The helping hands that were offered from every side were also emblematic of the good neighbor approach that is typical of this country.

Roseburg was a shining example of courage in its hour of trial.

YESTERDAY, in my estimation, the people of Roseburg again exhibited the kind of courage and initiative that has become the real strength of this country. Faced with a tremendous rebuilding job in view of the devastation committed by the explosion, the city had been considering the possibility of using federal urban renewal funds to help clean up and rebuild the blast area.

A Citizen's Advisory Committee on Urban Renewal recommended abandoning plans for federal financed urban renewal in the blast area, and were in favor of having the redevelopment program carried out by private capital.

THIS LEAVES the stout-hearted city in the position of telling the federal government that they aren't interested in federal funds.

Members of the 70-man advisory committee were quoted as saying of the federal government funds, "Who needs them? We can do it faster and better by ourselves."

OUR HATS OFF TO THIS CITY

They didn't offer up the limp excuse that "If we don't take it some other city might."

Neither did they say, "Let someone else make the first move to refuse federal funds."

They did it.

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THEY ALSO

abandoned plans for a high level bridge over the South Umpqua River which would have cost about two and one-half million dollars.

Rather than build the bridge with the help of federal urban renewal funds, they decided the low level bridge which would cost about \$576,000 would do the job.

Douglas County offered to put up at least \$500,000 toward the project.

WHAT AN INSPIRING

example of the power of the American spirit which made this country the great nation it is today.

Many other communities, and people too, have degenerated to the point of being beggars when it comes to federal funds.

Sure, Roseburg suffered a disaster.

But from that disaster is rising the true spirit that makes a community great, the true spirit that made this country great . . . the spirit of taking care of one's own problems.

Let the rest of us take inspiration from the courage of Roseburg.

Tobacco

By FLORENCE JENKINS
Tobacco is literally a leaf which made pages of history.

Although tobacco was known to the Indians of North America for centuries, it is a relative newcomer to the world of the western white man. It was introduced to Europe from the New World just 40 years ago this year.

The Spaniards brought some of the leaves of this strange plant back from Santo Domingo to Spain in 1539, at first smoking it in strange pipes obtained from the Indians they had encountered there.

That same year, a Frenchman named Jean Nicote (from whom we get the word nicotine) brought some of the leaves to France.

In the next 25 years, Sir Francis Drake had introduced the plant into England. Soon thereafter, thanks to the then most popular courtier, Sir Walter Raleigh, the entire court of Queen Elizabeth began to smoke like chimney.

England, France and Spain all promptly tried planting tobacco in their various colonies all over the world which accounts for the fact that it is now found in so many locations. Sir Walter Raleigh even planted tobacco in Ireland.

The English had the best luck in this early race, for the Virginia-North Carolina colonies seemed best suited to the health and vigor of the tobacco plant. At Jamestown, Virginia, the gardens, fields and even the streets were planted in tobacco. Not only was tobacco the colonies' number one crop, it also served for a good many years as a medium of exchange.

Today, the United States still is the principal producer of tobacco

—as well as the principal user. India places second in production and consumption.

For nearly three centuries, the pipe was the undisputed leader among smokers, although both snuff and chewing tobacco were used from earliest times. Cigars came next, very much in the form we know them today, with the leaf itself being used for the outer wrapper.

It wasn't until the introduction of the machine age that cigarettes made an appearance. North Carolina is by far the leading tobacco growing and manufacturing state and its huge factories turn out billions of cigarettes every year.

First Robin

By DICK WEST
WASHINGTON (UPI) — Every year about this time, newspapers begin getting calls from people reporting the arrival of the first robin.

I hate to disillusion anyone, but as harbingers of spring robins are not much more reliable than snowbirds. It depends on whether you happen to see the right robin.

I have been doing some robin research at the suggestion of my boss, who was skeptically eyeing a piece of teletype copy when I stopped by his office.

"Here's the first robin story of the year," he said. "Why don't you do a story knocking down that myth? Those birds never leave home."

Well, sir, in less time than it takes to say "erithacus rubecula"—which is how you say "robin" in bird language — I had the Smithsonian Institution on the phone and was talking with Herbert Deignan.

Deignan is assistant curator of the division of birds and a font of ornithological information. I regret to report that our conversation didn't turn out exactly the way my boss had in mind.

I put it to Deignan bluntly. Are our little red-breasted friends the feathered messengers of spring? Or aren't they?

Deignan, who is no man to equivocate where birds are concerned, gave it to me straight. "They are and they aren't," he said.

Sensing that I was on the trail of something that was bigger than both of us, I urged Deignan to elaborate. He did, to wit:

Robins do head South at the onset of winter but a lot of them stop off along the way. Thus they can be found on the Mason-Dixon line all winter.

At this time of year, there is no sure way of telling whether a particular robin just flew in from the South — a sign of spring on the wing — or whether he had been around since last autumn.

All this Deignan was explaining while I, began thinking about that old poem; the one that goes: "The north wind doth blow, and we shall have snow, and what will the robin do then, poor thing? He'll sit in the barn, and keep himself warm, and hide his head under his wing, poor thing."

I asked Deignan whether this didn't tend to confirm my boss' theory that robins actually stay put during the winter. Not at all, he replied. The poem, he said, was written about English robins, who are not as footloose as their American cousins.

Paint And Polish

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UPI White House Reporter
SAO PAULO, Brazil (UPI) — Backstairs at the traveling White House:

As President Eisenhower hurries from country to country in his jet plane he probably is responsible for more road repairs and fresh paint than he can get

through Congress for a pet project of his own.

Since Eisenhower became such a world traveler last year he has caused untold expenditures on paint and pavement just by announcing that he intends to visit a city.

Here today in Sao Paulo, Brazil's great industrial center, there has been general refurbishing of virtually each building Eisenhower will see during his brief aerial side trip from Rio de Janeiro. He's having lunch at the Fasano restaurant here and Brazilian President Juscelino Kubitschek saw to it that the place was virtually redecorated.

When Eisenhower is the guest his hosts generally do a lot more than redecorate.

For example, in Brasilia, the new capital of this country where the President spent Tuesday night, the road building program was accelerated far beyond the expectation of most Brazilians.

Where there were streets of ankle-deep mud a month ago there was glistening new pavement when Eisenhower drove into town. A few days before he got to Brasilia, a new road was cut and paved into the grounds of the new American embassy within a matter of what seemed to be only hours.

When Eisenhower visited Athens, Greece, last December, there had been a slow-moving street repair project in front of the parliament building. Athenians had complained for weeks about the inconvenience to motor traffic.

A day or two before Eisenhower arrived, a vast crew appeared on the scene and had the street fixed in nothing flat.

When Eisenhower visited Spain last year the Franco government put in new street lights along the main drag of Madrid and installed vast Broadway-type electric signs along the route of the Eisenhower motor procession through the city.

When Eisenhower visited Karachi, Pakistan, President Ayub Khan had a vast area of refugee housing flattened to remove an eyesore from the Eisenhower line of march. Ayub Khan even had the cleared area sprinkled with a deodorant. And in Afghanistan King Zahir had the fronts of most houses and buildings facing the route of Eisenhower's procession carefully whitewashed a day or two before the President arrived.

A Brazilian diplomat said quite thoughtfully after Eisenhower arrived in his country, "The President's visit has had a beneficial effect which he'll probably never know about—he was responsible for filling up most of the potholes in our streets in Rio de Janeiro."

Washroom Antics

By HAL BOYLE
NEW YORK (AP)—One of the best places to study human nature is in an office washroom.

The white-collar worker at his desk wears a mask. He is on guard. You can't tell what kind of a person he is.

But in the washroom he quits acting. He shows his true personality, and the real man comes through. He feels free there to be himself.

Look around you in your own office washroom. You are bound to recognize some familiar characters.

1. The crusader. He complains the grade of washroom soap is ruining his skin and is eternally circulating a petition demanding that the company put in linen instead of paper towels.

2. The fastidious soul. "Why do people insist on throwing their cigar butts on the floor here?" he asks, shuddering. "They don't do it at home do they? Then why

here? Isn't this their home away from home?"

3. The thrifty junior executive. He is so anxious to make a name for himself by saving the company money that he carefully tears off only half a paper towel to dry his dripping face. The result is he has chopped checks all winter.

4. The angry wastrel. "If this chincy outfit won't pay me what I'm worth, I'll get even with 'em some other way," he growls, boldly ripping off three paper towels when one will do.

5. The scholar. He never comes to the washroom without at least two newspapers and a copy of Reader's Digest.

6. The master of ceremonies. This guy is a frustrated Grover Whalen. He feels it his duty to give everyone who wanders into the washroom a cheerful greeting and a friendly farewell.

7. The ambusher. He lies in wait and as soon as you enter, he sidles over next to your wash basin and whispers, "By the way, can you lend me 10 bucks until payday?"

8. The office snitch. He creeps around listening to anyone's conversation, and if he hears anything derogatory about the company he gallops out to tell the boss. This male mata hari never realizes that the boss, as well as everybody else, despises him.

9. The secret addict. This poor wretch has publicly proclaimed he has given up the tobacco habit. But every 15 minutes he sneaks into the washroom to grab a few stolen puffs.

10. The hypochondriac. To him the washroom is both clinic and drugstore. He plods in every hour to the hour to gargle, put drops in his eyes, take a vitamin capsule, drink something to quiet his nonexistent ulcer, or simply stare at his tongue in the mirror.

11. The compulsive washer. He has made a mistake on the job but hasn't been caught. Every few minutes he trots in and scrubs his hand, hoping thereby to wash his guilt away before his error is found out.

12. The juvenile Narcissus. The teenage office boy is so proud of his duck-tail haircut, garnished with olive oil, that he spends hours combing his locks as he admires them in the washroom mirror. This drives the bald-headed older employees crazy.

Last but not least, of course, is the boss himself. He stomps in, looks bleakly around at the crowd of washroom characters, and remarks dryly: "What's going on in here anyway—a convention?"

Three seconds later the boss has the place to himself.

The Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Feb. 25, the 56th day of the year, with 310 more days in 1960.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus. The evening star is Mercury.

On this day in history:

In 1796, heads of various government departments met with President Washington in the first recorded meeting of a president's Cabinet.

In 1841, French painter Pierre Renoir was born.

In 1873, operatic tenor Enrico Caruso was born in Naples, Italy.

In 1901, J. P. Morgan incorporated the U. S. Steel Corporation.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment, authorizing income tax, was ratified.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized Czechoslovakia in a bloodless coup d'etat.

A thought for today: Pierre Renoir said: "I have a predilection for painting that lends joyousness to a wall."

Quotes

United Press International
NEW YORK — An unidentified cab driver after running down Robin Joyner, 4, and later dumping her body under a parked car: "I'm going to take her to a hospital."

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department on finding no basis for supporting legislation to abolish the death penalty in federal cases: "From the information at hand the department has no basis for urging a change in the law."

UNIONTOWN, Pa. — State police after enlisting National Guardsmen and a 25-ton tank to storm a barricaded berserk gunman who had killed three persons and wounded five others: "He was alive when we found him but he's dead now."



Extensions Being Made By Copco

Numerous line extensions are being made by California Oregon Power Company in the Tulelake Basin, according to Sam Ritchey, Klamath district manager for the utility company.

The work is within the area and comes under the jurisdiction of C. A. Boyden, assistant manager of the Klamath district in charge of the Tulelake office, Ritchey said.

One line extension will serve the property of Stanley Johnson, whose extensive ranch and livestock operations extend into the Tulelake Basin. The extension is necessary to serve a new 100-horse power hay chopper.

A line extension will be made to Clarence Moore's farm properties to serve a 40-horse power pump.

W. C. Dalton Company has asked for an extension to a 75-horse power hay mill on its State Line Ranch.

In addition to these extensions on which service connection dates have been set, there are several

other extensions in the planning stage. These include serving a 100-horse power pump on bench land belonging to J. D. McAuliffe on the east side of the Tulelake Basin south of Malin and a 20-horse power irrigation pump on land owned by Dan McAuliffe.

A Copco line extension is planned to serve the Henry O'Keefe and Ed Stasny residences to replace a private line in order to provide electric service to make the O'Keefe home all-electric, Ritchey said.

Tulelake line crews are being augmented by crews from Klamath Falls in order to meet the date of service connection requested by the customers, Ritchey said. This

work will add up to several miles of new pole line, he added.

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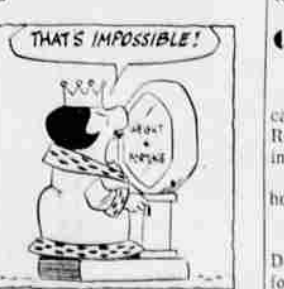
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SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal



KU Teacher Heads Group

LaMar K. Jensen, director of instrumental music at Klamath Union High School, is in charge of organizing this year's all-state high school band.

Jensen is state band affairs chairman for Oregon Music Educators Association.

Guest conductor will be Warren Bellis, University of Idaho band director, Jensen announced. Bellis will get assistance from a number of high school band directors who will act as section leaders.

The band will assemble at Portland March 16, 17 and 18, at the time of the Oregon Education Association convention. Band members will begin rehearsal March 16. They will present a program the afternoon of March 18 during a general OEA session.

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