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Publicity Urged On Fishing Industry

SAN FRANCISCO—(AP)—Advertising, good public relations and an efficient lobbying staff in Washington are essential to

the continued success of the fishing industry, President O. L. Carr of the National Fisheries Institute said.

Carr outlined the progress of the institute's program to some 700 of the billion-dollar industry's representatives at the opening session of the four-day institute convention.

"Publicity and advertising are something that we have needed for many years," Carr said, "and we need it now more than ever."

Carr, whose home is in Kansas City, Mo., told the institute members their number one expense item should be membership in the institute which handles public relations, and the number two item should be "your honest appropriation for advertising."

The institute's Washington staff, he said, is "entitled to practically all of the credit for the inclusion of fish and shellfish on the school lunch program."

The afternoon was given over to regional and specialized discussions.

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LETTERS to the Editor

Dog Haters Questioned

DILLARD—I'd like to ask dog haters a few questions. Have you consistently watched dogs? Have you noticed how loyal dogs are to their masters? On second thought, I don't like that word "masters." To a dog lover a dog is not an inferior creature; he's a pal, a good friend, someone on whom to rely at all times.

Your dog will still love you when everyone else turns you down. Your wife may ask for a divorce, your bank may foreclose the mortgage on your home, the finance company may take your car, but you'll still have your dog and he'll love you as much as he ever did.

L. A. FRITZ

Equal Opportunities For Negroes Advocated

ROSEBURG—I agree with Mrs. Laura Lee Gibby in her article of March 13th that passing laws, such as the anti-lynch law, "is not going to bring about a rainbow of love and neighbor feeling." However, fear of penalty often deters potential thieves and murderers. Few of us desire the repeal of the laws protecting our lives and property. Passage and enforcement of the anti-lynch law would aid greatly in protecting the lives and property of Negroes, Chinese, Americans of Japanese ancestry, and Filipinos, all of whom have suffered more or less at the hands of mobs of lawless white men. There are instances, also, in certain states, of white men who have been in danger of these mobs because they had exercised their constitutional right of freedom of speech or of the press. The anti-lynch law would probably save them from being tarred and feathered even though their neighbors didn't love them.

Is it not an acknowledgement of the inadequacy of the forces of law and order in some parts of this country when good Northern people can feel that it would be a mistake for Congress to pass an anti-lynch bill because "such action would tend to provoke every white person in the South to join the Ku Klux Klan" (quoting Mrs. Gibby)? Who is running this country anyway—Uncle Sam or the Ku Klux Klan? If the states are unable or unwilling to control the riff-raff within their own borders, Federal authorities should step in to protect the lives and property of our citizens, no matter whether these citizens are black, white, red, brown or yellow. When I was a child my father used to tell me proudly how the U. S. government was so powerful that it could and did protect its citizens abroad. Other nations must wonder why we cannot protect our citizens at home!

It is not my idea that "we ought to pension everyone not white and finance extravagant buildings," as Mrs. Gibby suggests may be my notion. I am certainly not in favor of treating Negroes any better than the whites. I do think we should treat them (and every other race) as well as the whites. In a large part of the U. S. Negroes today do not have half the opportunities for education, medical care or suitable jobs that we have. In some of our cities all the hospitals are for whites only! Our present treatment of the Negro simply encourages disease and crime. Certainly there are shiftless people in all races (I've known plenty of whites in that category!), but it does not discourage shiftlessness to put so many obstacles in the way of progress that only a genius can surmount them. Many white young folk would lose ambition if the local public schools did not take them beyond the fourth

grade, if they were not allowed to use public libraries nor to take courses from any correspondent school they chose, and knew that even if they succeeded in obtaining a good education in spite of these obstacles, they would not be considered for a suitable job if any white person had applied for it. Fortunately, such conditions do not exist in all parts of the U. S. but they are all too common in some states.

When Thomas E. Dewey signed the Ives-Quinn bill in 1945 prohibiting racial or religious discrimination in the selection of employees in New York, many people declared the law would do more harm than good because prejudice cannot be controlled by legislation. However, I read in a recent magazine that the law has worked out satisfactorily for all concerned. I wish the whole nation had similar legal restrictions!

Mrs. Gibby wrote that it would give her "the shivers" to walk down a street in a Negro section of town "even in daytime." I have walked alone down such streets many and many a day and never saw anything in the conduct of the people I passed to give anyone the shivers. They acted just like the people in any other part of the city. A Negro section intervened between my rooming place and the government office where I worked in Washington, D. C. in 1942 and buses were so crowded that I preferred to walk to work every day. Other Negro sections which I saw seemed just as orderly.

No one race should claim that it is better than all other races. The white man's cocksureness of superiority sounds to me too much like the German superman stuff we used to hear so much about. I wouldn't have much respect for the colored people if they were content to yield to injustice and did not struggle, as they are doing, for their constitutional rights as citizens of the U. S.

EVELYN BOWEN
Melrose Star Rt.

LOCAL NEWS

Carnival Friday — Melrose Grange will sponsor a carnival Friday night at 8 o'clock at the grange hall. Food booths will be maintained. Bingo will be played and a quilt will be given away. The public is invited to attend.

Evergreen Grange to Meet — Evergreen Grange will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock at the hall. Refreshments will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Folmsbee, Mr. and Mrs. DeGnath and Mrs. Besse Lounsbery.

Unit to Meet — Rice Valley Home Extension Unit will meet at the hall Friday for an all-day session and noon potluck luncheon. The topic will be "Cousages." All homemakers in the community are invited.

H. E. C. to Meet — Riverside Home Economics Club will meet Friday at a 12:30 o'clock potluck luncheon at the hall. Those attending are asked to bring their own table service. A flower and bulb exchange will be held during the afternoon.

Umpqua Daughters to Meet — Umpqua Daughters of the Nile of Zuleima Temple will meet at a 6:30 o'clock potluck supper Friday night at the home of Mrs. William T. Evans, 225 East Cass street with Mrs. John Boor, co-hostess.

Two-Day Rummage Sale — Methodist Keystone Club will sponsor a two-day rummage sale Friday and Saturday at the church basement. Mrs. C. A. Gilmer, Mrs. John Cornelsen, Mrs. O. F. Richmond, Mrs. Hugh Harrison, Mrs. Bayard Reed, Mrs. Kenneth Chilson, Mrs. Floyd

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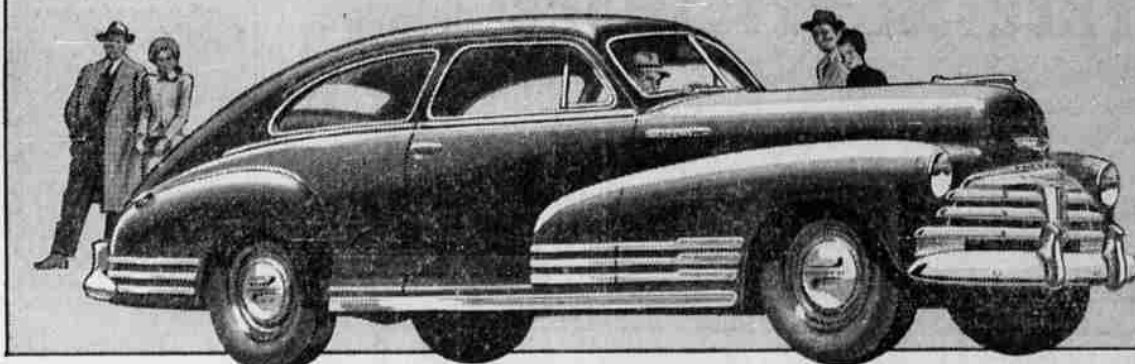
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