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CONGRATULATIONS DRAIN!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Congratulations to Drain's American Legion junior baseball team! And not to the team alone but to all the people of Drain, because their civic enterprise, as demonstrated in their living war memorial, undoubtedly has had a profound influence upon the youth of the community. How else explain the fact that Drain has won the district baseball championship three years in a row against stiff competition?

Young people living in Drain are extremely fortunate, for they are receiving an inspiration that should make them most valuable citizens. They are absorbing a spirit of civic cooperation and enterprise of a magnitude seldom seen. Drain's achievement in building a municipal swimming pool entirely through donations of labor and materials was heralded throughout the United States. The same cooperative spirit furnished the community with a lighted athletic field. Then, in preparation for the regional American Legion junior baseball eliminations, residents of Drain erected a quarter-mile of cedar fence, with all materials and labor donated, constructing the fence in one day, after which a paint company came forward with an offer to furnish paint to cover both sides of the new installation. So Drain citizens will be out again with paint brushes to complete the job.

We doubt if any other community of like size in the country can duplicate Drain's demonstration of civic enterprise and generosity in donations of time, effort and money. It is small wonder, when such inspiration is furnished, that a baseball team is able to win three championships in a row.

American Legion junior baseball came into existence shortly after the first World war. It was inaugurated as a part of the Legion's Citizenship program. Major baseball leagues quickly realized the value of the promotion and gave financial aid. In late years the Ford Motor company, through its local dealers, has been cooperating.

A majority of the younger players in organized baseball started their careers on American Legion teams. Baseball scouts seeking future talent closely watch the young performers.

Douglas county fans will recall how Glenn Elliott, a small, wiry, bespectacled youth from Myrtle Creek, pitched county teams to championships a number of years ago. And how he set collegiate strike-out records at Oregon State and later became the nemesis of Pacific Coast league batters as he toiled for Seattle, until he went into the majors.

Glenn might never have made his way into a baseball career, had it not been for men like Tommy Ireland, Rudie Ritzman and others who brought him along so carefully in his formative years, patiently imparting the lessons which made him a great pitcher.

Who knows what future baseball star will emerge from Barney Koch's squad of Peevees, who drew a near-capacity crowd recently for their intersquad preliminary and victorious battle with Bashor's Bombers, the classy Portland outfit? Barney Koch, Frank Bashor, Homer Parks, coach of the Drain team, and the thousands of men throughout the nation who likewise are donating to the baseball program, together with those who make their work possible, are contributing more to good citizenship than anyone ever will realize.

Because many men everywhere have joined efforts to promote the baseball program, and because people like the citizens of Drain are willing to give civic cooperation, large numbers of boys are being trained in sportsmanship and citizenship, while the feet of a few will be placed upon the ladder to success in professional sports careers.

The Drain team is one example of the workings of this program. The Drain team goes this week to Albany to play for the state championship. It will meet tougher competition than in the regional eliminations, but fans may be sure that the Drain team will give a good account of itself, and stands a good chance to win the state title and the right to advance to zone competition, with the national championship as a final objective.

We know the team goes to the state series, carrying the confidence and best wishes of all Douglas county fans, and the friendship and respect of the opponents defeated in the series at Drain.

So again, congratulations, Drain, and good luck!

House Votes Added Powers For Defense Secretary

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3.—(AP)—House approval, by 356 to 7, Tuesday completed congressional action on a bill giving Secretary of Defense Johnson new powers as boss of the armed forces.

The measure went to President Truman for his signature.

1. Tighten Johnson's authority over policies and operations of the services by making it direct authority. The 1947 unification law gives him only "general" authority.

2. Set up a civilian business manager over the services' money matters. The new comptroller will be an assistant secretary of defense and will be in charge of establishing uniform budget and accounting practices throughout the military departments.

3. Give the Joint Chief of Staff a permanent chairman. They operate now without a chairman, except when one is asked to act temporarily—as General Dwight D. Eisenhower was recently.

The bill changes the present national military establishment into a new Department of National Defense, with the three services as military department under it. This change was recommended by former President Herbert Hoover, who headed a commission that surveyed reorganization of the executive branch of the government.

The secretary would have broad powers under the bill, but would not be able to transfer combat functions on the services or assign officers and men in such a way as to alter their present combat functions.

BUYS COUNTRY ESTATE
 Herbert Weisgarber, partner in the Hudson agency here, has purchased the Joyce Ream country estate in upper Garden valley. The sale was handled through the Roseburg Realty company.



Spurred!

Groping from the MENDING BASKET
 By Vivian S. Martin

"I recall the time Robert Frost told us that he, too, wrote for a farm-paper once," writes Margaret Bartlett in her delightful column, "Mostly Personal" in a recent Author and Journalist which she edits and publishes, "until he wrote of guinea-hens roosting in trees. According to the farmer letter-writers, guinea-hens NEVER roosted in trees. But I could prove that some did!" Frost declared.

Dear me, so could I prove guinea-hens roost in trees! Mrs. Guinea and her 12 young 'uns Papa Guinea, too, roosted in a fir by our woodshed last summer. It was a circus to watch them settling down, come evening!

First Mr. and Mrs. Guinea argued some point. Then one would fly up to a lower branch and keep hopping up . . . eventually the whole family would be settled for the night. Quiet. Until—some unusual sound would disturb them. Ever hear a disturbed guinea? Multiply that by 13.

One night there was a real commotion. We investigated but could make nothing of it.

But next morning one young guinea was missing. And when night approached, the guinea

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 toes on which he lived.
 But he never had much fun.

FROM St. Helens (up on the Columbia) comes a tale this week about a circus elephant that seems to get an irresistible yen to go on the loose when it reaches Oregon.

Last Friday night, something stirred in the great pachyderm's brain (the beast weighs eight tons, the St. Helens dispatch says). So it pulled its stakes on the show-lot and fared forth on its own. Nineteen hours later it was located in a gravel quarry, was coaxed into a truck and hauled back. A few hours later it skipped out again, but again it was coaxed back to the circus lot.

The St. Helens story adds: "The big animal is the same one that staged a similar run-out on the show in Albany two years ago."

WHAT do you reckon it was that stirred in the animal's brain cells? I don't know, but I'll risk a guess:

I'll bet that every now and then the thought comes over the whole eight tons of him that he HAS GIVEN UP HIS LIBERTY FOR THE SECURITY THAT GOES WITH A CAGE AND A KEEPER. When nostalgic memories come to him of the way his ancestors wandered through the jungles, FREE TO DO AS THEY JOLLY WELL PLEASED, gorging themselves with bamboo shoots when bamboo shoots were abundant, going hungry when they weren't, plastering themselves with mud when the flies get too bad, in general doing what they wanted to do and not doing what they didn't want to do, it may be that he just gets dog-weary of the security that goes with captivity and gets up and gets out of there.

Maybe the free air of Oregon has something to do with it. Here we haven't gone all out (yet) for political security. We're teetering on the fence, of course, like nearly everybody else in this generation, but in Oregon there are still wide open spaces, and the wide open spaces are a fairly potent antidote for the political security laudanum that drugs men's brains and causes them to forget the joys of personal accomplishment.

Anyway, what this elephant does when he gets to Oregon may be significant.

If we keep on drifting in the direction we're drifting now, we'll reach the point generations hence where we'll be like the elephant is now—that is, we'll have security, but liberty will be only a memory that will rise at times to plague us.

Like the elephant, we'll TIRE momentarily of security and hunger for freedom. We'll get to thinking: "Oh, boy! How I'd love to go out ON MY OWN, like my ancestors prior to the fateful 30s and 40s did."

So we'll go temporarily on the loose.

But EVENTUALLY our keepers will drag us back to the abundant hay and peanuts that go with captivity. Political security works that way.

Forecasts Of Business Men Differ On What's Ahead For Their Factories And Stores

By SAM DAWSON
 NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—(AP)—Business men differ among themselves in their guesses as to what's ahead this fall for their factories and stores. But either way they face, they express strong opinions—doubtless because they are farther out on the firing line than the rest of us.

Here are the views of top men in their various industries across the country:

An optimist in Ohio predicts "a 20 per cent increase in our fall sales." He is echoed by others in many lines across the country.

A pessimist in Pennsylvania writes: "My industry is sick and the outlook for the next few months is not at all encouraging." He, too, has his brethren here and there.

In-between views range from a Minnesota underwear maker's guess that "sales will be slightly off this fall, but not alarmingly so," to the hunch of a Cleveland manufacturer of everything from food to metal products that: "Our business will be very good if the steel companies stand pat against a fourth round of wage increases."

They wrote their views to J. B. Scarborough, publisher of the American Magazine, who had asked them: "What is the outlook for this fall in your business?" Here are some of the replies.

The sales manager of a top electrical products company writes: "We cannot help but look forward to an increased volume in the appliance business this fall and through the holiday season."

But going the big concern one better, a cooperative society

Iowa reports sales of its refrigeration division "are currently running well ahead of the corresponding period of last year—contrary to the trend of the industry as a whole, which is scarcely holding its own."

Others planning for bigger sales this fall include: an Ohio nursery, a New England office equipment factory, a Maryland brush maker, a Chicago movie equipment manufacturer, a District of Columbia home study school.

The Chilly Side
 However, the immediate future looks far less bright to others.

An Indiana blanket maker says "There has been little disposition on the part of buyers to place orders for fall." A chilling prospect.

A Detroit chemical firm reports: "Practically all of the salesmen who come in here, whether they are selling bottles, drugs or spice, admit they are having difficult times."

An Ohio stove maker fears that on this fall "consumers will not yet be convinced that prices have reached bottom." Sales will be better next spring, he adds.

A western railroad executive says "The volume of our business is considerably off."

Mosquito Control With DDT Harmful To Fish

According to information from Dr. H. J. Rayner, division of nutrition and disease, Oregon State Game commission, the use of DDT and other insecticides on log ponds, streams, swamps, or other waters is very detrimental to the fish life therein.

Users of insecticides in the waters of the state should be advised of the fact that the lethal powers of such materials are not limited to insects alone. Numerous instances have been reported where trout and other salmonid fishes, bass, crappies and bluegills have been killed as a result of an overdose of insecticides intended for mosquitoes or other insect pests.

Some persons feel that if a "little is good, a lot is better." This is definitely not true in the above instance, and it is hereby suggested that the manufacturers' specifications for minimum dosage should be closely observed.

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Fire which started about 3:30 last Monday destroyed two cottages in North Roseburg, on East First Avenue North, together with practically all their contents. Mrs. McGhehey carried \$1,000 insurance, which partially compensates her loss. The losses will approximate \$4,000.

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Fire! Hot weather, low humidity, a dropped cigarette, and . . . FIRE! In 1918 Mrs. McGhehey traded \$4,000 for \$1,000 . . . would you trade your home and its contents for the amount it's insured? Don't be half protected, cover fire losses BEFORE the fire.

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