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## LABOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Another Labor day is at hand, a day when a nation pays tribute to the workingman and to the achievements, organization, and services of the laboring segment of society.

Labor has made great strides in its advancement, bringing about higher living standards, greater measures of safety, improved working conditions and comparative freedom from oppressive employment. This road has not been easy. Instead, the fight has been long and often bloody. But, today, Labor holds the whip hand and, too often, has shown inclination to use its new-gained power in ways detrimental to society and to itself.

Bruce Blossat, NEA Service commentator, writes of Labor day as follows:

Labor day is the moment of the year when our politicians remind the workingman that he is the backbone of the nation and recite for him the long list of rights and privileges to which he is heir.

We prefer to talk about the opposite faces of those rights and privileges—the worker's duties and responsibilities.

There is no question that organized labor has achieved a fair measure of maturity since the first wild days of its new-found strength in the depression 1930s. But its leaders still shout too much of its rights and not enough of duties; and its rank and file is still too insistent in exercising its privileges and insufficiently concerned about its responsibilities.

Labor wants a rising floor under wages, but no ceiling. It wants full protection in its right to strike but acts as if it should be exempt from penalty when people are hurt or property is damaged while a strike is on. It wants a freedom for itself that it is unwilling to accord to others.

Admittedly, labor is not alone in this stress on getting instead of giving. The farmers, too, often have exhibited a similar attitude. And for a long span in U. S. history, businessmen behaved in the same fashion. Government and the greater strength of rival groups curbed their more irresponsible uses of freedom, but many businessmen still resent any checkrein on their activities.

This one-sided, immature approach cannot be condoned in any group. But today it just happens to be labor's turn to be lectured.

So we call upon workingmen to give more attention to the two-sidedness of life, to measure their role in society fairly in relation to other groups, to recognize that government as a referee must balance labor's needs and rights against the welfare of farmers and businessmen and the whole public.

Too many labor leaders have fallen into the habit of identifying themselves with all humanity and thus labeling criticism as an attack upon "people" in the large.

They would do better to urge upon their men a responsibility to act under the same laws that govern others; to accept a role in society equal to their numbers, their ability and their character, rather than to try to be the whole show; and to develop a new pride of workmanship to replace that which vanished when the minutely subdivided tasks of mass production pushed the proud craftsman off the scene.

Workingmen with this sort of attitude would greatly enhance labor's stature and enrich their contribution to American living.

There is another thought we would like to inject into the labor topic, which will be so widely discussed over the holiday weekend.

Labor, in our opinion, should be using its strength to create new employment. Instead of supporting feather-bedding and make-work, and instead of pricing workingmen out of jobs, labor should be encouraging the creation of so much employment that the desired higher wages would result from a scarcity of labor on the open market.

Here in Oregon as an example we have a major industry based largely upon the manufacture of trees into timber and boards. Specialized manufacture still is in its infancy. Chemical utilization has barely started.

Labor could more than double the number of jobs in this industry, could stabilize employment and could prevent a stupendous waste if it were to direct its organizational strength into a program of full utilization. At the same time, by producing jobs for all, it would automatically keep wages high without necessity for strikes.

We are familiar with the boy who within a space of a few months grows from a child into manhood's stature. His sudden growth prevents him from properly coordinating his newly-developed strength and he becomes awkward and stumbling. He becomes a problem child when he exhibits his lately-acquired muscularity by weight-lifting, wrestling and fighting instead of mowing lawns.

Labor, which has experienced a period of rapid growth, could better serve itself and society by more woodcutting and fewer pushups.

### NEW WAC JOBS LISTED

New career-type assignments for enlisted women in the peacetime Women's Army corps have just been announced by M. Sgt. Virginia S. Gibson, of the army and air force recruiting station at Eugene.

The latest jobs approved for women include assignments as information and education specialist, translator, photographer, photographic laboratory technician, photolithographer, radio operator, cryptographic code compiler, purchasing agent, commissary steward and supply clerk. This brings the total number of WAC careers to 111, according to Sgt. Gibson.

Approval of these 111 career-type jobs for enlisted women is another indication of the continued study of positions for women

In the peacetime army, Sgt. Gibson said. The participation of enlisted women in the career guidance program offers them a host of opportunities, assurance of advancement, and the advantages of interesting and challenging careers, she added.

### Glide Young Folks Are Attending Baptist Camp

Vacationing at the Baptist Youth camp, Turner, are the Messing Twins, Jean and Jane. The twins, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Messing, Glide, plan to spend Labor day at the State fair with Salem relatives.

Other Glide young people at the Turner camp are Shirley Dell and Jack Clawman.

## Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Rice enriched the county schools immeasurably when they made available to them the sixteen-year file of the National Geographic magazines. I was delighted to see the stoutly bound but very attractive volumes on display recently in the county superintendent's office. Now if the schools will give the volumes plenty of use! For only as a book is used is it serving its real purpose. And County Superintendent Kenneth Barnburg saw to it that the issues were bound so they would stand good hard wear!

I can speak with genuine feeling about how much even unbound "old" copies of the Geographic can mean in a home. When our boys were still at the pre-school age we bought over sixty in good condition, and numbered them, hit or miss, from 1 to 65, on the back. Then an 3x5 cards I indexed them in such a way that when, in the middle of making a pie, I heard "Mother, which is the Horseshoe-Graphic?" I could say, after a quick peek in my little index box, "Number so-so." It inspired them to learn to

count so they could find for themselves, too!

Later on when social studies came along, or even before then, the teachers would appreciate having the boys share with the other children what they had found in the Geographic. Sometimes, knowing how glad I was to have them do it, they would carefully cut out a picture and put in the halopticon; then replace it with Scotch tape. (Of course one couldn't do that with a bound volume.)

Soon a friend, seeing what the old issues meant in the home, thought to give "membership in the National Geographic Society" to one boy. (Not a subscription, oh dear, no! And that "membership" was a real thrill, too!) Little did I know that that boy would some day insist that a certain island "has to be on the map" and when I said it wasn't, "well, it's too small for that one. It will be on a larger scale map." And it was! A pin point, but there! He knew the Pacific islands by then . . . as so many other lads learned them!

Old Geographies are treasure-trove to children of all ages.

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

### NOTICE

Social items submitted by telephone for the society page must be turned in before 12 o'clock Monday through Thursday and by 10 a. m. Fridays, at which time the social calendar and Saturday's society page are closed weekly.

#### Sunday—September 4

Chicken potluck dinner at Winchester Community clubhouse for all helping on the clubhouse during the day. Residents of the community are urged to assist in working on the clubhouse to complete necessary parts of building before rains set in.

#### Monday—September 5

Lucky Seven 4H Stock club to meet at home of Carmen and Larry Cooper.

#### Tuesday—September 6

First fall meeting of Roseburg Bethel No. 8, Job's Daughters at 7:30 p. m. at Masonic temple with Honored Queen, Joanne Taylor, presiding. Members and those with proper Masonic affiliations are asked to attend.

P. N. T. club members invited to 8 o'clock dessert supper and "Kid costume party" at home of Mrs. William McCullum, 1705 Harvard avenue with Mrs. Marvin Doty, co-hostess.

B. P. W. C. no-hostess luncheon at 12 o'clock noon at Hotel Umpqua.

Parents of St. Joseph's school to meet at 8 p. m. at schoolhouse. All parents are urged to be present.

#### Wednesday—September 7

Mu Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi first fall meeting at 8 p. m., at home of the vice-president, Mrs. Dallen Jones with Mrs. Harrison R. Winston, co-hostess. All members are urged to be present.

Roseburg Rehoboth degree staff to practice at 7:30 p. m. at IOOF hall under the direction of Mrs. Lena Poole.

Roseburg Art and Embroidery club to meet in afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. H. Bailey.

First fall meeting of Oregon chapter, No. 57, O. E. S. at 8:15 p. m. at hall in Canyonville with Marion Gill, worthy matron, presiding. Refreshments in charge of Gladys Michaels and Margaret McGee. Members and visiting members are invited.

Bellview club will meet at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Kester, 722 East First Avenue North.

Friendly Hour club will meet at 1 o'clock at home of Mrs. Clara Heggman. Roll call subject to be "Mountains." Katie Conn in charge of program. Members having guests are asked to bring them to meeting.

American Legion auxiliary, Umpqua unit, No. 16, first fall meeting at 8 p. m. at Legion home, 118 S. Kane street. Refreshments. Members and those eligible to membership are invited.

#### Thursday—September 8

Country club women to meet at 8:30 a. m. at club course for golfing. Luncheon at 12:30 and contract bridge play at 1:30. Qualifying rounds of handicap tournament to be played between Sept. 8 and 10.

W. B. A. to meet at 2 p. m. at home of Mrs. Ella Moore, 1423 N. Stephens street.

Women's Society of First Presbyterian church to entertain church women of Oakland, Gilde, Reedsport and all women of the local church at 1:30 o'clock program in church parlors. Two guest speakers, Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer, Jacksonville, president of Southwest Oregon Presbyterian, and the treasurer, Mrs. Roy V. Martin, also of Jacksonville. Mrs. John Pinkerton, new president, in charge. Mrs. N. D. Johnson, chairman of the tea committee. Tea will be served following the program.

Evergreen Home Economics club to meet at noon potluck luncheon at the hall with Mabel Lange, Gladys Stafford and Blanche Tipton, hostesses.

Patch and Chat club to meet at 8 p. m. at home of Mrs. C. Domenico.

Northside Sunshine club auction sale and meeting at home of Mrs. George Frew, 231 East Commercial avenue, in afternoon.

Each member is asked to bring guests.

Rotary Anns to meet at no-hostess luncheon from 12 to 1:30 o'clock at Rainbow Grill.

Eagles auxiliary drill team to meet at 8 p. m. at Eagles hall for practice.

W. S. of C. S. first fall meeting at 12:30 potluck luncheon at Methodist church with Circle No. 4, members as hostesses. Birthdays of members in July, August and September, to be celebrated. Devotions, Mrs. Fred Southwest; program, Mrs. Arthur Lamka and business meeting, Mrs. Lucien Cobb, president.

Winchester Community club ladies to meet at clubhouse at 11:30 a. m. for luncheon with Mrs. Ansel Ketcherside and Mrs. Jim Davidson, hostesses.

Rifle Range Sewing club to meet in afternoon at home of Mrs. Belle Clinton.

## In the Day's News

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adds, all you'll need for a well-rounded meal will be "additional sources of calories"—say a slice of bread and a spud, or maybe a spoonful of sugar.

**S**HUCKS! If that's all a mess of oysters does for you, why not swallow a capsule and save the dish-washing?

**A** RETIRED army major asks a Los Angeles county superior court to annul his recent marriage because his wife failed to tell him he was her seventh husband. He thought he was only her fifth.

Throw him out of court, judge. He's too choosy for this day and age.

**T**HEN there are the two Russian fliers who deserted to this country. One of them, Barsov, has just gone back. The other, Pirigov, ISN'T going back and says his companion is a "swine and a scoundrel" for doing so.

Why Barsov decided to go back is a puzzler, but Pirigov offers this clue: "Perhaps he was LONESOME for his family."

**I**T'S quite possible, you see, that Barsov got the word that, unless he came back, pretty pronto, his family would get the works. (The Mindzenty incident a while back left us with the impression that "the works" can be pretty bad.)

**W**HAT would you do, for example, if you were safe out of the country and got it straight that unless you came back your family would "get the works"? If you didn't go back, you'd be a heel—and would KNOW it all the rest of your life. I think you'd GO BACK.

**W**HAT is "the works"? The Russians have kept that a dark secret. But it must be pretty potent. What Russians facing "purge" trials CONFESS TO has been making our flesh creep for years.

We do know what the Spanish Inquisition used to bend people to its will. It was rugged. Judging by the confessions they get at their purge trials, the Russian big shots have improved considerably on the Spanish Inquisition.

### MR. AND MRS. KENT GUESTS OF HONOR AT PICNIC TUESDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kent were guests of honor at a picnic Tuesday evening arranged in the attractive terrace garden at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Quam, when 34 friends gathered for a potluck supper and social hour.

On behalf of the group, Rev. Willis F. Erickson, pastor of Faith Lutheran church, presented a farewell gift to Mr. and Mrs. Kent, who are leaving soon with their baby son, Jerry, for Corvallis, where Mr. Kent has enrolled in the school of engineering at Oregon State college.

### September



Are The Days

### CLARA DUDLEY

Alexander Smith's famous color-scheme consultant . . .

## Will Be At JOSSE'S

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Friday, Sept. 9th



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## Eden Lutheran Church To Mark Its Anniversary

The 40th anniversary of Eden Lutheran church in Elgarose will be celebrated in a special service Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 8 p. m. Several Augustana Lutheran pastors from this area will be present, including two former pastors, the Rev. Enoch Sandeen of North Bend and the Rev. E. J. Sakrisson of Colton. The anniversary address will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Carl A. V. Lund of Gresham, president of the Columbia conference of the Augustana Lutheran church.

About 12 visiting pastors are expected for this occasion, and, besides Dr. Lund, several others will have a part in the anniversary program. The evening celebration will climax other activities of an all-day meeting of the pastors. A business meeting will be held at the home of the Rev. Willis F. Erickson in Roseburg.

Eden church was organized in the fall of 1909 by a group of Scandinavian settlers, who began settling the Elgarose community. None of the original congregation are now active, though several who joined the church in the first few years of its life are still regular members. The present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Erickson, began his work here in August, 1948, and now serves it in connection with his work in the newly organized Faith Lutheran church in Roseburg.

The public is invited to attend the anniversary celebration.

### FINE; FIX FLIVVER

**SEATTLE, Sept. 3.—(AP)—**The traffic court citation of Lloyd A. McIsaac mentioned: Defective foot brakes, emergency brake, headlights, tail lights, window glass and horn; muffler blown out; tires worn to cord; a motor that "wasn't running so well."

The 25-year-old salesman told Judge Roy De Grief he was driving the car to a repair shop when police stopped him. The judge suspended a \$10 fine on condition the car be fixed.

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But it didn't. Of course, there was great grief, but much to

everyone's surprise, the widow kept the home, the kids went to school, and the upbringing which everyone expected didn't come off.

You see Bob believed in life insurance. He knew how important it was to create an immediate estate out of his small savings. He knew too that only life insurance could do this. Now Bob's widow receives a constant income; her home is paid for; and all because Bob realized that it was part of his responsibility to look after his lovely wife and family in the best way he knew how.

Let's talk things over—today!

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What Is Your Watch IQ?

Below are six true or false questions the answers to which every watch owner should know. Mark the questions in the space on the left, then check answers listed below.

### True or False?

- ( ) 1. Cleaning a watch is one of the most delicate watch repairing operations.
- ( ) 2. Swiss Watchmakers make the finest watches anywhere.
- ( ) 3. If a small ladies' watch runs while dirty it can do damage to the movement.
- ( ) 4. No waterproof watch is actually waterproof.
- ( ) 5. Watch repair charges are standardized throughout the United States by the U. S. Bureau of Standards.
- ( ) 6. You will generally get much better timekeeping from your watch if you buy your watch from an expert watchmaker and continue to have him service it.

Question number one is TRUE. Cleaning and the adjusting that must go along with it, is one of the most skilled operations.

Question number two is also TRUE. Swiss watchmakers certainly do make the finest watches. They also make the least expensive ones, selling in Switzerland for approximately 75c.

The third question is FALSE because dirt will stop a small watch before it does any damage. Most small watches need cleaning once a year. If yours has run longer you are lucky. On the other hand, a large pocket watch may be damaged by running dirty.

The fourth question is FALSE. Some waterproof watches are absolutely waterproof and will remain so providing the seals are replaced every 2 years. Generally speaking, waterproof watches with screw backs are least likely to remain waterproof once the back is taken off.

Question number five is FALSE. There are no standardized watch repair prices nor any price limitations. The integrity and ethics of your watchmaker determines the price you pay for watch repairs.

The last question, number six, is TRUE, and bears re-reading.

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