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TEACHING THE TEACHERS

Charles V. Stanton

The first step in an effort to introduce the teaching of conservation of natural resources into the Oregon school system will be taken in June. A Conservation Education Workshop for school teachers is to be held at Southern Oregon College, Ashland.

Conservation groups long have felt the need for teaching fundamentals of conservation in the schools. A few states have introduced such courses. The chief obstacle, however, is the lack of teachers equipped to teach the subject. Before Oregon schools can have regular courses in conservation, it is necessary that instructors be trained and prepared.

After many months of careful planning the first training course has been scheduled for this year, starting June 16 and ending June 29. It will be open to all teachers of grades from 1 through 12. No restrictions are made on the number of teachers who may attend.

The Workshop is sponsored by the Oregon Wildlife Federation, an affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation, which has the teaching of conservation in schools as one of its primary aims.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club, a member of the Oregon Wildlife Federation, is offering to sponsor one full scholarship for a Roseburg teacher. The cost is \$75, including tuition of \$21, room and board, \$37.25 single or \$33.25 double, field trip travel expense \$8, and transportation to and from Ashland.

Sports Clubs Cooperating

Sports clubs affiliated with the Oregon Wildlife Federation are asked to cooperate in encouraging and aiding teachers to attend. In some places the cost is being divided, \$25 each by the teacher, club and State Federation. The Roseburg club, however, will pay the full cost for one teacher from this community. Other clubs of the Umpqua Basin Conservation Council are expected to offer either all or part of scholarship costs. Efforts are being made to have all parts of the state represented.

The Oregon Game Commission, which has been doing an outstanding job on conservation instruction at summer camps, will furnish instructors for the Workshop, as will such agencies as the U. S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Soil Conservation agency, and numerous others engaged in conservation of soil, water, minerals, fish, wildlife and forests.

Teachers will receive intensive classwork during the morning hours. The afternoons will be given over to field trips, visiting fish hatcheries, conservation districts, national forests, tree farms, game farms, mines, etc. Evening sessions will consist of lectures, discussion groups, motion pictures and guest speakers. Each teacher will be expected to prepare a conservation education kit from the materials and ideas presented at the school. Three hours of college credit will be given for the course.

Purposes Of Course Outlined

Purposes of the Workshop, as outlined by L. D. Bloom, president of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club are:

- (1) To provide teachers with materials, references, audio-visual aids, project ideas, and literature on conservation of natural resources so that their teaching of the subject may be more effective.
- (2) To develop a missionary force able to develop an informed public opinion concerning the conservation of natural resources.
- (3) To develop an informed and aroused concern for conservation of natural resources, with emphasis upon wildlife, which will lead to greater understanding, appreciation, enjoyment and protection of those resources.
- (4) To demonstrate and inculcate the need for conservation.
- (5) To set in motion forces capable of preserving Oregon's vast treasure of natural resources.

The Conservation Workshop, we feel, is a very important forward step. It should have the utmost support.

When we look about us and see the waste and abuse stemming from ignorance, negligence and carelessness, we can realize the importance of creating a force armed with information. Principally we need an understanding of the importance of correlating resource conservation. It is not true conservation, for instance, to utilize a stream's capacity for hydroelectric development with total destruction of its fishery resource when, by a cooperative approach both uses of the stream may be obtained. Nor is it true conservation to "mine" a skippy forest off a rocky slope and thus open the way for heavy topsoil losses and erosion, when leaving a part of the forest cover would prevent such damage.

But before true conservation can be practiced, we must be informed. The Conservation Workshop is designed to get that information into the place where it will do the most good — our schools. Thus oncoming generations will be able to do a better job of management than we have done.



Lilac Day! Dogwood Day! Any number of flower days on Highway 38 this Sunday (April 7). At Wells Creek, a beautiful magnolia made me think of Magnolia Day in Rochester, N. Y. We lived the next street over from Oxford Street, which had magnificent magnolias all down its center. They used to have Lilac Day, too, out at Highland Park. But lilacs bring back for me a gateway where, at a small girl, I loved to linger under the arching lilacs heavy with rain. Do you have lovely associations with various flowers, too? I look at the tiny English daisies that make white mats on Oregon hillsides

sometimes and wonder which woman, crossing the Plains, sowed the first seed. I look at the old apple trees, now distant from any house, and wonder if once those trees were treasured by an early settler in front of his log cabin. Highway 39 was also having Apple blossom Day. We drove nearly to Florence before turning back. Have you seen the blown-down trees in Douglas County between Reedsport and Siletco Lake turn-off? A sight to behold in some places. As if a giant hand had played jack-straws with them. You can see where immense trees must have crashed across the high-

If You Ask Us, He's Courting the Wrong Person



Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

WASHINGTON — Reports are spreading across the United States that despite his denials, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower will take to the political hustings and tear the Fair Deal to tatters the moment he returns in June.

Eisenhower's political supporters are doing nothing to discourage this apparent myth, but a number of politicians in the General's high command will tell you privately not to believe a word of it.

The general is going to talk in June, but he isn't going to belabor the Democrats, either for their foreign policy or for domestic shenanigans. He has said that he would not speak out until he gets the GOP presidential nomination in July, and as far as I can find out, he means it.

The general has applied the self-imposed gag for two reasons. He sincerely feels that while still a commissioned officer of the U. S. Army, he is duty bound not to attack his commander in chief. Also, as a general of the army, he receives a life-time salary of more than \$15,000 a year. That salary would stop, of course, if he should resign his commission. And this he is not going to do until after July in Chicago, if at all, and nobody can blame him for his caution despite the fact that he collected considerable sums from publishers for his wartime memoirs. If the Republican National Convention does not nominate him for the Presidency, he'll keep the salary.

The general's high command — Senators Lodge, Duff and Carlson — have had to take the general's decision and like it. In fact, one prominent Kansas pal and financial supporter of the general told me that the general's "political activity is being conducted precisely as the general wants it done; and if it works, it works; if it doesn't, it doesn't."

Because of the general's silence on specific issues, questions will be raised with increasing frequency now regarding the possibility of his ever taking the offensive; that is, the full political offensive — firing away at the Truman-Acheson foreign policy as well as corruption, graft and large and small scale thievery.

There are Eisenhower critics who maintain that the general will never attack the Truman-Acheson foreign policy because he does not disagree with it. The same critics believe that unless the GOP presidential candidate does attack the Truman-Acheson foreign policy Republicans might just as well stay away from the polling booths in November. This assumption is partly based on the belief that it is impossible to separate the administration's foreign and domestic policies, since both are inter-

woven with similar failures and faulty decisions — plus waste and graft of monumental proportions. Russia, of course, is the foreign policy enigma everybody is talking about. And it is, according to the Republicans, the Fair Deal's major foreign and domestic failure. There is little doubt, after reading the record, that these GOP critics know whereof they speak.

Russia emerged from the war the master of Europe and Asia. Truman-Acheson peacetime policies and current pussyfooting in the face of Russian threats, aided the Soviet Union in its rise to dominance. No other conclusions are evident. The Democrats guessed wrong on Russia from start to finish; the nation is now paying the penalty in hideous taxation.

The Democrats, however, are attempting to avoid a campaign on foreign policy, despite Mr. Truman's frequent assertions that he would like to fight it out with the Republicans on that ground. Mr. Truman in effect has been gagged by the Democratic bosses, and it is questionable whether he will be allowed to talk at all during the campaign.

Wage Board's Exit Would Aid Union, Claim

WASHINGTON — The United States Chamber of Commerce heard a demand Tuesday for abolition of the Wage Stabilization Board (WSB), which the chamber was told, soon will "capitulate" to wage demands of oil and aluminum workers and coal miners.

"Employers themselves will do a better job of stabilizing wages than the board has done," Theodore R. Iserman, New York attorney, told a chamber session on government controls.

Congress should at least remove WSB's dispute-settling powers, Iserman said, and "it might well go further and abolish the board altogether."

Iserman said the WSB has demonstrated to unions they can gain more both in wages and in compulsory unionism by taking their disputes to the board than by bargaining and striking.

In the Day's News

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plane wouldn't be unpopular with Germans, who are hereditary enemies of the French. Time will tell—maybe.

Aboard USS Boxer off Korea: A cool sailor averted possibly tragedy aboard this aircraft carrier the other day by sticking his finger in the mechanism of a live bomb to keep it from exploding.

The bomb jarred loose from a returning jet fighter and went bouncing and sliding up the carrier's deck. The arming propeller on its nose spun ominously. Ralph O'Dell, aviation ordnance man, rushed up, jabbed his finger into the space between the striking pin and the fuse body to prevent discharge and held it there until the bomb had been carried to one side.

Then he slipped a piece of wood into the mechanism and calmly removed the fuse.

That's quick and accurate thinking. We need more of it in this hair-trigger world.

Here's one from Leghorn, Italy: People here are saying a thirsty American in the middle of a desert would probably stub his toe on a bottle of champagne. "They're just THAT LUCKY," the populace is saying.

How come? Well, the U. S. army supply port command needed water. Water is so scarce in Leghorn that it is rationed even for drinking purposes. The communist city council refused to allow an adequate supply for the Americans.

So the army engineers DUG A WELL. At 170 feet they struck a supply yielding 1,000 quarts a minute. The doctors analyzed it and found it was a healthy mineral water of a kind that sells in Italy for 20 CENTS A BOTTLE!

Lucky? Heck, not. The Americans just had the wits to DIG for the water they needed. Quick wits, horse sense and WILLINGNESS TO DIG have made American what it is.

By the way — That crack about thirsty Americans in the middle of a desert being so lucky they'd find a bottle of champagne is horsefeathers. When Americans are thirsty, they're sensible enough to WANT WATER.

They use champagne for celebration purposes only.

M. L. Johnson sends me a clipping of an editorial in the SF Chronicle dealing with rapidly rising costs of automobile insurance and why. The Chronicle says:

"The increase in the cost of driving an automobile resulting in the (recent) hike in insurance costs adds to almost everyone's cost of living, but this is one case of inflation in which the victim can blame nobody but himself. "Insurance rates are determined by the loss experience of the insurance companies and the loss experience is determined by the way drivers drive automobiles and the way juries award damages for injuries in accidents."

M. L. says: "I am just bringing this to your attention for whatever you may see fit to say about it."

Well, here goes: When people drive carelessly and bash fenders and collect from the insurance company, or when juries award excessive damages on the theory that the insurance company pays it anyway so who cares, it isn't a case of GETTING SOMETHING FOR NOTHING. Insurance is based on the wise principle of spreading the loss among a LOT OF PEOPLE instead of forcing one poor devil to bear it alone. When losses get too numerous, the cost of insurance goes up.

Keep this in mind: THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

Public School Time For Religious Instruction Upheld By High Court; Conviction Of Tokyo Rose Sustained

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The Supreme Court Monday upheld New York's released time program for giving religious instruction to public school pupils.

Justice Douglas delivered the 6-3 decision. Justices Black, Frankfurter and Jackson wrote separate dissenting opinions.

In many states, varying numbers of public schools now use similar released time plans.

Under them, an estimated two million students are freed from regular classes to receive religious instruction.

1. Denied a hearing to "Tokyo Rose," the California-born Japanese convicted of treason for broadcasting propaganda over the war-Tokyo radio.

Under her real name of Mrs. Iva Ikuko Toguri D'Aquino, she was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

She is serving the term in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va.

The refusal to grant a hearing lets her conviction stand unchanged. Justice Clark took no part in the case.

Race Hatred Ban O.K.'d
2. Upheld 5-4 an Illinois law banning "race hatred" literature but said "our finding that the law is not constitutionally objectionable carries no implication of approval of the wisdom of the legislation or of its efficacy."

The case involves Joseph Euhar nias, a Chicagoan who was fined \$200 for handing to volunteer aides copies of a petition which read in part: "Wanted — One million self-respecting white people in Chicago to unite under the banner of the White Circle League of America to oppose the national campaign now on and supported by Truman's infamous civil rights program and many pro-Negro organizations to amalgamate the black and white races with the object of mongrelizing the white race!"

3. Upheld 8-1 the conviction of Mrs. Yvette J. Madsen for the 1949 murder of her officer husband in Germany.

The Brooklyn-born brunette is serving a 15-year sentence in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va. Her husband, Air Force Lieut. Andrew E. Madsen, was shot after a party at which Mrs. Madsen was teased about her Brooklyn accent.

No Religious Compulsion
Probably most attention was centered on the released time decision.

Under the New York program, children are released from classes one hour each week — at their parents' request — to instruction at religious centers located away

Resemblance To Robber Irks News Reporter

PHOENIX, Ariz. — A surprised Phoenix police reporter learned Friday he had been under investigation for months as the "Redcap" bandit who had staged a series of robberies here.

Don Doderia of the Arizona Republic was told by police of the intensive scrutiny he had been under resemblance between him and the der because of the "dead ringer" youthful gunman.

It wasn't until police caught Charles Soule, 17-year-old high school student, late Thursday night that suspicion was lifted.

Police Chief Earl O'Clair said Soule had admitted all of the robberies of which the reporter had been suspected. The robber had gained his nickname by always wearing a red cap during his act.

One look at the two together and police said they could easily understand the confusion — both have crew haircuts, are 6 feet tall, and appear to be in their late teen or early 20's.

Positively Identified
In fact, Dederia, 22, stated in a by-lined story in his paper, he learned he had been positively identified by one robbery victim as the man who had held him up.

The nature of a police reporter's work made the situation more confusing, officers related. Dederia would rush to the scene of a robbery, arriving a few minutes after it happened to be greeted by surprised stares from the hapless victim.

To make matters worse, Dederia bought an expensive car in the midst of the investigation.

Police also told him, as chance would have it, that he and the bandit both wore the same clothing one night — blue slacks, light blue shirt and brown shoes.

Dederia, amazed and shaken after hearing the whole story from only one remark to make: Sheriff's Captain Stan Kimball, had "It must feel this way when you walk out of prison."

LOCAL NEWS

To Meet The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Dillard Methodist Church will hold their next meeting Thursday May 1 at the home of Mrs. Ronald Burgess. All members and friends are invited to attend. Pot-luck at 12:30.

To Meet — Beta Alpha Chi Sorority will meet May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Horn on Senandoah Avenue instead of at the home of Mrs. Phil Sutton, as previously announced.

Largest recent forest fire in Oregon occurred in 1933, the Gales Creek Tillamook burn which blackened 270,000 acres. Larger fires occurred in 1840, 1849 and 1868.

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