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PRIDE IN THE RECORD

Charles V. Stanton

A milestone in the history of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club will be reached this weekend when the club officially dedicates its recreational site and improvements at Winchester.

We have had a great personal interest in this project over the period of years in which it has been developed, and we join in the pride of fellow club members concerning the achievement, although we must confess we have contributed little to it.

The property now occupied by the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club was owned in the early '40s by Mr. Rex Gardner, a successful timber operator. When it became known that the site was for sale several Rod and Gun Club members conceived the idea it should be preserved for recreational use. The late Dexter Rice, attorney for Mr. Gardner, and a great sportsman, a former chairman of the State Game Commission, brought the club and the landowner together. Mr. Gardner sold the land to the club at a very small fraction of the price he could have obtained from other prospective buyers.

Lacking cash with which to make the purchase, the club sold \$100 bonds with a promise to repay, "if and when" money became available. While a few bonds have been paid off, a majority of the bondholders converted their certificates into life memberships, or cancelled them out as contributions.

Facilities Erected

A clubhouse was built chiefly with donated labor, donated materials, or materials secured at a discount. To this original building recently was added a much more pretentious structure with facilities for meetings, indoor small arms firing, ladies' lounge, snack bar, etc. The grounds have been developed for picnicking, bathing, boat moorage, athletic field, Boy Scout camp, etc., while excellent trap-shooting facilities have been installed.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club now boasts of one of the finest recreational and club developments to be found in all of Oregon. The property has approximately 3,500 feet of frontage on the North Umpqua River at one of the most productive and popular fishing sections.

A future project is the proposed construction of a small lake to be used exclusively for juvenile angling and waterfowl refuge. Progress already is being made on the program of junior training. Construction of the indoor rifle range, built in cooperation with the Roseburg Rifle Club, has made possible supervised instruction in the use of firearms for scores of youngsters. The club plans in the future to extend this instruction to angling and woodcraft. Part of the land, it is expected, eventually will be devoted to an arboretum.

Conservation Prime Motive

The physical plant which the club is so proudly dedicating this weekend is not, however, the chief purpose of the organization.

The Roseburg Rod and Gun Club is organized primarily as a conservation agency devoted to the protection, preservation and wise use of natural resources. In this field it has been very aggressive. In its affiliation with the National Wildlife Federation, through the state federation, it has been of great influence.

It is currently working with Douglas County granges in an effort to curb vandalism and gain more respect among all people for the property and rights of landowners.

While there have been conflicts concerning policies, as may be expected among opinionated outdoorsmen, the organization has been markedly democratic. It is working to develop a higher degree of sportsmanship, a program of informed conservation, and an appreciation, particularly among the youth of the community, for the gifts of Nature.

The Rod and Gun Club is rightfully proud of its physical achievements. But those achievements, we believe, are insignificant when measured beside the success attained in the less spectacular fields of education, inspiration and conservation.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Is America growing more civilized or less civilized?

That is a troublesome question to anyone who looks behind the widely shared prosperity that has made the ordinary man here better off than kings in former times.

Americans like to think of themselves now as probably the most civilized people in history—free, democratic, peace-loving, and deeply generous to less fortunate nations.

Many Europeans, however, look at our reflection in the mirror and see a different image. They see us as a lucky rich kid, loaded with gold, who remains an uncivilized juvenile delinquent, in love with violence for the sake of violence. They realize and often envy the fact that in a few hundred years we have carved the wealthiest country in the world out of the primeval wilderness. But they doubt that morally in many ways, we have left the wilderness. They feel we haven't grown up.

Which portrait of the American people is true—the one we hold of ourselves, or the one so many foreigners hold?

The truth probably lies somewhere in between. But it certainly would do us no harm as a people to quit putting ourselves on the back and take a steeper look at ourselves in the mirror. How much of the American dream have we really achieved? How much have we lost or failed to fight for?

We have made a long climb up the road to civilization, no doubt of it. In the conquest of pain and cold and hunger and disease we have gone far toward victory over these age-old enemies to the dignity and pride of the human spirit.

No other country has even approached us in the mass produc-

tion of charity, creature comforts, hospitals, churches, public libraries, new museums, swimming pools, and television programs.

These are signposts toward the goal of civilization, but they are not the goal itself. The building of a new cathedral does not of itself prove that the inhabitants of a town are any more pious, any more than a new refrigerator in a kitchen guarantees a happy home.

What is civilization? Most people would agree that a civilized society is one in which free men live together in mutual self-respect and safety, at liberty to improve their lot in life according to their ability.

Under this definition, are Americans a civilized people? Not as much as we'd like to think.

Our system of individual liberties, our constitutional safeguards against the growth of tyranny, are among the world's political wonders.

But the finest laws are good only so far as they are obeyed or enforced. Respect for the other fellow's rights is the keystone of our laws, but how well is this principle being followed?

The latest FBI survey shows that as a people we are becoming less law-abiding. In reporting 2,159,000 criminal offenses in 1953, the FBI pointed out that in four years the population rose only five per cent but crimes increased 20 per cent.

How safe is an American in the pursuit of happiness and the

Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow



Bruce Blossat

In The Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

The case of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, the physicist who headed the wartime Los Alamos laboratory where the atomic bomb was made, adds up to a very strange and sad story.

He is now under suspicion from his various advisory positions to top government defense agencies, pending the outcome of an inquiry by a special security panel of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Oppenheimer is charged with many things that are said to make him a security risk. On most of these he has been tried and cleared before, but since new accusations have been added and new security regulations are in force, the AEC felt it mandatory to re-examine the scientist's file.

It would not be wise for outsiders to try to prejudge his case. A board of respected men is studying it and we must await its findings.

Federal Commission To Operate Columbia Power Units Favored

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Public Utility Districts Assn. has announced its support of a plan for a Columbia River power commission to develop power projects and take over federal dams and transmission lines.

It would operate under charter by Congress. The board of directors of the association took the stand at a weekend meeting here. It endorsed the recent action of the Northwest Public Power Assn. in calling for the regional organization.

Dan Jolly of Connell, the PUD association president, declared: "We are convinced a federal commission is the only workable solution to the dilemma created by the present confused power outlook. Some effective way must be found to provide a comprehensive partnership between the federal government and local utilities, which will insure the full and complete development of the water resources of the region in accordance with the comprehensive plan."

"Partnerships won't work unless both partners are able to operate on a business-like basis. The interstate compact method is unworkable, as we have learned from the sad experience of the Colorado River compact and others. It takes the over-all viewpoint of a federal entity or agency to prevent bickering among individual states."

Alternate Plan OK'd

The PUD plan is for a commission of five members. One each would be elected in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. The fifth member would be appointed by the President.

If election of commissioners is not feasible under state laws, the alternative proposal is for appointment of the full commission by the President, with each of the four states represented by no more than three members of the same political party.

The commission would be empowered to issue revenue bonds for sale to the federal Treasury at the federal interest rate. The proviso is described as being patterned after the legislation introduced in Congress for a St. Lawrence Seaway Commission.

ownership and use of his own property. The FBI estimated that in the first half of 1953 there was a murder, or charge of negligent manslaughter in this country every 40.3 minutes, a reported rape every 29.4 minutes, a robbery every 8.8 minutes, an aggravated assault every 5.71 minutes, a burglary every 1.12 minutes, a larceny every 23.6 seconds, a car theft every 2.31 minutes. More than 29,000 Americans were confronted by robbers using guns, knives or other weapons.

How peaceful are we—how civilized—when crime outstrips our population rate 4 to 1? We do need a good, long, hard look at ourselves in the mirror.

ings. But it is reasonable to look at some parts of Oppenheimer's life which seem to account for his present involvement.

For the most part, he is charged with having actively pursued Communist associations during the period 1940 to 1943. But he insists he never joined the Communist Party nor accepted its rigid doctrines. He was drawn to Communist ideas through their "humanitarian" appeal, as were so many intellectuals in recent decades.

Yet Oppenheimer had no knowledge against which to measure the validity of this appeal. His mind then was a complete vacuum on politics and economics.

During his early professional days in California, except for some outside attention to literary work related to the world, a future he was totally immersed in science. He never read newspapers or magazines. He had no radio and no telephone. He did not learn of the 1929 stock market crash until long after the event.

He did not vote until he was 11 years past eligible voting age.

Outside World Ignored

That any intelligent adult could so isolate himself from his world seems really incredible. He had only to pick up his newspaper to get a broad and reasonably accurate portrait of his time, yet for years this brilliant scientist never did that simple thing.

For this weird isolation, which made him so incomplete a man and a thinker, Oppenheimer must bear much personal blame. Arthur H. Compton, Vannevar Bush and others related to the world.

Most educators in these fields know better now. Many schools try to make the scientist a whole man. But the pressures of time work against him, tending to squeeze out all but his mind-consuming specialty. Oppenheimer's tragic involvement illustrates the peril in this narrowness.

No one could demand that the scientist make of himself also a historian, an economist and a political specialist. But it would appear that to teach scientists any thing but science, or engineers anything but building. They were trained for special performance and kept pursuit of special knowledge. They were not fitted for their world, nor sawen their work related to the world.

On the way back from the Hill this afternoon I put the same question to the taxi driver, a colorful boy. He mentioned McCarthy, and I said to him: "Which side are you on?" He replied with a serious note in his voice: "Ah'm on both sides, suh. An think he's done a lot of good, 'o' these commies just ain't our kind of folks and we don't dare handle 'em, like people, but he's also done a lot of 'a'm, 'o' if we lose confidence in our 'a'm we ain't got much left to have faith in."

Somewhat I don't think much wool has been pulled over that boy's eyes. He has it pretty well sized up.

West Acquires Another Recruit From Soviets

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The West was reported Tuesday to have acquired another recruit as a result of the defection of Soviet intelligence agent Nikolai E. Khokhlov. This one was described as a 33-year-old Austrian textile expert who unwittingly carried Khokhlov's innocent-looking murder weapons into Germany.

Informed American sources said the man, Eric Lampel, and his family fled to West Austria April 11 from his home in the American sector of Vienna. They said he had been questioned by two American security agents and feared the Russians in their neighboring section of the city would grab him.

When he disappeared from the Austrian capital, the Communists had charged he was kidnapped. U. S. authorities announced then that Lampel had left Vienna "on his own initiative and now is in West-ern Austria entirely" as a result of his own free choice.

TO RETIRE

PORTLAND (AP) — Henry H. Alderman, Bonneville Power Administration's executive officer since 1944, said Tuesday he is leaving BPA next month.

Tremendous Interest Shown In McCarthy-Army Hearing; Controversy Played Up Big

By A. ROBERT SMITH

News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The battle between McCarthy and the army is being given the fullest news treatment in the big eastern newspapers, many of which have assigned teams of their ace political reporters to cover the Senate hearings that began last Thursday.

For on Capitol Hill this is considered the most newsworthy congressional investigation since the crime probe of the Kefauver committee and the inquiry that followed the dismissal of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in 1951.

But some reporters claim the assignment should have gone to sports writers, who are more accustomed to evaluating which adversary in a fight is ahead on points.

The New York Times began printing the word-for-word transcripts of the proceedings, which in Friday's edition ran to 46 full columns of type, plus seven major news stories on various aspects of the day's developments. Saturday it deleted insignificant details from the second day's hearing transcript, thereby trimming it down to 32 columns.

Editorially the Times said: "It is an excellent thing that the hearings are being fully covered by the press, television and radio. The American public will be able to judge for itself the relative merits of the army's case and of Mr. McCarthy's. For the first time we will also have the opportunity to see what Mr. McCarthy looks like when he is fighting on the defensive, and not on his own terms."

But the Times and the New York Herald-Tribune differed on just how much public attention the hearings were receiving. The Trib thought the audience "may have been the largest ever to see any program" on TV. The Times reported the Hooper rating of the first day's hearing was 10, compared with a rating of 32 for the Kefauver crime hearings.

Another way of measuring public attention before TV sets in New York is at the water works, where sensitive instruments measure the moment-by-moment consumption of water. Officials, noted the Trib, said consumption drops perceptibly during big TV events, such as major prize fights and world series games, and then shoots up when the event is over. They detected no substantial change the first day of the McCarthy-army hearings.

Nevertheless, the television networks were cancelling sponsored programs (one network estimated it would cost \$10.5 million in lost commercials if the hearings run 10 days), which prompted the Herald-Tribune to comment editorially:

"It seems possible that as a result of the new miracles of communication we are returning to what democracy was always meant to be. Aristotle long ago defined the size of a democratic community as the area within which the citizens could know the character of their public servants. A lot about the character of the men in public office is being learned these days by the television watchers."

The Trib carried 12 columns of abridged transcript plus three stories. The New York World Telegram and Sun carried four stories, but kept its total space devoted to the controversy to comparatively brief length. Two New York tabloids, the Mirror and the Post, each gave it several inside pages of stories and pictures plus typical tabloid page one headline treatment. Edited by James A. Wechsler who had a run-in with McCarthy last year, the Post blazed away on its cover with "Joe Tried to Beat the Rap but Army Wouldn't Buy Deal."

The Chicago Tribune carried but

Two Roseburg Women Get Blue Star Offices

GRANTS PASS (AP) — The Blue Star Mothers of America held their first Oregon convention here this week with Mrs. Ivah Z. Jones of Long Beach, Calif., conducting the first session.

Edna Correy, Grants Pass, was elected president; Mary Note, Medford, first vice president; Sadie Baker, Roseburg, second vice president; Rowena Fugill, Medford, third vice president; Winifred Muirvey, Cave Junction, fourth vice president; Florence McClanahan, Grants Pass, recording secretary; Josephine Ferris, Grants Pass, financial secretary; Olga Barnes, Roseburg, treasurer.

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A spokesman said he understood the junior chamber in Washington was working for a daylight time measure there, too.

PLEADS INNOCENT

Arlie Fox, Winston, Saturday pleaded innocent to a charge of illegal possession of deer meat, according to District Judge Elmer Baldwin. Fox, arrested Saturday by state police, was freed on \$250 bail bond.

DEATH THREAT TOLD KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — A Mau Mau death threat led to recently announced changes in plans for the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to Uganda, a usually reliable source said Tuesday.

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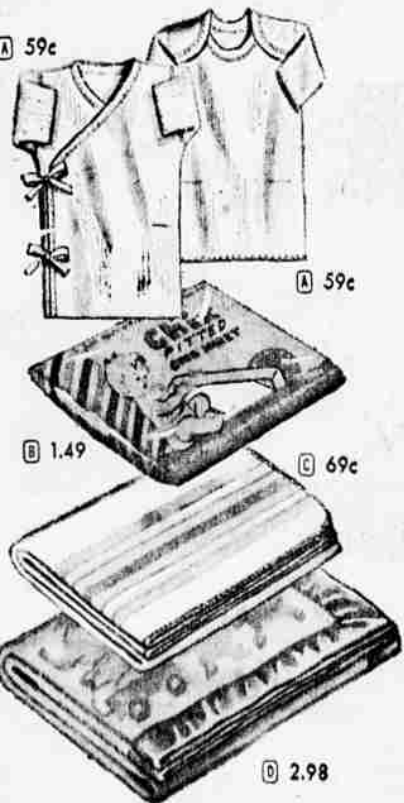
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