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MEANING OF OREGON'S GROWTH

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Thumbing through the biennial report of the Oregon State Board of Health the other day, we were surprised to find that during the last two years Oregon enjoyed 80,000 births and suffered 30,000 deaths—a natural increase in population of 50,000. This means that the maintenance of a similar margin of births throughout the decade would give this commonwealth a gain of 250,000 in population during the 1950-1960 decade.

That alone would bring the number of the state's inhabitants up to close to 1,800,000. Immigration at the present rate could easily bring the 1960 total up to 2,000,000, a gain of approximately 400 per cent in 60 years.

This rapid increase is one of the facets of the situation that makes the work of the health board through its various subsidiaries so important. Population increase means danger of depletion of resources unless properly protected. It already has been a factor in compelling the campaign which has resulted in the practical cleaning-up of Oregon streams and has brought about the systematic drive against air pollution which has been undertaken.

Population growth is going to make it progressively harder to maintain the wild areas of the state in a condition to provide recreation for the people. It threatens the maintenance of the supply of fish and game. Even now there are few areas in the state where a fellow can go out on the back porch and shoot a deer (in season, of course) before breakfast or catch a string of fish while his wife is baking the potatoes.

This is why some of the old-timers read of population gains without any urge to throw their hats into the air. As we get crammed closer together the old uninhibited days are gone, and we have to learn to like more and more regulation, to protect the rights of the other fellow.

But we still like to see the state grow as well as prosper; and its growth promotes prosperity even as prosperity stimulates growth. We think our people will take the needed regulation with a smile, knowing it's necessary as the numbers grow, and confident that with proper attention Oregon can be preserved as a fine outdoor state far into the indefinite future.

PLEASE, NOT THAT

Eugene Register-Guard

Mark Hatfield, a state senator from Salem, has an idea which may be received with varying degrees of enthusiasm by various groups of people. Sen. Hatfield, a legislative veteran at 32 and the youngest member of the Senate, thinks it's a shame that school buildings are used only nine months a year. He suggests running the schools on a year-around basis. Vacations, under the Hatfield plan, would be staggered, with some pupils having summer vacations and some having vacations in the winter, spring or fall.

Now maybe the tax conservers think this is a fine idea. Certainly it would make more use of existing school buildings, or as Sen. Hatfield says, of the "capital outlay." Educationally the plan may or may not be sound. We don't know.

It shouldn't be necessary to point this out, because it should be self-evident. But the fact is that Sen. Hatfield hasn't got any kids. As the Senate's most eligible bachelor, he probably never thought of the schools' baby sitting function, a function that the proudest parents often think about. Mama, who is delighted to have the little rascals home in July when they can play outside, loses her enthusiasm for motherhood when she thinks of having a house full of kids all through a rainy February.

And how will the average family react to the vacation problem? Imagine trying to arrange Pop's vacation so it coincides with the vacations of Wilbur in the fifth grade and little Bootsie in the first.

We can't feel that Sen. Hatfield's plan is here to stay.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—When Charles Berlitz was three years old he had learned four languages—and was trying to make up a new one of his own.

His grandfather, father, mother and cousin each spoke to him in a different language—German, Spanish, French and English.

"I had the idea that every grown up had a different language all his own," he recalled, "and the family had to discourage me from trying to develop one for myself."
When Charles was ready for school his grandfather, Maximilian Berlitz, founder of the Berlitz Schools, decided it was time the boy started studying languages seriously. The old gentleman, who started his career as a clockmaker and never attended college himself, had mastered 50 languages.

"From the age of 8 on I was taught a new language—either European or Oriental—every year," Charles said.
Today at 40 he is author of a textbook in Swahili and speaks 20 languages ranging from Arabic to Zulu.

"Hardly a drop in the bucket," he said mildly, "when you consider there are some 1,200 languages and 800 dialects in the world."
As vice president of the Berlitz Schools he likes to master personally out-of-the-way and obscure tongues which become of international interest. Right now he's brushing up on Quechua, the native language of Indians in the Andes.

"Missionaries and explorers want to learn it—we've had a number of calls for it," he explained. "There's nothing written in it. It's purely a spoken language."
The original Berlitz School is established in Rhode Island in 1878, has expanded to a network of 27 schools in this country, 340 throughout the world. It has had some 17 million students, including such notables as Enrico Caruso, Sinclair Lewis, Andre Kostelanetz, Leon Trotsky, N. E. S. Rockefeller the Duchess of Windsor and Eleanor Roosevelt.
The schools, which specialize in teaching vocabulary of a foreign language in a short time, are widely used by major international business firms and governments.
"A private student by working two hours a day can learn a language in about three months," Berlitz said. "Our basic course includes about 1,200 words, but you can get by with a knowledge of 600 words. You'd be amazed how many people get along in English and use only 500 words."
"Under pressure we have taught oil workers being sent to Indonesia a working knowledge of Malayan in two weeks. They had to work six hours a day at it, but in two weeks they could make their graduation speech in Malayan."
Interest in speaking foreign languages has never been greater in the United States. Berlitz estimates that some three million Americans have learned in recent weeks to speak a language other than English.
"Spanish is still the favorite, followed by French," he said. "Right after the war many people wanted to learn Russian. Now more



VA EXPANSION GOING UP—Construction is under way on addition to the physical medicine rehabilitation service at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Roseburg. The \$125,000 project started in September and will be completed by June. It will add about one-third more space to present buildings occupied by manual arts and occupations therapy sections and will practically double number of patients who will be able to take advantage of this type of treatment. Todd Building Co. is contractor, and supervision is under C. H. Ruehmann, Washington, D. C., VA construction superintendent. (VA photo).



LAMBING SEASON at the Cecil Griffin farm east of Dixonville brought a "big" surprise. Monday evening one of Griffin's old ewes gave birth to a 16-pound ewe lamb. The lamb (second from left) is a cross of Suffolk and white face sheep. She and her mother are doing fine. So far Griffin's 98 ewes have produced 101 lambs (including 23 sets of twins). There are 17 more sheep to lamb. (Paul Jenkins photo).



ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OFFICERS for Central Junior High School were elected last week, with John Horton named treasurer; Kay Halcomb, vice president; Nancy Stewart, secretary; and Richard Sylwester, president. Officers will hold posts for the second semester of the school term. (Photo by Miller Moderne)

Only 1,000 Men Needed To Man New Radar Line

DETROIT (AP)—A new radar line, stretching 3,000 miles over a northern expanse of the United States and Canada, will be run by less than 1,000 men. Dr. John A. Hannah, president of Michigan State College, said.

Dr. Hannah, also chairman of the United States section of the permanent joint board on defense for the U. S. and Canada, addressed the Detroit Rotary Club, telling them:
"New types of radar equipment will make it possible to man the line with less than half of the man-power needed to sail a battleship."

Hannah was speaking of a "distant early warning line" which now is under construction near the 70th parallel. It is expected to be in operation soon.

He said construction and supply is a tremendous problem in the wild, ice-covered land stretching from northwest Alaska to Greenland.
"Two planes today," he said, "can carry the explosive force equal to all the bombs dropped in World War II. It must be assumed the Russians have weapons at least as good as those in the United States," said the educator.

A charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor, filed against Joseph E. Dolby, 34, Eugene, last Sept. 7, has been dismissed from district court on motion of the district attorney. Dolby formerly resided on Little River.

Charges of non-support and larceny against Donald D. Cheek, Roseburg, also have been dismissed. Cheek recently was sentenced to the penitentiary on a grand larceny charge.

Ganders help their females raise the young, but drakes do not.

Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone reported this brought in nearly 35 million dollars. The timber harvest was 130 million board feet above the previous high in 1953. Stone said the cutting still was 125 million feet short of the allowable amount.

He said the heaviest logging was in the final quarter of the year, when logs were needed after the summer-long strike. That achieved a record for the quarter of more than a billion feet.

Douglas fir averaged \$17.29 in stumpage price and Ponderosa pine \$19.73 a thousand board feet. The leading forests were: Oregon—Willamette \$5,606,787; Umpqua \$2,897,329; Mt. Hood \$2,467,031.

Washington—Olympic \$3,982,870; Gifford Pinchot \$2,869,058; Mt. Baker \$2,011,386.

Bruce Bissat

Educators, moralists and various other high-minded folk seldom pass up a chance to lambaste television and other mass media for what they conceive to be their sins and shortcomings.

It would be a bold fellow who, scanning or listening to the great daily outpourings of these media, did not acknowledge that a good deal of the acid comment is justified. But there's another side to the story.

Generally, of course, the criticisms allege that in striking for the widest possible appeal TV, radio, newspapers and magazines hit too low a common denominator of intelligence. Their end product in program or story too often can be marked, it is said, as cheap, sensational, shallow and even tasteless.

Television, being the newest, the most spectacular and the most experimental of the various media, inevitably suffers the unkindest cuts.

Let's concede that an incredible array of mediocre stuff flashes past you on your TV screen—too many flimsily contrived murder mysteries, too many horse operas featuring wildly inaccurate gun-fighters (some day the Senate may be asked to look into an ammunition shortage in Hollywood), too many panel shows, too many tear-jerkers in which you are urged to share the misery.

Nevertheless, an impartial appraisal compels us to note that things are better than they were, and that a lot of earnest effort and a potful of money is being devoted to making them still better.

Some of the more outrageous programs have yielded to the ravages of time. You can catch some first-class dramatic shows these days if you pick your spots carefully. A good many TV documentaries turn out very well, too.

New comedy stars like George Gobel and Steve Allen, with their off-beat approach, have taken some of the curse off the business of being funny, which was suffering pretty severely from the old hammerstroke techniques developed in radio's heyday. But the avalanche of "situation comedies" on TV film hasn't helped much.

There are some pretty good science shows, though undoubtedly far too few to impress the advocates of "educational TV."

Television still seems to be weakest in handling news and good music. With a couple of notable exceptions, it offers no major programs of serious music at all, though radio and the booming record business indicates the market for it is huge. Most TV news shows still sound like photographed radio newscasts, with about half of the news content and a smattering of

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or foes, I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

He goes on:
"But at least twice within the last 20 years or so, when the wires have carried the news of a man's biting a dog, the incident was not heavily played. One (such incident) we recalled got about a hundred words, and some of the papers ran it as a little "boxed feature."

Well, you know, a man once bit a dog in Klamath Falls. He was a very young man—the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Bosworth (Harlan, more generally known as "Boss," was then Copco manager in Klamath; he is now a Copco vice-president in Medford.)

The dog's name was Ring. He was what might be termed a patriarchal dog, kindly, tolerant, aloof to all the pettier reactions, such as anger and retaliation. The young man, as I recall it, hadn't yet learned to walk. He and Ring got into one of those friendly man-and-dog scuffles in the course of which Ring nipped a little harder than he intended the calf of his companion's fat little lower limb. The young man turned and sank his teeth in Ring's right front leg!

The Herald and News, tipped off to what had happened, lived up to the man-bites-dog journalistic tradition in a big way, and rushed a reporter and a cameraman to the spot. We had to tinker with the news a bit, for Ring's wound wasn't deep enough or gory enough to be depicted by the camera—and we couldn't prevail on the pair of them to stage a rehearsal for the benefit of the press. So we put a white bandage on Ring's leg, and it showed up beautifully in the ensuing picture of the combatants posing together after the brawl.

It turned out to be big news all right. It tickled the risibles of everybody in town and the Bosworths were swamped all evening with calls from kidding friends. That was back in the days when pictures were relatively new in the smaller newspapers, and we of the Herald and News were prouder than Punch of the achievement.

Maybe I'd better tell you a little about George Turnbull. He was a member of the team of Allen (Eric) and Turnbull (George) that founded the University of Oregon school of journalism away back when.

They were a GREAT team. They worked together like a hand in a glove. They were good newspapermen, but they were something more. They were great MEN. They were inspired teachers. They turned out a generation of newspaper men who have made their mark all over the country.

Eric Allen went over the Great Divide many years ago, but his memory lingers. George Turnbull is still with us, for which I am grateful. He has been for a while, the school of journalism he helped to found. He has taught with distinguished success at Stanford University and at Nebraska.

WOULD LEGALIZE RACING

BOISE (AP)—A pari-mutual to legalize betting on horse and dog races was introduced in the Idaho Senate Thursday by Sen. John Rason (D-Kootenai) and five other senators.

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