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YOUTH MAKES GOOD NEWS

By GEORGE CASTILLO

Most newspapers, including *The News-Review*, are frequently accused of playing up the sordid side of youth. Whenever a young thug pulls off a particularly distressing bit of gangsterism, a finger-wager is always ready to point at *The News-Review* and snuff caustically that the newspaper is on another "sensationalistic" jag.

So, it's always a pleasure to point back and wag a finger just as enthusiastically when the newspaper can play up the far more general good that youth does.

A perfect case in point is the magnificent March of Dimes campaign job Douglas and Roseburg high schools carried off in January.

It's always the unusual that people notice. A man may show up for work for 40 years and gain some notice, but if, after 40 years, he misses his first day, he will get plenty of notice. That's because it's unusual.

Applies To Youth

The same applies to youth. Youth is generally well-behaved, mannerly and respectable. When one of its members goes awry, that's the exception. It's unusual. Thus, the incident gets notice.

But that's on the dark side of the ledger. By the same token, youth may exceed as it gropes for the reins of good citizenship. That too gains attention in a newspaper. Both the good and the bad are reflected in the newspaper because it is the mirror of the community it serves.

The fact a newspaper must recognize both sides of the ledger does not make it, per se, a "sensational sheet." It means the paper is doing its job.

The newspaper is merely stating the facts. It is the job of the community as a whole, then, to tot up the facts and go to work to improve the dark side.

Happily, long before these words were strung together, the unhealthy side of society's youth was getting an understanding assist in this county.

Examples Noted

It was cropping up in the court of a kindly judge who sternly but understandingly guided a youth to more acceptable pursuits than burglary. It was noticed when a radio announcer pitted one school against another in an outstandingly fruitful campaign for dimes to conquer a ravaging disease.

Such agencies as the YMCA, Boy Scouts, PAL Club and Camp Fire Girls and Girl Scouts were redoubting their efforts to channel the exuberance of youth to the good of society. And youth was more than happy to grab the leadership offered. The bulging rolls of members in the agencies, the amazing efforts to exceed were examples of that.

Editor Charles V. Stanton often says "We'd rather print something good than something bad." But he realistically explains that the newspaper can't close its eyes to the seamy side either. Else, the paper would not be doing its duty in mirroring all facets of the community.

So, like every other paper with integrity, *The News-Review* will keep on printing both the good and bad sides of society, always with the hope the next story will gain bold headlines because it points up the bright side of humanity.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP)—What are the greatest motion pictures ever made?

Elia Kazan, one of the top directors of stage and screen, named these six offhand:

"Grapes of Wrath," "Potemkin" (Russian), Charlie Chaplin's "The Gold Rush," "The Baker's Wife" (French), "The Great Dictator" (German), and "The Birth of a Nation."

It might seem surprising that a modern director, picking his own list of all-time favorites, would choose four old silent films. (The two with sound: "Grapes of Wrath" and "The Baker's Wife.")

The choices seem doubly surprising coming from Kazan, who is famed for his skill in filming taut dialogue scenes. But he says he himself shrinks from that reputation.

"Photographs, not dialogue, are really the essence of a good movie," he said. "The silent picture is still basic."

"The idea still is to tell the story without words. That's why the best of the old silent films still have greatness. They didn't nail everything down in words. You could get your own meaning from them."

Kazan, who recently completed filming John Steinbeck's novel, "East of Eden," is only 45 but has directed 10 movies and some 20 Broadway plays. He won an Academy Award in 1947 for his "Gentlemen's Agreement." He may get a second Oscar this year for "On the Waterfront."

A slender, intense man with quick brown eyes, Kazan looks at life with the keen curiosity of a bright child studying a new kind of bug. He has no interest in filming old literary classics or making escape films about romantic far off times and places.

"I have a narrow range," he said. "What interests me is the present scene. America itself is still an undiscovered place, so far as being truly put on the screen. The way our ordinary people really live and act—the excitement and tremendous drama of their daily lives—that hasn't been told much."

"Take the South, for example. It is full of tremendous tensions. I like the South, and I don't believe its tensions are fully understood."

"I hate gibberish, the pat approach to a problem, and I dis-

trust quick, easy solutions. I don't believe in all-white heroes or all-black villains."

"Sometimes I'd like to make a picture about Negro jazz musicians. They are wonderfully courageous. They've done more to break down segregation in this country than anybody else."

Kazan, nicknamed "Gadge," is the son of Greek immigrants. He worked as a waiter in college. He was a bookkeeper, a prop boy and an actor before he became a director.

Today he likes film work better than the stage, because he believes the motion picture is the greatest of all artistic mediums. But he limits himself to one picture a year. He is a perfectionist.

"To make a good picture everyone connected with it should be an artist in his field—writers, actors, camera-men," he said. "Every knuckle is important."

"Talent costs money, and talent is temperamental. Anybody who's good has temperaments. But if they do have talent, it's worth any amount of patience and trouble to put it on film."

Kazan practices what he preaches. His "On the Waterfront" took seven years from initial dream to finished film.

The greatest need of a successful director, Kazan believes, is to retain his independence of mind.

"You have to do what you want to do, not what someone else wants you to do," he said. "You have to learn to sit down and say no."

"You are bound to fail two-thirds or three-fourths of the time at best. But if you do what you want to do and fail, you at least fail on your own terms. And that isn't too bad a fate."

Sen. Geddes Will Speak At Reedsport COP Meet

State Sen. Paul Geddes of Roseburg will be the featured speaker at the Lincoln Day dinner of the Lower Umpqua Republican Women Feb. 17 at 6:30.

"Compass? I Know the Right Way Without One"



BOY SCOUT WEEK Feb. 6 to 12, 1955

Ellsworth's Role In Defense Against Neuberger Charges Envisions New Possibility

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON—An open clash has developed within the Oregon congressional delegation, matching Republicans against Democrats in a way that is almost as much a novelty to them as to Oregon voters for whose benefit it is being staged.

This is in part a result of the election last fall in which two Democrats—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger and Rep. Edith Green—were elected to seats formerly held by Republicans. This left three GOP members, Reps. Harris Ellsworth, Walter Norblad and Sam Connel, and Sen. Wayne Morse, ex-Republican, now an Independent, and widely regarded as a Democrat-to-be.

During most of the past decade when all these sons first came to Congress, Oregon has been represented by a solid bloc of Republicans among whom there were no open disagreements. Even before Morse bolted the GOP in 1952, he and some of his colleagues rubbed one another the wrong way politically and went off in opposite directions but never clashed publicly.

But times have changed. Now one Democrat and one Republican have emerged as protagonists in a manner that marks them as spokesmen for their parties within the state in Congress. They are Neuberger, the freshman Democrat senator, and Ellsworth, the veteran Republican congressman. For Neuberger, this is not a new role. It is essentially an extension of his slashing attack against incumbent Republicans in the last election campaign and in the recent years of his state legislature and journalism.

But for Ellsworth, it is a new role, and one he is assuming both reluctantly and deliberately. Although he is now dean of the Oregon delegation in point of service (12 years), the 35-year-old son is not anxious to project himself forward as a spokesman for anyone but himself. Nevertheless he

has set himself to the task of challenging or answering the expressions and allegations of Neuberger and other Democrats.

This has become evident in the first month of this new session of Congress on three questions—power policy, Formosa resolution and Talent irrigation project.

In praising President Eisenhower's state-of-the-Union message, Democrats who insist on what he termed the "hidebound" attitude of all-federal construction of dams, while Neuberger said it was a "shotgun offer" for the administration to promise funds for "partnership" dams only.

In commending Eisenhower for his resolution of Formosa defense policy, Ellsworth contrasted it with what he called "the high-handed" way President Truman sent U. S. forces to the defense of South Korea when it was invaded in 1950.

Neuberger has charged the Talent project was mostly a come-on for votes for Ellsworth and ex-Sen. Guy Cordon last fall, like the fellow who authorized his girl to buy an expensive brooch at Tiffany's but never forks over money to buy it. Ellsworth said funds for Talent are in the offing, delayed by administrative errors, and Neuberger is "morant and ridiculous" in his charges.

Ellsworth's new role is a further demonstration of his ability to shift gears in order to move in his chosen direction under varying circumstances. Two years ago when his party gained control of the legislative and executive branches, he readily became the most successful member of the delegation in getting his own bills passed. Now he is emerging as a spokesman for the administration, which it is not beyond the realm of possibility may project him into still another role next year—

as the Republican contender for the senate seat not held by Wayne Morse—a role which virtually all Republicans here evince not a little anxiety to fill as of now, 13 months from the deadline for filing of candidacies.



This is the time of year our Umpqua Indian of a century ago would have donned his winter raiment. Donning the winter raiment of mankind. There was Grandma, when the autumn chill appeared, digging into the moth-scented chest for grandfathers' winter woollens. There were the Indian mothers, sewing the members of the family into their winter undies, which they wore, sans bath, until the swallows reappeared in the spring.

While our local Indians had no domestic sheep to provide wool for their primitive looms, yet he was a man, and as man was resourceful. He had no red bathing gins for winter use nor did he possess anything of a sort to sew on. Yet, without, he was the forerunner of the idea used by modern channel swimmers to keep out the numbing chill of ocean waters.

You guessed it. Our Indian made himself an oil suit for inclement weather. It was none of your synthetic garment of plastic materials made from petroleum. It was plain, unadorned fish oil, poured on the body and spread with the palm of the hand. The year of the oil's origin was of no consideration. If it held the aroma of a ripe old age, so much the better. It quite obliterated the human scent and lulled the deer to a sense of false security. Our dog uses the same sure today by rolling on dead animals to kill his identifying scent. Of course this is

Fixing Valuations Of Utilities Bill Hearing Slated

SALEM (AP)—The Senate Commerce and Utilities Committees opened hearing last week on a bill by Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukee Democrat, to let the State Tax Commission fix the valuation of utilities companies for rate making purposes.

The hearing developed a question of the legality of the public utilities commissioner's authority to fix electric rates without a hearing, and the fact that the bill might be unconstitutional.

The public utilities commissioner, who sets the rates, now determines the value of the companies for this purpose. The Tax Commission sets the valuation for taxation purposes only.

Sweetland thinks lower rates would result if the Tax Commission's valuations were used.

Clarence Phillips, lawyer for the Portland General Electric and Portland Traction companies, said there is no uniformity between the two valuations, and defended the present system as being fair.

Francis Hill, spokesman for Pacific Power & Light Co., said Sweetland's bill "would arrest the progress" of the State Tax Commission in its efforts to equalize property assessments.

Public Utilities Comm. Charles H. Heltzel said the present Oregon valuation formula of original cost minus depreciation is used in all states.

Reader Opinions

Mothers March Chairman Thank Many Participants

ROSEBURG—On behalf of the sponsoring J. C. Ette organization, we would like to express our appreciation to the thousands of people in the Roseburg area who variously contributed to the success of the Mothers March on Polio.

To those who generously volunteered services made this hour-long event a highly cooperative, all-community undertaking—sincere thanks.

We are equally grateful to the generous heart of the Roseburg community. Without the unselfish impulse which sparked thousands of porchlights, the Mothers March on Polio could not have successfully sought funds to help meet the tremendous cost involved in researching polio care and eradicating it.

MRS. ROBERT R. GREEN
MRS. ART POLLARD, JR.
Co-Chairmen
Mothers March on Polio

Doernbecher Holdings Sale Big Transaction

The Port Umpqua Courier reports that the sale of the Doernbecher Furniture Co. holdings in the lower Umpqua region involves one of the biggest transactions in the area in recent years.

The sale was being worked out by Reedsport Lumber Co. According to Tom Link, manager of Reedsport Lumber Co., the tract is estimated to contain between 30 and 35 million board feet of fir, hemlock and spruce. It is located about three miles north of Gardiner.

The Doernbecher concern of Portland is liquidating its assets.

NAVY INVITED

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore.) said Saturday he had proposed in a letter to the Naval Academy that Navy meet the University of Oregon in a football game in Portland in 1959 or 1960.

Bruce Biossat

President Eisenhower sought and won from Congress support for use of our armed forces in the broad defense of Formosa. But he didn't mean to delegate, nor could he, the power to decide whether those forces shall be used in any other fashion in the Far East.

That must be his decision, and his alone, as it was his to speak in the first place and warn the Communist world through resolutions endorsed by Congress.

This President, like any other, may invite and listen to advice from many men. But in the end, they can only advise. They go away and leave him to himself. And he, plunged into a loneliness none of us can likely imagine, must search the counsels of his own mind for the answers the world awaits. It is an awesome burden, and no man on earth can share it with him.

Population Gains
Some of the American people may think the population experts are talking through their hats when they predict a U.S. population of 220 million by 1957. But the figures for 1954 certainly make the experts look good.

Last year the number of Americans increased by 2,830,000, the largest yearly gain in the country's entire history. For eight straight years, we have added more than 2,500,000 people annually to the population.

How do these astonishing figures come about?

In the first place, in 1954, we had around 4,000,000 births, the most in any year on record. Secondly, tentative indications are that the death rate dropped to an all-time low of 9.2 per 1000 population.

The great boom in births is by now an old story. Not so well appreciated is this continuing improvement in the national health, as reflected by declining death rates. The death rate has now been below 10 per 1000 for seven successive years, an especially notable thing in the light of the steady rise in the proportion of older folk in the American population.

In addition to these factors, of course, we get each year a small increment from immigration. Last year it came to some 200,000.

But obviously, in projecting population prospects for the next two decades and beyond, the experts are deeply impressed by the continuing remarkable trends in birth and death rates.

Trends are not sure-fire. They can be radically altered by unforeseen factors. Another great war, a real depression, such cataclysmic events could upset all predictions. World War II and its aftermath certainly threw out of the window the experts' forecasts made during the 1930's.

As a sidelight on the gains that

Churches Council Would Outlaw Wire-Tapping
EUGENE (AP)—The Legislature is being urged by the Oregon Council of Churches to outlaw wire-tapping in Oregon.
The resolution urging this action called wire-tapping an "infringement on the right of privacy against unwarranted search." The resolution was passed at the closing session of a conference Thursday.
Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton recently said it was his opinion that Oregon law now does not forbid wire-tapping. He gave the opinion on a case involving police wire-tapping at Eugene.
The council also passed resolutions against racial, economic and religious discrimination, the present immigration law, liquor advertisements and loyalty oaths.

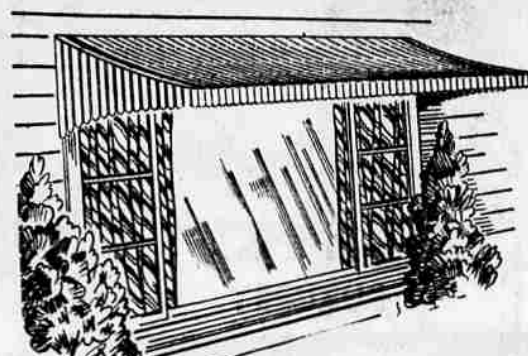
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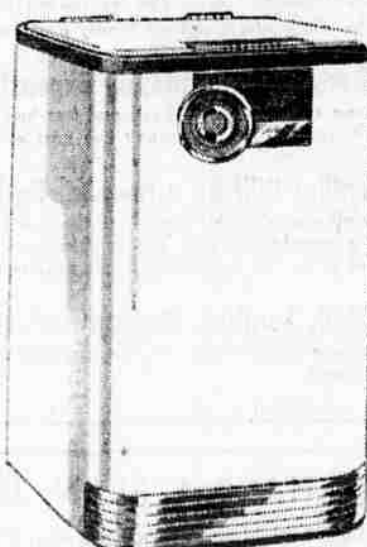
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