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CONSERVATION MEANS USE

Charles V. Stanton

Oregonians will be hearing a great deal about conservation this week. All over the state the observance of Conservation Week, recently proclaimed by Governor Patterson, is arousing unusual interest. The topic will be discussed before service clubs, on radio panels, in television shows, newspaper interviews, and in many other ways. Here in Douglas County conservation classes will be conducted in all schools, and the observance will be continued throughout the month as granges, farmer organizations, and various other groups make conservation the chief subject for discussion at their monthly meeting.

In considering the subject of conservation we are apt to fall into an error all too common among conservation enthusiasts.

Conservation is defined as "wise use" of our natural resources. Too often, however, we overlook that word "use."

Many people are inclined to believe that conservation means putting natural resources in the deep freeze, leaving them untouched and unused. Real conservation, on the other hand, means an intelligent use of resources, for the good of the greatest number of people for the longest possible time.

Economy Based On Waste

Here in the United States we have a high level of prosperity because we have ability to waste. Our level of economy will be lowered in proportion to the loss of ability to waste. There is little reason that this ability should diminish, however, provided we maintain abundance of renewable resources in accordance with conservation methods.

Waste makes us prosperous because it creates jobs. While we maintain high production, we bolster our standard of living. And because we have a high standard of living we can afford waste. Thus we have a continuing cycle in which waste is the controlling factor.

In this country, for instance, we discard a suit of clothes if the cuffs become frayed, or a patch is needed, or even if we become tired of the pattern. In Europe or Asia that suit of clothes would be worn as long as the material held together. In fact, appeals from European and Asian countries for discarded American clothing have produced trainloads of garments suitable for long wear.

Many people buy a new automobile every year or every two years. They trade in their old cars, cars which have many years of service left in them.

These used cars find a ready market at the next level of income. They, in turn, are traded in, while still in good operating condition, and are bought up by the low income group. But the same car in Europe would remain with the original owner until worn out.

Furniture Discarded

A man of Swedish descent was telling me recently about some family furniture well over 100 years old. It was handmade, and had been passed down from generation to generation.

While some Americans have a craze for antiques, a large number of families provide ready market for new furniture.

We toss out the davenport if it gets a cigarette burn, a spring breaks, or the original covering becomes damaged. We discard an old chair if we see one appearing more comfortable. We buy a new dining set because we've redecorated the room.

The food we throw in garbage pails would feed whole populations in some less fortunate countries.

But because we waste we have a high level of production and high level of wages. Thus people have money with which to buy more goods. If we didn't waste we would have fewer jobs, lower wages, and less purchasing power.

Consequently we have a situation in which, if we are to have the ability to waste, we must preserve an abundance of renewable resources from which to draw raw materials.

We have been given resources in great abundance. We can continue to waste them if we do so wisely, with constant attention to replacement.

Fortunately we are beginning to realize the importance of true conservation. We have tree farms to grow more wood fiber than we are using. We are beginning to clean up our rivers and to study water conservation. We are learning to utilize our soils properly and prevent their erosion and depletion. We are learning better utilization of our minerals.

So, as we consider conservation problems this week, let's keep constantly in mind that conservation doesn't mean non-use, but rather, wise use, and that "use" is the key to conservation.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — Who sews your buttons? Who darns your socks? Who sends your shirts to the laundry?

If a man does these things himself, presumably he is a real fine modern-minded husband and a great companion to his wife. But if he expects his wife to do them, he is presumably a brow-beating oaf who is secretly looking for a mother not a marital partner.

So some present-day sociologists and marriage counselors seem to hold. I say they're full of twaddle.

There has been a horrible spate of magazine articles lately on the "new freedom" of wives, the "new partnership" in marriage, the "new sharing of responsibility" between husbands and wives.

Much of this wide-eyed tripe is the sheerest drivel. It operates on the theory that (1) A home is hopelessly old-fashioned if the husband goes out and brings home the bacon, then rests contentedly in the living room while his wife cooks it — but (2) Everything is palatial in a home in which papa opens a can of beans or dinner while mama cheerfully busies herself painting the kitchen ceiling.

Well, I just don't believe it. And I'll bet 10 million American husbands (and their wives) agree with me.

The latest of these little up-to-the-minute matrimonial essays really has me riled. It found in a survey that many young U.S. wives were neglecting their husbands, but held sociologists thought this just dandy as conditions have changed, and a man no longer has the right to expect from his wife the personal attentions and services his father received from his mother.

The article expressed surprise but no disapproval over the fact that a poll of college girls taking a course in marriage and family

Every Contribution Another Weapon



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA) — Prominent churchmen and church-affiliates have taken the lead in opposing the national military reserve plan now before Congress. These same groups have in the past been successful in blocking peaceable conscription and universal military training. Their chances this year seem somewhat more doubtful, in view of the increasing tense international situation. But final votes in Congress may be close.

Under President Eisenhower's modification of the old UMT proposals, emphasis is now put on building up a trained reserve of 2,500,000 men.

First reliance for maintaining the standing U.S. armed forces would be placed upon voluntary two-year enlistments, to be followed by six years' service in the reserves.

If enlistments failed to provide the necessary strength, men could be drafted for two years for this service.

AS AN OPTION, approximately 100,000 men a year might choose six months' military training, to be followed by seven and a half years in the National Guard or reserves.

life showed only half expected to darn their future husband's socks, sew on his buttons, see that his shirts were laundered and his suits kept cleaned and pressed.

To me this is saddening. Do these girls really want to marry a husband — or merely marry a bachelor, who doesn't need them? I recall in a college course I attended the professor asked the girls the minimum income they would demand in a husband. One girl insisted it would have to be \$100 a week. That was more than 20 years ago. She's unmarried.

Why should a girl in college balk at the idea of sewing buttons for her husband? Would it really make her feel more self-important, more like a partner, if, as they exchanged vows at the altar, he whispered, "Baby, it's going to be 50-50 in everything with us. How's about you sewing the buttons on my clothes — and I'll sew the buttons on yours?"

The idea that marriage is a sharing isn't exactly new. It's as old as marriage itself. But you can't figure out the sharing as you'd plan a work sheet in a factory. The adventure lies in finding out what and how you'll share. You don't start with an ultimatum — or often end with one. Not in a real marriage.

But there is a real danger in the new idea that all household chores have to be divided exactly 50-50, so that nobody ever does more than his share. There is real danger in the new idea that any wife can improve her husband by neglecting him while she pursues her own interests outside the home.

Such a concept doesn't exalt or free womanhood. It degrades womanhood. No victory outside her home can ever repay an honest wife for a failure within it. Most women realize this instinctively.

A feminist who insists that her husband help with the cooking and sew on his own buttons purely as a matter of principle, or because she is too lazy, defeats herself on a picaresque battlefield. She may gain a mouse—but if it's a man she's got, she may lose him, too. There are an amazing number of girls left who don't regard a kitchen as a penal institution or button sewing as a form of slavery.

As a matter of fact, anybody looking either for a 50-50 partner or a fulltime chum ought to form a business corporation or join a social club. Marriage is a mystic longtime exploration. It should be entered into only by people looking for something else—men who yearn for a wife, women who yearn for a husband.

But maybe I'm an old stick-in-the-mud. Perhaps under the "new partnership" theory a young married couple, before having a baby, should sit down and ask each other, "Who'll do the knitting?"

Mother Of 1955 Greeted By Ike

WASHINGTON (AP) — The "American Mother of 1955"—75-year-old Mrs. Lavina Christensen Fugal — shook hands with President Eisenhower Monday and called it "the thrill of a lifetime — something like an atomic blast."

Her voice quivering with excitement, Mrs. Fugal — mother of eight living sons and daughters and grandmother of 34 children — told newsmen after talking with the President:

"When the first explosion is over, it kinds of leaves you in a state of shock."

A pleasant-faced woman who discarded her crutches during most of her brief stay at the White House, Mrs. Fugal said she thoroughly enjoyed her chat with the Chief Executive.

She was born in Pleasant Grove, Utah, on Sept. 9, 1879, and still lives there.

Mrs. Fugal told the President that she hoped Mrs. Eisenhower was feeling better. The Chief Executive replied that she was.

The First Lady's physician has ordered all of her engagements for this week canceled because she still has not fully recovered from a respiratory infection which put her down in bed for several days last March.

U.S. Army Cuts Won't Spur Reds, U.S. Chiefs Think

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two top defense officials have told Congress that Army views were "fully considered" and rejected before President Eisenhower decided to cut an additional 75,000 men from the Army.

Secretary of Defense Wilson and Adm. Arthur W. Radford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said they did not believe the added cutback would encourage stronger Red Chinese moves or would decide the outcome of a Korean-type war.

The two officials testified before a closed session of a House Appropriations subcommittee in early February. Their testimony was made public Monday.

They appeared a few days before Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, Army chief of staff, said he had no chance to protest the new cutback to the National Security Council, the nation's top planning board.

Ridgway said the Army was told with "little warning" last December that by mid-1955 it would be cut to 1,102,000 men, instead of the 1,173,000 it had expected. This means a total reduction of 146,000 from the original goals fixed in 1953. The Army, he said, had completed a budget based on the larger figure.

Wilson said the additional 75,000 men to be eliminated represented a "cushion" left in earlier estimates, in case world conditions deteriorated.

"Last December," he testified, "in making our final review of this budget, we decided that these situations (Korea and Indochina) had changed to the point where this cushion was no longer necessary."

That brings up the plight of the American farmer—who is now in the position Big Steel was in a year ago. That is to say, he is able to produce a lot more than he can sell at fair prices.

But—At the big land and water symposium in Albuquerque last week the reclamation bureau's chief engineer, Leslie McClellan, told the assembled experts that a SOARING population will soon use ALL of America's now surplus food.

He added: "Present food surpluses in the United States will disappear before 1975, for the census bureau estimates that by then there will be 221 million people in this country."

He concluded: "The United States will have to solve increasingly severe demands on water resources if it wants to KEEP ENOUGH FOOD ON THE TABLE."

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Communism's Defeat Sure If United States Adheres To Its Principles, Ike Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Eisenhower said Monday that if America adheres to the principles which made it great "we are certain of defeating communism."

In an informal address at the annual meetings of the United States Chamber of Commerce, the President declared that "a Communist international dictatorship is seeking to destroy our way of life."

Then he added that if the United States will stick to the principles which have guided it, and also seek to develop international trade, "we are as certain of defeating communism as we are that we are all in this hall this morning."

Contrasting the Communist and democratic systems, Eisenhower said the Communists urge: "Forget yourselves and build up the state." He went on:

"To do this, the Communists have to substitute the state organism for the Almighty—and that we reject."

Plugs For Trade Policy. The President told his audience at Constitution Hall that his administration's objective is "an enlightened trade policy." He said "we are trying to build a bridge" between "widely shared prosperity at home and international peace."

Plugging indirectly for congressional enactment of the administration program empowering him to reduce tariffs gradually by 15 per cent, Eisenhower told the businessmen that in the interests of freer world trade "we must make some concessions—and some here and there will be a bit painful."

He stressed that continued progress must be based on recognition of individual rights—"the greatest good for all of us."

The President said that as to government regulations of business, "we must never accept it if it means surrender of this vital principle" of individual rights.

The President got a standing ovation when he arrived at the hall and another when he concluded his brief speech.

From one of their number, the businessmen heard a forecast of an America in which depressions will be obsolete and "three car families" will be common.

It came from Lester L. Colbert, president of Chrysler Corp., who predicted that industry will be hard pressed to supply its growing market in the next 20 years.

Mother Elated Over Finding Of Daughter. SEATTLE (AP) — "My Joyce! My Joyce! I'll be so glad to get her back!" That was the joyous cry of Mrs. Ray Clinton Whitson when she learned Thursday night her husband and her daughter by a previous marriage had been located in Long Beach, Calif., nine weeks after their disappearance here.

Her thoughts apparently were centered on the 15-year-old girl. When asked if she would be glad to see her husband again, she replied:

"The Navy has a priority on him. It's going to be a long stretch before I see him again."

Whitson, 33, and his stepdaughter were arrested Thursday in Long Beach, where they had been living as man and wife. They vanished last Feb. 21 after Whitson abandoned his car on a Bremerton-bound ferry and left a "suicide" note on the seat.

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L. L. "Jim" Powers

Portland (AP) — A new trial will be asked for convicted fongs Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fong.

The attorney, Irvin Goodman, said the motion will be filed by next later than Wednesday—the day which Judge Alfred P. Dobson tentatively has set for sentencing the pair to life imprisonment.

That sentence is mandatory under Oregon law since the jury recommended leniency in convicting them of first degree murder in the death of Diane Hank, a 16-year-old Portland high school girl.