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## PROTECTING THE UMPQUA

By Charles V. Stanton

I have a most interesting letter from "Chuck" Collins. He's the new president of the Oregon Wildlife Federation and he's better known to Douglas County residents as supervisor of our county Parks Department.

He includes a reply to Mrs. Eunice C. Brandt of Salem, who proposes state and federal protection for the Umpqua River between Scottsburg and Reedsport. Believe me, I'm on Mrs. Brandt's side!

Mrs. Brandt points out that a half-mile strip on each side of Canyon Crest should be preserved from commercialism and left to prevent blow down into the canyon and to lend "proper depth for visual integrity of the scene."

Except for about 1 1/4 miles the south wall is made up of the north boundary of the Elliott Forest, fully owned by the state of Oregon. The south wall, Mrs. Brandt points out, contains nine miles of Siuslaw National Forest, with about three miles at each end presumed to be in private ownership.

Mrs. Brandt furnished Collins with a Scenic Conservation Proposal to which Collins replied that the Salem lady has "well analyzed the great tangible values found in this natural setting."

### Would Save Canyon

Mrs. Brandt's proposal is very simple. She would protect the whole river canyon between Scottsburg and Reedsport from destruction. She would prevent commercialism of the forests along the river.

Recreation should be considered the first use of this strip of land. It is unique in the continental United States in its close resemblance to a Scandinavian fjord. It is accessible by good highway from the populous centers of the state as a link in a loop trip, thus offering the spiritual release of travel in the deep forest to those who are unable to visit the wilderness by trail.

The Umpqua river offers all the opportunities of this type of water for fishing, swimming, and boating. These activities are immeasurably heightened when they are enjoyed against a background of undisturbed natural beauty.

Wildlife abounds on the slopes, and a game preserve would be a logical use of such an undisturbed forest area as is proposed here.

Mrs. Brandt further proposes that the Scottsburg-Reedsport section of the Umpqua River be set aside by Congress for "scenic enjoyment for future generations."

The proposal unquestionably is one with which all people who know that section of the river will fully agree.

### Logging In Progress

Already the river is being spoiled for recreation by the all too many logging booms extending along the bank in the tidewater section. As logs become more scarce, there will be more and more temptation to log into the river canyon. It certainly is easy procedure to log down the canyon wall to one of the many log booms. Unless something is done, and at once, to protect the river canyon against commercialism, a beautiful recreational area will be hopelessly spoiled.

It does not take a long memory to recall when the lower Umpqua area was favored by sportsmen in the fall of each year. Both banks are growing up to summer homes. The property and recreational values should be protected.

The Salem lady has given "Chuck" Collins and his group something to think about. The rest of us have our work cut out, too. We must give our support and cooperation.

The job has been described. For my part, I think it is a job worth doing.

—Hal Boyle—

NEW YORK (AP) — If you have a good three-act play collecting dust in your trunk, now is the time to take it out and storm Broadway.

But it has to be good. "The theater today is wide open," said Audrey Wood, one of the nation's top theatrical agents.

"There's a tremendous need for new talent. If you have any kind of talent at all, it sticks out—it cries out to be heard."

"But a play has to be good to succeed now. There is room only for quality now."

Miss Wood, who looks like a perky, blue-eyed, auburn-haired visiting schoolteacher, is little known to the playgoing public. But she is a real power in the theater. She has helped put between 80 and 100 plays on the boards here, including some of the most famous of the last generation.

For 17 years Miss Wood and her husband, Bill Lieblich, ran their own theatrical talent agency. Four years ago they sold out to the giant Music Corp. of America agency, which promptly found out it needed Miss Wood to handle the talent it had acquired.

### Gets \$1,000 A Week

Broadway gossip is that MCA paid half a million dollars for the Lieblich agency, still pays her Wood about \$1,000 a week for her services.

### TO BACK OPPOSITION

MOORHEAD, Minn. (AP) — Her husband, Andy, is opposing the bid of Mrs. Coyn Knutson (D-Minn) for nomination for re-election to Congress from Minnesota's 9th District.

Knutson announced he will support Marvin A. Evenson, 45, Moorhead, in the Democratic primary election Sept. 8. Evenson filed for the race Monday.

"By George, I Thought It Was a Cow!"



—Peter Edson—

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Unless Congress acts fast on some new legislation, the United States will soon have to issue passports to such well-known left-wingers as Paul Robeson, William Worthington, Corliss Lamont and Anna Louise Strong.

It has been denying passports to Robeson, Lamont and Miss Strong for some years. Worthington had his passport lifted for an unauthorized trip into Red China, and is trying to get it back.

And the State Department is no longer requiring applicants for passports to tell whether they are or ever were Communists.

ALL THIS IS THE RESULT of recent Supreme Court decisions to the effect that American citizens

### In The Day's News

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and in the running, but isn't given much chance of election.

Candidate No. 3 is Miguel Mendonza Lopez, who is running on the communist ticket. The communists were unable to muster enough signatures to get his name on the ballot, so his is running as a write-in candidate.

He concedes he hasn't much chance, and explains it this way: "I would make a better showing in the election if more of my followers knew how to write."

The list is completed by Leonardo Garcia Perez, who won the nomination of the minority DNA party. The No. 1 plank in his platform is a promise to cure the nation's economic ills and boost the value of the peso from eight cents to a dollar.

Before getting into politics he was a miracle healer. He used a magic potion to treat polio, cancer and various other afflictions. His miracles weren't numerous enough, and the Mexican health department made him shut up shop. Like many another of his kind the world over, he turned to politics.

Interesting sidelight: The Mexican government went all out this year to enforce the yesterday's election, anyone caught carrying a pistol or a knife in the polls was promptly clapped into the calaboso.

Why this dissertation on a Mexican election? It's like this: Mexico is the most hopeful nation of Latin America. By all the rules of history, she has every reason to HATE us with an enduring hatred. We forced upon her a WAR OF CONQUEST. We took from her vast areas of territory. We took this territory by FORCE OF ARMS.

Somewhat more than a half century later, we took advantage of a bandit foray across the Rio Grande (by a brutal character named Pancho Villa) and sent a punitive military expedition clear to Vera Cruz. A similar foray by the French a century and a quarter ago created the situation that is causing France's present troubles in Algeria.

Why are our present relations with Mexico good and getting better? One reason is that Americans in increasing numbers are flowing to Mexico as tourists. These tourists are REAL Americans. They aren't too snooty. They don't sneer at Mexicans. They are genuinely interested in them — especially in the younger generation Mexicans who are coming up through Mexico's schools. These kids are as smart as tacks, and Americans tend to adore them.

Also — We haven't poured too much FOREIGN AID onto Mexico. We've TRADED with her instead of shelling out aims and playing L.A.S. Bountiful. As a result, our relations with Mexico and Mexicans are improving steadily.

If we could apply the same wise policies to the rest of Latin America, the Western Hemisphere could be built into the happiest and most prosperous area in the world.

## Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D. D. (Written for NEA Service)

"I hate you" is a scornful statement sometimes shouted by one child at another child. Even adults have occasionally made this blunt statement to others. This sharp arrow is supposed to pierce the very heart or soul of the person at whom it is shot.

Hate is frequently met with resentment or anger. It sometimes stirs the recipient to a point of violence. But occasionally hatred may sear its way through to the soul of an individual without arousing hatred in return.

There are a few who can accept the jolt of hate and turn their love and compassion on the very ones who have tried to wound them. Such a one was Jesus. He took all of the hatred of his fellowmen and, in return, prayed that God might "forgive them, for they know not what they do."

Most ordinary mortals cannot be as sincerely forgiving as Jesus. Most of us want to return the blows which come from our adversaries. When we do this we merely challenge our opponents to seek more violent ways of piercing our thin armor.

## Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

### SLIDDING TOUGH FOR ABCs

Oregon City Enterprise-Courier

The ABCs of education have apparently gone by the boards in favor of many novel ideas for present day living, including reportedly expensive and plus school buildings, relaxed discipline, relaxed curriculum, more extensive social activities, apathy on the part of teachers and opposition by parents to what was once accepted methods of teaching.

We disagree with reports of extensive and plush school buildings. We know this so-called plushness is, in many cases, less expensive than those materials not generally considered plush.

The other items are interrelated. Not long ago, one of our local bankers flatly stated that in case after case after case, high school seniors, who presumably go out and secure jobs, and open bank accounts, do not know the first rule about writing personal checks. This would seem to be a very simple lesson, possibly 10 minutes out of an hour-long mathematics or bookkeeping class. Yet this banker has a sound complaint.

In another case, we know of a graduated senior who secured a job as a file clerk. But before the job could be performed, this student attended a special class, conducted by the firm, to learn his alphabet. Scores and scores of high school and college students do not know how to spell simple words in the English language. These are not isolated cases. They are complaints that we have heard over a period of the past two years.

Related to this, we know of many cases where a student who should have failed was passed on to a higher grade, for a variety of reasons. Some included because this student was not failed in earlier years when it would have done the most good. Others are the teacher wished to avoid unpleasantness at PTA meetings, or sought to avoid a tongue-lashing from the principal or superintendent.

Related to this, failure of a principal or superintendent to back the actions of faculty members leads to apathy and disrespect from the teachers. So do unfairly biased parents, who fail to realize their child can do wrong and does, occasionally, need discipline while at school.

We do not agree with reports of a relaxed curriculum. Five months ago, each high school in the county furnished us with information on the school's curriculum and the number of students taking courses offered in this curriculum. A far greater number of students was taking advanced mathematics and science courses, economics and history, and other such courses, than we were led to believe at the outset.

But why many an 18-year-old cannot write a personal check does not know his alphabet, cannot spell, or cannot do many of the things that will always be a daily routine, is beyond our comprehension.

We know our local schools have adequate curriculums. We do not feel, however, that every teacher in the county has the solid backing of his superior. We feel in some cases, the superintendent is bending over backwards to please the public, rather than maintain strict control over the students by insisting on

discipline among the students, and displaying support of his faculty. It is for this reason, we have apathy among some teachers, lack of discipline among students, lack of respect for each other, and thus, the ABCs of education have gone by the board.

### OSC'S JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Albany Democrat-Herald

The Oregon State College news bureau, with a justifiable note of pride, points out that OSC's two-year-old "Junior Engineers and Scientists" summer training program is setting a nation-wide pattern for encouraging promising youngsters to prepare for careers in science.

Oregon State started the program with little fanfare back before Sputnik soared into the sky. The two-week introductory course covers a field of subject matter that ranges from botany to mathematics. The young students are divided into small groups and receive instruction from regular OSC faculty members.

Along with a list of eight scientific and technical subjects, the high-school students receive instruction in modern languages—perhaps as a gesture to the liberal arts, which are being overlooked by many of the post-Sputnik alarmists who now cry for more emphasis on scientific subjects.

This year there were 225 junior scientists on the OSC campus, representing six western states in addition to Oregon. Similar programs are scheduled in Montana, Utah, South Carolina, Kansas, New Mexico and North Dakota, indicating how quickly a good idea can spread when it has public support. Here in Oregon, Linfield college will hold a special summer session for 40 girls.

The OSC faculty members who teach the course would be the last to claim that in two weeks they can provide any great amount of specific information when their program includes engineering, mathematics, physics, chemistry, zoology, geology, bacteriology, botany and modern languages. But the program offers something more important than a notebook full of facts. It offers a wonderful way to sharpen the curiosity of the bright youngsters who attend the classes; and a lively curiosity is the first requirement of anyone who goes into a career in science.

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## Supreme Court Hears Traction Co. Arguments

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Supreme Court heard arguments last week in the attempt of Public Utilities Commissioner Howard Morgan to force the Portland Traction Co. to restore passenger service on its line between Portland and Oregon City and Bellrose.

The company abandoned the service last Jan. 25, and Morgan has been trying ever since to get it restored.

The company argues it lost money on the operation. Morgan contends that large freight profits should be used to cover the loss.

Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding of Portland issued an order directing that the passenger service be restored, but he denied Morgan's request that the company be held in contempt for failure to obey the order.

There is a constitutional question in that Judge Redding's order was issued without the company having a chance to be heard. The company, which claims it thus was denied due process of law, didn't know about the judge's order until after it had been issued.

Another important question is whether revenues from interstate operations can be used to make up losses on operations wholly within the state. Several federal courts have ruled they cannot, which is the company's position.

The hearing probably was the court's last hearing until September. Members of the court, however, will be available to deal with emergencies.



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