

Our Flag Paid For In Blood

This year, there seems to be a resurgence in the pride of displaying the American flag.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce in Roseburg has done its bit by cooperating with businesses in making certain flags are displayed on the city's streets on national holidays. Businesses and organizations have added their efforts by selling flags at cost to make them more easily available to individual families.

One of the most important of those national holidays with patriotic flavor arrives tomorrow. Memorial Day is a quiet holiday during which we should

ponder the price this nation paid to achieve its greatness.

Memorial Day means the goal of freedom and independence has been paid for by thousands of men and women who thought the price of life was not too great.

Without their courage, we probably would never have left British sovereignty, we may have been a German or Russian colony, and certainly we would not have become the great leader of the world in protection of individual liberties.

Our heritage is majestic, and nothing exemplifies it so simply, yet grandly, as our flag.

Civil Defense Works In Douglas County

Douglas County appears to be the best organized and most thoroughly prepared for civil defense among all the counties of the state.

This was the indication given last week by the beleaguered state Civil Defense organization in Salem. The directors spent four hours with county CD Director Arthur Selby to hear his outline of the county program for the coming year.

They indicated they were "Highly pleased" with the report.

While the county organizations elsewhere in the state have virtually disintegrated, Selby has kept his program operating by using a common sense approach.

He knows the effort to secure special shelters in case of fallout are not gaining great public acceptance. He knows that buildings so far designated as fallout shelters will handle only a few of the county's 68,000 people.

So, he has been stressing education and communications. One of the educational facets is that of informing parents, teachers and children of how to prepare for attack. Evacuation plans have been set up to get children home as quickly as possible in case of an attack which might threaten the county.

"This problem has been, at all times, first priority in Civil Defense activities in case of positive alert," Selby says. "If parents will cooperate, we can assure them their children will be cared for and taken to their homes promptly,"

he continues.

The warning to parents is that they be at home to receive their children. This will assure that parents are not crowding the school parking lots to get their children and also makes certain the youngsters are protected when they get home.

Selby insists that home is the safest place for everyone in the event of fallout or, for that matter, natural disasters.

At the same time, programs in survival and medical care are being carried on by CD through the extension and health departments. Already 100 have been graduated from survival classes and 200 from medical care classes.

Candidates will be chosen later for training at the National Civil Defense School to learn radiological monitoring and decontamination procedures.

The radio equipment for the county has been beefed up to allow instant communication to all parts of the county. Thus, warning can be almost immediate.

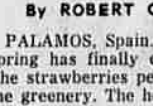
These are steps of common sense that can be used now. They can be used for protection in case of either war-caused or natural disaster. And because they are not grandiose or disorganized, Douglas County is just about the only county in the state left with a program which will offer protection.

Much of the credit belongs to Arthur Selby and the County Court which recognized the merits of his down-to-earth approach.

Taps Throughout the Land



Spain Changes Much In Decade



By ROBERT C. RUARK

PALAMOS, Spain. — Serious spring has finally come to Spain. The strawberries peek pinkly from the greenery. The hoopoes — those great-crested, cross-barred creatures called "zobra birds" — have flown across the Mediterranean from Africa and are nesting in the chimney pots. The wheat waves green in the sun, and the poppies burn brightly in the wheat.

The first German tourist has already made a mess of the beach, and the first Frenchman has already wounded his automobile on the tough curve. The first Englishman has succumbed to sun-poisoning, and the voice of the skittering compact cars is heard in the land. Roadside signs display wares and instructions in Spanish, English, French, and German. Television aerials are beginning to rear over the most unlikely dwellings, and Perry Mason is adapted to Spanish.

Dog Grows Old

It suddenly occurs to me that I have been 10 years a guest of this great country; that I have buried three dogs in the back garden, and that the puppy is 7 years old, two years older than I am, comparatively, if one multiplies by seven.

I see Spain today through the eyes of strangers, because my own eyes still see the Spain I first knew. The Spain of today has motels and snack bars, neon lights and factory complexes, navigable

roads and TV, bourbon whiskey and cork-tipped cigarettes, supermarkets and Hollywoodish filling stations, stark modern apartments and lush plush hotels. Modern Spain has street lights and street signs, corrupt bullfights and more corrupt bull-people. A "duro" — five pesetas — no longer earns its old smile as a tip.

The face of Spain has changed considerably in the 10 years I've lived here. Tourism has brought uncounted millions to the country, and so has America in the form of its armed forces. There was nobody but me for nearly as far as you could see when I first built a house. Now I am become a member of a mile-long suburb in the little fishing village of Palamos.

Palamos Small

Palamos is small, but Palamos is a very hep little village. Its women dress more smartly than Parisiennes, and are vastly more handsome. The fields outside are tilled now by tractors, in some instances. There is a handsome new cinema, some fairly brassy night clubs, and some remarkably chic boutiques. I am told the ladies' hairdresser is as good as you're apt to find in Europe.

We have a new hospital and are buying a big new ambulance. Everybody has a bicycle now, and the people who used to have bicycles own motorbikes. The people who used to own motorbikes now own Seats — the Spanish-manufactured version of Italy's Fiat. Cow-

The Editor's Corner
By Charles V. Stanton

Hatfield's Bill Was Killed By Fears It Was Political

The Oregon Legislature killed Gov. Hatfield's proposal for a Department of Natural Resources. Thus another session goes by without a unification of natural resources management which for a good many years has been proposed as a more efficient operation for the state of Oregon.

The governor's proposal did not die because there is no need for such a department. Rather it died because, in the opinions of a good many people, it was far too political in its application and permitted a return to the spoils system and an opportunity for a dictatorship over one of the most important activities of our state government.

For myself I have no doubt concerning the sincerity of Gov. Hatfield nor of Dan Allen, executive secretary of the Oregon Committee on Natural Resources. Both were very vigorous in their sponsorship of the plan. Gov. Hatfield, I am positive, had no desire for dictatorial operation. Yet he was so imbued with the desire for passage of his measure that he permitted an anti-sportsmen's group to take over and to write into the amended bill provisions that would have critically impaired any recreational program. Hatfield, himself, admitted that the bill was "barely acceptable" in the form in which it finally came to the legislature.

Plan Should Live

But because the proposal was beaten at this session is no reason it should be dropped. It would be my suggestion that all interested and affected groups seek during the legislative interim to come up with a more acceptable plan.

I would suggest that, unless an interim committee is assigned to the job, that the Committee on Natural Resources instigate a study and that it bring into consultation all affected groups and parties and submit a tentative plan which may be revised as found desirable until a satisfactory, or at least a reasonably satisfactory, plan is devised.

One reason the governor's proposal had hard sledding from the start was that Hatfield failed to get reactions from affected groups before he went before the legislature. He had a plan of one-man control over all natural resources agencies and he tried to cram this plan down the throats of all concerned because he thought it a good plan. Others, however, didn't like the plan. Had they been consulted in advance, perhaps given an opportunity to help create a satisfactory program, an acceptable department might have been devised.

Great resistance to the governor's proposal came from several sources. Organized sportsmen firmly opposed a plan that would remove the Game Commission from its present freedom from political pressures, or the adoption of a plan that would return the Game Commission to the spoils system. Park people successfully resisted the idea of putting the state parks under the planning department while taking money from the Highway Department to finance the costs. Amendments eliminated parks from the bill. Forestry groups also were adamant.

But there is good reasoning behind a consolidated and more cooperative program. Doubtless there is a way of achieving such a program without making the department a political plaything or providing opportunity for appointment of unqualified persons, simply because they are good party members or, perhaps, have been liberal contributors.

REVIVAL



Rev. Don Bowman of Homedale, Idaho, Evangelist

End-Of-Term Dates Set For Canyonville Schools

Items calendared for the closing weeks of school in Canyonville include the Memorial Day holiday this Thursday and the last day of classes for seniors on Friday, May 31. Final exams will be June 4 and 5 for the remainder of the student body.

The teachers' workday and a holiday for students will be on Thursday, June 6, with the last day of school set for June 7, corresponding Mrs. R. E. Proctor reports.

7:30 NIGHTLY Bible Missionary Church

Rev. E. J. Charon, Pastor
Everyone Welcome

THE LIGHTER SIDE:

'Pretty Girl' Best With Flashlight

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Almost anyone can dredge up something in common with Abraham Lincoln. By me, it's eyestrain.

As a lad, Lincoln used to punish his boys doing his lessons by flashlight. As an adolescent, I used to torture mine by reading Esquire magazine by flashlight.

I was forced to resort to makeshift illumination owing to the fact that Esquire was verboten at our house. I usually kept a contraband copy hidden under my mattress.

After I had ostensibly retired for the night, I would haul it out, pull the covers over my head as a blackout curtain, switch on a flashlight and spend a tingling half-hour perusing the "Pretty girls."

Until you have ogled a "Pretty girl" by flashlight, you haven't really lived.

What started these memories vibrating in my cerebrum was a news conference held here this week by Arnold Gingrich, editor and publisher of Esquire for the past decade.

Esquire Has Changed

The magazine has changed a lot since those days, however. Gingrich has transformed it from the pin-up catalog of my youth into a sort of training manual for Madison Avenue intellectualism.

He called the news conference to discuss an article in the current issue entitled "Sex and the Supreme Court." It deals with the court's decisions on censorship cases.

By taking a liberal attitude toward sex in books, art and drama, the justices opened the floodgates to a flow of four-letter words, Gingrich observed.

But, he added, this in turn, with paradoxical effect, is promoting a "puritan revolution" in American literature.

It is Gingrich's theory that so much emphasis on the clinical details of sex has caused readers to become blasé toward, or bored with, play-by-play accounts of

To Receive Diplomas

Twelve eighth graders will receive diplomas at graduation exercises Monday, June 3 at the Tiller-Drew Grade School, reports Mrs. Milton Hammersly, correspondent. The public is invited to the event, set for 8 p.m., according to Principal Argle Matthews.

Superintendent William E. Lewellen of Days Creek will deliver the address. He will be introduced by Wallace J. Hovey, fifth and sixth grade teacher. Only student speaker will be Carl J. Wilson, who will give a brief welcome and introduce fellow graduates. The Rev. Kenneth R. Thompson of the South Umpqua Community Church will offer the invocation and benediction. Mrs. Vera Lerwill, pianist, will play the professional and recreational and C. J. Porter, school board chairman, will present the diplomas.

Opinions From Readers

It's A Crazy Economy, Says Man From Winston

To The Editor:

We are involved in a crazy economy in this country.

The time has come when the poor can eat butter and cheese with their crust of bread.

Many people use oleomargarine and do without cheese because they must save money to pay taxes so the government can purchase surplus butter and cheese to give away to those too poor to buy oleomargarine. Crazy!

With government support, many

farmers, after they haul their cream to town, will stop at the store and buy oleomargarine for their own use.

Now, I don't envy the poor just because they have butter. The very poor have my sympathy. For many of them it is a hellish life.

It is better that they receive the butter than to have it deteriorate until it can only be used to make soap. Perhaps many of the poor who do not like butter would prefer the soap.

The poor can be very ingenious in their tribulation. Some few have found ways to barter and exchange food they don't want for things they do want.

The point I want to bring out is that almost everyone could have butter or oleomargarine, according to their preference, if our economy was sound. But our economy is not sound. Our economists seemingly are all astrologers and soothsayers. They never are sure whether we are just entering recession or are recovering from one. Their free enterprise is not free. Often it is not even enterprising. Their law of supply and demand is not a law. Even if it was a law they wouldn't permit it to operate.

Supply and demand is not the reason for the sudden and alarming increase in the cost of sugar. The price increase results from free enterprise and speculation. A small group of men controlling our nation's supply of sugar is free to gain a very good profit at the expense of the public.

Our government was able to hold the price on steel. Why didn't it immediately hold the price on sugar?

A person doesn't have to be an economist to know that a high price support will increase the supply and lower the demand. The result will be a surplus.

Even wages that are excessive will encourage automation and "do it yourself projects." The result, then, will be unemployment and a surplus of labor.

I don't pretend to know all the

answers. I do know that our government is making too many costly mistakes. If it continues to take more of our income, many of us will be qualified to receive the surplus food.

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Writer Suggests Aid To Lighten Caretaking

To The Editor:

Memorial Day is here again; the one time in the year when we engage in the task of cleaning our cemeteries.

Many people devote a day for this and, after cleaning, mowing or raking the grass, broken jars and containers from the lot, feel their obligation is finished.

What becomes of all the debris? In our IOOF cemetery in Oakland we have a very loyal and charitable caretaker who does a great deal of cleanup work. Many people contribute a fee for his work, which is well done. Then there are others who pile their trash at the side of the lot, or perhaps carry it to another part of the cemetery. They never give a thought as to who may take it away or dispose of it.

A good deal of the work is done. It would be greatly appreciated by those caring for the cemetery if each person would carry away his own rubbish.

I am certain that but little thought is given at this time as to who makes our cemetery a pleasing sight; those who dedicate their time to the service of the public in general.

I would urge that in the future we all be a little more thoughtful and carry a bit of the burden personally, if at all possible. When we have no way to dispose of the debris, we at least can reimburse the caretaker for his time and efforts. Our hats are off to him for a wonderful job.

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In Days Gone By

40 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1923

The appropriation of \$35,000 by the federal government to match a like amount of county bonds will inaugurate the opening of the Roseburg-Reedsport highway this year, according to County Judge George Quine. The county asked for \$200,000 but because of a reduction in budget in Washington, D. C., forest service funds available were cut to \$35,000. The county will appropriate a like amount. The small amount of money available for work this year will prevent construction of a bridge at Scotts-on. It will be necessary to install a ferry until money can be scraped together for the bridge. It will probably be two or three years before the road is put in top condition.

25 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1938

Co. D, 162 Infantry, Roseburg, is among the Oregon National Guard units receiving the prized

very satisfactory" rating for the year ending with and including the recent federal inspection. It was announced today.

Farm security loans totaling \$63,409 have been made to 160 Douglas county farm families unable to secure adequate commercial credit for livestock feed, seed, farm equipment and cooperative facilities, reports P. H. Helweg, FSA supervisor of this city.

10 YEARS AGO
May 29, 1953

Yvonne Luman, 10 and her mother, Mrs. Charles Luman, of Canyonville were pulled from a well at 9:45 this morning by Policemen Ted Nimmo and Ted Mazac and Fire Chief John Hamlin after the daughter fell through rotten planking and the mother went in to rescue her.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Aero Squadron continued to take part in search for a Canadian Lancaster bomber missing on a flight from Vancouver Island to San Diego, Calif.

REMEMBRANCE . . .



The Highest Tribute

Let us make this Memorial Day a time of thoughtful remembrance of those who have passed on. And while we are praying for those who died that America might live, and for our other loved ones, let us add a prayer for peace in the world.

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