

# Editorial Page

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## Indian Coaching Formula Effective

Roseburg's Indian footballers launched the season with a hard-fought victory Friday night. Since it was the first game of the season, and some rough spots still need to be ironed out, it's too early to guess how the season will go.

But whether or not it is a good season in the won-lost columns, the city can be proud of a coaching staff which puts great emphasis on building character and teamwork, while at the same time gaining its share of victories.

It's a coaching staff which is willing to take the full consequences of its coaching methods. The result is that everyone benefits. Most of all the young men on the ball field gain from solid discipline, hard work and a dedication to the quest of perfection. The coaches, directed by Roy Thompson, benefit from a job well done and the obvious satisfaction of forming strong teams. And the community benefits from the reflected glory of its teams and, primarily, from the fine young men it builds for the future.

About this year's team, Coach Thompson says, "I'm proud of them. Nothing is more satisfying than having kids like these."

His pride comes from the fact these young players have achieved the skill

and spirit, not primarily through natural athletic ability, but through hard work and rugged competition.

Thompson admits he has no superstars this year, but what he does have is a strong, highly-conditioned team which isn't a chorus backing up the star but a unit where the strength of each player contributes to the smooth function of the whole. Thompson is so pleased because it is this kind of team which wins state championships.

They have the team spirit, but they also have the strong push of individual competition for the positions. Thompson notes that some of the players have worked for two years to achieve first-line varsity status, yet there is another man behind each of the positions who is just as eager to fill the front running position as the man who is holding it.

In other words, the positions on the first string have been achieved by hard work, discipline and solid conditioning.

Team cooperation and individual efforts to the very limit of ability — and sometimes beyond — could very well spell one of the toughest teams in the state. But even if it doesn't, this kind of training and desire will mould some young men of which the city will be proud for a long time.

## Ever Hear Of A 'Cabbit'?

Except for the principal character in the scene, a story from Canada sounds like something which could be added to Roseburg's freak hall of fame.

A farmer in a little town called Enderby has reported he has a "cabbit", a cross between a cat and a rabbit. Of course, the experts say it can't be.

All the same, the story says, the animal looks like a mixture of a cat and a rabbit. It has a cat's face, but it also has large ears and a bushy tail. The animal, produced in an otherwise normal litter by Blackie the family cat, can't meow and has trouble licking.

Its owner believes the animal is a re-

sult of cross breeding between Blackie and a bush rabbit. Veterinarian W. L. Parkhill said the animal must be the result of a mutation of the chromosomes that have affected the shape of the body. Another veterinarian, H. Campbell-Brown, whose hobby is genetics, said a "cabbit" is a scientific impossibility.

This is the same series of events which greeted Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Looker of Lookingglass, when they announced they had a "doat" or a "geer" — a combination of a deer and a goat.

Maybe they're impossible, but they're surely interesting subjects for conversation.

## It Takes Two to Scale the Heights



## Robeson Potential As Leader Lost

By ROBERT C. RUARK

Mr. Paul Robeson, the almost inexplicably angry man, has at this writing disappeared behind the Wall of East Berlin, presumably for a "health cure," but with a lot of rumor frisking about that he is being "forced" to go behind the Iron Curtain — now, in his old age, against his will. Mr. Robeson, like Charlie Chaplin, is a man of inexorable whim.

Paul Robeson, All-America football player, lawyer, Rutgers graduate, Phi Beta Kappa, magnificent singer, boxer, great actor, has been on the Communist kick for most of his life. Just what he has done for the Russians, or with the Russians, is possibly more the property of the CIA and the FBI than mine.

### Friends Displeased

The current word is that his Moscow friends are terribly displeased about an alleged interview with a French journalist, in which Robeson expressed displeasure that the presence of racial discrimination exists in Russia. That makes just as much sense as the rest of his life.

Mr. Robeson is a Negro, but he never socialized very much with his own race. He didn't mind singing "Old Man River," which made him famous and using the Uncle Tom lyrics. He didn't mind being quoted in the vernacular by that dreary old auntie, Alexander Woolcott, in an anecdote in "While Rome Burns" which would have caused him to be lynched by both sides of the fence today.

On page 124 of "While Rome Burns," published in 1934, Woolcott recounts that Robeson wanted to come downtown from Harlem to sing "Old Man River" for Oscar Hammerstein, the lyricist, with Jerome Kern at the piano.

### She Has Purse

"Paul did not mind," recounts Woolcott with relish, "but turned to Mrs. Robeson for funds. She is a flashing, resourceful woman, far lighter in color than her husband, being of mixed Negro and Jewish blood. Hers is the custody of the purse."

"He (Paul) wanted two dollars for taxi fare. But Kern was going to drive them down. She knew he would only need the fare for the ride back. One dollar would be plenty."

"Aw, go on," he said. "Be all

nigger and give me the two bucks."

Robeson has been dominating the white crowned heads of America and Europe since the early 'Thirties. He has been a Russian worshipper since that time, although no man ever had it made better, more, or earlier. (He could very possibly have been heavyweight champion of the world, if he had wanted to box professionally, according to competent observers at the time.)

### Kidnaped Early

But he got kidnaped by the Russians early, and as old Woolcott says on page 128, "More than any other artist in the world, save, perhaps for their own lost Chaliapin, the Russians are eager to have Robeson come to them, and he is even now getting ready the songs he wants to sing there and the plays he dearly wants to play."

For he has found, in the home-made speech of Pushkin and the rugged music of Mussorgsky, the one medium that really delights him. "My Russian friends tell me that he already speaks their language without a trace of accent."

This was published in 1934, so it must have been written as early as 1933, before we recognized Russia. Our boy has quite a back-ground of friendship in Moscow. Among other things he sent his son to be educated there.

Robeson has always been linked, including scandalously with the wife of a peer in London ages ago, with the white folks. He has never lived a Negro's life, apart from playing "Emperor Jones" and "Othello" and "All God's Children" and a few other Uncle Tommeries for the fast buck to spend in Mayfair.

He of all people might have been a power in leading his brethren to the light of social equality.

He didn't. All he did was squawk and eventually got himself exiled from America, the land that made him one of the greatest single Negro figureheads we have ever had. He played the Communist line up and down from a standing start of adolescence, and here was a

great handsome man with no beef at the world, bar color, which never inhibited either his success or his association, but rather enhanced it.

To paraphrase Woolcott, Robeson had a chance to "be all nigger." But he settled for "the two bucks," and they seem to have been translated into rubles. I do not know nor care what he is doing behind the Iron Curtain at the moment. But if the Russians need culture badly, I wouldn't care if they kept him on a permanent basis, and planted him next to Pushkin when he's outlived his usefulness.

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## Moose Bicycle Program Stresses Safety Factors

To The Editor:  
It's that time of year again when, with the wonderful cooperation of Chief John Truett of the Roseburg Police Department, Harry Jacoby of the School District 4, and the principals of the schools, the Moose Lodge put on the annual bicycle safety program.

Here I want to thank the editor for the many kind words in his editorial last Thursday, which should have opened a few eyes of the parents regarding what, where and when, their children should be riding. Or! what some of the uses the little dears are making of their bicycles that were never meant by the bicycle makers.

Here rather than list just some of the common rules of the road for cyclists recognized by the state police, as well as most city law enforcement agencies, I would like to ask each and every parent who has a child in school locally to ask their children this week if they received a list of the local laws for bicycling during policemen's visits to the schools.

Some of these need your expla-



## The Editor's Corner

By Charles V. Stanton

## Seaside Riots Emphasize Failure In Home Training

Much has been said in Oregon newspapers recently concerning the Labor Day riot at Seaside. Young people, including a major number from the state of Washington, gathered at Seaside. They carried a large amount of liquor. They turned into a mob which destroyed property, battled with the law and, in general, gave a most disgraceful exhibition.

Many editorials and letters have been written seeking to explain the occurrence and to place blame.

One thought is to use more force. Another would offer a compromise. ("Give the kids what they want.") Some say Seaside should provide more entertainment. Prohibitionists say the thing never would have happened if the young people didn't have access to liquor.

A person seeking the psychological motive for this occurrence unquestionably could follow a good many trails. To me, however, the Seaside riot most clearly emphasizes one of our great failures in home training. It suggests a danger that is apt to grow far worse in the years ahead.

The Seaside riot, which promises to become an annual event, is not exclusive. Similar wild spree are reported in various parts of the country. It seems to be a growing habit for young hoodlums, preparing to start a school year, to engage in one of these destructive affairs as a sort of celebration.

We expect young people to originate antics of some sort. The tendency of young people to do foolish things isn't confined to the present. Swallowing live goldfish and joining in pantie raids follows a pattern dating back many years.

But most of the former escapades were comparatively harmless, insofar as destruction of property was concerned.

Earlier generations were taught to respect property and property rights. Except for the limited number of criminals expected in any society, people would not think of stealing or harming the property of another.

But in these modern riots we find a hoodlum element deliberately wrecking stands, smashing windows and doing damage in many ways.

It becomes quite evident that these young people have had little, if any, home training to cultivate respect for the property rights of others. Yet, what could be expected from parents who, themselves, have little regard for the security of others? What, then, may we expect of future genera-

tions when these untrained hoodlums, who participate in such rioting as occurs at Seaside and elsewhere, become parents and are made responsible for the training of their own offspring?

Another angle is that the young people making up the crowd at Seaside was composed almost entirely of young adults. Most of them had reached the age of maturity or, at least, were near the 21-year mark. A respect for law and order is one of the prime necessities of an adult society.

Yet in the Seaside riot we find a large number of young adults, not only with a complete lack of respect for the law, but, actually, gathering with deliberate intent to defy the law.

All over our country today we are reading of demonstrations, disorder, defiance of law. We find our press showing pictures of "police brutality" in handling law violators. People are shocked by the use of dogs, fire hoses, clubs, electric goads and what-have-you to control people who violate police rules and who persist in disorder.

What is a policeman charged with enforcing the law to do? Is he expected to play patty-cake with a hoodlum? Is he expected to refrain from using force upon one who deliberately and defiantly refuses to obey orders? If our people are sympathetic with a disregard of the law and enforcement personnel in one phase of our social order, how can we expect young people to show any respect for the law?

It seems to me that the whole thing breaks down to a lack of parental instruction, home training and, perhaps, sparing the rod during the child's formative years.

## Opinions From Readers

### Low Retirement Age

The program definitely sets up the rule that welfare recipients have first choice. The result of this ruling is exemplified in the million dollar Portland Towers, a low rental structure so recently opened by the Portland Housing Authority.

Here the major portion of the tenants is composed of welfare recipients, young families with low income, civil servants and others. There is only a token number of members of low income group above the welfare limit. I will venture that an investigation of the present Roseburg low rental properties will show a large number of low income civil servants, young families, and ADC recipients.

The so-called "Golden Agers," with incomes slightly above qualifying for public assistance will be found to be a token representation only.

The injustice and the viciousness of the housing plan under discussion in Roseburg are easily seen. Here is a married couple, over 65 years of age, with an income of say \$125 each per month. If they own their own modest home they pay upkeep and maintenance, and ironically pay taxes that go to the support of those on welfare. The latter receive free medicine, free hospitalization, free surgery, free rent, (paid from welfare) free food, free fuel, free utilities and last of all free burial. The man with income above welfare limits, but only slightly above, is on his own. If he sinks financially the sheriff gets his home.

In the writer's opinion, the whole low rental program has vicious aspects. Every community that accepts this particular program is helping perpetuate the evil. It all looks so beautiful. It is mostly federal money and in case of shortages, Uncle picks up the tab. But it does things to public self-respect and as the Golden Agers who derived no benefits begin to see the light, there will be quite a noise, no doubt.

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### Low Rent Projects Poor For Aged, Says Reader

To The Editor:  
I have read accounts in your paper relative to establishing a low rental project for the aging in Roseburg. Having been associated with public housing from 1941 to the time of my retirement, I have arrived at some conclusions which I would be pleased to pass on to your readers.

I have found this program objectionable for the following reasons: First, it does not meet the needs, or even touch those of the moderate income group the plan proposes to serve. Second, it is rank discrimination against those moderate income individuals, who need housing but are debarred. Third, it is instrumental in spreading the withdrawal of taxable property from the tax rolls.

I shall discuss the first of these. The method of allotment of homes, under the proposed plan, works entirely to the benefit of welfare recipients, low paid clerks with large families, and disabled persons be-

lieving the writer's opinion, the whole low rental program has vicious aspects. Every community that accepts this particular program is helping perpetuate the evil. It all looks so beautiful. It is mostly federal money and in case of shortages, Uncle picks up the tab. But it does things to public self-respect and as the Golden Agers who derived no benefits begin to see the light, there will be quite a noise, no doubt.

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## Science Shrinks Piles New Way Without Surgery Stops Itch—Relieves Pain

New York, N. Y. (Special) — For the first time science has found a new healing substance with the astonishing ability to shrink hemorrhoids, stop itching, and relieve pain — without surgery.

In case after case, while gently relieving pain, actual reduction (shrinkage) took place.

Most amazing of all—results were

## THE LIGHTER SIDE:



## Host's Bid Shows Ash Trays Full

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) —Most newspapers nowadays carry a bridge column. Which is good.

But these columns are written by bridge experts. Which is bad. Every now and then I read one of the columns and when I do I am always amazed by how ludicrous the cards are.

I was aware, of course, of Hoyle's decree that "The cards speak for themselves," but until I started reading bridge columns I did not realize they were such glibly little things.

When a bridge columnist is analyzing a hand, the cards chatter away like so many magpies, somewhat as follows:

"East led the club nine. It told west that east was short-suited in diamonds and the spade jack was unprotected."

West captured trick with the club king and returned a low heart, which said that he could establish the diamond queen and would ruff the second spade lead."

This ability of cards to express themselves so fluently is altogether marvelous except that they have a basic speech defect.

Most of us bridge players limit ourselves to what is called "party bridge," or what is known in my circles as "drinking bridge."

We can understand what our own cards are saying perfectly well, but we have trouble hearing what the other cards say.

Therefore, it seems to me that someone should start a bridge column written by a non-expert and aimed at the party bridge set. Perhaps something along this line:

"North-South were the host and hostess and also vulnerable. North opened the bidding with a diamond."

"An opening diamond bid by the host tells the hostess that the ash trays are getting full and that she should empty them the next time she is dummy."

"East mentioned two hearts. A jump bid following an opening diamond said she had on a new dress and would like west to comment."

"West bid three hearts. A raise

## The Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Monday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 1963 with 106 to follow.

The moon is approaching its new phase.

The morning star is Jupiter. The evening stars are Jupiter, Saturn and Mars.

On this day in history:

In 1639, the Massachusetts Village of Shawmut changed its name to Boston.

In 1893, the Cherokee Strip in Oklahoma was opened to homesteaders.

In 1920, a bomb explosion on Wall Street killed 30 persons and injured at least 100.

In 1945, the Japanese surrendered Hong Kong.

A thought for the day — The American novelist Mark Twain said: "There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice."

## In Days Gone By

Taken from the files of the News-Review

40 YEARS AGO  
Sept. 16, 1923

From a Paris fashion note: Yes, we have no stockings today, sing the Parisiennes at fashionable French beaches this summer. Bare legs are the rule at any hour of the day, or at least the appearance of bare legs.

Many a fair limb is encased in the most transparent flesh-colored coverings, no thicker than the finest gauze and not much more substantial than a cobweb. In fact, the wearers tell us that they can stand only a few hours of wearing. White is taboo and colors as well. Dame fashion says it must be flesh tint or none at all.

25 YEARS AGO  
Sept. 16, 1938

Secretary Morgenthau disclosed today that the European crisis has caused the "largest flight to the dollar in history."

The treasury held declined to estimate the amount of foreign funds sent here for safe keeping but figures on recent treasury gold acquisitions indicate several hundred million dollars of foreign cash have arrived here in the past few weeks.

10 YEARS AGO  
Sept. 16, 1953

Unless access into federally-owned timber is obtained within the next few years, Douglas County's timber industry will suffer severe cutbacks. This information was given to the advisory committee of the Umpqua National Forest at a committee meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting was called to hear Congressman Harris Ellsworth explain pending legislation pertaining to forest management and forest access roads.



One ineligible football star is one who can run and kick, but can't pass.

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