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IMPROVEMENTS A MATTER OF DETERMINATION

Improvement of the intellect, one's physical qualifications, or a town or community is merely a matter of effort; of self determination. If and when you make up your mind to work toward certain improvements, whether it be to read more for information, abstain or do certain things for your health's sake, take proper exercise to keep your body in trim, develop a more pleasing personality, you can usually note improvement with the resulting satisfaction if you have the will to do what you started out to do. The same thing can be accomplished toward community betterment with collective effort.

It was Babson who estimated that only about three percent of the people in the average community have qualities of outstanding leadership, the rest of the community are usually content to follow the leader. To raise that standard is to develop a stronger community. More do not aspire to do greater things and to accomplish greater things because the effort is too great and the hardships too hard to take. It all comes back to what we as individuals want to do.

EROSION BASIC FARM PROBLEM

Erosion is still the basic farm problem over the United States, although it has never been a serious problem in the northwest because winds do not blow here as strong and as constant as in other sections of the country and because rains are usually gentle. In other words we have neither the high winds or the floods, which have wrought so much havoc with other farming sections. Millions of dollars are being spent in the middlewest, the southwest, the southeast and the south in an attempt to stop the destructive forces of erosion and of course much good has been accomplished, but not before serious damage has been inflicted on many farms.

If water erosion had been a problem here, few if any, farms would have been worth operating by this time since farming methods have not been changed in many instances in the past twenty-five or thirty years. One good that has come from the AAA program is that the farmers have learned the value of soil conservation and have seen some practical results of what soil conservation and crop rotation will do toward improving the production of the farm.

In many instances, however, the soil has become so depleted that it will take years to rebuild it and bring it back to normal production. The policy of taking all from the soil and putting nothing back has been followed too long, so long in fact that the farm land can not produce even a meager living.

Oregon farmers have not with exception of a few instances been troubled with fighting the forces of soil erosion, but they are faced with the necessity of rebuilding the soil, if farming is to be profitable.

THE MORE DEADLY OF THE SPECIES

Congressman Martin Dies, head of the congressional committee investigating subversive elements in America, has indicated that more than 2,000 Communists may soon be removed from the federal payroll. And Americans have applauded.

But in the midst of the enthusiasm over such a prospect perhaps the full import of the disclosure that this many "Reds" were holding government jobs has been overlooked.

It is of tremendous import, not because it represents several million dollars a year out of the taxpayer's pocket for their salary, but because it reveals Communism more deeply rooted in America than even some of the most ardent so-called red-baiters believed.

The popular concept of a Communist, in the minds of most people, is a bushy-haired individual haranguing listeners from a soap box in New York's Union Square. There are many such harangues in New York and other communities, but they are comparatively harmless beside the type now uncovered by the Dies Committee.

Those now exposed are the deadlier of the species, for they, like some other types of racketeers, carry on their nefarious activities behind the cloak of respectability.

Americans wish Mr. Dies every success in his efforts to rid the federal payroll of this menacing element.

London

Mrs. Robert Phillips was hostess to the Friendly Neighbors club last week. The time was spent in needlework and games. Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Haas won prizes. There were 17 present. Mrs. Glenn Banton will be hostess November 1st.

Mrs. Bert Baughman and daughter, Mrs. Seldon Fletcher, and the latter's son and daughter and a little niece, all of Graton, California, former residents, who were visiting friends and relatives here, enjoyed a picnic dinner Sunday at the George Sutherland home.

The Clayton Townsend family of Vida were week end guests at the W. L. Townsend home.

Jesse Hooker of Lorane is staying at the George Sutherland home while doing some survey work near Cougar Bend for a lumber company.

Mrs. Dan Beck, Mrs. Carl King and daughter Joan of Cottage Grove were guests Sunday at the Robert Phillips home.

J. D. Hicks of Eugene was a guest at the W. L. Townsend home while on a hunting trip.

Word has been received here of the birth of a son to Evangelist and Mrs. Homer Hailey of Abilene, Texas. Mr. Hailey has held two revival meetings at this place.

Arthur Sippy had the misfortune of having his car badly damaged Sunday on the road to Bo-

hemia, when he collided with a government truck. None of the occupants were injured.

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EARL E. COOPER

Propaganda

With the possibilities and dangers of propaganda being earnestly exposed at the present time we are inclined to think of it as a recent major feature of war. Such isn't the case although the practice has developed until it approaches a fine art. There is much evidence that propaganda was used years ago to stir the emotions of people to either resist or wage military action. The means of spreading it were comparatively crude and its success depending much upon the existing attitude of the people.

Organizations have been formed for the purpose of exposing propaganda as such. Armed with our present knowledge, which these organizations have given us, we are still not immune in that our attitude makes us susceptible to a certain degree. Propaganda or not, if news coincides with our beliefs the tendency is to absorb it, if the opposite to immediately recognize it as propaganda. Out of the past we take an example.

In the historical year of 1588, the "Invincible Spanish Armada" was sailing the seas, a terrifying menace to all its enemies and a powerful weapon to its country. It sailed this day as a continuation of a great effort which was to have been made in favor of Mary Stuart. However, Mary came to an untimely end at England's execution block before preparations for the expedition had been completed. The attempt, therefore, came the year after Mary's death and appeared to be a great effort by foreigners to crush England. In view of this one may understand the susceptibility of the English to the propaganda which followed.

Stories were freely circulated that, should the Spanish win, the houses and parks of the English nobles were to be parceled out among the Spanish grandees. A list was supposed to be in the possession of every Spaniard to that effect. English women were to be consigned to a fate much worse than that of death. Every Spanish ship was said to have hundreds of halter aboard with which to hang the English, while children under seven were to be branded upon their faces, in order that they might be known thereafter as children of the conquered nation. Such stories were believed, given full credit and goaded the people into a patriotic frenzy. This attitude aided greatly in turning back the invaders and starting the growth of England as a sea-power.

As we look back in retrospection at these stories we wonder that any one would accept them. With communication methods of that time it is not likely the English could know in such detail and upon such short notice the preparations the Spanish had made, much less their intentions. The Armada had nearly completed its voyage before its coming was known. However, a real danger of invasion did exist and the propaganda was, very likely, a tonic to the English spirit of resistance.

Hebron

Mr. and Mrs. Ab Ritchie spent Sunday in McMinnville with Mrs. Ritchie's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dugan of Walden and son Leo of Portland visited Sunday evening with the Frances Patten family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burnett of Portland returned home recently from a two week's visit with the Geo. Reichel family.

Mrs. Walter Murry entertained the Jolly Workers at an all day meeting last week, 26 being president. Mrs. Harold Burnett of Portland was a guest. The next meeting will be in the afternoon on November 1st, at the home of Mrs. James Morris.

The well at Hebron school has been condemned and the school gets its water from the A. J. Heath well.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Geer have moved to Camp A, where Mr. Geer is employed.

Silk Creek

Mr. Ruth and Mr. Burcham returned Friday from several days fishing near Mapleton, bringing a good catch of Chinook salmon. They also visited Mr. Ruth's brother at Rainrock.

Mrs. Nettie Estes came home from Yoncalla Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Callie Vincent from Cottage Grove visited at the F. M. Keller home Sunday.

Lena Burcham was home over the week end and brought two of her pupils to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Visited their son Melvin at Eugene Sunday.

Evelyn McCoy of Drain spent the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McCoy, returning home Sunday.

The Fred Hour family of Rickard spent the week end at the Frank Willis home.

Mrs. R. C. Lowrance entertained Sunday at a birthday dinner, honoring Mrs. Ross Peterson of Cottage Grove. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Harley Gates, the Nelson DeYoung family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tennis and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Peterson.

The children of Cedar school enjoyed a weiner roast Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cony Hughes and son Flayo of Bend and Mrs. Nellie Sarff of Cottage Grove were Friday visitors at the Rohde home.

Mrs. C. E. Ruth's sister, Mrs. Wilson of Mapleton, spent the week end here.

About fifteen friends came in Sunday to surprise Mr. Rohde on his birthday. They brought a basket dinner and spent the afternoon visiting.

Mrs. Irving Curtis has been ill with a severe case of poison oak.

Latham

J. A. Miller of Port Orford visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Harris, Wednesday.

Clair Sutton, accompanied by his folks from Siuslaw, left Monday for the San Francisco fair.

Bill Garoutte, who has been working at Marshfield, is now staying at the home of his father, W. T. Garoutte.

The Newland Corliss family have moved to Delight Valley where they have rented a small farm.

Mary Berglund spent Sunday with friends at Culp Creek.

Mary Berglund visited at the home of her grandmother, who is very ill, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen visited at the Hugh Trunnell home Sunday.

Visitors at the Mamie Trunnell home during the week were Mrs. Jess Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Clark and Mr. McFarland.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Maaranan and daughter Deannay of Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. George Krause of South Pasadena, California, have returned to their homes after spending several weeks at the O. A. Nichols home.

RACING FUND

A check for \$121.36 has been received by Mrs. Grace Schiska, county treasurer, as the county's part of the state racing fund.

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