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SPAGHETTI CONSCIOUS

Many of the men and women who work for the Federal government are engaged in the well-known work that is commonly called "publicity." No one could possibly quarrel with the necessity for disseminating useful information concerning the activities of government, and a lot of that is included. But, on the other hand, ridiculous examples are forever coming to light, examples in which the taxpayer's money is heedlessly wasted.

One such example bobbed up to the surface recently in a report by the Federal Trade Commission. The gist of its pronouncement is as follows: "The Federal Trade Commission has ruled that the length of macaroni or spaghetti is in no way indicative of its quality."

"The Commission finds that . . . genuine macaroni and spaghetti products of the finest quality are made in both long and short lengths, and that macaroni and spaghetti of the finest quality are in some instances first made in long lengths and thereafter cut into short lengths."

This, as one congressman comments, is "Epical as well as epochal." How comforting—how very comforting—it is to all of us to know that our government is always on its toes, watching out for those perfidious individuals who would discriminate against spaghetti on the basis of its length!

CONCEALMENT NOT JUSTIFIED

When a charge was made in the Senate that the rural electrification cooperatives were not earning their interest charges, the Rural Electrification Administration, which finances the cooperatives, replied that information concerning their fiscal condition could not be made public.

The REA urged that disclosure of the facts would enable "hostile interests" to use the records of the "less developed or less successful systems" as proof of failure.

Withholding the facts concerning publicly financed enterprises can be justified only by exceptional circumstances, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press in commenting on this situation, and adds:

"The mere fact that disclosure of records might lead to embarrassing criticism, some of which might even be unfair criticism, is not sufficient reason for refusing to make reports on such enterprises as these. The policy of concealment too easily becomes a mask for inefficiency and waste of public funds, to be countenanced for such cause. The REA should spread its records on the table and allow the public, who is paying the bill, to decide whether criticism is in order."—Spokane, Washington, Spokesman-Review.

How to Live Longer

To motorists who would avoid trouble on the road this summer the National Conservation bureau offers the following hints:

1. If you are a family man planning an automobile vacation on a fairly close budget, keep in mind that every ten miles added to the speed rate adds dollars in gasoline and oil costs and in tire and engine wear. The added strain may also cause some parts to give way that under slower driving might have lasted a long time.

2. Skidding around curves is a frequent cause of accidents in summer. One may skid even if the road is dry. Sand or pebbles collected on the outside of a curve may prevent the tires from gripping the pavement while the car is off balance in making the turn. The way to be safe is to slow down everywhere if the road is wet, and always, wet or dry, at curves.

3. Rain brings two difficulties for the driver. It tends to make the road surface slippery, and it decidedly reduces visibility. The best method of meeting both handicaps is to reduce speed.

4. Overtaking is another prolific source of danger on crowded summer highways. Improper passing is the result either of ignorance or unjustified haste. The double line down the middle of the road, now used in some states at points dangerous for passing, is a safe guide for the driver to follow and should never be violated.

5. Because of longer daylight, many drivers are tempted to stay at the wheel too long. Trying to thread your way through large cities after doing 200 or 300 miles is made more dangerous by fatigue. Pushing on at night after driving a good part of the day is doubly hazardous, as it adds fatigue to the normal hazards of night travel.

6. When more than one person occupies the car on a long trip, use the exchange system. Let the more experienced driver take the wheel through cities and on crowded highways, then give over to the relief driver on the easier stretches.

7. Heat punishes tires greatly, especially on long runs. It's a good idea to get out and check the tires when you stop for gas on the road.

8. The experienced driver not only secures information about traffic conditions on the main highways over which he is to travel, but tries to avoid being

near large cities on week-ends and holidays.

9. If possible, plan to follow good roads where traffic is comparatively light, rather than express highways where it is usually heavy.

10. Another holiday-driving tip is to start out early and start back early.

Paradoxical History

EARL E. COOPER

Geese Saved Rome

There was a day when geese proved to be the watchdogs of a country. They saved the ancient Romans from disaster and complete annihilation.

In the year 390 B. C. these people were attacked by Gauls, a fierce northern race of people. The Romans, efficient in the art of war, fought the enemy a give-and-take fight for a time, but not for long. The fortunes of war began to shift and the Romans retreated. They gave ground until they reached a point where the victory-hungry Gauls were before them and mountains behind them.

Consul Manlius, the Roman leader, then rose to the occasion. "To the hills," he cried.

Suited action to his words they fled to their last place of refuge, a rocky hill known as the Capitol. Here they prepared to withstand a long siege.

For a time sentinels were posted day and night but the tired, half-starved men were far from alert. One evening Consul Manlius was awakened by a clamorous outburst of hissing and cackling. He knew the geese they had brought with them were alarmed, but by what? He crawled to the edge of the steep mountain and looked down. Foes had climbed the precipice and were about to invade the place.

The birds continued their clamor until every soldier in the Roman army was awakened. They hastened to the aid of Consul Manlius. The surprised enemy was routed and defeated.

Needless to say the geese were much honored celebrities throughout the whole Roman nation.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS.

The United States Civil Service commission announces the open competitive examination for Ironworker (for the performance of shipfitting duty). This examination is for the purpose of filling existing and future vacancies at the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. Applications may be filed with the Recorder, Labor Board, Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington, until further notice.

Full information may be obtained at the post office, this city.

Property Damage Draws Criticism

Our attention has been again called to a glaring deficiency in Cottage Grove this week—the lack of proper parental discipline.

It was disheartening and sickening for members of the Softball association, who have worked for the past six weeks to put Kelly Field in desirable condition for the playing of night ball games, to find half of their work in ruins Monday morning. The diamond was cut up, lime had been scattered all over the grand stand, and some equipment had been destroyed. Why? Why should such be the case when this group of men have worked for only one purpose—to provide adequate facilities for the young people to play and to be entertained?

Citizens, you have paid out tax money to have three very good tennis courts constructed last summer. Go around and look at them now. The wire is full of holes, the nets are torn, and the fences are cut full of initials. Again, the Park committee of the city built three courts to provide better facilities for the boys and girls to play. It is little wonder that any possibility of additional tennis courts, a much needed swimming pool, and a better playground are not provided.

The boys and girls have not learned when playing and fun are set off from destruction. Watch some of them playing tennis. It is a common sight to see a youngster of 18 or 20 years throw his racket across the court. Other things we have noticed are tricycles, scooters and bicycles carelessly left in yards, on walks, and in the streets, or toys of the very young scattered all over the yard and house. All of these things are indicative of the fact that the children are not taught to care for their own possessions. Little wonder they will not care for the public property that is provided for their benefit.

It all goes back to the lack of discipline, or better still, just simply teaching a child of two or three years of age to pick up and to care for his or her toys and to continue such teachings through adolescence. A lack of proper parental discipline was recently the chief factor mentioned by juvenile officers in a survey conducted by a Eugene newspaper. We agree with them.

The parents must realize that they are responsible for the acts of their minor children and can be held to account for those acts. Unless a more cooperative spirit is shown the city, the Softball association, and other groups that have borne the brunt of such damage, will be forced to carry the matter to a conclusion desired by no one.

It is time for the parents to impress their children with the facts that these facilities are for them to use for their own benefit and are not to be maliciously destroyed.

A READER.
(Name on request.)

To the Editor—A movement is now under way whether or not we are all conscious of the fact. The people of Southern Lane county are becoming more unified, more cooperative, and better neighbors. Neighbors not for the advantage of Cottage Grove, or Walker, or Dorena, or Creswell, but to the advantage of southern Lane county people as a whole.

This movement started with the union high school. Now we have a common interest; our children all receive the same excellent education. Because of this education and its associations a better spirit will exist a few years from now than at the present.

Such events as the pet parade of June 8 and the Southern Lane County Fair to be held in August are important links in this chain of events and moves to make this a better neighborhood.

The Southern Lane County Softball Association in dedicating its newly lighted field has added impetus to the move. Here is an organization with three teams from outside districts and with the Cottage Grove teams drawing members and players from all over southern Lane county.

A neighborly, cooperative spirit is an asset to be desired. An asset that is sorely needed in these trying times. Cottage Grove needs everyone of the outside communities and they need Cottage Grove. Let us continue our present trend toward a greater, a better, and prouder Southern Lane County bound by the ties of cooperation and neighborliness. A READER

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THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

They sure been putting a barr under the saddle, there in Oregon. The folks went down to the voting place and they says, says they, we have a stomach-full of this tomfoolery about the electric lights. We don't want to be any Yogi, like in India, they said, and lay on a bed of spikes the rest of our life. We don't want any TVA misery loaded onto our backs. So they up and said Nix, on municipal ownership.

Those old web-feet there, they really got up on their haunches, and het up, about it. They figure that the Army and the Navy is plenty to keep Uncle Samuel busy.

So another Govt. adventure has exploded—and the drowsy taxpayers throughout the nation get their eyebrows singed again. They got one more white elephant to look after now.

Anybody in the market for a nice new shiny powerhouse, but with no customers on the horizon, he might write to Bonneville, there in Oregon, or to Grand Coulee—or maybe he should try Wash. D. C. direct.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA

BULLETIN ON FUMIGATION TELLS METHODS, MATERIALS

Five types of fumigation are available for growers or handlers of seed, hay, grain or other farm crops requiring treatment for the eradication of insects, according to a new extension circular No. 352, entitled "Fumigation Against Insects." This circular is by Don C. Mote, experiment station entomologist, F. E. Price, agricultural engineer, and Ivan Branton, assistant agricultural engineer.

It describes the various types of fumigation, the most effective fumigants to use under various conditions, and also contains construction plans for making a suitable fumigation chamber. Copies of the 12-page circular may be had free from any county or state extension office.

BEEKEEPERS ARE FARMERS

Oregon beekeepers are classed as agricultural farmers in an opinion just handed down by the attorney general and requested by the state department of agriculture. Under this new opinion, based on new information, beekeepers may get farmers' licenses for their trucks. Beekeepers have declared that use of trucks is necessary in their business, as they must move the seasonal locations as the flow of honey starts in different sections. Beekeeping is an important part of agricultural production, with the honey bee pollinating about 13 million dollars worth of agricultural products in this state.

RETURN FROM CONVENTION

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Hagen returned Monday evening from the Oregon state convention of the Association of Chiropractic Physicians, which was held at the Columbia Gorge hotel near Hood River.

Speakers for the convention were Dr. H. G. Beatty of Denver, Colorado, and Dr. F. C. Ring of Seattle, Washington.

Newly elected state officers are Dr. Harry Moran of Salem, president, and Dr. Franklin Heisley, Oregon City, secretary. The ladies auxiliary elected Mrs. Ray Peffer, Corvallis, as president and Mrs. H. A. Hagen, Cottage Grove, secretary.

The ladies of the auxiliary were entertained with a series of trips sponsored by the Hood River Chamber of Commerce to Mt. Hood, through the famous Hood River apple orchards and to the Mary Hill museum in central Washington.

Dr. Ketchum of Bend was elected to represent the state association at the national chiropractic convention in Minneapolis, July 25 to 31, and Mrs. Ketchum was appointed to represent the auxiliary. Dr. Emeray Ingham of Portland is chairman of physiotherapy in the national association.

771 GRADUATE AT U. OF O.

A record number of University of Oregon students, 771 in all, received diplomas and certificates at an impressive ceremony Sunday evening, when the institution held its 63rd annual commencement exercises at McArthur Court.

Three residents of the Cottage Grove area are among this year's

class of graduates: Dorothy Clark and Everett Child, both of Cottage Grove, received bachelor of arts in business administration, and bachelor of science in architecture and allied arts degrees respectively; Virginia Kempston of Lorane, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kempston, received a bachelor of arts degree in English.

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