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**DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY**

In a letter to the editor appearing in the June 13 issue of the Sentinel, a reader has pointed out the need of some attention to a subject that concerns everyone in the community. It concerns the children because they are the ones who will get the most enjoyment out of the public facilities erected for their benefit. It concerns the tax payers because they have paid out good money to have these facilities erected so their children will have a better community in which to live.

To have these public facilities destroyed or mutilated is to throw away good money. The citizens of the city will feel that what is the use of spending their money to build things for the children to use if they are not going to take care of it, and in a short time have it completely destroyed. They are right.

The small and young children of today are being taught in the home, in the school, and other such places to respect the public property and to preserve it as long as possible. The older youths of the city are the ones who need to have their attention called to the part they may do now to prevent the destruction of such things as have been put up for their benefit by the city and other groups of citizens.

The older boys and girls may help a great deal by making good example of themselves before the youngsters that are around these public places. If a larger, older, youth commits an act that is destroying the facilities and a youngster sees him do it, it is only natural that the youngster may do the same thing because he had seen the other person do it. If, on the other hand, the older youths set examples by their own acts it will have some effect upon the smaller children. They will do their part and will not destroy the facilities placed at their disposal by the city and others.

If in the future the city is to have more improvements along this line, now is the time to start to teach our younger generation to respect the value and the benefits they will receive out of such things that may be put up for them. Lets all do our part to see that these things are preserved and taken care of so that they will serve the public for many years to come, and by doing this we can pave the way for more civic improvements in the future.

**BACK TO EARTH**

The United States seems to be turning away from all kinds of "isms" and back to the fundamental theory of our government, namely, a free people and individual opportunity—a government to protect, not to compete with its own citizens in business.

To quote the President, "Private industry will have the responsibility of providing the best, speediest and most efficient mass production of which it is capable."

There can be no question of the desire of American industry to cooperate to the limit of its ability with our government to attain unprecedented heights of efficiency and service to the end that America may swiftly be provided with the best defense system in the world. And there should be no question of the willingness of our public servants, from the executive men down, to cooperate with private enterprise in order to guarantee the successful completion of that gigantic task.

It has taken a world calamity to reawaken our people to the vital role which private enterprise plays in our national life.

The men, the machines, the resources, and the technique which private enterprise has developed, are our first line of defense. The great industries of America made possible the highest peacetime standards of living for all—and out of these industries, staffed with free men working under a free enterprise system, must come our weapons of defense.

The time when we could afford socialistic experiments to the destruction of private enterprise—if we ever could afford them—has passed. The national defense is the first and foremost duty of the Federal government in its determination to perpetuate the American way of life.

We must get back to the fundamentals of democracy if we are to survive as a free and secure people where government is the servant, not the master of its citizens.

**Views of Our Readers**

To the Editor: In this time of rapidly changing conditions this country is sorely in need of plenty of peace-loving citizens who are ready to defend our country in more ways than one. Every good citizen, young and old, should be trained in some line to aid in preparedness. Have we not been asleep too long? How many people would be benefitted by a little adherence to duty and discipline, both at home and in the community?

Are we aware of the fact that our rank and file of men and women, boys and girls, make up our country? Have you as an American given your congressmen and senators the backing they need to help them keep a steady hand to work for defense with peace if possible? We are duty-bound to help the suffering, but should we in a rash moment make a great many more people in a helpless condition?

Write your views to your representatives and senators as well as your president. Every organization in town should have a simple statement of principle on file with those who are representing the American people ere it is too late to be headed for war, dictatorship or democracy.

Have the people lost their power? No. They only do not realize it. Did they forget to use it and teach the coming generation to use and defend it? Think and do. Sincerely yours,  
ESTHER A. TRUNNELL.

**THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE**

If you was to ask 100 persons on the street, how much did Congress spend last week, you would get some funny answers. Nobody knows—not even Congress. We are case-hardened on spending.

But with the cannon roaring across the pond, we look around for our old 6-shooter, and find we don't have one or it is obsolete. If there was ever a kettle of fish with somebody in it, it is us. For years we been spending like a 10-year-old at a side show—and have nothing to show for it.

And now, everybody is on the radio—it is a crisis, they say. You can hear their knees knocking together.

For years it has been one crisis versus another. We live on 'em. We might get along without food or sleep, but without a crisis—not on your tin-type.

Some of our folks there on the high and mighty potomac, they would have to fold their tent like an Arab, and vacate—with no crisis to solve.

Yours with the low down,  
JOE SERRA.

**Snake Causes Jam**

A 5½-foot bull snake caused a raffle jam in downtown Spokane recently. It apparently had ridden in from the hills on a car. Motorists and pedestrians stopped to watch it until Patrolman Dan Webster captured it with a wire and stick and turned it over to the humane society.

**A PATRIOTIC VACATION**

By Belle Burkholder.  
In these times people are becoming more conscious of our flag, our country and what it means to us. Usually we are inclined to take our country for granted, but now that Hitler's hords have overrun part of Europe, we begin to appreciate the United States more than ever before. I saw this plainly when I visited the Rose Festival and watched the floral parade form in Multnomah stadium. So many floats had a patriotic theme. First came Pasadena, with a beautiful American flag, rippling in the breeze, all worked out in flowers, and at the head of the float sat the proud old eagle, clad all in grey except for his white bald head and white collar. He sat there poised in flight, arrogance personified, as much as to say, "touch not my flag nor my country." Then, there was the Japanese-American entry. A large American flag floated from the top, four Japanese girls rode beneath its sheltering folds, held smaller American flags, and two the emblem of Japan. White doves fastened to the float revolved while it moved, and this was the emblem of peace. The word peace was worked in flowers, the western hemisphere, portrayed by a huge globe, showed that our continent was dominated by the doves of peace, and Japanese-Americans, like all other Americans, were for peace. It gave one an idea of what it means to live in America. Otherwise these little Japanese, if in Japan, would be at war. But they, too, are Americans. And America wants peace.

And many floats had the words, "God Bless America." When the 500 massed American flags, brot by many organizations all over Portland to the stadium on Wednesday night, June 5th, the opening of the festival were gathered before us, 25,000 people and more, as thousands were turned away that night, rose as one person to their feet and sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and then the announcer sang in a heavy bass voice, through the loud speaker, and led us all in the song, "God Bless America." The White Horse Patrol, a Shriner drill team mounted on white Arabian horses, from Sioux City, Iowa, marched in six and eight horse formations carrying the American flag with them. Each man took off his hat, and even a small boy not more than 4 years of age near me in the grandstand, removed his cap and stood at attention, every time the American flag passed by. First of all, the flag was raised and as it floated free in the breeze above that great throng of people, I thought how proud and glad I was to be an American. As it reached the summit of the pole, there was a pause fraught with feeling and again the people burst forth in the words, "God Save and Bless America."

The grand sweepstake prize winner float was the most beautiful I believe I have ever seen. With a ground of silver leaves, it towered above the white-robed girls on each of its four corners, to end in a huge burst of glory, like a wonderful white peacock proudly strutting forth in all his splendor. Even the "police" force carried the motto "Peace" and some flying white doves, on their floats, made mostly of red and pink roses, as many as 50,000 on one vehicle.

At the Oregon State college baccalaureate sermon, held in the men's gym on Sunday, June 2nd, the colors guarded by military escorts with guns, and accompanied by high ranking military officers of the college and the students corp in full uniform, headed the procession, next came the faculty in their caps and gowns, then 793 graduates marched proudly to the section reserved for them in the center of the gymnasium. While some of the boys forgot to remove their "mortar board" caps while the parson prayed, I did not see a single one who failed to remove his hat and stand at attention as the colors went past at the conclusion of the service. The procession was most impressive and dignified and again showed that Americans do love their country and honor the flag, its emblem.

I attended college during the last World War, and then the whole college was turned over to military training, with 4000 boys in the student army training corps. As I gazed down upon this large graduating class, the majority of whom were men, I prayed that they too, might not know what it meant for America to go to war, but that our great country might remain outside this horrible struggle so that our land could maintain freedom, peace and liberty for all—that such things might not perish from this globe but be nourished and preserved here forever more. (Contributed.)

A crowd had collected to see a truck load of eggs which had capized after a collision. Amongst the crowd was a very stout lady.

Presently a man rushed up, and looking past the lady towards the smash, exclaimed: "Ye gods, what a waste."

"You mind your own business," snapped the stout lady angrily, "you may be fat too, when you reach my age."

**Writers' Habits**

Robert Louis Stevenson and Mark Twain did much of their writing while in bed.

**U. S. Civil Service Exams Announced**

The United States Civil Service commission has announced open competitive examinations for the positions listed below. Applications must be filed with the commission's Washington office not later than the dates specified in each case. The first date given is for receipt of applications from states east of Colorado; the second, for receipt of applications from Colorado and states westward. The salaries given are subject to a retirement deduction of 3½ percent.

Junior engineer, \$2,000 a year. Advanced apprentice engraver, \$3.85 a day (5-day week). Closing dates are July 16 and July 19, 1940. Age limit 17 to 20.

Assistant scientific aid, \$1,620 a year. Applicants must not have passed their fifty-third birthday. Closing dates are July 8 and July 11, 1940.

Construction cost auditor, \$3,200 a year; principal, \$3,800 a year; junior, \$2,600 a year; U. S. Maritime commission. Applicants must not have passed their fifty-third birthday. Closing dates are July 15 and July 18, 1940.

Furniture designer, \$3,800 a year, Federal Prison Industries, Department of Justice. Applicants must not have passed their fifty-fifth birthday. Closing dates are July 15 and July 18, 1940.

Director of libraries (principal librarian), \$5,600 a year, and assistant director of libraries (librarian), \$3,800 a year, Department of Agriculture. Applicants must not have passed their fifty-third birthday. Closing dates are July 16 and July 19, 1940.

Full information may be obtained from the local postoffice.

**362,180 MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN OREGON**

There were enough motor vehicles registered in Oregon as of May 31, to supply one to every man, woman and child residing in Portland, Salem and Eugene, figures compiled at the secretary of state's office disclosed today.

Registrations totaled 362,180 vehicles, an increase of 5.91 per cent over the registration for the same period last year. Registration fees amounted to \$2,453,495.93.

Private cars numbered 298,139, an increase of 5.39 percent over the same period last year, the figures showed.

**Mosby Creek**

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Raymond are the parents of a daughter, born one day last week.

Mrs. Irma Castle gave a stork shower at her home last Thursday for Mrs. John Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Glenser spent a few days last week at Newport visiting their daughter, Mrs. Ruby Burch.

The George Crosby house burned to the ground last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Scott and daughter Marjorie of Creswell were visitors Sunday at the Floyd Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lebow and children went to Roseburg Monday to visit Mrs. Lebow's father, Ernest Thornton, who is not very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Overton and daughter Jessie and Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist attended the 60th anniversary dinner given Sunday at the Hebron church. The new dam will do away with the church.

Miss Katie Gilchrist has gone to Seaside to spend her vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gilchrist of Klamath Falls spent several days last week at the Fred Overton home. They brought Jessie and Gene Overton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kirk and children of Creswell were Sunday visitors at the Bert Myers home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Thurney and son Dale of Portland spent the week end at the Kenneth Bennett home. They brought Mr. Bennett's mother, Mrs. A. J. Purtin of Hillsboro, to visit a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Morris spent Sunday at Hebron at the C. F. Fuhrer home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Woolard of Los Angeles visited over the week end at the Minnie Connelly home.

M. M. Wheeler, who has been staying with his daughter, Mrs. Jay Blackmore, left for the east to visit relatives.

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