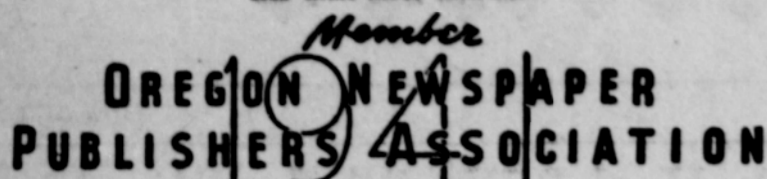


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WHY IMITATE FAILURE?

For nearly a quarter of a century, smart boys and girls who write books and deliver lectures, have been telling us of the great things to be expected from Soviet Russia. It was to be a workers' paradise. The capitalistic system was destroyed. The government became supreme, and the individual was a pawn of the state.

A quarter of a century is a long time. But if one can believe the record, results in Russia have been in reverse, rather than forward.

The principal idea of Russian communism is that government should own all means of production and distribution—all natural resources were taken from private enterprise and left to government to develop. Russia seized everything from private individuals. What has been the result? Want, starvation, stagnation, terrorism.

And, yet, in our own country, with Russia as an example to go by, we have those who would do, slyly and gradually, what was done in Russia ruthlessly and at one bold stroke. Government ownership, instead of fair and reasonable government regulation of private activities, is being promoted here in a subtle manner by tying up natural resources to the exclusion of their development by private enterprise. It's all done in the name of the dear people, the same as it was done in Russia. As officialism gains control, individual opportunity disappears.

If we are to learn anything from the object lesson of Russia, it should be to scrutinize all the laws of this land and discover to what extent our country is being influenced by Soviet ideas.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS INSEPARABLE FROM LOCAL WELFARE.

It has become obvious to almost everyone that labor is the Number 1 problem in the defense drive. On April 5th, defense director Knudsen said that 90 per cent of strikes must be eliminated or the defense program will fail. Under the best of conditions our arms program is not coming up to original hopes, and when strikes occur precious days and weeks are irretrievably lost.

The waste occasioned by strikes was computed in one of General Johnson's late columns. According to him, during January, February and the first three weeks of March, the strike total was 1,129,000 man-days. And that, as he further observed, does not tell the whole story. Many of the strikes took place in key factories, the result being that other factories could not get needed materials, so hundreds of thousands of man-days were lost elsewhere.

AN EDITORIAL ABOUT EDITORIALS.

We've seen a great many editorials about editorials but the one we like best of them all was written by Jack Harris of the Hutchinson (Kan.) News-Herald and reprinted in the Jayhawker Press, official organ of the Kansas Press association, recently, he said:

William Allen White once said he had written so many of them he could compose editorials while falling from an airplane. Today the job isn't so easy.

The News-Herald doesn't hesitate to take its readers into confidence and explain why.

The criticism one invokes is the least distressing aspect of the chore. A seasoned writer isn't surprised when the same paragraph causes one reader to damn him as a dangerous radical and another to blast him as a moss-backed reactionary. The most patriotic sentiments are sometimes interpreted as treason; complimentary words sometimes bring anger from those they were designed to please. You get used to that.

The worry today is the writer's own inadequacy. Once it was the fashion for editors to pontificate, to write as if they were omniscient, ubiquitous prophets operating under divine guidance for the direction of the multitude and the good of their particular political party. These editors were stuffed shirts. Their works were tripe, often venal. Fortunately, most of them are now retired.

If any survive, this war is enough to prick their bloated. The honest editor knows he is only a half educated cub whose livelihood demands he express so many opinions each issue. Habit has given him some facility, although his ease of style is often spawned by his lack of thought.

The sad realization is accentuated by today's events. Old standards and values crumble as disastrously as did the fortifications of the Maginot line. There seems no whole and practical wisdom anywhere. Some men can be blindly loyal to a rigid creed but not the writer whose job it is to investigate all sides. The editor, for instance, who swears by every plank of the Republican platform and sees no good in the New Deal is of no value to the intelligent reader and has missed his calling. He should be a stump speaker with a sound truck.

What is a man to say now? We want peace for our country and yet we want to keep it worth having. Try and find a perfect formula for that with Hitler loose in the world and because of him men are crazed with fear and greed strangely complicated by messianic ambition.

The editor has been kicked out of his sanctum. He can serve only with humility and be reversely cheered by knowing what he says may not be important, possibly won't even be read. It must suffice he is honest with himself and knows his limitations. The world doesn't rest on his shoulders. He can be thankful for that.—Publishers Auxiliary.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION.

As a long range program, the conservation of wildlife is particularly important to western Oregon. Admittedly it is one of the principal resources of the western part of the state, which may pass from the picture, unless the public is awakened to the necessity of cooperation.

Aside from the necessary cooperation, the chief problem is a scientific knowledge of the habits of wildlife and the matter of orienting wildlife to the changing conditions such as the automobile and the construction of dams have brought. It would be unreasonable to expect to stop the so-called progress unless we want to go back to the horse and buggy age.

More important is the need of common honesty among the sportsmen. After all the obsession to get all the fish and game possible regardless of what the law says or what may be right and reasonable has brought the present shortage of game and fish. As a nation and as a section, we are suffering from the wanton waste of the past.

LION ROARS

(ALYCE TRUNNELL, Editor.)

Dual Track Meet.

The Roseburg Indians will invade the Lions den Friday, April 18 when they clash with Cottage Grove on Kelly field for a dual track meet. This is the Lions' first dual meet, though they placed third in the Hayward Relays.

Roseburg is predicted as being strong in sprinting which is the Grover's weak spot though the Lions are strong in distance work.

A Capella Choir Here.

The A Capella Choir of the Willamette University directed by Dean Gize of the College of Music at Willamette U presented several song selections to the student body Monday afternoon. Ed Cone and Lois Baldwin, former C. G. students were present in the chorus. The group traveled by Greyhound and stayed at the home of students Monday evening. They gave a performance in the Methodist church Monday evening.

Library Report.

The high school library has 2755 books to date of which 498 are fiction, 2257 non-fiction and 127 biographies. The library staff consists of 10 senior librarians, who are library science students, and are assisted by 10 junior librarians. The N.Y.A. girls do the typing, filing, and book binding for the library. The staff and the N.Y.A. girls are under the supervision of Miss Mehlen, the teacher-librarian. Ninety-four per cent of the 461 students have availed themselves of the opportunity of checking out books for 7 or 14 days. Books used for class work are placed on the reserve shelf at the request of an instructor and can be checked out for only one period or over night. All books in the library are listed in the card catalogue and have at least three cards: Author, title, and subject card. The library has the latest editions of the best encyclopedias on the market. There are 28 magazines placed on the shelves in the main library. The two latest issues of any magazine are kept in the main library and the other issues are placed in the conference room of the library. Old issues are being bound by the library science class. The Time and Newsweek magazines have been bound this year.

"High Hurdles" by Frances Duncombe, is the new book from the Junior Library Guild, that has been recently added to the shelf. The book is concerning girls from the ages of 12 to 18, and is the story of a gallant girl's loyalty to her father in time of trouble, of their mutual devotion to horses, especially to one that claimed their special allegiance. This book will appeal to young readers, is interesting and gives a different presentation of humor values that is inspiring. The book is beautifully illustrated by Eleanor Iselin Mason.

Two other new books are: "What Do I Do Now," by Mildred M. Payne, instructor of stenography, office practice, business etiquette, State Teachers College, Kearney, Nebraska, and "Personality Habits That Annoy." The first named is a guide to correct conduct and dress for business people. The latter, "Personality Habits That Annoy," is a book that has been used for several years in an effort to improve the personalities of prospective office workers and teachers.

F. F. A. Officers.

The election of officers for the FFA was finished at the meeting held April 15. The complete list of officers is: President, Clifford Van Prooyen; vice president, Ralph Allen; secretary, Gordon Elfving; treasurer, Everett Duerst; reporter, Claude Lebow; executive secretary, Don Nelson; bull dog, Norman Aubrey. These officers will take office at the next meeting which will be held on the first Tuesday of May.

School Briefs.

The following girls were chosen to receive Betty Lamp pins in the Home Ec club April 15: Freshmen, Helen Gates, Bernadine Loomis; sophomores, Betty Powell, Mary Decker; juniors, Adele Bostick, Winifred Makinson; seniors, Nancy Anlauf, Melba Pittsley.

A moving picture dealing with track and track stars was given by Bill Hayward, Oregon track coach and his star high jumper, Les Steers, at the Jefferson school auditorium April 9th. Many boys from the high school and townspeople attended.

University High Girls' League council invited C. G. union high council girls to attend a tea after school Tuesday. The girls present were: Marcia Brund, president; Janet Peterson, Marjorie Earl, Faye Nixon, Joan King, Virginia Lee, Lois Hansen, Kathleen Spies, Winifred Makinson, Cleora Korstjens. Mrs. King, Joan's mother, and Marjorie Earl took cars. Miss Hayes, advisor, accompanied the group.

Members of "Le Cerole Francais" met for a luncheon Wednesday noon in the cafeteria. Past members of the club were invited. During the luncheon all conversa-

tions were in French. The table was decorated in red, white and blue. Alberta Adkins, Janet Ryneason, Doris Christenson and Mildred Harris were in charge of arrangements.

On the school bus which took thirty-three G.A.A. girls and their advisor, Miss Deal, to the Roseburg play day Saturday, April 12, the "All American Girl" representative from C.G.U.H. was chosen. June Eastburn received this honor and competed with representatives from other schools that attended.

Several honors were won in the various sports of the day by Cottage Grove girls. June Eastburn won the baseball throw; Lottie Glasgow won the high jump honors; Alma Magnusson played on the championship baseball team.

G.A.A. girls will bowl Monday evenings in the future instead of Thursday as they have previously. Pins and balls have been donated to the school by the local bowling alley so more girls can enjoy the sport in the gymnasium.

Lucille Sexton, formerly a senior, who withdrew from school last semester, and Clinton Marcus were married Saturday, April 12 at Vancouver, Washington. Emily Sexton, sophomore and sister of the bride, and Bill Walls were the only attendants. The couple will make their home at Disston.

Pauline Laughlin withdrew from school this week and is moving to Strang, Oklahoma.

Bill Crossett withdrew from school recently and is moving to Portland.

Jeffrey Rippey withdrew from school recently. Margaret Read, office secretary, will return to work today. She is convalescing from an appendicitis operation.

Vangie Condos and Helen Wells spent part of spring vacation in Mohawk.

Nancy Anlauf went to Portland for Easter Sunday.

Alden Garoutte went fishing up Blue River during spring vacation.

Jim Adkins visited in Coquille during spring vacation.

Marjorie Earl visited in Portland during spring vacation.

Among former students home for Easter were Alan Ferrin and "Toar" Randall, now attending Willamette University, and Ray Randall, now attending Junior College in California.

Virginia Allen spent Wednesday and Thursday in Portland with friends.

Leonard Hobbs, Bud Cochran, Jeffrey Rippey and Albert Isham visited Crater lake Friday.

Principal F. L. Grannis spent a part of spring vacation at the coast.

Fred Boren spent three days of last week at Belknap Springs.

Phyllis Sorenson spent Sunday at Elkton.

Mary Jackson spent the week end in Eugene.

Betty Powell spent Saturday fishing at Loon lake.

McFarland Edwards, former student at Cottage Grove and now a student at Columbia Prep in Portland, is visiting at the home of his parents during spring vacation.

Betty Morgan spent spring vacation at Klamath Falls.

Lois White and Jean Yearous spent Sunday at Winchester bay.

Mervin Englund spent the spring vacation in Colton visiting friends.

Harold Bauder, Betty Bradford, Lucille Abeene and Howard Jenkins spent Wednesday at Belknap Springs.

Virginia Brown went to the coast over the week end.

Harriet Wall went to Roseburg over the week end.

Eunice Mae went to Corvallis over the Easter vacation to visit her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Roberts and daughter, Mrs. W. H. Daugherty, Miss Clara Dodson, Miss Hayes, Miss Myrtle Kem, Mrs. C. J. Kem, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ferrin and daughter Miriam, Miss Belle Burkholder and Mrs. W. C. Martin and daughter Orlena were among those attending the Alec Templeton concert given in Eugene Tuesday evening.

MRS. GOUDE TELLS OF SACRAMENTO.

Editor, Sentinel.—Just returned from a month's visit with my son and family in Sacramento. While it rained much of the time I was there, I had an enjoyable time.

Sacramento is an interesting city. I especially enjoyed going through Sutter's Fort. They have restored much of it (still doing so). The first freight wagon built in California, an immense affair, with all the paraphernalia; the stage coach that Horace Greely made his famous ride in on his trip (and only one) to California, with Hank Munk as driver, he, too, was a famous man in his line. John Bidwell's cider press was especially interesting to me. It looked to be twelve feet high, made without nails. I decided there must have been apples aplenty in the "airily" days to use so large a press.

The country is beautiful this time of the year. Going from Sacramento to Vallejo we passed through Vacaville, along there I could almost think I was in the vicinity of Brownsville, Oregon; the rolling oak timbered hills.

When my grandfather, John Wallace, left Iowa in 1864, there were in the train five of his sons and four daughters. Three daughters and the youngest son unmarried. One son stayed in Iowa. John Wallace spent the first winter at Honey Lake, Lassen county—his son, Turner Wallace, John Bunch, a brother-in-law, also put in the winter there, in 1865 they located near Stockton. It was the three cousins I visited, the only ones left of the large Bunch family. They have prospered in this rich country. I had never met any of these relatives, but "blood is thicker than water," and it did not take us long to get acquainted.

Nancy Wallace married and stayed in California. The two Osborn cousins made up the five cousins there. I was entertained in the home of a cousin's daughter, a prominent attorney, whose hobby is fishing. I gave him an invitation to come to Oregon and try his luck.

MRS. FANNIE GOUDE.

THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE.

You will tune in every once in awhile and get somebody who is saying he is talking in simple language so everybody will understand him, or he is talking to the plain people. I have always sort of wondered to myself if he could maybe be referring to me. I am not so extra sure whether it would be a compliment or if it might cast some doubt on my I.Q. The more I think about it, the more dubious I become.

I was talking to Henry about it—Henry lives across the street—and I says, "Henry, who are these plain people, anyway?" There is one thing you can say for Henry, he is polite, so he says, "Jo, the best thing for you to do is look it up in the dictionary." I did so. My dictionary says, plain people are more or less homely people—unlearned—lowly.

Brother, the next gent who starts his palaver about addressing himself in plain language to the plain people, is gonna get tuned-out—and pronto.

Yours with the low down,
JO SERRA.

Weather Summary

Winter made another stand here Monday and Tuesday with snow in the higher altitudes. The forest service at Rujada reports eight inches of new snow on the ground in the Bohemias this morning. Snow is staying on the ground at 2,000 feet elevation. Snow fell in the higher altitudes yesterday, but in most places melted as rapidly as it fell. April moisture at the Rujada station measured 3.68 inches up to this morning, a normal amount, but only 1.41 inches during March, the lightest March in twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Rose and family at the Vinis Rose family of Creswell spent Easter Sunday in Roseburg at the home of the men's parents.

Mosby Creek

The Unit club met for all day Thursday with Mrs. Violet Duerst. Miss Lyle was present and spoke on the subject of "Keeping Our Balance in a World of Propaganda." Also election of officers was held.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Castle of Blue Mountain accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Grant Dulley of Thornton Corners to Beaverton and Vancouver where they visited relatives over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cline of Westfir spent the week end at the Arnold Duerst home. Clarence Duerst returned home with them as he has a job in the mill there.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy and family visited in Cottage Grove Saturday evening at the William Smith home.

Betty Bradford gave a birthday party Sunday evening for her brother Ross.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith and Dorothy May Patton of Cottage Grove were callers Sunday at the Harry Patton home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Tonoli and children of Walden and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams of Mt. View spent Easter at Stronghold at the Carl Tonole home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lebow of Lynx Hollow and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tonole of Fall Creek were callers Sunday at the James Lebow home.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Malkey of Coquille spent Sunday at the Herman Gleaser home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eastburn went to Detroit, Michigan, and expect to drive a new car home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greer spent Sunday at the Bill Purcell home at Lorane.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Burch visited over the week end at New-

port and the Joe Stewart family visited with friends in Oakridge. Leo Dugan and Bernice Patton of Portland spent the week end with home folks.

4-H CHICK PROJECT PLANNED.

Lane county boys and girls interested in poultry raising will have an opportunity to receive assistance in securing their chicks under a plan arranged by R. C. Kuehner, county club agent.

The project is planned that boys and girls will have an opportunity to learn better management in the handling of farm flocks where poultry is not a major enterprise, and is designed to encourage the raising of meat breeds of poultry.

Any Lane county youth is eligible to enroll in the project. They must agree to keep complete and accurate records and follow approved poultry practices as outlined in the 4-H poultry instructions.

Special awards will be made to exhibitors in this project at the Lane county fair.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wilson and daughter Velma visited over the week end with relatives in Seattle Washington.



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