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A Tip Of The Hat, Bob . . .

Once again, the annual district track meet is a thing of the past. Five individuals and a relay team from Cottage Grove gained trips to the state high school meet at Corvallis, which virtually draws to a close another high school sports year. While Cottage Grove was edged out of the district team title in track for the second straight year (last year it was by Eugene and this year, Springfield grabbed first place), the past athletic year can be considered a very successful one, even if it wasn't a championship one. And the credit rightfully belongs to Bob Dusenberry. Lion athletic teams didn't manage to win any Tri-county football bunting as they did the three previous years, nor did they place high in district basketball play. In track, the only team championship the Grovers can claim came in the Tri-County run. But whatever the sport, Dusenberry-coached teams are always highly regarded and have placed Cottage Grove on the athletic map. This is especially true in track. Over the years, local high school boys rank among the best. In 1947, the Lions won the Greater Willamette Valley track title, and also the 'B' division of the Hayward Relays. This year, Salem, a city of over 30,000, grabbed the Valley track title, and Ashland squeezed in ahead in the Hayward run. Few high schools are as fortunate as Cottage Grove in having a head coach with the devotion to track and field events possessed by Dusenberry. Kernal Buhler of Springfield, Vern Gilmore of Salem, and Medford's Bill Bowerman are Dusenberry's only known equals in the larger Western Oregon schools. All four love the sport—a sport requiring the utmost in patience and diligence on the part of both the coach and the athletes if progress is to be made. Dusenberry's success in meeting these requirements is born out by the records. Another sports cycle starts in the fall. In the meantime, "Congratulations, Bob, for a good job, well done."

Be A Millionaire . . . Be Happy

Inflation has reached the peak of something or other in China. Chinese currency is now exchangeable at the rate of \$1,000,000 to \$1.00 in American money. In other words it would take two men and a small boy to carry enough currency to the corner store to buy a pack of cigarettes. The Chinese people now have money to burn, and that is just what some of them are doing with it. Some find it cheaper and more convenient to burn the money instead of trying to use it to buy fuel. We have heard of people who hid their wealth in a mattress, but in China some thrifty folk have nothing in their mattresses but money, and shredded at that. A large department store in Canton is reported to have twenty one men running in relays to the bank in order to meet their payroll. The employees of the store bring suitcases or large bags to work with them, and by taking a portion of their pay home each day they are able to just about get one week's pay home before the next pay day. For these people, work actually begins when they get paid for their work. On outstanding thing has been proved by the inflation in China—"Money can't make you happy." Almost everyone in China is a millionaire, but they certainly aren't happy about the whole thing. When asked what he thought about the inflation problem, a Chinese farmer is reported to have said, "S% & @& (&) @ \$". Here in Oregon inflation has not yet reached anything comparable to that in China, but we do have inflation. Butter still hovers close to the dollar mark, and eggs (grade A large) are still around sixty-five cents a dozen. It is true that to obtain a new automobile in Oregon a great abundance of cash and a few gold molar fillings are necessary. Here in Oregon there are very few of us who are millionaires, but there are great numbers of us who are reasonably happy and content without an unlimited supply of cash. In fact if you ask us, we would rather be dead in Oregon than be millionaires in any other place.

"Democracy Will Live If . . ."

"A spectre is haunting Europe—the spectre of Communism." Written as an introduction to the Communist Manifesto in 1848, we'd change this now to read that a threat is haunting the world. Least concerned with the economic aspects of the doctrine, what concerns us is the totalitarian system versus the freedoms found in democracy. To make Democracy stronger for the conflict with totalitarianism, we submit the following plan: Democracy is not a luxury to be indulged in by a few. Democracy is a right to be extended to all. It will not survive where the freedoms of a minority are suppressed by the commands of the powerful. It weakens with the unequal treatment of men. It dies with the confiscation of material things by the few. An idea cannot be forced on the mind; it must be implanted with reason, with proof to demonstrate it. Sick men today are not being shown Democracy, they are not being told of what they will gain—only what they will lose. You defeat an idea with a better idea. You conquer fear with hope. You overcome doubt with action. Democracy is not a new idea—many have died to preserve it as free men will always fight for right. But if it is to be the constantly growing, living thing, Democracy must mean something that is carved in every heart, something that force can never conquer. It must be the hope, the better idea working and striving for equal rights for all men. It must step across barriers of sect, class and color, boundary and ocean. It must act for the eternal brotherhood of man in a free world.

VOTING'S NO CINCH

Oregonians who vote in the party primaries May 21 will be confronted with a ballot so long that few will be qualified to make intelligent choices in all their selections of candidates. The lineup looks like this: If you are a Republican, you must choose from 144 candidates, the officers you desire to see run in the national, state, and county elections. If you are a Democrat, the selection narrows down to 126 office aspirants. This is quite a task for Mr. Voter, yet his decision determines the most important issue of the next four years. His choices will affect not only himself and his countrymen, but the entire world. The voter in the May 21 primary must be prepared to make his choice, and the most important aspect of this preparation is a knowledge of the good and bad points of the men from which he must select his party's candidates. This knowledge

Letters to the Editor

I note some criticism in the last week's Sentinel regarding our mayor's stand on the city manager proposition. With all due respect to His Honor, who however is entitled to his opinion as this is a free country, I do think he has the wrong slant on this. Dr. Hagen is an old friend of mine, of 25 years standing and ordinarily, I agree with his conduct of city affairs and admire his public minded spirit. But why blame the mayor? If you don't like the idea of a city manager, why don't you come out and vote against it on May 21st and get your friends to do likewise? We have a representative government but if you don't exercise your voting privilege, it is just wasted. And how few actually do vote on city affairs!

So far we have done fairly well without some one to tell the mayor or and city council what to do. We built a city hall without a city manager, and also our modern high school building. We started to build a hospital without his assistance. We have no funds to repair the city streets, so they say. What we pay a city manager could be used very advantageously for that purpose. I have a choked drain which forms a permanent pool of water outside my garage when it rains, when doesn't it rain? and the chockholes in the macadam also there could easily break a spring on any one's car. Hardly a side street in Cottage Grove is without holes. What we pay a city manager to tell us what to do, we already know most of it, could also be used to clean the streets. We used to have a water wagon which did a lot of good cleaning, and we surely have plenty of city water or should with Jue Pluvius' fine co-operation lately, why don't we use it or get some more up to date cleaning equipment. Just lack of funds. We do need an airport and should vote for it on May 21st. It is too bad for a city of this size to be off the air maps of the world. While flying back over the city on my return from the Hawaiian Isles last July I noted how the city had grown and spread over our little valley, and I thought how grand it would be to make a landing at the Cottage Grove Airport instead of having to go to Eugene. Next thing, if we don't look out, we will be paying a county manager located in Eugene to tell us what to do. Maybe some people like to live in a suburb of Eugene but personally I do not. They do little enuf for us and take too much from us as it is now. Let's get some spunk, stand on our own feet and run our own city. We have plenty of home talent to do it. The pioneers who began this settlement in the early days did not wait for a city manager, they just tell them what to do. They would just laugh at the idea. Why can't we work together to make our growing city one of which we can be proud? Why sit down and wait for some one else to tell us what we need and should do, who commands a good salary for this service. Why don't we just go ahead and run the place ourselves? Miss Belle Burkholder, A Taxpayer, an "Old" Pioneer and Native Daughter.

THE CITY MANAGER ISSUE By Elmer J. Kent Like many others this writer took no part in the election or reelection of the city manager system as proposed by our council in 1947 and when a revival of the issue came up some weeks ago was inclined to favor its abolition, but decided to investigate its possibility as well as the condition of the city before taking a definite stand. Cottage Grove is going through with what many other cities have, that established the manager system. Some of them recalled it only to again turn to that as the most logical way to handle a city's business. We have interviewed several business men and councilmen who would like it given on a fair trial of a couple of years, now that we have it, and surely the city council is entitled to the help of a good qualified manager can be, and then if it doesn't prove successful, turn to some other way. I found the city in excellent shape financially, notwithstanding rumors there was not sufficient funds to last thirty days. True enough our streets are in bad shape and there is not a lot in the street fund, but weather conditions have made that work almost impossible, and perhaps if we are patient the summer months will see much needed improvement. Like others we thought possibly we should have had a manager with years of experience, but as Mr. Heinz plans to make that his work, isn't it possible and altogether probable that he will give it the very best, and as a man of experience would command much

is obtainable in concise form in the Oregon State voter's pamphlets, which are sent to every registered voter. In this pamphlet the political background, and a sketch of the candidate's platform, is run in brief form. The voter must glean from this information, the facts on which he must base his decision. The information contained in this pamphlet is the minimum necessary for a wise formation of opinions about the men desiring office. Many voters shall go to the polls without reading this information. This mistake might easily boost inferior men to important government posts. The loss would not only be the voter's—it would affect the whole county, state, or nation. So, Mr. Voter, you had better wade through the pamphlet and base your vote on sound and solid fact. But remember, all the study of the candidates in the world, does no good what so ever, if you do not show up at the polls Saturday after next.

Check for the Children



As demolition squads ripped down buildings to make way for the new United Nations headquarters in New York, businesses on the six-block site were forced to move to new quarters. The Consolidated Laundry Corp., endorsing U.N. which took over its garage, used the occasion to turn over a check for \$1500 to the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund. Here Charles P. Kramer (right) of the company gives the check to U.N. Legal Counsellor Joseph B. Self as a UNICEF supply official looks on.

more salary even than we pay Mr. Heinz, might it not be fair to let him prove his worth, and of course that couldn't be done in the short time we have had the system. Isn't it possible we are acting a bit hastily in asking for a recall of the system so soon. It is impossible for our councilmen who have their own affairs to conduct, to give this work the efficient thought it should have; remember we are not just a wide place in the road any more, but a little city who is feeling the effects of hundreds of new people, many new kinds of business and all the problems that arise with rapid city growth. Let's don't have personalities in the issue, it's too big for that. Let's be fair to our councilmen who felt they were doing the right thing, and let's be fair to our present manager until he has at least had time to prove the worth of the city manager system.

WE BEGIN OUR ANNUAL TASK It is now the month of May, and on the first day, we begin our annual task. First we have to notify all those concerned and collect the funds to do the work, hire the necessary labor and then do the work. In checking over our files for 1947, I note that we had owners and heard from some we had not heard from in years, together with a goodly number of the newcomers who have bought lots in our Masonic-IOOF cemetery on the hills west of town. It too is growing like our thriving little city. We wish to inform all those who are lot owners, whether new or old ones, that we do have to have your support for this annual clean-up in preparation for Memorial Day. Last year only one person refused on a personal plea to pay this small fee, we ask for this work. It is but \$2 per year, and per lot. Due to the hasty vegetation in green Oregon, we must cut the grass, vines and other growth each year, else we would wade in grass up to our knees as we did in the olden days before the cemetery association was organized in 1922 to do this work. You have the privilege of cleaning your own lot, if you cannot or will not subscribe to this fund, but we beg that you remove all debris from the surrounding alleys as it just makes us extra work when you clean it off your lot onto the surrounding ground, and spoils the effect of that part of the cemetery. We just cannot do any lots for which we are not paid, as we have plenty of general work to do for there is lots of vacant spaces for which no one pays and we must clean. So give or mail us your contribution early so we can figure on how much help to hire. Men will not work for nothing you know. We do appreciate the loyal help of many who have never failed to pay since we started this work and we have a filing system which keeps a record of your kind assistance, also no record of those who do not pay. This is a hard task but we are willing to do it each year, if you will only cooperate. Let's put the cemetery in the best shape it has ever been, so we will not have to apologize to the newcomers in our midst when they say, "My, what an overgrown terrible looking cemetery." We honor those we love who have gone before us to a better land we know, when we care for the plot which contains their last resting place, we cannot so easily forget them, surely, if we would just think of the matter. So we are reminding you. We begin work May 15th and would appreciate your support. Mail your contributions to: Miss Belle Burkholder, Secy., C. G. Cemetery Assn., 225 N. Lane St., Cottage Grove, Oregon.

P. S. Don't neglect your lot and let it spoil the general effect of a clean cemetery, or detract from the beauty of your part of it. This

The Editor Cottage Grove Sentinel Cottage Grove, Oregon Dear Sir: May I make a slight correction in an item which appeared in the London news section of your paper published May 6, 1948? The item referred to the "old Jake Rasor family" where the "old Jake Rasor" family had had a bad cough scare. Please note that the place referred to as "the old Jake Rasor" place is not and has never been Jake Rasor's place, but has been and is still my father's place, "Robert Rasor's place". Will you please publish this letter and I will gladly pay for the space it takes. Very truly yours, Jean J. Rasor.

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Sweet Home, Ore. To the Editor: In the political campaign now a full swing in Oregon comes the question whether democracy has a right to defend itself by outlawing subversive elements. This seems the main issue of debate by contending parties. My forefathers came to America to get away from kings and tyrants and isms that make people slaves. They were a democratic people. The set up a democratic form of government and established the Republic of America. To preserve their democratic ideals they fought at Bunker Hill, at Yorktown, and later in 1812, on the high seas, they fought to preserve the freedom they cherished. In 1888 they again made a sacrifice to preserve the ideals of the Republic of America. Again in 1918 and in the late war they sacrificed millions in money and lives to preserve those ideals. Today, America is spending billions in lands throughout the world to help secure for these peoples a chance to put into practice the ideals we so cherish. While we do this, right at home we allow subversive agencies to infiltrate our democratic ideals with a venom more potent than ever came from the fangs of a rattlesnake. Some men who aspire to become leaders in our land contend that the best way to get along with these dirty venom spewers is to give them a place in the sun where they can breed and multiply and hiss and sting and spew their venom at will. To outlaw these serpents would be unconstitutional, they say. By the same reasoning then it would be unconstitutional to outlaw the thug, the rapist, the thief, the robber and the murderer.

To say that a democratic people have no right to defend themselves against an agency that proposes to destroy our American ideals; that to outlaw that agency would be unconstitutional and be disastrous, sounds very foolish to us. Communism in America is more dangerous than the average citizen thinks. It is easily planted in the warped and twisted mind where it thrives and grows by vitamin shots from Moscow. Tradition has it that St. Patrick chased the snakes out of Ireland. He is revered in many countries today. The type of snake St. Patrick chased out of Ireland is admirable to the type that Harold E. Stassen promises to chase out of America if he is elected president. Because we would like to help him do that job, we, a Democrat for nearly half a century, are supporting that big, true American from Minnesota in his race for the nomination for president. JOHN T. RUSSELL Formerly editor and publisher of The New Era, nationally 40-11p-adv known weekly.

RURAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO GET "FIRE NUMBERS" To assure prompt action in answering rural fire alarms, Fire Chief V. C. Douglas has requested this week that all residents of the South Lane Rural Fire Protection district call at the city hall to have "fire numbers" assigned to their property. File cards listing the exact location of all property in the district will be kept by the Fire Department, Chief Douglas explained. Residents will need only to give their "fire number" when reporting fires.

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News Views

by GENE WARE

It's kind of early for most people to be taking vacations . . . but not too early to think about them. There are three parts to vacations, anyway . . . the anticipation, the vacation, and the talking about it afterwards. Many folks think the planning is the best part. That's the time when your imagination is freer than a bubble in a high wind. You can go ten different places in ten minutes, and it doesn't cost you a cent. It doesn't even tax your imagination. I think everybody ought to get away for awhile . . . because there's nothing like a vacation to make you realize there's no place like home.

Hap Wolfard and his gang of henchmen have been ridiculing my photo in the paper every week and have threatened to cancel their subscriptions. However, my wife thinks it's pretty and the editor has no objections, so we're going to continue anyway and maybe Hap will do something some day so that he too may get his picture in our paper. A 15-year-old Wichita lad proved to his girl he was no coward by shooting off his right big toe. I wonder if it improved his standing with the young lady? Men, here's a sure-fire way of improving your standing with that certain young lady: Stop in at the COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street, and buy her a Columbia Diamond! It's just the ticket for that third-finger-left-hand. Phone: 351.

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