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1948 GRADUATES OUGHT TO MAKE GOOD

Only recently we were reminded that the average high school graduate of 1948 was born during the depression period, a fact most of us might overlook. The same graduate had hardly got his schooling underway until World War II came along and today on the eve of graduation, the boys face the prospect of a year or more of military service. At least some of them think they are and are taking no chances of being inducted; instead they are enlisting in either the army or navy.

This factor is a disturbing one to both the boys and their parents for instead of continuing an educational or professional career as a boy or girl might expect in normal times the boys face a training period of a year at least, which might mean a diversion point from a career previously decided on.

No commencement speaker ought to remind the graduates that they must face the cold world, a reminder common to an occasion of this kind. The fact is the 1948 high school graduate has faced a good many stark realities in his or her brief eighteen or twenty years, ought to enable them to face the world without fear or trembling. The fact is we know they will, so here's wishing the best of luck to each of you and our heartiest congratulations. We know that it will take more than the ordinary ups and downs of life to make you swerve from your course.

WE LIKE A GOOD REPUTATION TOO

Apogee of the election last Friday, when in some instances the right of the individual to think and vote as he pleased was also challenged because of the personal nature of the campaign in the city, let us reiterate our policy, which we trust will enable us to retain the general good will of the public as well as the public respect.

We have never felt called on to attempt to cram some theory, belief or idea down the throats of our readers. In the first place a newspaper, like an individual can become too radical on some idea or theory and lose the public respect. In the second place we do not want our readers to feel that we will ever take an unfair advantage by monopolizing a so-called public right to the exclusion of anyone else and without giving those who feel the urge to do so an opportunity of expression. In other words we are willing to print what you have to say about us, so long as the expression is not libelous.

In the last place we believe our readers are intelligent enough to form their own opinions, without any undue coercion on our part, if given as much of the facts on both sides of the question as we are able to. We may suggest at times what we think ought to be done, but we will never attempt to tell you what you must do, or knowingly write a story where part of the facts are twisted or misrepresented to our advantage.

This policy may have made us a few enemies in the past, but his will not deter us from its pursuit.

TRUTH STRANGER THAN FICTION

The public knows that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is a great deterrent to crime because of the efficiency with which it runs down lawbreakers. But too few know what an aid it is in noncriminal investigations that affect people in many walks of life.

In the mammoth files of the Identification Division of the Bureau in Washington, there are more than 107,000,000 sets of fingerprints. Over 80% of such prints are in the non criminal file which includes members of the armed forces, government employees, persons fingerprinted in applying for jobs in important national defense plants, and persons who voluntarily had their fingerprints recorded as a means of identification.

A typical case is that of an old man who in April, 1946, asked the Los Angeles Police Department for assistance in locating two sons and a daughter from who he had not heard since 1903. He believed his sons had served in World War I. An appeal was made to the FBI. In its files it found fingerprint cards bearing names and dates of birth reasonably agreeing with the information furnished by the father, together with information as to places of employment of the individuals in 1942 and 1943. The father was thus enabled to contact his sons, through whom he located the missing daughter. Three months after he first called on the police, he gratefully acknowledged the help that had been given him.

This closed one of the thousands of incidents in which the FBI has helped in the identification or location of missing persons.

DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH

You still hear people talking about buying something or other "when prices go back to normal." Anyone has a perfect right to defer his purchasing in hope of a price millenium. But, judging by the evidence, he's going to have a long wait indeed.

The inflationary pressures are as strong as ever. The usual upward wage adjustments are taking place. The national income is still at or near its peak. The government is showing little disposition to economize in any direction. The cost of the European Aid Program and the preparedness program will turn more dollars loose, and lead to more competition for scarce goods. Nothing, in fact, indicates the probability of important price drops for any kind of commodity in general use.

We all hope for lower prices. But don't hold your breath while waiting.

"A nation whose citizens can read and write but whose reading tastes do not rise above the level of desire for the excitement of adolescent emotions is easy game for dictators." —Harold W. Dodds, Pres., Princeton University.

PTA Ass'n Elects Officers for Year

At an organizational meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association held Wednesday night of last week in the Jefferson school officers were elected for the coming year. Elected president was Mrs. Stewart Carlson; first vice president, Mrs. Karl Kemper; second vice president, Principal Elmer Fleming; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Aubrey.

Here to assist in the organizing were Mrs. J. H. Stamm of Eugene, outgoing president of the Lane County Parent-Teachers Association, and Mrs. Ralph Coburn of Eugene, newly elected president of the county association. Meetings of the association will be resumed in September. Presenting the by-laws for ratification by the group was a committee composed of Mrs. Ronald

U.N. Facts and Faces SIAM



The Kingdom of Siam, which reaches from Burma and French Indo-China far south on the Malay Peninsula, has a history that reaches back to the sixth century when the ancestors of the people who now inhabit the land came there from the north. One of the most lightly populated areas of southeast Asia, Siam has 18,200,000 people who live on more than 200,000 square miles. Agriculture is the main occupation of Siam, which each year exports huge lots of rice. Other important products are teak, from areas of dense tropical forests, and tin and rubber. Siam's Representative to the United Nations is Prince Wan Wathayakon. Her flag has two red, two white and a blue horizontal stripe.

Letters to the Editor "YOU CAN HAVE IT MAX"

This is an open letter to Max Bird and his letter which appeared in the paper last week. Especially to Mister Bird.

It looks as though our forefathers had more foresight than we ever dreamed of. It was the future not the present, that brought them to make the ordinances concerning horses, buggies, and numerous other hazards of their time, such as the danger of wooden sidewalks catching on fire. (This necessitated an ordinance prohibiting the throwing away of burning matches or cigarettes down on main street. All of these exist today, thank God, for we have entered a "new" era wherein these old laws and customs will be most helpful.

I can see the town five, maybe ten years from now. After the City Manager form of government was dropped, the already bad streets are impassable; WHY? Because the old miser residents the word tax is something associated with gruesome tortures, violent deaths and other subjects too gruesome to mention. At any rate the conditions of the streets makes it impossible to drive a car over this causes people to ride horses, mules, or anything else that can penetrate the obstacles.

Then there is the water situation, the reservoir becomes so polluted that it is unfit to drink, half of the population dies, and this puts the city of Cottage Grove back on the small town status. In the same situation is the logging industry, which moves to better locations, businesses leave, the highways are rerouted around the town so tourists won't be able to look upon the disgraceful sight. Several other things will happen also, houses will burn to the ground because of insufficient firefighters.

Gangsters run amok on the remains because there isn't adequate law enforcement or capable policemen.

All of this time, the succeeding dollar a month council and MAYOR sit idly by and watch, satisfied with the whole thing, after all why shouldn't they be, they don't have to pay taxes, and most of them have gotten together and gotten rid of the competent persons who could have made instead of BROKEN THIS TOWN.

Yes Max Bird, that's what it will be and we hope you get what you want. Mayor. You have been playing unfair now it is our turn to play dirty right back to you. You can have it Max Sydney R. Johnson.

Development of Roses Men have devoted almost entire lifetimes to the discovery and development of both orchids and roses. The secret of growing long-stemmed roses was discovered when it was found that pinching terminal buds made the main stem produce a new shoot and continue to grow longer, at the same time producing a more beautiful flower. Read the classified pages.

Umpqua Forest Is Planting Ten Trees for Each Tree Harvested

The Umpqua National Forest planting program for the 1947-48 season is now being completed. A summary of the season's planting shows that 285,000 seedling trees were planted by Forest Service crews under the direction of the district forest rangers. M. M. Nelson, Forest Supervisor, calculates that more than 40 trees were planted for each tree cut from National Forest land in 1947.

The planting was done in six different areas from the Row river to tracts logged on the Rogue-Umpqua divide near Jackson County. One project was in the old Rondeau Burn on Jackson Creek. The land burned in 1939, but had not restocked with young timber. The total area planted was 417 acres. Many of the areas being planted are logged off lands which have not restocked. Nelson, explained that all logged off land do not have to be planted. He stated, "Records show that we have a good seed year only once in about

Letter From Washington

By Harris Ellsworth, Representative in Congress From Oregon's Fourth Congressional District

There is considerable difference, I find, between being a private citizen who hates Communists and being a Member of Congress who hates Communists but who has a part of the responsibility for the passage of laws designed to deal adequately with the Communist menace. As a private citizen, I want to see the Combies and fellow-travelers who would turn our country over to Russia slapped down in every way possible. But, as a Member of Congress, I must always be aware of the fact that laws we pass affect all citizens equally; that once a law is passed which gives the Executive Branch of Government certain powers, the Congress has no control over the administration of the law; and that if we pass any law which would give a bad executive powers he should not have, great damage would be done our people and our government before such a law could be repealed.

The Mundt Bill, which was recently passed by the House of Representatives, implements a popular idea. It would control and virtually drive out of existence (theoretically) Communists and Communist front organizations. With that idea most of the people in the country agree. The House passed the bill by the overwhelming vote of five to one. I regret that I could not vote for this popular measure, partly because the pressure campaign carried on by many of the opponents of the Mundt Bill has been extremely responsive to me.

The reason I voted against the Mundt Bill is that, in the future, such a law could easily be used by the political enemies of loyal and innocent people to smear and persecute them. The bill says, "It shall be unlawful for any person to ATTEMPT IN ANY MANNER (emphasis mine) to establish in the United States a totalitarian dictatorship; the direction and con-

Commencement Program

- (Continued from page 1) Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" Elgar High School Orchestra (The audience will remain seated while the class marches in) Invocation Reverend D. Hugh Peniston Girls' Chorus: "Within a Dreaming Harbor" Cook "Dance of the Gnomes" MacDowell Class Speakers "The History of Cottage Grove" Miss Roberta Bagley, Miss Doreen Lyon, William Petrie, David Garman Vocal Solo: "Myself When Young" Lehmann "Love Is a Song" from "Bambi" Walter C. Martin, Jr. Address: "Our Part in These Times" Dr. Harry L. Dillin, President of Linfield College Mixed Chorus: "Little Dream Road" Stalling "Serenade" Schubert Announcement of Awards Principal Kenneth A. Wood Presentation of American Legion Awards Girls' Chorus: "God Is a Spirit" Scholin "Where Willows Bend" Elliott Presentation of Class Superintendent H. B. Ferrin Awarding of Diplomas Mr. C. A. Beidler Member of Board of Education Benediction Reverend Frank Brown Congratulations to Graduates In The Gymnasium

Ninety-one seniors, 56 girls and 35 boys, will receive their diplomas. They are:

- Dale Adams Janet Jenkins Donna Addington Sarah Jenkins Ross Adkins Bruce Johnson Jesse Alldridge Donald Kelley Barbara Anderson Ronald Kenady Shirley Arne Melvin Kerr Maxine Arp John Leonard Patricia Aubrey Lois Livingston Helen Axley Herbert Lombard, Jr. Roberta Bagley Doris Long Barbara Banton Doreen Lyon Lucille Blackman Eulah Maddy Mable Bolton Juanita Marcy Vera Bridwell Virginia Marsh Leone Brown Walter C. Martin, Jr. Mary Bush Nelda Merrell Bennett Campbell Joan Metcalf Robert Campbell Carroll Miller Norma Carpenter Mary Montgomery Milo Chapman Clarie Morel Nina Chapman Mark Morgan, Jr. Esther Channer Thela Murrell Jean Cochrane Gloria Nelson Juanita Connor Barbara Osterman Gearold Coyner Ray Parks Richard Crepeau William Petrie Patricia Dawley Bonnie Gleason Pitcher Betty Dewart Mary Jane Ponton Donna Ems Lester Porter David Garman Wallace Purcell Myron Gamble Ida Rahn Harold Godard Donald Rasmussen Richard Graham Jena Ritter Franklin Grewelle Marna Rynearson Richard Gore Charles Sharon Laurel Hacker Betty Sheets Kenneth Harker Dorothy Sugg Jeanine Hilliker Betty Thayer Myers Maxine Hite Oscar Theilen Arletta Hudson Rose Underwood Eldon Hudgins Wilma Wade June Lee Hughes Richard Warren Shirley Hughes Orville Wiley Helen Huff Alice White Micheal Hunter Cecil Wood Jeannette Workman

by the executive and the courts of the great power conferred by those Acts aroused the wrath of the people and ended in the destruction of the Federalist party, but not before many men were arrested, fined or imprisoned.

I do not mean to imply that the Mundt Bill is a repetition of the Sedition Act. It is not. The Mundt Bill is a statesmanlike document, skillfully drawn, but its objective is close to being identical with that of the Alien and Sedition Acts, and the circumstances under which it is now being considered are somewhat similar to those of 1798.

Several competent authorities, including Governor Dewey of New York, have expressed the opinion that we already have laws enough with which to cope with the Communist menace. He stated, I believe, that there are 27 applicable federal laws. If these federal statutes and applicable state laws are enforced, there is no need, as I see it, for the Congress to yield to the emotional tension of the present and pass legislation such as the Mundt Bill.

THE BETTER WAY

I smiled when my heart was breaking Twas the only way to Win The soul that my heart was longing To save from Death and Sin. I longed, instead of smiling To weep; but my Lord said "Nay" Go bury thy tears in thy bosom To smile is the better way.

So I buried my tears in the depths of my soul And carried a smile instead And it went straight home to the heart I sought To the heart I thought was dead.

Then the Master came and tenderly laid His hands on the bended head Of the one whom the smile had rescued The soul that I thought was dead. Miss Grace Bennett

OUR TASK IS NEARLY DONE

Our annual clean-up at the time of this writing is practically finished at the Masonic-IOOF cemetery, or rather it is done as far as our funds reached. We had to discontinue the work Tuesday and at the time this is being written are not sure we will have sufficient funds to complete the general work and may have to lay off our helpers before Memorial Day. It is quite discouraging for during the 12 years that this writer has had charge of this work, we have never had a fund we could count on to complete the work. Our funds to date are slightly over \$200 and this is not nearly enough to cover the enlarged cemetery as we would wish. Of course some people do their own jobs but unfortunately dump all debris into the alleys leaving this to lie there or be carted away by us. It is most usually those who do not contribute to the fund who are the worst offenders in this respect.

We pay our help \$1 per hour, and for five people per day that counts up to \$40. So we feel that we have given you your money's worth as far as we could. There are spots we could improve upon if we had more funds to do this work. We are sorry we could not do more. If you see tall grass standing around, just remember that lot owner did not contribute to the fund, nor did he cut the grass around his own lot. Grass just won't out itself. We do appreciate the help of our loyal supporters who contribute to this fund each year. We wonder if those who do not contribute understand fully what we are trying to do up there. OUR AIM IS FOR

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by GENE WARE

The Gallup Poll discovered that we, the people, think the Vice-President of the United States should have more importance in the government. Up to now the V. P.'s main job seems to be as a standby, in case anything happens to the President. The V. P. has been as inconspicuous as a bridegroom at a June wedding. When a man became Vice-President he might just as well have stepped into an open manhole for all the publicity he got after the elections were over. Now the people think the assistant president should really be an important cog in Washington's machinery. With more pay and more power? Offhand, can you name ten ex-Vice-Presidents?

There are a few less fish in the rivers and streams around Cottage Grove than the reports of the local citizens that went fishing over the last weekend. Those who weren't out spent the day working in their yards. Since this is National Clean Up week it would be well for all of us to do some Cleaning Up around our yards.

A Pontiac, Michigan, man reported that a sidewalk had been stolen from in front of his store. No doubt the police were pleased to have a concrete case to work on. We can't replace the sidewalk for the Pontiac man, but we'll sure roll out the welcome mat when you stop in at COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street! And here's something you'll "welcome right into your kitchen" a SUNBEAM MIX-MASTER! Here's the mixer that does all the hard work for you... whips cream, smashes and whips potatoes, mixes cake-batter, juices citrus fruits... and does many, many other jobs. Makes a wonderful Gift... to yourself and to others. Phone: 351.