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THE MOST HAZARDOUS JOBS

Two of the most hazardous jobs we know of from the standpoint of keeping them is a policeman and an athletic coach, particularly in the colleges and universities. A policeman may have a job today and tomorrow be walking the streets. We are speaking of the police who serve the cities and towns of our state and not of the state police, where it seems more job security is offered.

A high school or college coach finds his jobs most exacting. He must put out a winning team and keep the teams in the winning column, else the student body and the alumni are demanding that a change in the coaching staff be made.

This condition or rather the public attitude invites deceptthere is still a popular conception that if the government supuniversities and colleges today are plagued. Victory is placed above everything else.

Even in our own high school we hear wailing and gnashing of teeth when the boys lose a basketball game. The fan or the alumnus who is prone to beef about the failure of the Lions to reach the district championship forgets about past performances. He forgets too that in high school athletics both the basketball and the football teams have been pretty well above the average; not for one year, but for several years.

Back to the policemen, you can be a good policeman and still lose your job thru a change of administration. If you enforce the law, those who want a wide open town are unhappy. There are those too, who are laboring under the impression that the law was made for the other fellow, but not for them. They are ready to throw out the entire city or county administration anytime their desires are hampered.

SPEAKING OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

We have not seen any recent figures on the cost of juvenile delinquency, nor the cost of adult delinquency, which is often more or less the outgrowth of juvenile delinqueney, but were these figures available, we imagine they would be rather startling. Not only are we spending a great deal of time, energy and money in trying to provide a pleasant path for the youth to trod, but in most states and counties a juvenile department has been created for handling juvenile cases. Facilities for handling juvenile cases by the various counties are rapidly becoming overcrowded, just as our penal institutions are becoming inadequate.

The real problem we believe is in getting at the parental delinquency and in trying to persuade those who bring children into the world of the fact that they have some responsibility toward their own family and toward society. The refusal to take any responsibility is the seat of one or more of our present day ills and explains why we, as a nation, are rapidly developing a case of the "gimmes" or if you do not know what the term means, it is the present national tendency to depend more and more on the government for our seeurity and support beeause plies us, it does not cost anything.
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Coming closer to home we heard a business man telling of a young girl or two, who persisted in coming into his place during school hours. He found out, he said, that the girls had been kicked out of school and that the mother of the girls was a bar fly.

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THE STATE OF OREGON IS

FIRST—in population by percentage gain—49.3 per cent.

SECOND—in highest percentage of increase in tax collections, 1940-1947.

FOURTH—in percentage increase in total income payments.

EIGHTH—in per cent of farms with electric service.

TWENTIETH—in manufacturing payrolls.

TWENTY-FIRST—in per capita income.

TWENTY-FIRST—in percentage increase in government workers (Federal, State, Local).

TWENTY-EIGHTH—in total income, $1,932,000,000.

TWENTY-EIGHTH—in cash farm crops.

—Third Biennial Report, Oregon Postwar Readjustment and Development Commission.

THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM

Things aren't always what they seem, including statistics. The other day the Department of Agriculture put out figures showing that the livestock population was the lowest since 1939. From that statement it was easy for people to conclude that the supply of meat was dwindling. But Dr. Julius Hirsch, an economist who makes a business of getting behind the figures, did some calculations of his own. He found that when he made a distinction between meat animals, such as cattle and hogs, and horses and mules which are dwindling in numbers and importance because of farm mechanization, the conclusions were somewhat different. Actually, farm production of hogs and lamb and beef cattle is rising, Dr. Hirsch proved. The total meat supply for 1949, said he, would reach 22 billion pounds, which is higher than 1948's production. Furthermore, he opined, feed, labor and other costs are declining, so that conditions are such as to encourage an even greater production of meat animals.

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Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

People in my district frequently write me, requesting information on how to proceed to secure contracts with the government on purchases of miscellaneous equipment and raw materials. Government purchases are almost exclusively by bid, but it is often a problem to know what agency to contact for information.

Lumber procurement for the government is handled by two agencies—the Army Engineers for the armed forces, and the Federal Bureau of Supply for all civilian departments and agencies. Both organizations require that suppliers file application to be on their lists for notification of bids to be advertised.

The Corps of Engineers has three offices, as follows: The Chicago Lumber Branch Office, 158 West Harrison Street, Chicago 5, Illinois; the Atlanta Lumber branch Office, Box 1889, Atlanta 1, Georgia; and the Portland Lumber Branch Office, 628 Pittock Block, Portland, Oregon.

The Federal Bureau of Supply is addressed in care of the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. The latter organization has had little in the way of lumber requirements during the past year or more, while the Engineers have purchased substantial quantities for construction purposes and as agents for occupied countries.

The Federal Bureau of Supply purchases other non-military departmental equipment and supplies which are used in several agencies. Items specialized for a particular department or agency are procured directly by the agency. Special military equipment and materials are purchased by the Department of Defence, and certain branches of the service are assigned procurement for specific items. A publication on military procurement, issued by the Munitions Board, can be secured from that Board, showing in detail the procedures for procurement of military items.

ECA or Marshall Plan purchases in this country, contrary to common belief, do not originate in the United States. Importers must have their proposed procurement approved and made a part of the program of their government, and this is then reviewed by the organization of European Economic Cooperation, which determines whether the materials are a proper part of the over-all program. When approved, these recommendations come to Washington where they are screened again as to the value of the items to the program, and the availability within this country. If the items are not in short supply, the recommendation is approved and funds made available for the transaction.

Richard Arthur Bray, student at Eugene High school, has been selected as one of forty winners in the Eighth Annual Science Talent Search, conducted by Science Clubs of America. Bray will be given an all-expense trip to Washington, D. C. to attend the five-day meeting of the National Science Institute.

The forty winners in the United States were chosen from a field of 16,000 contestants. The search is supervised by Science Service, under endowment of the Westinghouse Educational Foundation. National winners to be selected from the group in Washington will share in scholarships totalling $11,000.

Members of Congress, from whose districts contestants are chosen, are guests of the winners from their districts on the first day of the Institute meeting. Bray is the fifth consecutive winner from the fourth District of Oregon. I have been informed by the Director of Science Service that it is extremely unusual to have such a succession of winners from a single area.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It has come to our attention that the high school band is havind difficulty in securing sufficient money for uniforms. I know it has been a tough winter on all of us and many of us have had difficulty in meeting our obligations because many of our customers were out of work, but I believe it is up to the business men of the city to come to the aid of these youngsters.

It is a commendable project and will lend encouragement to our high school organization. I will do my little bit and would like to hear from others.

Roy E. Cantwell.

WE LIVE IN SCENERY, BUT DON'T APPRECIATE IT

A lot of people in other sections of the United States and particularly in the southwest regard Oregonians as very fortunate, since we are able to live in what appears to them as a scenic wonderland. Scenery is such a commonplace thing to us that we cease to appreciate it. We are often reminded of the natural beauty we live in by others.

We quote below parts of a letter Clair Chapman received from his sister, Mrs. Nellie Phillips, who lives in Phoenix, Arizona.

"Say as long as you people live so far from Crater lake, I suggest that you take a look at this picture. The colors are really wonderful with a blue deeper than Tahoe. If one enters from the north, one drives thru the stately Oregon pines. You travel at least 15 miles as straight as any driver can drive a straight road that seems to climb gently to the sky on a paved road. The air is most refreshing with scent of pines always to be associated with the journey. Often one must have warm clothing as the altitude is quite high. The kiddies will enjoy the wildlife as the deer and bear are in the woods. Squirrels too, so that's why Uncle Sam permits the nuts to enter. One buck, please. After all, overfed squirrels are quite stuffy you know. If you journey southward you will see more virgin forest with a canyon that is only surpassed by the Grand Canyon.

After leaving the forest one sees beautiful farm land with sub-irrigated fields, always remembered for their delightful aroma of white clover, dotted with milch and beef cattle. . .

An oddity well worth your time is the Oregon Vortex.

Bohemia Nuggets

County mining records disclose that practically the entire bottom of Sharps creek canyon, has been staked out for gold placer claims during the past two seasons. These claims start just above the old "Hawley" or "Painted Post" ranch, and extend up the creek till they meet the older locations near Jenks cabin at Walker creek. The locations were mainly by Portland people.

50 Years Ago (from Bohemia Nugget)—The Fairview Mining & Milling Co. have struck a large body of rich free milling ore and are preparing for a steady run, as soon as spring opens. The company is composed of Stocks, Harlow, & Bush and all are experienced mining men. During the past season they have erected and have ready a complete five stamp mill.

James Potts and Jesse Griffin did some good work on the "Shot-Gun" claim above Champion Mill.

THOUGHTLETS

One man says "I am a realist." Another says "I am an idealist." But the man that can carry himself effectively through the world is one that can successfully blend his realism and his idealism.

Some people of dignity do not wear false teeth, but they do wear "artificial dentures." The disrespectful refer to these tools as "China clippers."

Expanded Social Service Forged By United Nations

LAKE SUCCESS, New York—The world's only international social service program, a two-year-old venture of the United Nations, is now being expanded here for a third year of operation, during which it will affect large numbers of people in more than two dozen countries.

This non-political program has a budget for 1949 of only $670,000—far less than the cost of one large military aircraft, but for this sum, it offers nations the advice and aid of highly qualified consultants; fellowships for qualified social welfare experts; equipment and supplies for the demonstration of the latest devices for the rehabilitation of the disabled; films and publications; and regional seminars for the exchange of information.

Seventeen governments, during 1947, requested and received assistance, 18 in 1948. This year, the number of countries to receive similar assistance may reach 30.

In the actual operation of the program, U.N. furnishes countries requesting aid with the services of advisors for periods ranging from six weeks to more than a year. The advisors are experts in such fields as child welfare, welfare of the aged, social legislation fare of the aged, sociad legislation and social rehabilitation of the disabled.

The consultant program, say U.N.officials, offers receiving nations—many of them badly damaged during the war—one of the best ways to help themselves to better social health, since it makes it possible for them to train their own social service personnel at home. In one Far Eastern country, for instance, a U.N. consultant helped the government organize its first national social service conference, attended by 250 persons. This conference was followed by four-week training institutes, attended by 530 persons from 40 social agencies. In the last two institutes, workers trained during the first two sessions served as lecturers.

While the consultant program furnishes direct assistance in more than a dozen countries, the fellowship program will give less direct help to more than twice that many nations. By means of U.N. fellowships, trained social welfare workers are given an opportunity to study and observe outside of their own countries the latest methods developed in their fields. The fellows then return to their posts where they can put their new knowledge to work. During 1949, U.N. plans to allocate at least 155 fellowships to social workers from 30 countries.

How much can be accomplished by means of fellowships was shown in the case of a thirty-six-year-old Polish woman, who came to the United States to learn about the rehabilitation of handicapped patients. Although she had relatively short experience in social work, she was assigned to study occupational therapy. After six months, she was able to return home and set up and direct the first occupational therapy department in any Polish hospital.

Fellows so far have been drawn from the following countries; Albania, Austria, Chile, China, Czechoslovakia, Ecuador, Finland, Greece, Haiti, Hungary, India, Italy, Lebanon, The Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Poland and Yugoslavia. They have studied in the following countries: Belgium, Luxembourg and The Netherlands, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Mexico, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, the United States and the U.S.S.R.

Equipment and supplies for the demonstration of prosthetic devices—such articles as artificial limbs and braille materials—are sent to governments under the U.N. program to help them make use of modern methods of restoring handicapped persons to a productive life. For 1949, seven countries have already requested demonstration equipment, which was sent to eight nations last year.

Technical literature, useful in the training of social workers, is offered to war-devastated countries. Each of these nations may select books, periodicals and other publications for its ligbraries. All U.N. members nations are also offered prints of the film "First Steps", made by U.N. and winner of an Academy Award. Originally made at the suggestion of India, which has now produced three of its own training films, "First Steps" deals with the rehabilitation of handicapped children.

U.N. regional social service seminars make it possible for social welfare policy makers from several different countries to discuss and learn about the newest technical developments. Seminars last from three to four weeks. Four are planned for 1949, to be held respectively in France (for Europe), in the Far East, in Latin America and in the Middle East.

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In accordance with General Motors price reduction statement, Pontiac Motor Division announces a $15.00 reduction on list prices of all Pontiac models effective immediately.

County Affairs

(Roger T. Tetlow)

Bounties

Frank DeVore, Lorane Rt., Cottage Grove, one bobcat, $2.50.

Road Maintenance

P. M. Morse, county engineer, has announced that F. H. McEwen of Eugene, has been awarded a contract to supply the county with 13,000 cu. yds. of crushed rock for use in county road maintenance. The rock will be taken from a quarry on Sharps creek in the Row River area.

Four county road officials have just returned from a statewide conference on road maintenance and planning. The meeting, which was held on the Oregon State campus in Corvallis, featured demonstrations and talks on new developments in road maintenance and construction as well as problems caused by the recent bad weather.

4-H Leaders to Receive Pins

4-H club leaders will hold their annual banquet for the presentation of pins, Friday, March 4, at 6:45 p.m. in the Springfield high school. Highlight of the program will be the presentation of pins to 127 leaders, by Godfrey Blohm, manager Eugene branch, U. S. National Bank of Portland, who make the pins available to the leaders.

Fred A. Beard of the University of Oregon will be the featured speaker. Musical numbers will be presented by Clifton Columbia and Lavena Pierce of the Springfield high school.

Leaders from the Cottage Grove area who will receive pins are: Miss Shirley Arne, Mt. View; Mrs. Yola Baldwin, Blue Mountain; Mrs. Chas. Bales, Mt. View; Mrs. Ferne Barton, Walden; John Bash, Saginaw; Mrs. Lula Bettis, Blue Mountain; Vivian Bettis, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Doris Bilyea, Latham; H. Howard Campbell, Disston; Frank Clark, Saginaw; S. Thomas Clark, Dorena; Mrs. Eva Conklin, Dorena; Mrs. Hazel Culver, Delight Valley; Mrs. Ileen Currin, Disston; Robert Duer, Mt. View; Nell Esterholt, Dorena; Mrs. Marion Field, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Leveita Floyd, Latham; Mrs. Myrtle Gleason, Disston; Mrs. J. A. Heath, Latham; Mrs. John Hooten, Latham; Willis L. Johnson, Latham; Mrs. Earl Marcy, Latham; Dennis Mitchell, Lorane; Mrs. Oris Monroe, Disston; Mrs. Jeanne Morton, London; Mrs. Edna McGarvin Whitney, Lorane; Mrs. Marguerite Overholser, Silk Creek; Chas. Parrett, Latham; Mrs. Ruth Patten, Blue Mountain; Mrs. Adeline Perry, London; Mrs. Lloyd Peterson, Lorane; Billy Purcell, Saginaw; Miss Peggy Pynch, Latham; Mrs. Wendell Pynch, Latham; Mrs. Mary Raisor, Culp Creek; Mrs. Vinal Randall, Cottage Grove; Mrs. Ethel Saunders, Latham; Mrs. R. M. Seaver, Mt. View; Mrs. Nora Small, London; Mrs. Thelma Summers, Silk Creek; Mrs. Ada Taylor, Latham; Mrs. E. Voss, Mt. View; Mrs. Dorothy Wilson, Latham; Robert R. Wood, London; Mrs. Hazel Woodbury, Mt. View.

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THOUGHTLETS

By Earl B. Balch

We people who would like to reform the world at once, must remember that all reforms are slow and gradual.

The advocates of civil rights through federal legislation by Congress should look at the real progress made in many of the southern states for the betterment for both whites and blacks and should go slowly in enacting legislation for the south that is unpopular.

Sometimes we lay the blame for a man's ill temper to his bad liver. Did you ever think that that same bad liver might be caused by the man's ill temper?

One often wonders if the quality of our legislators would be raised, if they were elected on their merits instead of whether or not they belonged to this or that political party.

I believe that in every community in this great country of ours, at least one man might be found who would be willing to be a totalitarian despot, if he were given the opportunity.

The importance of a church in a community does not lay in the wealth and social standing of its members, but upon the daily living of its members.

This is brotherhood week. I will list here just a few names of representatives of the Jewish people who have enriched the world: Mendelssohn, the great musical composer; Einstein, the scientist; Brandeis, former supreme court justice; Eddie Cantor, the entertainer; and Irving Berlin, popular song writer, are just a few. If you will do a little thinking you can add many others.

The radio commentator has largely supplanted the great editorial writer of past generations. Are the commentators helping the people of the nation to understand the needs of this country?

President Truman is asking Congress for additional powers for the executive. The members of Congress as well as the general public are becoming weary of so much power, without restrictions in presidential hands. It is probable that the president may be shorn of some of his powers instead of these same powers being extended.

Could there be something the matter with the Secretary of the Interior when he wishes to restore the incompetent and corrupt head of the Bureau of Reclamation to the payroll, when the eightieth Congress cut him off.

Do you have a conscience? If so listen to it. If you do not listen eventually you will have no conscience.

Harry S. Truman, both as President of the United States and as a man, has lowered himself in the eyes of self respecting people of the nation by bestowng the offensive epithet upon Drew Pearson, no matter how reprehensible Mr. Pearson may seem to some people.

In the signing of the armistice between Egypt and Israel, the new State of Israel achieved a great diplomatic and military victory. Great credit is due to the United Nations for arranging and setting up the machinery, for this armistice. But the greatest credit and the highest praise goes to Doctor Ralph Bunch, the Negro educator, for the tactful way he brought the armistice to a successful close.

It seems to this writer that the two communist leaders of France and Italy who openly avow their willingness to follow a Russian invasion of their respective countries should be arrested and tried for treason.

Any person who never changed his opinion is a sorry specimen of a person.

News Views

by GENE WARE

It's seed catalog time again. Millions of home gardeners are thumbing through them, their eyes lighting up at the beautiful pictures. Dazzled by the display of blue ribbon products, we forget that a gardener's greatest boon would be a hinged back. We ignore the fact that the minute things begin to grow they are as vulnerable as a midget at a boarding house dinner. Before you can yell for the Flit gun you're surrounded by a host of various bugs, aphis, and grubs that like nothing better than a plot of tender plants to chomp on. Still, there is always a possibility that this year may be different. Somewhere along the line the law of averages has to start operating in favor of the home gardener.

The new national pressure cooker is a great boon to housewives. It cooks things so much faster and makes the toughest meat tender and delicious. See them at COMMUNITY JEWELERS, 612 Main Street. Phone: 351.

Shakespeare (Quote)

Bubble, Bubble, Toil & Trouble

(Unquote)

Sib's Radiator (Quote)

'Taint No Trouble to Fix That Bubble!

(Unquote)

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Of large and small plantations.
And all the time he pleaded
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And he courted her by boat.
But he never could get very far;
She was as stubborn as a goat.

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