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KEEP THEM HAPPY

The state high school basketball tournament held in Eugene last week is a good example of what cities can do to keep a crowd of kids out of mischief and yet keep them happy.

Eugene went all out to make the kids feel at home. Along with the many services set up for the teams and the students at McArthur court by the University, local organizations sponsored amusements and special events for them after and between games. Dances at the Eugene armory, sponsored by county chapters of DeMolay and dances at Gerlinger annex, sponsored by the campus YMCA, were held almost every evening after the games. Roller skating and ice skating parties in the afternoons also helped to keep the kids off the streets.

Even the businessmen cooperated. Hotel men, usually reluctant to put up with such an unruly crowd, opened their doors to the students. The Osburn hotel showed a fine spirit of cooperation when they allowed students without funds or accommodations to sleep in the lobby.

All this is in great contrast to the Salem tournaments of past years. Willamette University, of course, was handicapped by its lack of facilities. The gymnasium was small, ill-lighted and crowded. Even so, they showed a strange lack of interest in the students during the times when games were not being played.

The businessmen were worse. Hotels and auto camps were reluctant to rent their rooms to students. When they did, the prices were high and the rules strict. No activities were provided with the result that the kids were forced to find their own amusements which usually took the form of drinking, fighting and other forms of delinquency.

There is a moral to be found in this. If the cities would keep such activities on a year-round basis instead of merely for one week in each year, they would find that their juvenile delinquency problem would become much less serious than it is now.

Someday, the adult population will realize that their kids aren't wild or bad. They're just full of energy. When time hangs heavy on their hands, they get into mischief. A well thought out activity program, backed by businessmen, parents and local organizations is the answer to any delinquency problem.

TRAFFIC IMPEDIMENT BILL

We are delighted to hear that a bill has been introduced in the state legislature making it unlawful to obstruct or impede the normal flow of traffic on the highways of Oregon.

This measure is designed to cover the slow driver who is in no hurry to get to his destination. Usually, he is stubborn and will refuse to pull off the road occasionally to let the other traffic pass.

Anyone who has studied traffic accidents knows that many of these were caused indirectly by the slow driver. On a main highway with a heavy flow of traffic, or on a crooked road with poor visibility, the normally-cautious driver will, after being driven to a dangerous state of impatience and anger by the excessively slow vehicle ahead, take a chance and try to pass.

Usually, he will make it by safely. But when he doesn't and there is a wreck, who gets the blame? The man who was forced to take a chance is the loser every time. The slow driver blithely goes on his way, smugly thinking to himself that any one who drives over thirty miles an hour is a reckless fool.

There has long been a need for a minimum speed limit in Oregon. A sensible law to this effect, adequately enforced, will do much to eliminate the traffic hazards on our highways.

INCLUDE THE SALVATION ARMY TOO

The annual Red Cross drive is almost over. For weeks, we have been subjected to a barrage of appeals from every corner to give all we can. The Red Cross is a worthy organization and deserves the donations it asks for.

But there is another charity group; one usually thought of with derision rather than with sympathy. That is the Salvation Army. We know that when the Salvation Army is mentioned, the image of a group of men and women shaking tambourines outside of a saloon flashes into our minds. We chuckle and make jokes about them.

But do we ever stop and wonder how they get the funds to carry on their work? Do we ever see volunteer workers coming to our homes and asking us to donate? No, because they solicit by humbler means.

To them, a dime or a quarter, tossed into their kettles at Christmas is better than a dollar sent in a mimeographed form letter, for the small donation was given in the true spirit of charity. Occasionally, they pass quietly through a bar or tavern taking whatever small contributions the patrons offer them, paying no attention to the inevitable jokes and jibes which are directed at them.

Ask the serviceman stationed in Australia or New Guinea during the early part of the war about the Salvation Army. They will remember the small canteens and clubs where the enlisted man was just as welcome as his commanding officer. The civilians back in the States were unaware of their existence because the Salvation Army never looked for nor received much publicity. They were more concerned with doing a good job than they were with patting themselves on the back and shouting, "how noble are we."

So when you make out your check to the Red Cross, why not also send one to the Salvation Army. You won't get a sticker to paste on your window to show your neighbors that you are just as charitable as the next fellow. You will, however, know that your money was received with gratitude and will be well-spent.

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Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

Nearly two months have elapsed since the President suddenly announced he was having a new Columbia Valley Authority bill drawn and would shortly send it to congress. Meanwhile, I have been reviewing my rather voluminous file on the subject of Valley Authority legislation and have been examining everything I can lay my hands on pertaining to this subject, searching principally for one important set of facts which are strangely missing. I have been trying to find specific and compelling reasons why Authority legislation, whether that proposed by members of congress from the state of Washington, or even the forthcoming proposal from the president's office, is necessary. In other words, it seems just common sense to me to accurately diagnose an illness before prescribing a "cure".

It is normal practice in any legislative body to first establish the fact that a given piece of legislation is needed, and then to tailor such legislation to meet the need. Apparently this logical approach to the question of Columbia Valley Authority legislation has been completely ignored.

What distress, disadvantages, inconveniences or inefficiency are the people of the five northwestern states now suffering? Are these troubles so serious that we must, forthwith and without any investigation of them, proceed to enact federal legislation which would take from the people of these states many of their normal rights of self-government?

Before dashing headlong into the enactment of authoritarian legislation which would place our northwestern states under a dictatorship controlled from Washington, we had better first find out if we need any federal law at all, and if so, what sort of legislation is required.

If a careful and objective study of the question is made, the facts developed will indicate whether or not any coordinating legislation is actually necessary. Such a study should be made by the states involved. If the facts thus obtained indicate a need for federal legislation, it is quite likely that the same study would accurately and soundly indicate the legislation needed. To use the medical simile again, careful and accurate diagnosis generally indicates the treatment required.

Accordingly, I am no longer much interested in seeing the text of the President's Columbia Valley Authority bill. I do not believe that, or any other Authority bill, should be seriously considered by Congress until we first know why we need a bill and what kind of a bill (if any) is required.

Last December 23rd, a man by the name of Alger Hiss was indicted in New York by a Federal Grand Jury. The criminal counts in the indictment are for the crime of perjury, but the indictments also point to espionage. Remember the case? The Administration and the Department of Justice are hoping you will forget. The trial has been postponed and postponed. The trial might, however, seriously embarrass the President and the State Department. It is more than likely that people not yet mentioned would be named in the course of the trial. Alger Hiss may never be tried unless public opinion forces Attorney General Tom Clark to act. Letters from the people to the President and the Attorney General, demanding that Hiss be tried, might help.

Bohemia Nuggets

High-Potential Mines, the owners of the Sunrise mining claims, have granted easement for right-of-way across their property, for a road. The road will be built by the U. S. Forest Service as an access road to a timber sale.

Fifty Years Ago, From Bohemia Nugget
Wm. Hawley, the Bohemia freighter, came in from his place on Sharps creek, for a load of freight. Owing to a few landslides, he is obliged to freight by means of pack horse trains, above his ranch.

Wm. Higgins and Ben Curry left for Bohemia mines to push development on the "Lake" property (Below Elephant Lake).

County Affairs

(Roger T. Tetlow)

Marriage Licenses

Wayne Tucker, Drain, and Barbara L. Partridge, 22, Goshen.

4-H
The 4-H club Home Economics Fair Commission met Tuesday to begin preliminary plans for 4-H activities at the Lane county fair, September 21-24.

Members of the commission are Mrs. Lillian Petersen, chairman, Notli; Mrs. Allen Wheeler, Pleasant Hill; and Mrs. C. L. Miller, Santa Clara.

THREE PLAYS FEATURED BY LOCAL GRANGES AT ANNUAL AFFAIR

Three plays will be presented at the Latham school gymnasium at 8 p.m., Monday, March 28. The Granges who will participate are Jasper, Dorena, and Hebron, the host.

The evening of free entertainment is presented annually by the Granges as a community service. The public is invited to attend. After the program, refreshments of pie, ice cream, coffee, and chocolate milk will be sold by the ladies of the Hebron Grange Home Economics Club.

Another group of plays will be presented at Loran Friday, March 25, when Hebron and Thurston will join the Loran Grange in presenting the evening's entertainment. The final showing of the Hebron play will be at Goshen on April 6. Franklin will make the third member of this group.

OREGON LILY GROWERS TO DISCUSS ASSN. PLAN

A group of interested Easter lily growers in Curry county have arranged for a meeting at the Harlow grange hall on Monday, March 28, at 7:30 p.m. All interested lily growers are invited to attend.

This meeting has been called to discuss marketing and other problems and to better acquaint growers with the plans and advantages of the Pacific Lily Growers Association under the individual membership plan.

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Dam Construction Ahead of Schedule

Dorena dam, originally scheduled for completion in August, 1950, may be finished by November of this year, W. A. Swartz, resident engineer announced recently.

He stressed the fact, however, that construction depended upon too many variable factors to give any certain date for completion. The concrete sections are almost finished and the 2600 feet of earth fill is about 50 per cent completed.

After working through the winter with skeleton crews, the contractors believe that they should be running a double shift by June.

The main flow of water will be diverted through the dam some time in May after which time, construction should proceed more rapidly.

Dance To Be Given By Riding Club

The Cottage Grove Riding club is sponsoring a dance and box social to be held Saturday night, March 26 at the L.O.O.F. hall. Music for dancing will be furnished by the Evelyn (Fuzzy) Lewis orchestra. Anyone wishing to come and bring a box is cordially invited. Modern, square and western dancing will be enjoyed. Guests are asked to either wear western clothes or "come as you are." An invitation has been extended to the Creswell Riding club. This is the first of a series of events being planned for spring.

The next event will be the cross-country ride, which will be held Sunday, April 3. Anyone interested in entering the race is asked to contact Roy Mason for further details. The next meeting of the riding club is Monday, March 28 at Huntington hall on the Gowdyville road.

Two Local Men Given Jail Terms On Criminal Counts

Elzie Claud Farrell, 23, of Cottage Grove and William Bowler, 43, of Saguinaw were among the eight men who received prison terms in circuit court, March 19.

Farrell, after pleading guilty, was sentenced to two years for burglary not in a dwelling. He was arrested by city police after he was found in the Community Jewelers, March 3, with his pockets bulging with loot valued at \$12,000.

Bowler was sentenced to two years for forgery.

The eight men who were sentenced were, according to Sheriff C. A. Swartz, the most that had been sentenced at one time in the past 16 years.

4-H POSTER BULLETIN NOW AT EXTENSION OFFICE

"Posters the 4-H Way" is the new poster bulletin available to all 4-H leaders whose club members are participating in the 4-H poster contest. This bulletin, edited by Visual Aid Instructor Curtis Reid, Oregon State College, handles a full discussion of subjects and art work involved in poster making. The booklet also carries many illustrations and detailed information on the poster contest.

4-H leaders wishing a copy of the new poster bulletin may have a copy by writing or calling at the 4-H office in Eugene.

SENTINEL SPORTS

C. G. Recreation Leads in Bowling

The Cottage Grove Recreation team continued to lead the bowling league at the end of the 17th week while top honors for high bingles and high series are retained by Ken Jackson. Jackson held the high singles honors with 211 and high series with 538. C. G. Recreation has high team singles with a score of 830 and high team series is held by Githens Motors with a score of 2399.

Standings of the teams include:

	Won	Lost
C. G. Recreation	39	12
Dorena Dam	32	15
Githens Motors	31	20
Rippy's Gang	30	21
Grove Tavern	25	26
C. G. Cleaners	25	23
Con's Tavern	23	28
Kelly's Market	19	29
K. of C.	18	32
Arcade-Diane	7	41

Portland Beavers In Poor Form To Start Season

Riverside, Cal., March 22—Bill Sweeney, the dapper Irishman who guides the Portland Beavers, is convinced he'll have to steal a batting recipe for his charges.

He has already tried the "beg and borrow" route and neither solved the problem.

In the first 11 training camp tussles the Beavers played they picked up an anemic .228 team batting mark.

And pennants aren't won by teams which hit at a .228 clip—unless one wants to harken to 1906 and the Chicago "Hitless Wonders." As later events in baseball proved, it was a wonder the White Sox of that mustache cup era won a pennant.

"Give me a hard hitting first baseman," says Bill, and "I'll stake my team against any in the league."

Two veterans, however, Harvey Storey and Johnny Rucker, have punched the ball hard—at times—in early action. Big Dick Wenner has pounded out three round trippers and Jimmy Gladd—at long last—has snapped out of early doldrums.

The same may be said for Dick Sinovic, a twinkle-toed kid who has ideas of being the Beavers' regular left fielder. In early sessions here the Portland native cut gaping gaps in the ozone in fruitless efforts to put opposing fly-chasers on a horse, but he's beginning to hit.

Eddie Basinski and Eddie Fernandes are slowly rounding into batting form. Frankie Zak is getting more distance than he did a year ago, but he isn't getting it in consistent fashion.

But, as Sweeney points out, "If the boys were hitting hard and often right now, I would be inclined to think they would go into a slump later in the season."

He's content to let his Beavers swing at the wrong moments now, hoping they'll swing in more consistent fashion when the season starts.

Parks-Alexander Headlines Match

Following last Monday's spectacular debut for professional wrestling at the Cottage Grove Armory arena, Matchmaker Elton Owen has decided to stage regular Monday night shows at the local pavilion.

Headlining next Monday's show will be Herb Parks and Al Alexander, blossoming young star from Brooklyn, N. Y., the semi-final bout will send Rene' Labelle against Silent Rattan, the talented but deaf and dumb mat ace from Oklahoma.

Parks, the Canadian titleholder, has long proven his prowess to Lane county sports followers, but he will be given a severe test against the ex-army hand-to-hand combat soldier who served in Europe for four years. Alexander is a clean, scientific grappler who should be a natural opponent for Parks' aggressive style of grappling.

Opening the show at 8:30 p.m., Labelle will find himself a slight favorite against a hard-working wrestler whom most of the boys avoid because of his great defensive ability. Rattan has not been in the Northwest for some months and is opening a campaign to get a crack at one of the coast titles. He will be forced to withstand Labelle's sensational drop kicks to make a successful start in the campaign.

Reserved seat tickets for the two-star show are available at the Armory.

Reporters were paid \$15 to \$30 a week in 1960-70.

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