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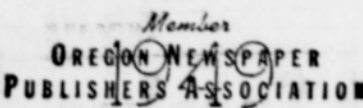
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MAYBE BAND MUSIC ISN'T POPULAR

Perhaps band music isn't popular with local audiences, or maybe we just don't like or don't appreciate music. The turn out to hear the University of Oregon band last Thursday evening at the high school auditorium was disappointing and must have been disappointing to the visitors. Normally there are a few conflicts with anything of this nature, which might account for the absence of a few, but not as many as were absent on Thursday evening. Neither could we think of several good excuses which might have kept the people at home, so there is just one conclusion to reach and this is that we don't think much of music.

Those who attended the concert thought it was excellent. One did not have to be particularly trained in music to appreciate the sort of concert presented on this occasion for it was a concert which should have appealed to lovers of both the classical and popular music.

The series of six concerts was conceived with one thought in mind: to provide better facilities for music appreciation in the local high school. Neither was the concert series conceived with the sole idea of making money, but whatever profits if any which might accrue, will be used to purchase equipment needed for the music department. We would have to be pretty selfish not to want to see our schools offer advantages on par with other educational institutions. The various heads of the music department in the high school are working diligently trying to develop a greater appreciation for music, so that those who desire may have the opportunity to develop more talents. After all when today's students become tomorrow's citizens, those who can do more things better will certainly have more chance to succeed in whatever field they choose to enter.

To promote a better high school music department was the motivating factor behind offering the concert series to the public and certainly deserves our support, whether we like band music, vocal music or any kind of music.

PROPER LAND USE

Farmers either must conserve the soil or face government regulation, in the view of Kent Leavitt, president of the National Association of Soil Conservation Districts. More than 500,000 acres of land are lost in this country each year by erosion and waste, and we thus face the problem of an ever-increasing population coupled with a diminishing amount of land.

Mr. Leavitt, in a speech made at Portland, Oregon, offered three remedies.

"First," he said, "farmers must change their thinking about the ownership of land. We should consider ourselves as trustees for future generations.

"Second, we must continue to develop the proper science of land use."

"Third we must get the proper land use applied to every land-acre in America without changing the form of government."

Mr. Leavitt has a strong point—its essence is that unless we, as a nation, voluntarily take care of the land which sustains us, the politicians will force federal control down our throats. That has happened in England, where the Labor government has dictatorial authority over agriculture in all its phases. It would be the height of folly to say that it could not happen here. We already have had a taste of it in the Tennessee Valley Authority area, where a single federal agency holds the reins, and agriculture and industry go in the direction they are driven. The proposed Columbia Valley Administration, and similar authorities, would firmly establish federal domination of land, water electric power and other such basic resources. There can be no doubt that the higher planners are using land reclamation, soil conservation, and flood control as an alluring bait in the drive to socialize the electric industry and to regiment the energies of the country.

The soil conservation districts are one of the best ways of dealing with this situation. They are grass roots organizations, made up of local people, and they are locally controlled. They are subsidized from the public treasury. Their connection with the federal government is limited to the technical assistance of the soil conservation service and other agencies. They are geared to handle conservation on a local, a state, or a regional level. One of the most encouraging signs of the time is that they have grown in both number and influence at a remarkably swift pace. They prove that we, as a free people, can work together voluntarily to solve our problems.

WE LIVE BY FAITH

The successful live by faith, whether such faith refers to the spiritual or material realm and since it's easier to measure the success of the physical or material things, we can point to many who have been successful in accumulating those things including riches, which have been denied the masses simply because the masses have not had the faith or the foresight to put their shoulders to the task, whatever it might be. It takes faith to step out and start a new enterprise, a new business or even a new building. Most assuredly we would still be living in the horse and buggy age, but for the faith and foresight of those who have made modern conveniences possible.

Starting any kind of a new business or even making an investment can be pretty hazardous. We can think of so many reasons for failure. But our present industrial development is built on faith and on a willingness to take a chance.

Coming closer to the point, until recently there was a multitude of chances to make a money-making investment. Most any of us could have bought real estate as late as 1940 or perhaps later and still made a tidy profit, but most of us hesitated and did not buy or waited until too late.

In the meantime while the average fellow was wavering, trying to make up his mind what to do, some had the courage to act and in acting they have gone ahead financially.

We can't all wait until everything gets just right and all hazards are eliminated. When this time comes, likely we will be ready for the undertaker.

The people used to run the government; now it's the other way around. Which suggests a new type of subsidy: a new car and television set given by Uncle Sam to each family. This would keep factories and repair men busy. Everybody would be happy except the taxpayers.

They tell us if we want to stay young, associate with young people; well, if you want to feel your age, just try to keep up with them!

WAITING IN THE WINGS



PINCH and PUNCH. by HAR

NEWS ITEM: United Nations celebrates first anniversary of adoption of Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December.



—What do you think it'll get us?
—Well, at least we'll know what we ought to get.

A Vegetable-Kidney Stew

By ALICE DENOFF

THERE'S lots and lots of good meat around, but prices are still too high for many a table budget. So here are some good, meaty suggestions to get the utmost out of this most vital of foods, with emphasis on the less expensive cuts and variety meats, such as kidneys.

For a good, wholesome, satisfying and inexpensive dish, serve a vegetable and kidney stew. To serve 6 remove fat from one lb. kidneys (beef, lamb, veal or pork). Cover kidneys with cold water; bring slowly to boil, then simmer until tender. Drain; cut in small pieces. To 4 c. stock from kidneys, add kidneys, 6 each whole small carrots and onions, one c. cubed potatoes, one c. sliced mushrooms (if desired), 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce, and one tsp. salt (less if desired). Cook 30 min. or until tender. Add 2 tbsp. chopped parsley. Thicken, if desired.

Good Combination

Lamb and limas make a lovely dish! Brown lamb cubes in hot fat with a clove of garlic (it's just made for lamb you know) and place in casserole with salt, pepper, cooked lima beans and a c. of boiling water. Cover and cook at 300 F. for an hour.

For something different in the way of using left-over cooked meat, just chop it and add one or 2 c. to a regular pancake recipe. Served with golden brown syrup, apple or honey butter, such a dish adds up

to a good luncheon or supper job, is quick and not expensive.

Beef neck meat has much flavor for soups and stews, so don't pass it up. As a matter of kitchen interest, so do beef shanks, ox-joints, veal shanks, neck and knuckles, lamb neck and shanks, breast of mutton and pork hocks. Beans, barley or rice are all good as a soup base. Shortribs make swell tiny pot roasts, and beef plate, rolled and pot roasted in tomato, hits a new high in flavor. Also veal and lamb breast, boned and rolled, enter the pot roast class. And pork neck or backbones can be potroasted "country style."

A Liver Dish

How about the idea of potroasting liver, whether it's lamb, beef, veal or pork liver? Use sour cream with the potroasting liquid and you'll have a gravy that will have the folks drooling. Good with braised ox-joints, too, also with veal or lamb neck potroasted.

Any left-over cooked ham at hand? Then try this one for size and satisfaction! Mix 2 c. minced cooked ham with chopped pickle, chopped parsley, minced onion as desired, plus ½ c. thick white sauce. Fill bottom half scooped out baked potato shells with mixture and top with scooped out potato all nicely mashed and fluffed up, with grated cheese sprinkled on top. Bake about 20 min. in hot oven.

Letters to the Editor

VETERANS — TAKE NOTICE!

Dear Comrade:

Whether you have ever been a member of the American Legion or not, as a veteran, you should know some of the major achievements of the organization, both for veterans and the nation as a whole. Space will not permit telling the complete story of all the work accomplished by the Legion, therefore, we have set forth here just a few of the major highlighted accomplishments of the organization. In reviewing these, keep in mind the fact that the Legion is or can be your organization.

Look these highlights over; read them carefully, compare them with what other organizations have done or plan to do, then decide for yourself whether or not you want to continue to be a part of such organization or if you haven't belonged before, decide for yourself whether you want to join and help carry your proportionate share of the load.

The G. I. Bill of Rights was conceived, drafted and piloted through Congress by the American Legion, as were the amendments to that piece of legislation.

The Terminal Leave Pay Bill for enlisted men is another result of Legion legislative effort as is the legislation calling for the immediate payment of the Terminal Leave bonds.

It was the Legion who fought for and secured the legislation making possible the 20 per cent increase in disability pensions for veterans.

It was the Legion that spearheaded the drive to liberalize the G. I. Insurance.

Public Law 16 providing educational benefits for disabled veterans is a result of Legion legislative effort.

There are but a few of the legislative successes of the Legion at the federal level. In nearly every state in the union, state legislation of benefits to veterans has been enacted at the insistence of the American Legion.

In the field of service to community, state and nation, the Legion at the National Department and community levels carries on many types of unselfish activities. A few of the more important ones are as follows:

Well over one-half million high school boys taking part in Junior Baseball each summer.

More than 200,000 high school students participating in the Legion-sponsored oratorical contests each year.

At least 25,000 young men attend Boys States each year with outstanding boy leaders participating in a national forum of government in the nation's capital.

Over 3000 boy scout troops are sponsored by the American Legion Posts.

This past year witnessed the presentation of more than 16,000 school award medals to outstanding students in both grade and high schools.

Through the Child Welfare program more than \$62,500,000 has been spent assisting in the care of more than 7,000,000 children. In this program \$50,000 was donated for further research in the field of rheumatic fever.

It is highly important that every man and woman belonging to the American Legion renew membership at the beginning of each Legion year. It is also highly important that these Legionnaires take the message of Legion service to all honorably discharged veterans in the community and enroll them in the organization. A continuous large membership is necessary if the programs and activities for veterans and for the nation are to go forward.

Legion Posts throughout the nation now have club rooms valued far in excess of \$100,000,000 and a paid-up membership card gives to the bearer Legion club room privileges wherever he might be.

And to all of the achievements the fact that any veteran can apply for assistance to any Post Service Officer in the filing of his or her claim for benefits provided by the Federal Government and you still have just a sample of the services rendered by the Legion.

The veteran needs the Legion and the Legion needs the veteran.

Sincerely,
Edmund J. Deremer
Post Commander
Calvin Funk Post No. 32

OFFICES REDECORATED

The offices upstairs in the First National Bank Building have recently been remodeled and redecorated.

The offices of Dr. C. H. Kime, who is now receiving patients again after being absent because of illness, has been remodeled to include a dental laboratory. This was built on the west end of the building and is operated by Comer Thorne of Eugene. The reception room has been redecorated and new office furniture added.

Richard Thwing, attorney at law, is now located in the offices formerly occupied by Dr. Guy Earl. His offices also have been redecorated and new tile linoleum has been laid on the floors.

Words of the Wise

Words are wise men's counters — they do but reckon by them; but they are the money of fools. — (Thomas Hobbes)

Mahogany Tree

A mahogany tree in tropical America has bark much like elm, and a compound leaf similar to the ash or hickory leaf. The tree usually has a spreading or buttressed base. The mature tree may reach a diameter of 8 to 9 feet and a height of 150 feet. The average is 3 to 5 feet thick, 100 to 125 feet tall. Mahogany trees produce lumber and veneer that are long, wide, and free from defect.

New Freight Cars

If coupled together the 10,554 new freight cars put in service in March, 1949, by Class I railroads and railroad-owned private-controlled refrigerated car companies, would make a train about 65 miles long.

Water for Trees

One apple tree with 100 thousand leaves needs about 800 lbs. (or 8 gals.) of water in a single day. Some of the large trees have millions of leaves on a single tree, and consequently use tons of water.

Uncle Sam Says



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