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## TOO MANY OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

The problem of maintaining an effective scouting organization in this area seems to be one of the problems we will have to solve if these character building organizations are to survive. Up until recently we have never been able to put our finger so to speak on where the trouble lies, but a little reflection on the problem leads us to believe that the prospective members of both the Boy and Girl Scouts have too many outside interests, which are taking an increasing amount of the youngsters' time.

Only last week a local minister suggested that we ought to write an editorial on the need of more cooperation between our school systems and the character building organizations such as the scouts maintain. Perhaps cooperation is needed between more than the schools and the scouts, but too many interests is certainly confusing not only to the children, but to the adults as well. The lack of cooperation we are sure has not been deliberate on the part of any individual or organization; rather we have more or less just grown into a situation of this kind without too much thought of the ultimate consequences.

One of the oldest Boy Scout troops in the community is having a rather rough time of it we are told because of too many other activities. Other troops have been organized to function a short while and finally cease to exist. Part of the struggle is no doubt due to lack of adult leadership but a study of the difficulty has led us to believe that this lack is minor compared with too many other interests.

A conference between the school officials and scout leaders would no doubt bring a better understanding of the problem and perhaps a solution. As so the adults, time it seems brings into being more and more organizations. We are badly over organized and the situation does not seem to improve. The average individual is affiliated with so many clubs, lodges and organizations that he or she is finding it more difficult to attend and take part and members are often plagued with so many conflicting engagements as to make it embarrassing.

When you are supposed to be at three places at the same time and can only go to one place, the choice of where to go without offending anyone or where you might be of the most service is hard to make.

Asking for a reduction in the number of clubs or organizations is like asking for a reduction in the expenses of the federal government, where too many are either drawing a federal pension, or are on the federal payroll or drawing a federal subsidy.

## COUNTY MANAGER ISSUE WITH US AGAIN

Lane county citizens will vote on the county manager issue again this year. However controversial the issue, it may be with us until the present form of county government is changed. We are of the opinion that the voters will reject the issue again in the May primary, but a lot will depend on the way the charter provisions are drawn up.

The issue isn't all good; it isn't all bad. A lot of people are afraid of a dictatorship; they dislike leaving the affairs of the county government in the hands of one man, such as might be possible under the county manager plan, although the outlying districts such as South Lane county, which has not had even a county officer in the court house in years would welcome the chance to have representation at the court house.

There is no question but that it is possible to have a more efficient county government under the administration of one man, provided of course that whoever employed this man might have the good fortune to select the right man; an honest and capable man; otherwise it would have to be classed as another Cottage Grove city manager experiment, the story of which we are all familiar.

It seems to us that a county manager would have to know a little about law, he should be enough of an engineer to know something about roads, he should have enough executive ability to be able to aid in directing the operation of some of the bureaus or offices however they might be called under a plan of this sort, and last of all he should know how to get along with people.

To fill the above requirements would certainly take the services of a very capable individual and one which private industry would prize and offer a substantial salary.

Perhaps the law under which the county manager plan would operate would not permit the setting up of a board of control, but a plan of this sort might be the answer to more efficient county government and it would remove the objection of one man running the show.

## EXCISE TAXES SHOULD GO

"Wartime excise taxes, still in effect four and a half years after the war ended, are depressing certain lines of business," says the Houston Press.

"The original chief purpose of these taxes was to discourage travel and business-as-usual, thus releasing transportation facilities, manpower and materials for war work. They continue to serve that purpose when all lines of business need every possible encouragement to produce and sell, thus providing more jobs and more government revenue from individual and corporate income taxes."

The Executive Secretary of the Illinois Federation of Retail Associations said, "If these taxes are not eliminated at once, they are here to stay. They were imposed as a wartime measure, at which time promises were repeatedly made that they would be removed after the war. Anything less than outright repeal of them amounts to betrayal." He also said that many retail merchants were reducing handbag lines, discontinuing furs, and cutting jewelry inventories to a bare minimum, because of the adverse influence of the taxes on sales. The depressing effect of this is felt by manufacturers, distributors, labor and everyone else involved.

Time is a very important factor in this problem. Retailers find themselves faced with increasing buyer resistance to the affected items, because people are putting off the purchases in the hope that Congress will repeal the taxes. In the interest of our economic welfare, Congress should act without further delay.

Freedom is indivisible, as even a monkey with only 25 per cent of his paws in a trap well knows.—Thomas W. Phelps.

After you stop and think, don't forget to start ahead again.

Most of us can easily stop smoking—we've done it so many times.

Florida is a place where no one cares how unimportant you are at home.

The girl who says she just turned 23 is likely to be 32.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:  
 One Man's Opinion. In common with all loyal Americans, I am much concerned with the many evils menacing our democratic way of life—lack of law enforcement, moral decline in both private and public relations, the alarming increase in crime, juvenile delinquency, drunken driving, sex crimes, all having a common origin, the Legalized Liquor Traffic.

"Wine, women and song" has been the downfall of the leading nations of the past. Rome did not fall because of foreign foes but because of rottenness in its own body politic.

There is today much agitation for stronger laws against sex crimes; many sex offenders admit to having drank before committing the crime; juvenile delinquency is greatly increased as a result of homes broken up by drink.

Our States are up in arms against organized crime but it is common knowledge that the back room of the liquor joint is the gathering place for crooks to lay their plots for preying upon society.

All honor to those who are striving to suppress these lawless conditions but are they not "straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel?" Which would be better, to place an ambulance at the foot of the cliff or build a high wall at the top?

The Bible tells us that the "Love of money is the root of all evil." That is certainly true of the traffic in liquor. Remove the profit incentive to the dealer, the bribes to law-enforcement officers and the false hope of lower taxes because of liquor-license fees, and this nation-destroying evil would quickly be voted hamstringing by unsympathetic officials, backed by liquor interests, but poorly enforced as that law was, conditions were far better than under our present license system.

There is a great crusade under way to wipe out cancer. A more deadly cancer, the legalized liquor traffic, with its accompanying evils that not only can kill the body but send the drinker to eternal death, has infected our nation from head to foot and only by a major operation, and that right soon, to remove every trace of this malignant growth, can America hope to avoid the fate of the great nations of the past. Let us hope we have not passed the "point of no return." We need not fear the enemies without if we have a clean political life within.

"Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat of the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." Isaiah 1:16-20. Turn ye! Turn ye! for why will ye die." Ezekiel 33:11.

Sincerely yours

F. J. Patton  
 Route 1, Box 354,  
 Cottage Grove, Oregon

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 My Dear Sir:

There is a magazine salesman selling the Parents Magazine, and Hunting and Fishing magazine, including as a premium the Rainbow Dictionary as well as other premiums, in the Cottage Grove area.

In his approach to the customer he states that the Public health nurse has recommended the magazine. This is a false statement as the public health nurse has not made any recommendation, nor has anyone been authorized to use the name of the Public health nurse in the sale of any product.

The salesman is Earl E. Burke and is a representative of the American Publishers Alliance Corp., 104 New Jersey St., Indianapolis 4, Indiana.

I would appreciate it very much if you would publish this fact in your next issue of the Sentinel.

Yours very truly,  
 A. Triolo, M.D., Director  
 City County Health Dept.

## MOUNT VIEW

Mrs. C. A. Peterson, Reporter  
 Phone 18-F-11

A pink and blue shower was given by Mrs. Vivian Dilbeck, honoring Mrs. Mary Lea Benston at the home of Mrs. Amos Ketcherside last Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock with 16 ladies present. The honored guest received lovely gifts from those present and a few sent gifts although unable to be present. Cake, jello and coffee was served.

A health clinic will be held at the school house this coming Friday, March 3, for all the students.

An election will be held at the schoolhouse March 6 to vote on the bonds for a new gym.

Neighborhood Neighbors club will be held at the home of Mrs. Ethel Thomas, Wednesday, March 1.

Friends and neighbors of Mrs. Carl Raymond were saddened Sunday evening to hear of her mother's death.

Mt. View boys basketball team is playing in the play off games at the Union high school in Cottage Grove this week. They have won their first game and will play again Thursday evening.

Mrs. Helen Cockran had the misfortune of having a plank rise up and caused a bad gash in her leg, but no bones were broken.

## LONDON

Mrs. Gale Roby, Reporter  
 Phone 766-J-2

New baby lambs are frolicking on the green turf this spring instead of a snow bank as last year, with lambing nearly a month later this year than last, at the Nelson Bemis place.

A number of cases of whooping cough have been reported. Ronald Heyen has returned to school and Harold Clark and Jolene Roby are expected to return this week. Emily Berggren was found to have only a bad cold.

The 19 month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Murry has been very sick with whooping cough and pneumonia, but is better with the pneumonia part checked.

Mrs. Roy Ewing has been caring for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. "Corky" Ewing, in Cottage Grove who has the mumps.

Mrs. Geo. Southerland has been ill with the flu.

Mrs. Nora Henderson has been sick and was taken to the home of her daughter in Cottage Grove.

Clifford Townsend took his mother, Mrs. Lora Townsend, to Roseburg last week to visit her son, Clayton who had his legs broken some time ago.

Mrs. Jeanne Murry of Cedar Creek is at Silk Creek, where she has been caring for Mr. Overholser, who is ill, the past three weeks.

A big coon had his slumbers rudely awakened last week as timber workers fell a big old hollow cedar tree. The animal had to be killed.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Shortridge have a rare monstrosity that they believe to be the only one on record, a seven teated cow. She is a young heifer they raised named "Susie," part jersey and part white-face and will freshen for the first time this April, so as yet they do not know if the extra milkers will also scoop the production record.

Lawrence Barkemeyer has a beautiful new boat, in anticipation of coming fishing trips. This one will require a trailer and not ride atop the car. Mrs. Charlie Woods is planning to buy his old boat to add atmosphere to her river garden.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sibley and son Eldon left Wednesday to drive to Los Angeles to visit Mrs. Sibley's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Guisinger went to Albany last week, looking around with prospects to buying a new logging truck. On their return they visited Frank's brother, J. O. Guisinger at Sweet Home. Mrs. Guisinger is making preparations for the arrival, March 10, of 200 baby chicks.

Mrs. Alfred White of Cedar Creek received a visit for the week end from her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Coffman from Portland, and were dinner guests of Seldon Powell, February 19, east of the lake.

Phyllis Garman with Mary Boone and Rose Mary Hanks were voting representatives of the F. H. A. to the state convention at Corvallis, February 17 and 18, accompanied by their advisor and chapter mother, Mable Heath.

The Hebron Church is building on an addition on the front of the building to provide two extra class rooms, to be so arranged to be used when necessary for an enlarged auditorium. Ladies of the church have been preparing a hot dinner at noon for volunteer workers.

Cliff Foster has purchased property at Cougar Bend from Mr. Andrews and moved two of the mill houses last week to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell, the other by the Foster family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Denton who lived in one of the mill houses sold to Mr. Foster have moved to Cottage Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Andrews report as things are on the move and they expect to open a Real Estate office in Cottage Grove, March 1. Their old place has been resold to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sloan of Hebron as Mr. and Mrs. Addington have moved to Delight Valley, where Mr. Addington will work for Wm. Schilling, who has purchased the old Crick place.

Mrs. J. H. Quigley and baby Sharon made a quick over night trip by plane, Saturday night, to Eugene to Laughton, Oklahoma, to be in time for her father's birthday and to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Beatty at Faxon, Okla. She expects to be gone three weeks.

Laddie Goodwin of Cottage Grove, formerly of London and well known here, is in California going down about a month ago to visit his sister, Lanez, Mrs. Ken Bragg and is now working for Northrup aircraft plant near Los Angeles.

S. T. Clark went to Central View Sunday as guest speaker at the Church of Christ there, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Medford went to Roseburg, where Mr. Medford was guest speaker at the Roseburg Church of Christ.

Mrs. Joe Olds gave a birthday dinner Sunday for her mother, Mrs. Geo. Southerland and Mrs. Josie Phillips, who are the same age and whose birthdays are February 25 and 26 respectively.

Word has been received of the marriage of Twila Fern Shipp of Sacramento, granddaughter of J. E. Banton, to Joe Swicegood of Malinas, California, at Big Bear Lake in the San Bernardino hills. Both young people are students at the Pepperdine Christian college at Los Angeles. Their immediate plans were not learned.

J. E. Banton spent three days the first of last week in Eugene with his old friend Charles Marlow. This week Mr. Banton left, with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Abeene for a few days at the coast.

Claude Abeene is driving a new car.

Mrs. "Pat" Garman stepped off the porch in a hurry early last week and sprained her ankle. It is better although she still can not wear her shoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mills are leaving Thursday by car weather permitting for Idaho to attend the Golden wedding anniversary, Mar. 3 of Mrs. Mills' sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Purl Hardisty, at Boise. Quite a large party is expected at the celebration, which will be held March 5 and many old friends reuniting. They expect to be gone a week. Mrs. Emma Porter of Cottage Grove will care for the Black Butte Post Office, during Mrs. Mills' absence.

Mrs. E. M. McEwen and Mrs. Sam Medford attended an A. M. Stanley party in Cottage Grove Friday at the home of Mrs. Roy Goodwin and remained for the afternoon for visiting and hand work. Ten guests attended the Stanley party in the morning.

A wedding dance was given Saturday night at the Roby barn for Bill Barkemeyer and his new bride, with a good crowd attending. String music was by Dick Farmer of Cottage Grove and Bill, himself. Refreshments of toasted cheese sandwiches, cookies, pickles and coffee were served.

## Wedding Shower

The first shower of the season was a lovely bridal shower given Saturday afternoon at the 4-H club house for Mrs. Russell Sibley by her school girl classmates, with Doreatha Paul, Thena Abeene and Violet Northway as hostesses. Twenty-six guests attended and many beautiful gifts were presented. The new bride. An amusing game was played with gift ribbons wound in a ball terminating with a ring to determine who the next bride would be. A number of girl friends of Cottage Grove attended and Glenda Williamson from Eugene, who was an eighth grade graduate from London with Mrs. Sibley, cake, jello, coffee and cool aid were served for refreshments by the young hostesses.

A previous shower was given Mrs. Sibley by fifteen girls of her Home Economics class at high school during class period with the girls doing their own entertaining and serving of pineapple juice and cake for refreshments.

## London 4-H Mothers Club

The regular meeting of London 4-H Mothers club was held, February 22, at the club house with a covered dish luncheon at noon and an afternoon of companionable quilting and visiting. At the business meeting conducted by president Esther Banton, it was reported that there are now 20 paid up members. Secretary Gladys Kelly reported wedding gifts had been sent from the club to Mr. and Mrs. Lowie Akin and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sibley, daughter and son of member Ila Sibley, and to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Barkemeyer, son of member, Lucy Barkemeyer. Polly anna gifts for birthday anniversaries were received for January and February by Alma Guisinger, Esther Banton and Verna Parr.

## London School Games

Basket and volley ball games were played two days last week, both with Culp Creek. On Tuesday the games were played at London, with the London girls winning the volley ball game 29 to 21. The boys basket ball "A" team score was 19 to 16 in favor of Culp Creek, who also won the "B" game 10 to 6.

On Friday at Culp Creek the girls volley ball was tied at the end of 24-24, but the game was played overtime, London winning 28 to 21. Culp Creek again won both boys basket ball games, "A" teams score 14 to 10 and "B" teams score 14 to 1. As recalled, Friday was a rainy day, the roof leaked and the floor was wet

and muddy, making the ball very slippery, at Culp Creek.

Mrs. Joe Geer, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marvel Geer and her son, Terry of Cottage Grove returned home Sunday evening from a train trip to San Luis Obispo, California where they visited with Mrs. Joe Geer's daughter, Mrs. M. J. Krehmer. They reported warm summer weather and wading at the beach. On their return trip they visited friends at Redwood.

Hebron Extension club meeting was held February 24 at the home of Mrs. W. W. Hileman, Cottage Grove. The lesson on "Rug Color and Design" was given by the new county agent, Constance Blaine. A good crowd was present, and a planned luncheon was served at noon. Plans were discussed for the spring festival.

Floyd Rothauge, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rothauge, is seriously ill with pneumonia, and was taken to a Eugene hospital. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warthen of Salem spent one day last week with Mr. Warthen's two sisters, Mrs. Charles Powell and Mrs. B. E. Martin, both of Cougar Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Martin and daughter, Anella left Tuesday for California to spend a month visiting another daughter and to attend to property interests there.

## Pink and Blue Shower

A dainty pink and blue shower was given Monday afternoon for Mrs. Fred Darby at the home of Mrs. Chris Abeene with Mrs. Claude Abeene as co-hostess. Pink and white carnations and pussy-willows carried out the pink and white color scheme, and a tall stork carrying the usual dappled baby kept a careful eye over the gifts revealing from a pretty pink and white bassinet. Games were played with Mrs. Elvis Kelly and Mrs. Ivan Abeene winning first prizes and Mrs. Clarence Parr and Mrs. Agnes Berggren, second prizes. Jello, cake and coffee were served by the hostesses.

Out of community guests were: Mrs. George Gunn, Mrs. William Perini, Marcelle Abeene, Mrs. Gene Lusk, and Agnes Berggren, all of Cottage Grove.

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