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FOR MUSICAL AMBASSADORS OF GOOD WILL

Those of you who have been saying, "Nothing but the best for the children of the community," now have a chance to show that you really mean what you say. But you'll have to dig down in your pockets a little.

To get to the point, the grade school band needs a new practice room. The school board has recognized this fact and has appropriated \$7500 for construction out of this year's budget. However, original bids on the work were too high, the lowest being \$15,651.

Requirements of the building were cut to a minimum, but the board still was \$4000 shy. Since the law does not permit a school board to exceed its budget, it was necessary to set the money aside and wait until next summer.

Mrs. Harold Axley heard of the board's decision, and she felt that this matter should not be postponed. Enlisting the aid of her friends as well as the parents of the band members, she set out on a whirlwind campaign to raise \$4000 by subscription.

The proposed building will be, in the words of grade school superintendent Elmer Fleming, "merely four walls and a roof, and heat and light. It won't be fancy at first, but eventually the walls will be treated acoustically and three practice rooms will be added."

If all goes well, the building should be completed by Thanksgiving, Fleming added. It is up to us to see that all does go well. Members of the band have been our musical ambassadors of good will all summer. Now we can show them our gratitude and provide a decent place in which they can practice.—K.C.

WHAT IS NORMALCY?

Three or four years ago in referring to the state of affairs which existed then, we heard the term-normalcy used in discussing what several hoped would be the return of normal times or the pre-war era and a good question was asked that we could not answer and it was "Just what is your definition of normal times and what do you mean by normalcy?" And if the question was a mooted one at the time, how much worse off are we today? We certainly would like to know the answer and so would several million others and more particularly the younger generation.

We have arrived at a point where we don't know where we are nor where we stand and can't make any plans with the assurance that the future event will follow a certain pattern. A great deal has been said recently on the history of the nation for the past seventy years. Those who lived in that period could pretty well make their plans with a reasonable degree of certainty that aside from the fluctuations of business with its fat and lean years would follow about the same trend twenty years hence.

Now after a second world war we are in another conflict which is a good deal like the recent forest fire which occurred several weeks ago in the Wheeler Osgood area near Disston. Fire fighters are still mopping up the spot fires. The only difference is that when the next flareup comes, it's anybody's guess as to whether it will be confined to a relatively small section like Korea or whether it will involve the whole world.

The situation is particularly difficult for young men and women in the draft age, who are unable to make any sort of plans and the uncertainty of the situation often leads to acts of recklessness which bring sorrow and unhappiness to the participants, even though wars may cease.

SCHOOLS IN TOUGH SPOT

Speaking of uncertainties, the public schools are in about as tough a spot as any public institution we know of, particularly the schools in the western section of the nation, where unprecedented increases in population have taken place. The past ten years could be defined as a struggle against odds for schools in many sections, both because of the teacher shortage and the need for expansion and more equipment. About the time the teacher shortage appeared to be on the way to a solution, along comes another war, which may place the schools even in a worse position in this respect. And if one may predict the future with any assurance, the conflict will produce another bumper baby crop which means more class rooms and more teachers will be needed.

One solution to the teacher shortage problem is encouragement for young people to enter the teaching profession with the idea of making this a life's profession and not a stepping stone to a better job.

CONDITIONED TO SCARCITY

A government bureau has issued a new comparison of commodity costs in the Soviet Union and the United States, based upon the working time required to earn the money needed to buy goods. It is a revealing example of the vast differences between a free, competitive economy, and a controlled economy in which practically everything is rationed and priced arbitrarily by the government.

To buy a pound of bread the Russian worker must put in 19 minutes, and the American worker six minutes. To buy a bar of soap the respective times are 41 minutes and three minutes. In the case of a pair of women's shoes, the figures are 72 hours as against 3 1/2 hours. If the Russian wants a new suit, he must work 376 hours to earn it. His American equivalent can earn the price in a trifle more than 24 hours.

In Russia, under Communism, all consumer goods industries are rigidly restricted. The standard of living is held at low levels as a matter of government policy.

GREAT FALLS, MONT., LEADER:

"Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois is engaged in his annual effort to save the country some money. As usual, he isn't getting anywhere. Except, of course, that he is proving once more that the nation's lawmakers who shout so loudly for economy don't really mean it."

"For this embarrassing persistence, Douglas is not rewarded, either by success or the love of his fellow Democratic senators. But he is honored by people outside of congress who welcome his display of energy and integrity."



CENTRALIZED CONTROL

Favorable comment has been made in many sections on the address of K. T. Keller, president of the Chrysler Corporation, made last month before the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce at Minneapolis, Minn. In the days when we are leaning more and more toward socialistic thinking, the last four paragraphs of Mr. Keller's talk may be significant and here they are:

"The country needs more than ever to have the free play of individual judgments, especially in business. We need the active making of decisions by many brains, all forming their own guesses, judgments and plans. Especially we need to avoid being swept by collective programs into collective conclusions. By these, great groups follow like sheep in one pattern of behavior, and individuals relax their vigilance because others are doing the same. When instead men make their own decisions, individual errors not only can be offset by the successes of others, but can be retrieved quickly by individual action. The early successes of many forms of collective action may seem tempting at times, but mass errors are disastrous in their impact, both on the economy as a whole and on the individual."

"These are times for straight thinking."

"For a business man, certainly, the nearest thing to security is in keeping his judgment sharpened by constant use in weighing facts and making decisions, running his business every day—living it."

"It is a great privilege. It is a great privilege for all of us to have the opportunity to meet it."

START CUTTING

The country has been told that the international situation makes it necessary to place this nation on a semi-military basis, and that taxes on both individuals and industries must be substantially raised to foot the bill.

Under those circumstances, the people of the United States, who will do the paying, are certainly entitled to demand that wasteful and non-essential governmental spending be eliminated, and that our domestic affairs be conducted with rigorous economy.

But, if the planners have their way, that will not be done. We will go merrily on, throwing away billions at home, even while we spend incredible sums on our armed forces and in assistance to the anti-Soviet block of nations.

NON HOARDER

— A Medford woman, as reported by Mail-Tribune, gave a classic retort when urged to buy up sugar, fats, tires, other products likely to be made hard-to-get-by the war. Said she: "No. I don't think I will. The communists are doing a good enough job creating shortages without my helping them."

Washington Letter

by Harris Ellsworth Representative, 4th Dist.

The propaganda line regarding the request for economic controls sent to Congress by the President was that he had asked for only "limited controls." I note that idea has been generally accepted by nearly everyone as a fact. I have not altered my own opinion one whit regarding the President's Control Bill, H.R. 9176. It places more power in the hands of the President than he ever should have under any circumstances. It was strange, however, the way the "limited controls" propaganda angle back-fired. Apparently the Administration idea was to soothe the people and not excite them. But the people of America are too keen to fall for such pap. The immediate reaction to the request for the alleged limited controls plan ran something like this: "Freeze everything and control everything or don't control anything. We want no favorites played off this time."

Seemingly stunned by this unexpected roar, the President and his Congressional leaders forthwith presented the House with a bill calling for price control, wage control and rationing.

If the situation is viewed calmly there really is no reason for enacting a law placing economic control in the hands of the President if our military action is confined to Korea. Existing war powers, which are still in force, plus requisitioning powers carried in the Selective Service Act are ample to meet any problem arising from the Korean trouble. Unfortunately, there is general world tension. It

seems we must hope for the best and be prepared for the worst.

The shortage of freight cars is causing industries to close down and considerable unemployment in Oregon now. The situation may become worse before improvement begins. One substantial glimmer of hope comes from the fact that the freighter builders have recently received orders for 100,000 new freight cars. These cars will be paid for and owned by some large insurance companies as investments. They will be leased to the railroads. I have not heard that the Southern Pacific Railroad will receive any of these cars now being produced. I hope, however, that if the S.P. does not take any of the financed cars it will order some of its own.

Incidentally, the car shortage is not local to western Oregon now. A letter to me from the head of the Bureau of Service of the Interstate Commerce Commission recently carried this sentence in the concluding paragraph: "We are facing one of the worst country-wide car shortages in my experience and it is not improving, and will not for some time, if at all." That is pretty discouraging but one thing is certain, we cannot let the transportation system of this county bog down for lack of freight cars. The government can and will build some freight cars if that becomes necessary.

The House has passed an economic control bill. Although somewhat amended on the floor it is still a "blank check" placed in the hands of the President. Originally the President asked broad powers to control the industries and credit of the country but said nothing about curbing rising retail prices. In other words, he asked for power to do things he did not actually need to do but avoided the

Letters to the Editor

To the Citizens of Cottage Grove: Within a week residents of this area will receive a letter from the Oregon Wildlife Federation asking for support in the work the organization is doing. Before you pigeonhole this request as just another cause, give a little thought to what the federation has done for you in the past, is doing for you now, and is planning for the future.

Most of us are familiar with that part of conservation that has to do with sports afield. The reorganization of the game commission, the increase in the number of enforcement officers, the prevention of future tithings on hunting and fishing license monies—are just a few of the victories won by the Oregon Wildlife Federation at the 1949 session of the State Legislature.

The federation's legislative expense for 1949 was in excess of \$8,000. It took a year of effort to raise even this small amount from the 400,000 licensed fishermen and hunters of the state. It is evident that only a very small percentage of this number supplied the funds which were used for the benefit of all.

Buying a hunting and fishing license does help in supporting the work of the game commission but it does not help in the fight to get those things done that the sportsman wants and needs. It is not just that both the work and the finance come from a small segment of our sportsmen.

But there is a great deal more in the conservation picture than hunting and fishing. These are the dividends received for the effort and money spent on the main work. The master plan of the Oregon Wildlife Federation is the CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES. Natural resources are the wealth of the country; those things that make it possible for you to feed, clothe and house yourself and family. Without these resources there would be no jobs, no food, no future.

The much talked of American way of life is nothing but an exceedingly high standard of living made possible by our vast supply of natural resources. But our resources are dwindling while our population is increasing. This can lead to one end unless every one of us assumes a share of the conservation burden, a lowered standard of living.

Remember this when you receive your letter from the Oregon Wildlife Federation. A little from many can accomplish a great deal more than a lot from a few.

The federation is fighting to guarantee your future. Surely you can do something to help.

Sincerely,
John M. Hayes
Finance Manager
Oregon Wildlife Federation

question of controlling prices and wages. The Senate will quite likely approve a bill similar to the one passed by the house. The final version will empower the President to control prices and wages and begin rationing.

Since the end of World War II the President and the left-wingers in Congress have fought long and hard, first to keep the war-time controls, then to put them back on. They fought against the removal of OPA. They succeeded in passing the obnoxious Housing act of 1946 which is better known as the Wilson Wyatt housing expiditer law. The utter failure of that control law brought its repeal in the first month of the 80th Congress to the relief of everyone.

But the President still demanded economic control power. His request was refused by the 80th Congress. He called a special session of Congress July 26, 1948 and again demanded control power which was refused.

Re-elected, and again in control of Congress, the President renewed his request for economic dictatorship. Although the Spence bill embodying his demands has been pending since this Congress convened January 3, 1949, the President has not had a rubber stamp majority. The Spence bill was not considered until the outbreak of war in Korea. Immediately a revised and much more sweeping control bill was taken up and will become law.

Most of those of us who normally oppose economic controls over our free country felt compelled to vote for the bill—not because of the war in Korea but because there seems to be a genuine possibility of much more serious conflict in the near future. It seems to be a principle accepted by nearly everyone that we cannot fight a major conflict without rigidly controlling our free economy. So we are going back to the OPA day. I don't like it and I don't think anyone else will, but the people have repeatedly voted into office the Administration which has blundered us into the present war situation.

Tests show that a field forage harvester is the fastest way to harvest grass for silage and hay. Minnesota tests showed it took only half as long to harvest an acre of hay with the field harvester as with the loose hay loader.



With the Granges

HEBRON GRANGE NEWS

Hebron Grange will meet Saturday, August 19, at 8 p.m. Further plans will be made at that time for the carnival to be held on the grange grounds Friday, Aug. 2.

Melvie St. Elmo, H.E.C. chairman, asked members to bring fruit and vegetables for the display table for this meeting. The serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sibley and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Yearous. Please bring pic.

The next I.L.C. meeting will be Tuesday, August 22, at the Dale Harris home with Ida Mae and Margaret Harris and Zula Hansen as hostesses. Anyone having quilt blocks should turn them in.

All members are asked to prepare their grain exhibits for the South Lane County Fair display.

DORENA GRANGE H.E.C.

Visiting among the Granges provided plenty of fun and pleasure on Tuesday last week, when 8 ladies from the Four Oaks Grange H.E.C. came to Dorena Grange for their scheduled visit. After a potluck luncheon provided by the Dorena ladies, a well balanced program was presented by Four Oaks club, which consisted of group singing, readings and games.

A special meeting is planned for Sept. 25 for preparations for the fair. It is hoped there will be a generous turnout so that all arrangements can be completed.



LOS ANGELES, CALIF.:

Los Angeles barber shop owners, by mutual agreement, have raised prices. Hair cuts are now \$1.25, which is an all-time high in "clipping."

HONOLULU, T.H.:

Because of the variety of climates, many people think Mt. Mauna Loa is tailor-made for a gigantic botanical garden.

It is proposed that an aerial tramway be built to the project, so people could see and enjoy, as well as care for the thousands of shrubs, grasses and plants which would grow there but nowhere else.

DENVER, COLO.:

Duncan Hines, the gourmet-guy who puts the hex or okey on U. S. eateries, has now gone commercial.

Besides being a partner in the Hines-Park Foods, Inc., of Ithaca, N. Y., he now has his own patented ice cream formula. Last week he let exclusive franchisees to a few lucky people in the Denver area.

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA:

Visiting Chamber of Commerce big shots from Portland, Oregon, had Leverett Richards, aviation editor of The Oregonian, in the party. Lev is one of the few—if not the only—sky-writers on a metropolitan daily who actually is an aviator himself.

Note: Last year during the weeks the Oregonian was strike-bound Lev got a job flying for a local air cargo outfit.

GOLDENDALE, WASH.:

We've heard a lot about states' rights. Now we'll hear something about county rights, while Klickitat county commissioners court battle it out with the State of Washington over who owns the 21,000 acres taken over by the state forest board in 1937.

VALE, ORE.:

The Malheur Enterprise published a scholarly treatise entitled "Many Pointers Given on How to Repel Descending Restless Roving Relatives" which represented a great deal of thought and research.

After careful study, we conclude that among the dozen helpful hints such as nailing up a "Small Pox" quarantine sign, that the idea of badgering them to undertake jobs like plumbing, painting, canning, etc., was the best. The moral of the story is save up your troublesome tasks like lawn mowing and tree moving and have them on tap when Aunt Gussie arrives.

PENDELTON, ORE.:

They've lassoed Nebraska's Governor Val Peterson for this year's Pendleton Round-up.

The outspoken governor must be easier on horses than trucks. His hobby is carefully calculating the amount of taxes interstate trucking outfits should and don't pay. The bad thing for them is he makes speeches about his findings.

VANCOUVER, B. C.:

The traffic lights at busy downtown intersections in Vancouver have a special signal which in reality means "open season for pedestrians."

Oncoming and going traffic is halted in all directions, and the pedestrians cut corners, jaywalk or negotiate double crossings according to their whims.

Then the light changes, and the pedestrians stay still while the cars have their day.

Alaska is served by the Alaska railroad, river boat services, four steamship companies, and 35 airline carriers.

Mrs. Walter Dowens, 33F11

Mr. Morley Mace of Iceland visited last week at the home of his sister, Mrs. Herman Kanel.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rigby, St. Helens, Ore., visited last week end at the Kanel and Basel Kyel homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Mosby and son of Klamath Falls visited Sunday at the home of Mrs. Marguerite Mosby.

Those attending the Kanel-Bern wedding recently were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kanel and son Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Kyel.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Horn, Longview, Wash., visited this week at the Clarence Peterson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ketcherside and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dodge attended the wedding of Peggy Ketcherside and Wilbur Dodge in Eugene Saturday.

A party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Layng Monday evening, Aug. 14, honoring the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Erle Thomas. The evening was spent taking flash pictures and visiting. A two tiered wedding cake, ice cream, coffee and punch were served to the guests. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Erle Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Layng and Walda Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Snauer, Dean and John, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Layng, Mrs. Geo. Layng, Mrs. Curtis Annand, Donald and Claude, Vicki Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Layng, Darlene, Duwayne and Donna.

Leo Layng, Vicki Monroe, Dean Lebow and Rosemary Hanks motored to Umpqua Beach Sunday. They went by way of Reedsport and returned home by way of Roseburg, Salmon and Ling cod were being caught in abundance on the Umpqua they reported.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Layng and Mr. and Mrs. Erle Thomas spent the week end at the Umpqua beach fishing. They report a good catch and nice warm weather.

A bridal shower will be held at the Layng picnic ground, Aug. 18 for Vicki Monroe, bride-elect of Leo Layng.

Mrs. Delbert Benston was hostess at a bridal shower, Aug. 9 for Peggy Jean Ketcherside, at the home of her mother, Mrs. Amos Ketcherside. Contest games were played and the rest of the evening was spent viewing the gifts. Cake jello and ice tea were served to 10 guests. Miss Ketcherside is the bride elect of Wilbur R. Dodge.

Mrs. R. H. Cox and niece, Janell Whitehead were hostesses for a bridal shower, honoring Peggy Jean Ketcherside, Aug. 4. The afternoon was spent socially. The honor guest received many lovely gifts and refreshments of sandwiches, pickles, potato chips and iced tea were served to 18 guests.

Charlotte Layng and Erle Thomas were married Aug. 11 at 8 o'clock at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Hutchison.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd G. Cook of San Francisco, surprised his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cook last Tuesday and Wednesday with a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beach of Eugene, former residents, visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Aken and family left Thursday for a vacation trip to Arkansas visiting friends and relatives.

Fifteen ladies of the Mount View vicinity met at the school house Wednesday and dressed out 100 chickens for the school cafeteria. These were put in the freezer.

Mrs. Curtis Amand of Bremerton, Wash., arrived Wednesday for an extended visit with her mother, Mrs. George Layng. She will also visit with other friends and relatives while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Damon Locke and Sheryl of Salem were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. Locke's aunt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dowens.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Gillispie,

Kathleen and Stephen spent the week end at Bend and Redmond on business and visiting Mr. Gillispie's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gillispie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Duerst of Troutdale returned home last Friday after a visit with Mrs. Duerst's mother, Mrs. George Layng.

Mrs. Elmer Mason had the misfortune to cut her hand with an axe. It was necessary for it to be sewed up by a doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemert of Cottage Grove have bought the W. Duncan home (the pink house) and will move in shortly.

W. T. Hudson of Wenatchee, Wash., stopped briefly at the home of his brother, Ted Hudson, Saturday. He was on his way to San Francisco to attend the convention of Disabled American War Veterans.

Mrs. H. C. Duer was an all-day visitor at the home of Mrs. Elmer Mason on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Tanner and Sharon left on a vacation trip last Tuesday. They visited Diamond and Crater lakes and relatives at Medford, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Anderson and family of Bethel were all day guests at the home of Mrs. Anderson's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Seaver.

Mrs. Edwina Edwin Voss, R. M. Seaver, L. K. Brumfield and Louis Dodge all attended the committee meeting of the South Lane County fair last Tuesday in Cottage Grove. Mrs. Voss and Seaver are on 4-H club work. Mrs. Dodge is on the pastry committee and Mrs. Brumfield on Hobbies. Any one wishing a premium list may get one from Mrs. Seaver, as she has several extra ones.

K. C. Watkins of the county assessor's office was in the community last week reassessing land. This means more taxes. Most of us have holes in the bottom of our pockets now from constantly digging deeper. I have never patched a pocket in my life, but it seems I'm about to learn.

Dinner guests at the L. K. Brumfield home Wednesday were Mrs. George Layng, Mr. and Mrs. Amos and Donald and Claude, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brumfield, C. B. Sears and Andy Sears Jr. were dinner guests at the Ernest Lebow cabin on Mosby creek, Friday evening.

24 ladies of the Grange met at the Grange hall last Wednesday and dressed out 100 chickens. These are to be used at the Lane County fair for the dinners the ladies sell each year.

Mrs. L. K. Brumfield entertained in honor of her husband's birthday with several friends in for dinner Saturday evening. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lebow of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Norb Simmons and Roy of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sears, C. B. Sears and Andy Sears Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Brumfield, C. B. Sears, and Andy Sears Jr. motored to Redmond and Bend Sunday by way of the McKeKnie pass. They visited the Petersen gardens and came home by way of the Santiam highway.

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You know, it is an old southern custom to celebrate Christmas with fireworks. I don't know why—maybe a throw back to the old Chinese custom to scare evil spirits away—could be as I have seen some might evil spirits there—(quart size).

Anyway, quite often as an economy—more in promoting excitement, we would make a sox yarn ball, soak it in kerosene, set it on fire then play ball with it (after dark).

Much better than a sparkler, but you sure couldn't hold it long. Your immediate reaction would be to get rid of it. Well, that is the kind of game the members of the U. S. congress are playing. Orr (as usual) unpreparedness and cause of the Korean war being the hot ball. No one wants to hang on to it. Republicans toss it to the Democrats—they in turn toss it back.

In tossing the old Kerosene ball each participant gradually becomes sooted up so each and everyone of those birds in Congress becomes smeared as they toss.

Our opinion is that they are mostly self opinionated (you spell it), political wind bags, puffed up with their self importance who strut, prance and crow and otherwise cut a wide swath until an emergency arises, then they find their principal entertainment is flapping around their shoe tops.

The answer is to elect men who are more interested in what they can do for their country instead of what the country can do for them, who are more interested in attaining efficiency than obtaining publicity.

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