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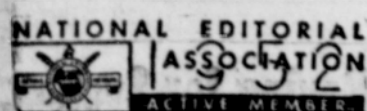
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Nary an Original Thought

Dr. A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State College, expressed an idea that might be interpreted even as a plea, as he spoke briefly to an Oregon news conference in Corvallis recently.

He had come from a meeting of "the big wheels" of the campus. They had gathered to plan events and iron out problems, these so-called "rods." They were meeting in Dr. Strand's back yard. In fact he hurried away from that meeting to greet briefly the newsmen as they sat at the downtown hotel at lunch.

The same old problems of youth, their dances, athletic events, and so forth, their usual campus problems, came up at the meeting of the "wheels," Dr. Strand said. They seemed interested in thinking of ways to promote "spirit" among groups on the campus.

But what he really said was there was not an original thought in the lot. The same small and unimportant issues came up. Campus leaders were probably more interested in the coming rush week than in world affairs, more interested in the football team's prospects than in defense for the world against foreign idealisms.

"An original thought on any campus today is rare, indeed," Dr. Strand indicated. In classrooms students sit and absorb what the professor has to say. Some disagree with what he says, but few bother to say so.

"A student should stand up for what he believes, should disagree with professors," Dr. Strand said. He indicated this was a healthy attitude.

"Of course we do not want our students to become the rabble rousers they are in Europe," he said. "We don't want them to carry banners, but we just ask for some original thought once in a while."

I have been thinking about what Dr. Strand said. He could have been talking about America as a whole, not just the students of Oregon State's campus. He could even have been talking about the newsmen gathered there, although they as a group are perhaps more aware and more conscious of world and local problems than any other group.

Apathy is what defeated parts of the world in recent wars. Apathy today in many countries is allowing strange philosophies to gain footholds. Original thoughts indeed are the spark of American life, so let us all take Dr. Strand's advice and come up with some. (JHG)

What the Industrial Survey Means

The public having become "survey conscious" probably has a faint idea what the Lane county industrial survey means. If you guessed that we should have more diversification in our industry, 85 percent of which is supplied by lumber, you guessed right. A synopsis of the result of the survey by Stuart P. Walsh of San Francisco, published last week confirms this fact. Statistics submitted by Mr. Walsh also show that the importance of lumbering will decrease as time goes on. Such a conclusion is logical because sooner or later we will have to slow up on our lumber cutting because in the course of time government agencies will control most of the logging and the government will insist on a sustained yield basis of operation.

The report of Mr. Walsh, however, won't do us much good unless we do something about it and perhaps follow out some of the suggestions made for encouraging new industry. Locally we have not cashed in on some of the new industries or perhaps been as fortunate as some of our neighboring cities. The advantage of having cheap sites to offer has about disappeared we understand in the favored localities, but these localities have the advantage of us, because they are still willing to go after the prospects and have a helpful organization behind them.

What this town needs is to forget about making the Chamber of Commerce into a luncheon club, where for the past 30 years members have felt they have discharged their obligation to the community by attending the luncheon. What is needed more than anything else is making the Chamber of Commerce into a community organization that will give some direction to organization and start a small sinking fund for expenses incidental to the location of new industry, or at least make a pass in this direction so we might feel hopeful of eventually interesting some small industries.

Many officers of the Chamber including the present president, Art Schaefer, feel about as we do about the past activities of this organization, and believe that the Chamber should be expanded to include such activities as aid in locating industries with some funds to back up committees. It is true that committees of this sort have been appointed, but if called on would have had to work without any funds to speak of.

If we hope to participate in new things coming our way, we must prepare for them. What we need is to set a financial goal and shoot for it. There has been a lot of wishful thinking on occasions around the luncheon table, but we should not expect too much from a civic organization where the members spend more for eats than they pay out for dues.

Future of the Oldster

By 1960 there will be 15,500,000 persons 65 years of age or over in the United States, compared with 11,000,000 in 1950 and only 3,000,000 at the turn of the century. How will this rising tide of oldsters affect the economy?

According to John Forrest, financial editor of the New York Times, and Evelyn Colby, a close student of retirement plans, there will be no mass slow-down by this group from an active business life to an idle one of coupon clipping or cashing Social Security checks. Not, at least, if Forrest and Colby have their way, for they outline scores of careers in their new book "Ways and Means to Successful Retirement" that will help the aged to keep tuned up, contented and productive.

Besides surveying the economics of the problem, Forrest dwells at considerable length on psychological factors. Since only 13 out of 100 persons will have more than \$5,000 in liquid assets at retirement, and maximum monthly Social Security payments now amount to only \$80, many will need to keep on working. Moreover, the inner drives that carried these people through a lifetime can't accept the idea of sudden idleness. Suggestions for less strenuous and more interesting careers form much of the text. The field of opportunities and the financial budgeting necessary to make the twilight years harmonious are exhaustively treated.



Issues Affecting Schools

Several measures, all affecting the public schools in one way or another, will be before the voters in the November 4 elections. Since school measures affect our youth, it is important that they be considered carefully.

The measure that is getting the most publicity and talk is the school organization issue. The Holy report was the basis for school reorganization, adopted by the state legislature. It, briefly, will provide for a unified school district, with one school board. Central planning for use of buildings and staff and central purchasing are said to be benefits.

According to some school officials only about two of the 16 schools in the Cottage Grove area would be eliminated, and these two are said to be substandard, anyway. In answer to the cry that the large centers would control the board, it has been stated that school board jobs are hard to fill. No one seems to clamor for them. And so the rural areas, supporting their candidates all out, would be represented.

The Grange has said that the act would eliminate all local control of schools. The school parents' groups and boards could not function on local problems. Perhaps this is true. However, they could surely function very well through their board member duly elected to the central board who would come up at board meetings with local problems.

The groups in the rural areas supporting the schools could still do so in many ways.

The argument used that children would have to go long distances to school probably would not actually work out. Actually, according to some officials, children would be shifted to schools nearest their homes.

The next bill affecting schools most is the act to limit state property tax. Actually, this is a fooler. There has been no state property tax levied for 13 years. It would add rather than take away, although it says it would be limited to six mills.

Actually, educators say, this measure might repeal basic school support and throw it upon the property owners in the local communities. Under the law it might become impossible for the state to use income taxes or other sources for the schools. Six mills would raise only about \$10 million, whereas basic support requires \$30 million.

The amendment making the superintendent of public instruction appointive would work out if the board of education, which makes the appointment, is not packed by the governor. The board is now selected by the state's head. Supporters of the amendment say that appointments would take the office out of politics and enable a more efficient man to be named. This may be true, if the board itself is a good one.

The amendment to establish a new tax base is supported by those progressive citizens who realize that needs of schools and cities have long ago outgrown the 6 per cent limitation. For years citizens have had to vote on the amount exceeding the limitation in budget elections. Under a new tax base this might not be necessary.

Opponents will say that they want the privilege of voting, and they may be right. Another argument against it is that the tax base would not become effective until the following year, and by that time it would be necessary to vote on a new one. With the growth in population and in times of inflation it is indeed hard to determine what a just tax base would be. (JHG)

Who Said That?

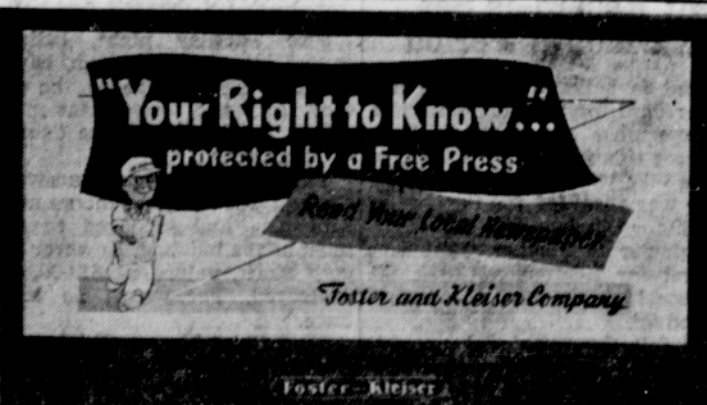
Twenty years ago a presidential candidate wrote: "For one reason or another, even a wisely led political party, given long tenure of office, finally fails to express any longer the will of the people, and when it does so fail to express the will of the people, it ceases to be an effective instrument of party government. It is far better for such a political party, certainly better for the state, that it should be relegated to the role of the critic and that the opposing political party should assume the reins of government." The speaker: Franklin D. Roosevelt. The time: The 1932 presidential campaign.

An estimated five million blind persons in the Near East, India, Southeast Asia and Africa will be aided by a new Braille alphabet developed at a recent UNESCO conference.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.—Christ Jesus

The purpose firm is equal to the deed.—Edward Young

YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW



People in the far west are reminded by this outdoor poster that their rights to news are being preserved by a free press. Newspapers protect not only freedom of speech but also the free access to information. An outdoor advertising company has contributed 400 posters and space for a 60-day period in Washington, Oregon, California and Arizona to assist the newspapers in observing National Newspaper Week, October 1 to 8.

H. S. Driver Course Lessens Accidents, Official Says Here

William Healy, of Salem, assistant secretary of state, was the guest speaker at the program hour of the Cottage Grove Lions club last Thursday.

Although Mr. Healy's topic was on reorganization of the state government, he made one significant statement at the close of his talk on pointing to the lessening of auto accidents. He said in 1949 the secretary of state's office decided to keep a record of 10,000 high school pupils, 5,000 of whom had taken driving courses in the high schools and 5,000 who did not. On the first check of this plan, it was found that the number of high school drivers who had no driving training had over twice as many accidents as those who took driving training in the high schools.

Tax Saturation

As proof of the fact that we have about reached the saturation point in the matter of taxes, Mr. Healy cited the income tax revenue payments, saying that a total of \$65,000,000 was received from state income taxes last year, a gain of \$14,000,000 over the previous year, but the records also showed the number of income tax delinquents had increased 38 percent.

Agencies on Increase

State government agencies, like national government agencies, are on the increase, the speaker stated. In 1913 the state of Oregon realized the need for consolidation of agencies. At that time there were ten agencies. By 1935 the number had increased to 81 and by 1950 the number was 126. There are 646 appointees of the governor, he said.

In 1917 Oregon had awakened to the value of consolidation, he stated. In 1939 the state board of education replaced four other boards. In 1935 Gov. Martin appointed an interim committee to study reorganization and in 1937 the committee recommended a department of finance. The 1951 legislature created a department of finance. The next session of the legislature will probably recommend or create a motor vehicle department, and a department of revenue has also been proposed, Healy said.

Mill, Home Mishap Victims Are Treated

Victims of mill, car and home accidents were treated at Cottage Grove hospital this past week. Perry LeRoy Pullen, of Disston route, fractured his right leg when it was hit by a log at the Bohemia Lumber Co. on October 1.

Bob Bailey Jr., of Creswell, received a back injury on the 4th when he was involved in a car accident west of that town.

Charles Akerblad received lacerations of his left index finger at the W. A. Woodard Lumber Co. Monday.

In Car Mishap

Francis Linehan, of Seattle, on Tuesday received forehead and finger lacerations as a result of an accident north of Cottage Grove. The car in which he was riding hit a truck.

Two home accidents involving injuries injured two persons. On the 7th Melvin Eastburn, age 10, injured his left thumb while sharpening a knife. On the 8th Mrs. Lola Marlin cut her left thumb with a butcher knife.

Lettie Crawford, 56, of Dorena, fractured her left wrist on the 8th when she fell at her home.

MIDWIFE KITS GIVEN

TO AID ASIAN MOTHERS The UN's International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) is supplying 2,000 midwife kits to countries in Asia and Latin America where millions of women depend entirely on village midwives.

The kits, weighing about 15 pounds, contain instruments and material needed for modern childbirth and can be strapped to the back for cross-country treks. Watch for a drop in infant mortality rates. The UN scores again!

SEPTEMBER O & C SALES

TOTAL \$1 MILLION FEET Timber sold from the Oregon and California grant lands during September totaled 81,679,000 board feet, and brought \$1,838,528.60. Roscoe Bell, regional administrator of the Bureau of Land Management, has reported at Portland.

The bid price was six percent above the appraisals. Among purchasers in this area was the Wooley Logging Co. of Drain.

TERPIN PUT IN CHARGE

OF COLUMBIA PROJECT Frank E. Terpin has been promoted from transtman in Bend to location engineer at Clatskanie. Terpin studied engineering at the University of Washington and graduated in civil engineering from Oregon State college in 1947. He has worked for the Highway department continuously since that time. Terpin, who is 25, will be in charge of new engineering projects in the lower Columbia River area.

Nothing is denied to well-directed labor, and nothing is ever to be attained without it.

—Sir Joshua Reynolds

Porcupine Damage To Trees Serious

Porcupine damage to trees in the Northwest is reaching serious proportions, it has been reported by Regional Forester J. Herbert Stone, U. S. Forest Service, Portland.

"The continued increase of this rodent with resulting damage to trees in the national forests is a matter which needs immediate attention," the regional forester said. "Our timber resource is too valuable to permit any destruction by porcupines, yet this is happening today. Records reveal that a single porcupine can and often does damage or kill as many as 100 trees during a winter."

Porcupines climb into trees and completely girdle them by eating the bark, killing many trees and damaging others. Hunters would do well to practice their marksmanship on these animals. They can also be eliminated by a blow across the nose. Contrary to the belief of many, the porcupine is not protected by law. He can be killed at any season of the year.

MATTSON IS PROMOTED TO SR. HWY DESIGNER

Howard A. Mattson, Salem, has been promoted from designer to senior designer in the road design section of the State Highway department in Salem.

Mattson received his engineering education at Purdue university and after graduation worked until 1952 as locating party chief for the Indiana Highway department. From 1942 until 1945 he was unit engineer officer with the U. S. Army Engineers. He was designer with the Nevada State Highway department until 1951, and joined the Oregon State highway department in June of that year.

FORESTER TRANSFERRED TO WASHINGTON POST

Richard C. Wilson, a member of the staff of the Pacific Northwest forest and range experiment station at Portland, has been transferred to the Washington, D. C. office of the U. S. forest service, according to an announcement by Robert W. Cowlin, director.

Wilson has been with the station almost continuously since 1946 except for three years military service.

In his new work in the division of forest economics, Wilson will head forest service participation in a cooperative project being undertaken for the U. A. Air Force.

VEHICLE AVERAGE SPEED IS REPORTED AT 49 MPH

The average speed of all highway vehicles during 1951 was 49 miles per hour, according to a report from the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads received at Oregon State Motor Association headquarters recently.

This represents a new high and the first upturn of any account since 1948, says HPR. The corresponding average speed in 1950 was 47.

Broken down according to vehicle types, the national averages are as follows: All vehicles—49 mph, passenger cars—50.2 mph, trucks—44.2 mph, and buses—51.3 mph.

PORTLAND MAN IS NAMED RESIDENT BRIDGE ENGR.

John O. Petty, Portland, has been promoted from structural inspector to resident bridge engineer in Portland. Petty, 25, attended Oregon State college and the University of Oregon and graduated in 1949, at which time he came to work for the Highway department. His new position will involve responsibility for assigned structural projects in the Portland area.

ROSEBURG HIGHWAY MAN PROMOTED TO ENGINEER

Carroll T. Keasey, 27, of Roseburg, has been promoted from senior draftsman to division office engineer in Roseburg. Keasey graduated from Oregon State college in Civil Engineering in 1949 and went to work for the Highway department on a full time basis at that time. He worked summers for the Highway department while attending college.

How far can \$1 go? The U.N. Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) feeds nine children a meal a day for a month with one dollar; or it can vaccinate 24 children against TB with the same sum.



Young Jimmy Waldzak, after giving it all he had for a mile down the track, gets pulled aboard by Ike. Scene is Bay City, Michigan, and General Eisenhower is introducing Jimmy to the crowd. Hand on head, Jimmy is collecting his wits, or more probably, his wind.

Martha J. Eastham Baby Gibson

Funeral services were held for Martha Jane Eastham at Mills Mortuary at 10 a.m. Monday, October 6. F. Sherwood Smith officiated. Interment was in the Protestant cemetery at Banks, Oregon.

Mrs. Eastham passed away at her home, 336 North H street, Thursday, October 2, at the age of 65. She was born January 30, 1887, at Oneida, Tenn., the daughter of John and Nellie Owen. She was married at Oneida in 1904 to J. M. Eastham, who survives her. She had been an inmate of Cottage Grove since 1924, coming from Westport.

Mrs. Eastham was a member of Gibbs Avenue Church of Christ, the Cottage Grove Rebekahs and the Women's Relief Corps.

Besides her husband, survivors include two daughters: Mrs. Ida Webb of Portland and Mrs. Marie Schroeder of Gold Beach.

Clara Bell Perry

Clara Bell Perry of 88 North River Road, passed away at the home of her son in Springfield on Wednesday, October 1, at the age of 76. She was born October 30, 1875, at Halsey, the daughter of John T. and Agnes Morgan McNeil. In February, 1891, she was united in marriage to Warren G. Perry at Halsey. He passed away January 3, 1933. Mrs. Perry had resided in Cottage Grove intermittently since 1911 when they moved here from Shedd. She was an active member in the Assembly of God church.

She is survived by one son, Orrie W. Perry of Springfield; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mills Mortuary at 2 p.m. Friday, October 3, with the Rev. E. W. White officiating. Interment was in Pine Grove cemetery near Halsey.

Benjamin Prince

Ben Prince, 48, of 827 South Sixth street, passed away at the local hospital Wednesday, October 1, following injuries received in the woods.

He was born in Toledo, Wash., August 5, 1904 and came to Cottage Grove with his parents in 1911, where he has since made his home. He was married April 14, 1952, to Bessie Crippen at Winnemucca, Nevada. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Cottage Grove lodge No. 2091. Survivors are his wife and his mother, Mrs. Hulda Prince, both at home, and a sister, Mrs. Stella Smith, of Auburn, Wash.

Funeral services were held at the Smith Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove Saturday, October 4, at 2 p.m., with interment in the IOOF cemetery. Rev. William Suterlin officiated.

Martha J. Eastham Baby Gibson

Graveside services were held Tuesday, October 7, at the Walker cemetery for Sharon Louise Gibson, one day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Gibson of route 1, Cottage Grove, who passed away at the local hospital Sunday, October 5.

Besides her parents she is survived by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordinier, and Mrs. Deava Gibson of Silverton, Ore. The Smith funeral chapel was in charge.



Seems like all the political figures have been touring and speechifying lately. You'd think it'd be easier to stay home and saturate the nation with their personalities over TV or radio. But you can't kiss babies over the kilocycles. It's like eating at the automat... the personal touch is missing.

So the candidates took to the rails, where they can get kneedeep in folks who'll give them a thorough ticket to the White House, or detour them for four years. Well, win, lose or draw, they've seen America the hard way, and it'll probably be a relief to stay in one spot long enough to finish a speech.

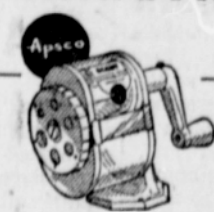
A Dutch emigrant about to sail from Holland to New Zealand canceled passage with the excuse that his mother and sister hadn't finished knitting his socks. Sounds like he had cold feet. For good reasons, we don't believe in cold feet or sore feet. In fact, we have a cure for both these ailments. Get yourself a good used car. We have the best buys in town... guaranteed... and easy low payment terms at HANSEN BROS., 5th & Washington. Phone: 760.

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