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Happy Birthday!

Meeting in Philadelphia on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress adopted a resolution declaring that "the Flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constellation."

Tradition says that the first Stars and Stripes was made by Betsy Ross, of Philadelphia, at the request of George Washington. A contemporary description said that the stars of the flag "represent a new constellation rising in the West."

Not a legal holiday in any of the states, June 14, is, however, marked generally throughout our land by the schools and by patriotic organizations as the birthday of our national emblem, in exercises which feature the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Are Cities Suffering From a Blight?

Small cities have problems much on the order of large ones and it's rather heartening to note that many of the larger cities are not suffering from the blight, which causes the decay of the business district. A series of articles published in a national magazine, following a survey of several larger cities, confirms this fact.

A few cities have been fortunate enough to retain the center of the shopping district just where it started. Others have seen the business centered in one section of the business district or the other. The secret of retaining the business is a program of modernization and city planning.

Often business move one block down or a few blocks up because the owners of the business houses in the original shopping district refuse to modernize their store buildings. Good buildings are relegated to the background when the owner of the building or the heirs, who have inherited the building, think only in terms of returns in dollars and cents and refuse to modernize or keep up the building.

Of course city planning to regulate the usage of the building and the traffic helps too. The small town faces the same problem in seeing the shopping go elsewhere for lack of modernization or select stock of goods.

In This Corner We Have . . .

Lots of people have lots of ideas concerning the differences between Democrats and Republicans. We have our own ideas on this matter, too, but we were amused in the definition of differences as prepared by Eric Sevareid, a CBS commentator. Sevareid has a television show called "The American Week" which is televised into this area.

Unfortunately, we missed the program whereon he told his collective personality differences. But John Crosby, a most literate critic of radio and television, did not. Crosby's column appears in papers throughout this nation. His home roost is in New York City with the Herald-Tribune and his column "Radio and Television," is syndicated to other publications through the HT's syndicate.

Anyway—herewith we quote Mr. Crosby who is quoting Mr. Sevareid. Are you with us?

"Republicans are more dignified; Democrats are more lusty; Republican pleasures are quieter; Democrats have more fun. Republicans are more consciously respectable; Democrats would rather hate themselves in the morning. Democrats have more unsavory characters in their ranks; and Republicans more stuffed shirts in theirs. Republicans enjoy prosperity; Democrats find it slightly dull. Out of power and on the hunt, Democrats close their ranks; in power they lacerate each other. Democrats like the doing of a thing; Republicans like it when it's done. Republicans are self-righteous about their purposes; Democrats are self-righteous about their achievements."

Perhaps some of you have opinions that differ with Sevareid's. Seems like there should be some. (L.O.)

Sometimes We Wonder

Last issue we ran a short story concerning the appointment of the joint budget committee of the Lane County Chest and the Eugene Community Chest. We have only one question. That is, "Why, when it is a committee of the Lane COUNTY chest and the Eugene community chest and has 14 members, was only one representative named from Cottage Grove and Junction City and none from Oakridge?" Two were named from Springfield. The remainder named were from Eugene. Looking at the picture we have pause to wonder about adequate countywide representation. (L.O.)

Lay That Lawnmower Down, Son!

There's good news this week for those long-suffering souls, the pushers of lawn mowers. According to many horticulturists an amazingly large percentage of home owners make their mistake and ruin their lawns by cutting themTOO SHORT!

A close shaved lawn may look well temporarily, say the horticulturists, but for most types of grasses the cut should be kept high—never less than one inch! This report has been confirmed by long, continued experiments at Kansas State college which advises an extreme cutting height of three inches for ideally grown Blue Grass lawn.

Why the long grass? In order to permit your lawn to grow and root better, say the experts. The longer grass blades aid in obtaining uniform greenness and fewer weeds because the grass has a better opportunity to send down longer roots, thus permitting a thicker, more luxuriant growth.

Also, say the experts, leave the grass clippings on the lawn except during wet wether or whenever they are heavy enough to mat and prevent the sun from reaching the turf. Small clippings form a protective mulch and work into the ground providing more humus. It has been estimated that the combined length of clippings removed from a single blade of grass during a mowing season is about 36 inches.

If you think the Kansas State recommendations of three inches is too long, here's a cutting guide used by many professional gardeners which takes into account the weather variations during the summer months: March to May, cut to one inch; May to July, cut to one and a half inches; July to September 15, cut to two inches; September 15 to late October, cut to one inch; late October, cut to two inches, then retire your mower for the winter.

—Newberg Graphic

The pressure group, and the highly organized minority, often exert more influence than the unorganized majority.
—The Yazoo City (Miss.) Herald

House Approves Social Security Amendments

Letter From Washington

By Harris Ellsworth
Representative, Fourth District

In one afternoon the House debated, passed and sent to the Senate a long and complicated bill containing amendments to the Social Security Act. The rule, adopted by the House before the bill was brought up for consideration, was what is called a "closed rule" which meant that the House membership as a whole had no opportunity to amend the bill. The House could only vote to approve or disapprove the bill as written by the ways and means committee.

As a matter of principle I simply do not like that way of handling a bill on the floor. As a matter of practical fact though I know that some legislation is so technical and so complicated that amendments offered without the benefit of committee and expert study are far more likely to seriously damage a bill than improve it. In other words, in a case of this kind I think the House can pass a better bill by backing the judgement of the 25 members of the ways and means committee who are specialists in the subject and who have the help of a fine staff of experts, than to attempt to write such a bill on the floor.

It should be noted in connection with this discussion, however, that the decision to take up the bill and pass it without opening it to amendment on the floor was made by the House membership itself with an overwhelming majority on a rollcall vote. That vote was not a political or party vote. It represented the considered judgment of the House Members as to how this Social Security bill should be handled.

Outstanding features of the Social Security Bill as passed by the House were these:

1. A total of 10,000,000 eligibles added to Social Security rolls, including 3,600,000 farm operators; 400,000 professional self-employed; 3,500,000 state and local government employees; 1,300,000 farm workers; 250,000 domestics; 250,000 ministers; 150,000 temporary government employes; 100,000 home workers; 100,000 U. S. workers abroad; 50,000 in fishing industry.

2. Total annual earnings on which benefits would be computed and contributions paid raised from $3,600 to $4,200.

3. Dropping up to five years of lowest or non-existent earnings in figuring average monthly wage for benefit payments.

4. Increasing benefits for 6,300,000 now on rolls by broadening range from $30 to $98.50 per month, compared to $25 to $85 range at present.

5. Beneficiaries can earn as much as $1,000 per year without loss of benefits.

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Representative John Phillips of California writes in a weekly letter which he sends to his Congressional District: "The only tax reductions in the past 40 years have been made while the Congress was under the control of the Republican party; three reductions between World War I and World War II; one more reduction in the 80th Congress, and the one, already made in the present Congress. Each time the reductions were made on sound grounds, and as a result the income of the nation, in the following year, was either equal approximately, or greater than the income of the previous year, due to the job and production increases which followed. This is the difference between a tax reduction bill based on sound financial policy, rather than on political expediency."

Just Between You and Me

By W. C. Martin

Has the Swimming Pool Drive Stalled?

It looked for a time that the swimming pool drive had stalled, but late reports give some cause to feel encouraged. In starting a canvass of the mills in this locality, we hear that quite a few workers have agreed to give at least a day's work toward the pool. If enough people agree to do this, the matter of financing a project of this sort should not prove too difficult.

Too Many People Sit on Hands

When it comes to a community effort of this sort, too many people sit on their hands. The campaign for the swimming pool parallels prettly closely the hospital campaign which was successfully concluded several years ago. The only reason we have a hospital today is that several lumbermen took over after the campaign had bogged down. In the hospital campaign as in the swimming pool campaign, too many people refused to make any effort approaching a financial sacrifice. We have never looked on a project of this sort being an expense in the long run because it makes for better living and better living makes for stable communities.

Location Objectionable?

There are several excuses for not giving to the swimming pool project and the most common is that it is proposed to build the pool on the high school grounds, notwithstanding the fact that the South Lane Recreation is open to consider other locations. Some may not like the present high school administration, but this is a short sighted view because the present administration won't run the school affairs always. Others don't like the high school because they view it as a sort of monopoly, but who do the schools belong to? To invest the amount of money which is proposed and not have someone to look after the upkeep of the property is a foolish move, we think. The high school property is the only location where it would be possible to build such a project and not have a custodian. If we have a custodian for 12 months in the year we are adding to the cost of operation, which will be large enough at best.

What the directors of the project have in mind is a central location, convenient to the most people. Cottage Grove is the center of the South Lane area. Where else could we go to benefit the most people?

The lakes we are fortunate to have near us, were not built for swimming. We have used them, it's true, but at the risk of the health of the swimmers, not to say anything about the four or five drownings we have had in the past few years.

This summer, the swimmers will be transported to Springfield, a rather costly summer recreation program. Most localities the size of ours have swimming facilities. Do not you think it would be nice to forget our excuses and prejudices and help build the swimming pool?

—Guthner Photo

JAYCEE-ETTESARE IN THE SWIM! Recent project of group netted $100 for swim pool drive. Shown presenting $100 bill to chairman of South Lane Recreation, Inc., Mrs. Norman Richards, is Jaycee-ette treasurer Mrs. Leo Roberts. Looking on is organization president Mrs. Bob Bauder.

For a Cleaner America

It is good news that an effort to eliminate litter from the highways, beaches and parks of the United States has at last been seriously undertaken. A non-profit organization established last December, called "Keep America Beautiful," is embarking on a nation-wide campaign to bring the problem to the public notice and promote ways of dealing with it. Having the co-operation of thirty-five national civic organizations and strong support from business and industry generally, K. A. B. is off to a good start.

The dimensions of the problem have already begun to take shape from a survey made by K. A. B. representatives. The collection of litter costs the nation's highway departments annually more than $30 million, a figure that excludes regular garbage-and-trash collections within incorporated cities and towns. Indiana spends $796,000 for example. Illinois, $750,000.

The K. A. B. plans to take certain obvious measures, such as backing strong anti-trash laws and encouraging their enforcement. Its major task, however, is bound to be education of the public in a sense of responsibility for the appearance of highways, parks and beaches. Such areas are not easily kept free from litter, billboards and other blemishes, but they are worth fighting for. The goal, as K.A.B. puts it, is a clean and beautiful America, to be achieved by co-operation from the people who love it.

—New York Herald Tribune

Phoebe Brumfield

Phoebe Foster Brumfield, died Tuesday, June 8, at her home, 718 South First street, at the age of 87. She was the daughter of Martha Elizabeth and William Arthur Foster, born February 22, 1867, at Franklin, Oreg. Phoebe Foster and George Brumfield were married in Eugene October 13, 1890, and moved to Cottage Grove in 1895. Five children survive: Lawrence K., Cottage Grove; Inster T., North Bend; Hazel Scanlon and Ruby Rasmussen, Oakland, Calif., and Beulah B. Ashbrook, Berkeley, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at the Smith Funeral Chapel, at 2 p.m. Friday, with the Rev. Sydney Gaither officiating.

Don't despair of a student if he has one clear idea.
—Nathaniel Emmons

Elks to Picnic Sunday, June 20 Elks Country Club

Cottage Grove Lodge of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will hold its first anual picnic on June 20. The picnic will be held on the grounds of the Elks Country club which is located about two miles east of Goshen on the Willamette Highway.

These grounds are owned by the Eugene Lodge of Elks which has donated the use of them to the local Lodge for the event. "We are indeed fortunate to obtain such fine facilities for our picnic such a short distance from Cottage Grove," says Orlo Bagley, Exalted Ruler, of Cottage Grove Lodge. The grounds can be reached in a few minutes either by way of Goshen on pavement all the way or by crossing the river at Creswell and taking the gravel road to the left which runs right into the Park.

Recreational Facilities

The park is equipped with a concrete wading pool for the youngsters, swings, slides and merry-go-rounds. There are two baseball diamonds, for both hard and softball. In the event of rain a large dance hall with dozens of tables and seating capacity for a large crowd can be used.

Arrangements are in charge of a committee composed of Ray Albee, Bill Hesse, Art Weinkauf, Dr. M. E. Smith and M. C. Kreutz. All Elks, their families and guests are urged to attend. The event is to start at 1 p.m. with a picnic dinner. Each group will bring the essentials for its own dinner but the lodge will furnish hot coffee, cream, sugar and ice cream and soft drinks for the children.

Additional members will be appointed on committees to handle various events and prizes will be awarded to the winners. It is planned to have something doing every minute so all will return home pronouncing the picnic as a higs success.

The civil defense exercise Operation Alert is based on a new equation: The armed forces PLUS civil defense at home EQUALS national survival.

The town of Keene, N. H. claims that its main street—175 feet from curb to curb, is the widest main stem in the world.

Moose Lodge Host To Beaver Legion Second Degree Sunday, June 6

Cottage Grove lodge, Loyal Order of the Moose, was host to the Beaver Legion second degree of the Moose at the local lodge Sunday, June 6.

Legionnaires from surrounding lodges as far north as Salem and as far south as Grants Pass were in attendance. After the regular meeting and installation of new officers and installation of new members, the Legionnaires and their wives enjoyed the social activities presented by the Cottage Grove lodge.

Included in the day's program presented by Ernest Herman, entertainment committee chairman, were two skits. The first skit was given by Irma Cooper and Verna Lakken and was called "Male Trouble." The second skit was by Gov. Art Cooper and Jr. Gov. Jona Reisweg, entitled, "Izzy." Musical entertainment was given by Fred Anderson at the piano and George McQueen at the banjo.

A lovely ham, and pineapple dinner with all the trimmings followed, with dancing for the remainder of the evening with music by Jack Radford and his "Partymakers."

Grove C. Newlun

Grove C. Newlun, 66, died June 2 at Oroville, Calif., after a long illness. He was a long-time resident of Cottage Grove, being employed for years as upholstery man for the Woodson Garage. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Frances Hastings, and granddaughter, Shirley, of Carlsbad, N. M.; a son, Oscar Newlun, Ketchikan, Alaska, and two grandsons, Neil and Bruce of Ketchikan.

Funeral services were held at Oroville.

My Neighbors

By Bill Paulson

"When a nation shifts from war to peace, a few people may get hurt. But it's not from shot and shell!"

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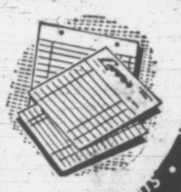

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