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TAFT, MAN OF COURAGE—

History is filled with cases of men who have played a great and vital part in shaping the affairs of a nation and the world who never quite won the plaudits they deserved during the time on earth, but whose place in history shines far brighter than those of many others who were popular favorites on the earthly scene.

Such a one was Sen. Robert A. Taft, of Ohio, whose death last week removed from the American political scene one of the most courageous and sagacious men it has ever known. The magnitude of his contributions to the destiny of this nation and the world were recognized by many during his years of service, but never quite reached the acclaim of the multitudes which would have given to him the highest reward in the hands of the American people, that of president of the United States.

Yet, Bob Taft more than any other one man was the stalwart who time and again saved this nation from diving off the deep end of leftism into the chaotic seas of a socialistic state. Bob Taft stood out for his courage in opposing ideas and philosophies of government which were fraught with grave dangers yet were popular with the masses because they were so avidly touted by others in high places. History undoubtedly will point to Bob Taft as the man who time and again saved us from ourselves. There are many today who sincerely mourn his passing because they have come to realize the full worth of his services and to be thankful that during the trying times of the last 2 decades this nation had among its leadership a statesman of the character of Bob Taft, man of courage.

THE LESSON FROM KOREA—

The truce in Korea is welcomed and accepted by American citizens as the only logical solution to the stalemate which has developed there as a result of the failure of this nation and the United Nations to pursue a determined policy and push through to real victory at the time when that could have been accomplished at the lowest cost in lives and materiel and with the solid backing of the non-communist nations of the world.

The truce is by no means a peace. It is, in fact, a powder keg which could explode at any time and which the communists started the day after the armistice was signed to use as a vehicle of propaganda.

What is worse, the Korean truce has given communists the very opportunities our own state department leaders feared—the time and materiel to bolster communist efforts in Indo China, Burma and Iran. And the communists have lost no time in

making use of these opportunities.

There should be one clear lesson come out of the Korean truce which, in the long pull, may yet save the world from communism and bring peace. That lesson is that we should never again enter into a "police action" or join forces in any attempt to prevent aggression unless and until we have the objective of final and total victory clearly defined and are ready to pursue our course to that end.

The Korean truce points up more clearly than ever the validity of Gen MacArthur's statement that the objective in a war is victory, and if we don't want to fight through to victory, we had better stay out of any type of world police action.

It is a harsh lesson, but one which we must live by in the future. If we again permit communist aggression to draw us into a hot war, we must be prepared to see it through to victory. That is the reason our leaders are so strongly emphasizing the fact that they cannot let our guard down for one minute. As a nation we must continue to be prepared for whatever events the future may bring. It isn't pleasant to contemplate, but it is the plain, blunt truth from which we cannot hide.

PRECAUTION PAYS DIVIDENDS—

Evidence that the continuing program of the Keep Oregon Green Association and numerous other groups to prevent loss from forest fires in Oregon is meeting with marked success is seen in the record for 1952. During last year there were 2,462 forest fires in Oregon which burned only 31,123 acres of trees. That sounds like a pretty bad loss, but in contrast with the 1951 record it shows real progress. During 1951, there were 1,812 fires which burned 153,793 acres, nearly 5 times the amount burned in 1952.

Further evidence of the success of Keep Oregon Green campaigns is noted in the fact that man-caused fires accounted for only about 20 percent of the total number of fires, 651. Of these, 305 were caused by smokers, 204 by persons careless in building or extinguishing campfires and 142 by debris burners.

Even those figures of man-caused fires are too high, but they do indicate that Oregonians are gradually acquiring the habit of being cautious in handling burning materials while traveling through forest areas, on camping, hunting, fishing and vacation trips to forest lands.

The most critical part of the 1953 season is approaching right now. It can be made virtually forest fire free, so far as man-caused burns are concerned, if all of us will practice the precautions which pay huge dividends in conserving our great forest resources. Don't let any forest fire be caused by your carelessness.

From all the comments we hear, it looks like one Earl Newberry will have to get his votes in the state where he made his announcement that he would run for governor of Oregon—and that state wasn't Oregon.

Latest tabulations show that Oregon produced approximately 30 million pounds of strawberries for processing this year. That's 10 percent above the 1952 crop and 56 percent above the 1949-1951 average. That's a fine record in the face of the late season which had a lot of folks worried with fear that the crop would be far below normal.

Flower Show Holds Interest; Children Enter "Post" Contest

Nell Howe is still hobbling around on crutches with her leg in a cast after a recent foot operation. But Nell still gets around. She goes to square dances yes, to do the calling. And she is doing a good job of managing the Garden club's "Carnival of Flowers" which will be held at the Community hall on August 18. She says that she is hoping for good participation in this by the general public, which is invited to attend and to send in entries. She especially hopes for flower entries from children, and from boys who are asked to bring in exhibits of cones and trees.

Enter Contest

Four of our mountain children are entered in a contest to get subscriptions for the Sandy Post. They are George Howe, Welches; Glenda Jenkins, Rhododendron; Judy O'Dea, Cherryville; and George Dodd, Government Camp. Janice Howe worked hard in this contest for the past two years, failing to get her bicycle by about four votes each time. This time the going will be harder, with four contestants; but we mountaineers should get behind our own youngsters and see that they get a bicycle or two and some nice big commissions, at least.

Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris of Wenatche are back home again after spending some time with Walt's brother Bert in Mill City. There was a re-union of the Morris clan in Mill City on August 1, 57 members of the family attending it, coming from Prineville, Portland and Eugene. The clan organized last year, with Albert Morris as president

who now own most of the infested land near Springwater.

In fact these adjoining neighbors have gone to considerable expense to eradicate this threatening weed pest. They removed the line fence separating their properties and placed the infested fence row in cultivation. They have worked together to spray uncultivated areas and George has gone to great expense to clear up an infested area formerly in ferns and seedling fir trees.

"Ragweed plants did not grow to large size in this brushy area," George told us, "until I put it to the plow. Then you should have seen them come." A former badly infested strawberry field, George is summer fallowing. "I have already destroyed three crops of ragweed which volunteered in this field this summer," George continued. "Henry and I have sprayed the bent grass field which is badly infested and we expect to repeat spraying and cultivation so that not one goes to seed." Now it remains for the highway right of way to be sprayed and county weed inspector Adolph Deininger says he is going after it.

How long it will take to obtain complete eradication no one knows for sure. Ragweed seeds may remain in the soil for many years. But with George and Henry behind the program we should eventually achieve this goal.

Outlook Good

Surrounding fields covered with fescue grasses have confined this pest to a relatively small area but members of Springwater Grange are fearful that a few seeds may have gone down the bank to Clear Creek. However, they made a survey last season and found no ragweed plants down there.

Little will hay fever sufferers, and potential sufferers, know what the up and coming Springwater farmers have done to prevent them from spending many miserable days and nights. The general public should be grateful, we think.

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and a sister Lula Beringer as secretary-treasurer. Albert is the son of the Walter Morris.

A very happy day was spent looking over old family pictures, taking new ones, listening to a recital of family history and so forth. This re-union is now an established annual affair. Next year the family will meet with the Walter Morris in Wenatche.

Letter To the Editor

10215 N Mohawk

Portland, Ore.

August 5, 1953

Editor the Sandy Post

Dear Sir:

I am inclosing a money order for my renewal subscription to the best little paper in Oregon. If I were in a position to do so I would send in my subscription right now for five years.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Letha Hale.

Mrs. John Quackenbush of San Francisco, Calif., is visiting this week at the home of her father, C. C. Chase of Sandy.

Guests at the F. R. Averill home last week were the Misses Edith MacDonald and Sylvia Pleckham of Washington, D.C., and Mrs. Frank Daniel of Portland. Mrs. Averill's mother, Miss MacDonald and Miss Pleckham were returning from a trip on the Alaskan highway. While here they enjoyed a trip around the Mt. Hood Loop returning to Sandy by way of the Columbia River highway. They also visited the forestry building in Portland and the Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother.

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OBEY these official Civil Defense	
AIR RAID INSTRUCTIONS	
AIR-RAID ALERT (Immediate attack)	3 minute waiting time in case of alarm
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in the OPEN	Drop to ground or lie face down. Bury face in arms.
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	Obey Wardens. Go to nearest O.K. building or shelter.
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Stay put until the all clear and other instructions.	

Barker's Bugle

Howdy Folks:

No labor saving device yet invented can beat marrying a rich girl.

Overheard in the barber shop: Vic "Say did you have a lot of ketchup for lunch?" Customer: "Nope." Vic: "Then I have cut your throat."

He: "Kiss me!" She: "What? Remember I am a lady." He: "I know it. If I wanted a man I would kiss my father."

It seems that two local boys were driving home after several beers and on nearing one of the homes Roy said, "Just around tis curve you turn right to my house." Vic: "What you telling me for you are doing the driving."

Luke: "Where did you get that cute dog?" Lon: "I got him for my wife."

Luke: "Sure wish I could make a trade like that."

The expectant mother was talking to her little boy four years old: "Would you like a baby sister or a baby brother?"

"Well," answered the boy, "If it won't put you out too much I would rather have a pony."

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ABOUT THE FARM ---

Notes by the Wayside—

By J. J. Inskeep County Agent

The use of liquid fertilizers may be just around the corner. In fact while we were in Clay County, Kansas, last May we had a look see with County Extension Agent Rex Henry, a good Missourian. On our rounds we saw huge storage tanks containing liquid nitrogen. Farmers use a great quantity of simple nitrogen in parts of the midwest and south and practically all of it is in liquid form.

But there are essential differences between the use of liquid nitrogen and the granular forms which we have used here exclusively in the past.

Differences

1. Liquid nitrogen cannot well be used on grasslands because this material is largely wasted if placed on top of the ground. This means that special applicators which place the fertilizer in the soil must be used.

2. These applicators, together with distribution tanks, are owned by organizations selling the fertilizer. All such fertilizer is applied on a custom basis and not by the farm operator.

Incidentally Rex Henry was kind enough to send us a number of color slides which vividly describe use of liquid nitrogen in Clay County. We will have them for use during winter meetings.

We have learned also that liquid phosphates are on the scene. This is a high grade phosphate which may play an important part in our future farm operations. However, we suggest caution in distributing liquid phosphate through aluminum irrigation pipes. Word comes from Extension Soil Specialist Tom Jackson that liquid phosphates has a very corrosive effect on aluminum material. We cannot recommend this practice in light of present information on the subject.

Good Snakes

During the afternoon spent with Rex Henry in Clay County we were stopped by a very stooped and wise old negro who told us to "Come over here and look at this one." "This one" turned out to be a very large and slightly angry bull snake. And then the old negro lectured us on the benefits of bull snakes to the farmer.

We hardly needed the lecture for we well know that these large snakes feed almost exclusively on gophers and rats. The wise Kansas farmer would not think of killing these beneficial creatures.

How often do we destroy our wild friends because of lack of information? The large sailing "chicken hawks" for instance, seldom attack domestic birds and animals and game birds. These

large ones prey on rats, mice and other farm pests.

It is the smallest fast flying sharp shinned and cooper's hawks which should be shot on sight.

Porcupines Bad

Yes, and how about porcupines? We didn't know they roam the woods hereabouts but the other morning we were interrupted from the morning shave by a telephone call.

We forgot to record the name of the caller but he informed us that he and his dad had captured a porcupine the night before. "What," he wanted to know, "shall we do with him?"

Shoot 'em

Our suggestion was to shoot him quick and bury him deep. Porcupines are interesting creatures but they are despised east of the mountains where they are numerous. One of our friends in Wallawa County carries a small pistol with him for the purpose of shooting porcupines. These beasts destroy young forestry trees. Dogs which attack them have their mouths filled with quills, removal of which is a tedious operation very painful to the dog. We are told that their quills puncture tires of cars running them down on highways and they often come around the farmstead to chew on harness, pitchfork handles and other objects impregnated with salt.

Anyone have anything good to say about old man porcupine? No Ragweed?

"Not a hay fever ragweed will be allowed to bloom in Clackamas County this year." So we were told by George Lundquist and Henry Heisburg