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Are You A Good Citizen?

This is your town. The impression it gives to strangers is largely your responsibility as a citizen.

In line with the nation-wide spring CLEAN UP campaign as explained, by our County Extension Office in an article on the front page, the week of May 18 through 23 has been set as CLEAN UP week for this area. This agent writes primarily from the standpoint of the rural home but many of these suggestions can be used by everyone no matter where he lives.

The City, various organizations and individuals have pledged their support in behalf of this project of making this community a more attractive place in which to live. Little can be done unless you as a committee of one, feel responsible for your home and the town as a whole. If each home owner, renter or visitor in this area would take care of his own place there would be little need for an organization functioning.

Are you a good citizen? Do you have pride in the looks of your community as a whole? Do you train your children when small to place candy wrappers, etc. in containers provided for waste or do you sanction that they drop them at their convenience be they on mainstreet, in a store, show house, road way or park.

It goes back largely to the individual. If we all did what we knew was right — followed the Golden Rule — there would be little need for a police department or park attendant.

A great deal can be accomplished during the week of May 18 through 23 if everyone will take hold. If your place is "spruced up" perhaps you will have time to help a neighbor or offer your services to an organization on some special phase.

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Letter From Washington

HARRIS ELLSWORTH, M.C.

For some time many people, I among them, have been wondering how to stop what might be called the "spending attitude" of the military part of our government. War is waste. But war is also desperation. There is no time or place for considerations of economy when our very homes are endangered by war. In 1941 we were plunged suddenly into the horrors of war and its devastating effects upon our economy and our resources. In most ways the country recovered its balance after 1945. Our military people, however, have never had a genuine opportunity to become adjusted. The rapid demobilization was as wasteful as war itself. Billions of dollars worth of material and equipment was simply destroyed.

Then came the war in Korea and the Russian "cold" war with the frantic necessity of rebuilding our military machine — and quickly. Again the urgency of the situation produced a climate wherein flourished wasteful attitudes.

Here are some "horrible examples" quoted from a statement made recently by a member of the House Committee on Appropriations:

"A Korean railroad, for example, has been charging the United States \$1,000,000 a day for hauling army supplies; a Federal hospital was built at a cost of approximately \$90,000 per bed; a system of buying military supplies was found to be broken into 93 districts, all bidding against each other in the open market. The most amusing (if waste can be amusing) was the purchase of military topcoats with pants attached, apparently ordered because the military officials responsible did not want to have unspent money at the end of the fiscal year. Then it cost the Army \$972,244 to have the pants cut off."

The Truman administration never made any serious attempt to curb wasteful tendencies of the military. Congress, almost without fail, has quickly approved appropriations for anything labelled "national defense". This has not been deliberate wasteful

For What It's Worth

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE

For those people interested in studying trends of public opinion, the political future of Senator Wayne Morse is particularly recommended for serious study.

Public opinion is something which never remains entirely the same. One single incident may cause an entire shift while others will have no effect whatsoever. The successful politician, keeping an ever-watchful eye on these movements, is always on the alert to give a push when necessary or to swing with public opinion when he sees it is to his advantage.

Just a half year ago, our

foolishness. It has been a hang-over of war fear and war psychology. A thoroughly war-conscious military has been playing the spending tune and the rest of us have danced to it.

Now President Eisenhower, with his great patriotism and common sense, has moved with vigor and determination to place our entire military department on a strictly down-to-earth, civilian-controlled, practical level. I am certain that there will be no serious opposition to his re-organization plan.

For some time I have had a burning curiosity about this gigantic mystery for our age — atomic energy. Accordingly, I was glad to accept an invitation from the Atomic Energy Committee of Congress to go out to Nevada and witness a test explosion of one of our new atomic weapons. In a future letter I will give as many details of the experience as security regulations will permit. Being in the West (the tests are conducted in Nevada) gives me a chance to make a quick trip through Oregon and an opportunity to spend "Mother's Day" with my mother in Eugene.



junior senator from Oregon was a highly unpopular man. Any individual in a wagering mood would have felt safe in offering odds that the senator had no more chance of being reelected on the Republican ticket four years hence, than Stalin had of winning the Nobel peace prize.

But time has a way of changing attitudes and men's own blundering methods often defeat their own purposes. Such is the situation today as regards Oregon's independent representative in the senate. His bitterest foes are unwittingly conducting a campaign guaranteed to return him to Washington in 1956. For they are making of him a martyr, and martyrs, particularly living ones, always win.

The recent episode in the nation's capital in which Oregon Republicans made a point of snubbing the little man without a committee by not inviting him to dinner was, in my opinion, the first step in weakening the antagonism of the Oregon voter toward the fiery senator.

None of us likes persecution. Blows above the belt, in the open arena, we admire. Sneaky attacks, where many unite in order to embarrass one solitary individual, tend to lower our estimation of the former and the resulting sympathy for the latter can easily change to admiration.

I predict that the senator is started on his way to victory.

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