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A Temperance Program

The country is seemingly still addicted to its post- repeal "temperance programs" are not very popular. "Alcoholism" is making some headway, but unfortunately it does not start to work until a person gets to be a confirmed drunkard. The editor of the "International Student," Mrs. E. S. Warner, has outlined a plan which emphasizes education against intemperance and urges an affirmative approach to the encouragement of health-building habits. This is her program:

1. An educational approach that keeps healthful, natural living to the front as the best that life has to offer, and regards drinking as a habit that is unnatural, unhealthy.
2. The inclusion in school and general public education of the most modern and tested scientific knowledge now available on the prevention of a vastly greater program regarding alcoholism in human life, than has ever heretofore been presented in America.
3. Recognition of the alcoholic as "a sick man" needing treatment, not as a criminal.
4. Seek identity and undertake to reduce and eliminate the causes of drinking sickness, in the lack of childhood care, the social customs of the nation, wherever found.
5. Examine social customs and community attitudes as occasions and causes of the alcohol problem and its victims.
6. Understand and "de-bunk" the prestige of the socially accepted, ethically and politically powerful, who extol as a social privilege, without examination of its influence, the drink habit of past ages.
7. Examine realistically the day-by-day advertising that is used so heavily as a technique in the creating of new, and the encouragement of moderate drinkers, many of whom eventually become "the alcoholic sick."
8. Locate and understand the sources of alcoholic disease—personal and community—wherever found.
9. The voluntary choice of an attitude that accords with a desire to be free from alcoholism, rather than the continuance of a particular form of pleasure.

Power Shortage in Sight?

Bonneville Administration is warning private utility companies to polish the brass works on their fuel generating plants for electric energy because of danger of a power shortage this winter. The announcement admits that one generator at Bonneville and another at Grand Coulee are down for repairs but says their capacity will not equal the anticipated load for aluminum production expected this fall, plus seasonal increase in demand.

Bonneville has the habit of crying "Wolf, Wolf" so there may be skepticism over this new scare. According to reports as late as June the BA sales were running considerably under capacity during the war. We would like to have full information about present consumption, present installed capacity, potential capacity of existing structures.

When Secretary Krug was out here he got into a brief argument with Jim Collins of the fish packers who protested being more dams until demand for power caught up with potential capacity. Krug challenged his figures. We have not seen any authoritative statement of facts as to power consumption and generating capacity, let alone any authoritative prediction of growth of demand.

Merchants of electric power, both public and private, should try to anticipate demands. They should be on the safe side because the public expects to have energy flow when the switch is turned on whether to light a bulb or drive a motor or heat an element in a toaster. They do not dare turn up a nose at Bonneville's warning, because if they guess wrong the public may exact a severe penalty. But we'd like to have a full set of figures now.

Bracing Education

The Bend high school will require one year of mathematics and two years of natural science before graduation. This comes as a result of finding out how ill-prepared students were for officers training or even for technical duties as non-coms or enlisted men in the late war. When colleges put in special courses for men who were expecting to enter the army professors found the students weak in the fundamentals of mathematics and natural science. This bracing of the course at Bend makes an attempt to do a better job of education, for this is a world of sciences, in peace as in war.

There is still need, however, to teach other things such as English, how to use language both in reading, writing and speaking (a job not very well done), history and languages, besides specialty courses such as business for those interested. High school is pretty soft, work being geared for the below-average student. Many students don't even learn how to study until they get to college.

Radioactive Waters

Back from the Bikini test, Dr. R. A. Sawyer, a physicist, told reporters at San Francisco that exploding an atom bomb in the waters of San Francisco bay might immobilize that port for months. That brought right home the threat wrapped up in such a wrapper.

It's the radioactivity that prolongs the damage. Water retains the deadly rays far longer than the air. At Bikini men still can't stay for long periods on the vessels in the harbor.

The violence accumulates that in the atom bomb man has a fearful weapon against which there seems little direct defense. So far, too, knowledge of the bomb's potentialities seems to make nations more suspicious of each other, less inclined to cooperate in preserving peace.

It's on the way—a farm surplus. The department of agriculture says a big surplus of citrus fruits will be along in a few years unless growers develop new markets. Maybe the government will be shipping grapefruit and orange in carlots to state hospitals and penitentiaries as they did in depression days. Or perhaps it will revive the food stamp plan and throw in another grapefruit for every two bought.

We don't see "My Dad" but Mrs. Roosevelt had something to write about on her experience last Wednesday. Wonder if you think about auto accidents as much as they do about their operations.

Henry F. Yi said he had to serve as puppet king of Manchuria or lose his life. Sort of beggar's choice. Neither was worth making.

On the subject of possible panic over price rises the Albany Democrat-Herald advises, "Keep your shirt on." Certainly, you may not be able to buy another.

Reeburg, feeling growing pains, is busy installing 500 parking meters. Salem will get some too, following Gervais, Philomath and Mill City.

Soviet Tass news agency charges that Secretary Byrnes has betrayed the Big Four at the Paris conference. That may provoke a tit for Tass.

Swedes are alarmed over mysterious swooshes through their skies. They think they bane rockets from Rooshia.

Paul Mallon's

BEHIND THE NEWS

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—A man of goers, where he is not wanted, will get into trouble. It cannot be otherwise. The very act of his going is a threat to those who prevail. Thus his own move generates hostility.



This is my comment on Palestine, which has been requested by one of my editors. In the face of swift currents of news and propaganda, he finds himself confused, fearful of a new world disorder from this origin, and seeks wise action. I am no expert on Palestine. There have been too many experts on that subject. I have avoided anything excepting a mild mention of it now and then because so many fevers were running so high over it, and moving in such conflicting directions, that cool comment seemed useless. Nothing I could say would help.

But now Palestine has truly become a world problem. It is no longer a Jewish or British question seeking solution, or an American political handball.

Start considering its scope in the latest news of the condition, namely that: Ships loaded with illegal Jewish immigrants have filled the harbor at Haifa. Complete details of developments about them are reported daily in the press, as if the question was one of establishing a peaceful living sanctuary for refugees starving from the war. That is not the case, nor the nub of it. The important thing to me is that none of the accounts which I have read, told where those ships were from. None even told where the illegal Jewish immigrants were from.

The unshared basic truth of the matter is they are largely from Russian territory, or from Russian controlled zones. Most are from Poland, a Russian controlled state, where the British say there are 200,000 Jews, eager to leave and re-settle peacefully in Palestine, where their hopes of surcease from war difficulties have been focused. About 150,000 Rumanian Jews have asked for certificates of passage to Palestine, the London Times diplomatic correspondent reports.

And he says there are 100,000 displaced Jews in Germany, Austria and Italy with the same ambition. Other reports say ships came from Italy or Antwerp, but I think most were from Black sea ports. This must be approximately true, because you know the British are not creating trouble for themselves by piling up Jewish emigrants in their Palestine area against their own wishes. Nor is the United States thus working against Britain.

For these reasons I think the first conclusion to be reached on the Palestine question is that of all the reported possible Russian pressures exerted upon the peace conference, only the Palestine pressure actually worked. It has been seen that Albania armed itself on the eve of the meeting, but no one paid much attention. Some acts concerning spies and shootings came up just before the 21st meeting, but these had no noticeable effect upon the discussions. However, the Palestine immigration question has really embarrased the British and injured joint progress toward stabilization and peace. Thus I think it has largely served the purposes of obstructionists.

Now I do not mean to report that there is not a Jewish underground of grapevine, which is well-financed, and working toward the same immigration end. All I mean to say is the immigrants originated largely in Poland and Rumania, which are both Russian satellites, and no one has obtained much benefit from the situation which has been created—not even the Jews, perhaps least of all the Jewish immigrants themselves, who have suffered serious personal consequences.

Primarily this was a Jewish and British problem. The Moslems had Palestine from the year 1244 up to 1917 when the British conquered it in connection with the last world war. Palestine was a province in Syria, administered by Turkey since the year 1577. In response to Jewish desires, the British decided to make it a homeland for Jewish people. The Balfour declaration established Palestine as (I quote) "a national home for Jewish people." But later when trouble arose with the Moslems, who resented the intrusions, an authorized British official agreed this policy was to be tempered with the understanding that (I quote) "nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish denominations" (unquote) in Palestine.

This moderation had to be made because only one-third of the population of Palestine is reported to be Jewish. The population is variously reported, somewhat above 1,500,000 and the Jewish immigration had amounted to about 500,000 until the recent illegal stream (which has gone on for months past) is reported to have approximately 10,000 during the 30 days, and threatened to upset the old balance. The World Almanac says Palestine recently had 298 Jewish schools and 297 private Moslem schools. But in the world as a whole there are 220,000,000 Moslems, only 137,000,000 Protestants, 329,000,000 Catholics and 1,318,000,000 "others"—this being the world in which we must live. The Moslems, then, must be accepted as a tremendous religious world influence.

In a subsequent column I will conclude this news by the analysis which has been requested on this front page topic.



Damning Niagara

IT SEEMS TO ME

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one must put up with everywhere. The ideological chatter wears him down:

"This ostentatious love of the under-dog, by the way, seems to me particularly bogus. The most articulate of the under-dog lovers are usually pretty well heeled, and they sound off in places where it costs a lot of money just to sit around."

Walker remembers New York when she was a beauty. Now they are 200,000 Jews, jangle-nerfed, city-soaked old lady friend, grows ever more rancous, high-pitched, garish, troublesome and generally messy." So he is high taling it out of town:

"I intend to spend my days raising white-faced cattle, red pigs, black-faced sheep, tomatoes and hot peppers, and chopping wood, and my evenings rereading the Federalist Papers, and possibly Gibbon's Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, and turning on the radio to the Fred Allen program once a week."

Alas for Walker, where will he find such an idyllic spot? The change he notes in New York City infects the whole country. What the city does, the country soon imitates in a cheaper way. The dude ranch brings the jaded riffraff of the elite to the wideopen spaces; nightclubs punctuate the countryside with neon glamour; the country air is befouled with the belching exhaust of diesel trucks hauling logs to market. The small town is no more successful than the city in blending gasoline and alcohol. The old village aristocracy is gone and tavern-manners attend the parties in the big houses.

Walker may escape the palsy of the city's left-minded snobs, but not for long. The PAC is heading for the cottonbelt and the teamsters' union has captured the west coast. There's the Gibbon, of course. Maybe he can find escape there.

Assistant Regional Forester Appointed

PORTLAND, Aug. 17.—Selection of Lawrence K. Mays, supervisor of the Fremont National forest, Ore., as assistant regional forester in charge of fire control for the north Pacific region of the U. S. forest service, has been announced by A. R. Standing, acting regional forester. Mays will succeed C. Otto Lindh, fire chief since 1939, who goes to Albuquerque, N. Mex. Assistant supervisor Merle S. Lowden advances to the post of Fremont supervisor, with headquarters at Lakeview.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"I think the seller's market is beginning to crack—the customers are starting to be fussy about colors!"

Mishaps Gain; Need Cited for More Caution

There has been a material increase in accidents in the Oregon pulp and paper industry this year, despite precautionary methods of both management and workers, R. M. Evenden, director of the industrial prevention division, state industrial accident commission, said Saturday.

He spoke at a conference of pulp and paper mill management representatives and union delegates.

Evenden said most authorities blamed the increase on speeding up of production operations, but that "whatever the cause, both the management and workers desire to make a better showing.

For the year 1945, accidents occurring in the paper industry totaled 659. Of these, 423 represented lost-time claims, 205 involved no absence from work, 29 were occupational disease, and two were fatalities.

The importance of safety committees, as a means of coping with the increase in accidents, including pulp and paper mill operations was stressed by M. E. McMichael, St. Helens pulp and paper company.

"Shop stewards in the safety program," was discussed by Oren Parker, representative of the international brotherhood of pulp, sulphite and paper mill workers, and A. E. Brown, representative of the brotherhood of paper makers.

"Pulp and paper mills have been building up fair safety records but the industry and its organized workers have decided that this record must be better," John R. Sherman, vice president of the International Brotherhood of pulp, sulphite and paper mill workers, declared.

Final Concerts Of Season Set; Start at 8 p.m.

Squaring off for the last week's concert of a series of ten, are Maurice Brennen and his musical bandsmen, who will play the final programs in Willson park on Monday and Thursday night of this week. The concerts begin at 8 p.m. and last an hour. The Waite fountain will be lighted.

Members of the Salem band who have played during the season are: clarinet, Francis Allen, Bruce Bull, D. G. DeSart, Miffard Doughton, Henry S. Toudeur, Mark Twedt, Walt Weathers, saxophone, Glenn Loertscher, Bob Watson and Glenn Williams, cornet, Carl Amptrest, Blyde Barker, Lucien Jones, Don Renwick and Bob Schunke, horn, Hume Downs, Bud Ritchie and Alan Robertson, baritone, Eric Fitzsimmons and Don Thompson, trombone, Felix French, Courtney Jones, William Stark and Charles Thompson, basses, Glen Burright and Carl Butte, drums, Don Staudenbauer and Ike Southwick.

Monday night's program will include: March of the Champions, Huffer; The Prince of India, King; From Africa to Harlem, Bennett; Whispering, Schenberger; New Oriental March, Straus; The Chocolate Soldier, Straus; Irish Tune from County Derry, Granger; Ballet Egyptian, Eugin; Bell of St. Michael's, Goldman; March on the Mall.

Salem Sailors, Soldiers Home

Among Salem men discharged from the army at Fort Lewis, Wash., during the past week are Cpl. Archie D. Geddes, 115 N. 13th st.; T. 3 Donald H. Jarmin, route 7; Cpl. Richard O. Brown, route 4; PFC William W. Chandler, route 6; S. Sgt. Norman S. Runkle, route 7, and T. 3 John G. Shamberger.

Lt. (jg) M. O. Hatfield, son of Devle E. Hatfield, 530 Waldo ave., has been discharged from the navy at the personnel separation center in San Francisco.

Others discharged from Fort Lewis are: from Albany, T. 4 Charles D. Elliott, 1103 Washington st., and Sgt. Mooton T. Hector, route 4, Silverton; S. Sgt. Earl H. Nally, route 1, and Cpl. Kermit G. Nyseth, route 2, Corvallis; Cpl. Thomas W. Cooley, Courtney Club, Way, Lebanon; Sgt. Louis V. Schult, 290 Olive st., Dallas; T. 4 Sidney J. Ross, Dayton; PFC Howard H. Williams, box 215, Willamina; Pvt. Floyd L. Glass, PFC Leslie B. Gould, route 1, PFC Gustave W. Sack and T. 3 Bert R. Washel, and Lt. Angel, T. 4 Paul A. Bittler, route 1.

Defel Opens Salem Office

The Charles Defel Co., with offices in Portland and Vancouver, has opened a valley office in Salem. The temporary office is at 466 Court st.; the permanent location will be at 615 N. Capitol st., after August 26.

Manager of the Salem branch is Robert W. Benham, transferred from the Vancouver office. Benham served in the 10th Marines under Maj. Woodbridge Vanduyke II, a noted director of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios and under then Captain James Roosevelt. Prior to entering the service in 1938 Benham was employed by MGM studios.

The Charles Defel who heads the organization is the second of the family. A general business in farms, homes, lumber and income property will be conducted by the Salem branch which plans to have a number of salesmen to handle listings.

Power Hearing Scheduled for Portland Sept. 17

Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg has received word from the federal power commission that a concurrent hearing will be held on the proposed merger of the Pacific Power and Light and the Northwestern Electric in Portland September 17, with Oregon and Washington participating in the proceedings.

This action was taken at the request of the two state commissions.

Water buffalo running wild in Australia's Northern Territory are descendants of a herd brought from Timor more than 100 years ago to provide meat for a military post.

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