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Truman's Plea for Conservation

President Truman used the occasion of the dedication of the Everglades national park in Florida to make a plea for conservation of our scenic resources. He warned against those who would waste our natural patrimony for private gain.

Undoubtedly he was aiming his shots at those interests which are seeking to break down some of our national parks and overgraze the forests and public domain. There are several threats, all of which have as their purpose exploitation for commercial interests. One effort is being made to take a large acreage from the Olympic national park and transfer it to the forest service so it might be logged. A similar attempt is being made at Jackson Hole national park, so land may be opened for grazing. Stockmen back a bill by Representative Bartlett of Wyoming to force suspension of forest service plans to scale down grazing permits. They also do considerable talking about turning over public domain to the states or selling it to private holders.

Fighting these attempts are conservationists, lovers of wild life, organizations like the Izaak Walton league and the Federation of Western Outdoor clubs. They resist these encroachments. They want the parks preserved and the public lands protected against denudation through overgrazing. They point out how stripping the land of vegetation speeds erosion and causes pollution of streams.

In the case of the Olympic national park, lumber interests want to invade the great "rain forest" of the Bogachiel watershed. Some compromise has been suggested but conservationists think the private interests demand far too much. The Jackson Hole expansion was made by executive order of President Roosevelt, but extension of the park had been worked on by Secretary Wilbur of the interior department under President Hoover. John D. Rockefeller had contributed much money to buy out private owners. It would be a breach of faith now to turn the lands over to graziers.

The warning of President Truman is well-timed. The government departments of agriculture and interior are under heavy pressures from private interests and the latter hope to drive through favorable legislation in this congress. Already the forest service has yielded to pressure and suspended for the year inauguration of its plan for restricting range use. The only protection is an aroused public opinion which should make its voice heard by members of the congress.

Transfer of Farm Labor Employment

The regular state employment service is preparing to take over the handling of farm labor on January 1. During the war this was detached from the service, at that time operated as federal agency, and made a function of the farm extension service. Separate offices were set up and placements for farm occupations made from them. Congress cut off appropriations to the special farm labor employment service so the work moves back to the old organization.

The creation of the separate service came as a result of farmer pressures. Both farmers and food processors were dissatisfied with the way the employment service was treating the farm labor problem. They felt that labor was being directed to war industries rather than to farms. Also many farmers had a fear of farm labor unions and felt that the FES would play into the hands of unions. So they got congress to finance the separate organization.

The new organization threw into the single job all they had in the way of energy and brains. They conducted campaigns to recruit harvest labor, helped organize platoons, got down at early morning hours to route workers. Remembering the kind of service they got, farmers are wondering how they will fare now. Conditions have changed, to be sure. While more labor is available, the patriotic appeal is lacking now, and last fall it seemed impossible to get enough hands to harvest the hops, for example.

The state employment service, which gave up the farm labor division reluctantly, is on notice that it will have to demonstrate its effectiveness this year if it wants to keep on handling farm labor. It can't make farm work the step-child of employment. It is good news therefore to note that the state unemployment compensation commission which bosses the employment service is organizing an advisory council and laying plans to make the farm labor section a competent successor to the independent service.

More Power for KOAC

KOAC, the state-owned station at Corvallis, is now operating at 5,000 watts power both day and night. Previously it had to reduce to 1,000 watts at night to protect navy frequencies. The added power will make it more effective in reaching all parts of the state. The station presents a well-rounded program, non-commercial, and its farm and market news are extremely valuable to farmers.

There were days when KOAC was marked for the slaughter for lack of funds. Fortunately its friends rallied to save it and now its place is assured. Its wave length — 550 kc — is one of the best in the AM range. We congratulate the station on this increase in power with its resulting extension of service to the people.

An English springer spaniel valued at \$1,000 jumped over the railing at Crooked river gorge a few days ago and fell to his death in the 300-foot canyon. Another dog did the same thing several months ago. We thought dogs had more horse sense than that.

In Bohemia 36 persons have been arrested charged with spying for a foreign country. This "You spy" business seems to be contagious. Needless to say the ones arrested in Prague are not accused of being "reds."

Editorial Comment

From Our Contemporaries

AMNESTY FOR ALL C. O.'S?

The amnesty board appointed by President Truman a year ago is to make early this month its report reviewing the 16,000 or so cases of men who went to jail on charges of evading or defying the draft. The chairman of the board is Supreme Court Justice Roberts, retired.

Most of the 16,000 were classified as outright draft evaders, although many put into this classification were in actuality conscientious objectors under the terms of the 1940 conscription act. Last week four supreme court justices differed from their five colleagues who ruled that ordinary members of the Jehovah's Witnesses sect were not entitled to draft exemption on religious grounds.

Men with sincere conscientious scruples against military service were given the right of alternate service, and most C. O.'s accepted this option. Some, however, were "absolutists," refusing to attend civilian work camps or even to register for the draft.

In May, 1946, some 2,000 of the 16,000 were still in jail because of evasion or opposition to conscription. Today there are about 800, most of them Jehovah's Witnesses. President Truman, like President Wilson after World War I, has refused to grant a blanket amnesty or pardon, which would restore full civil rights, to all C. O.'s who went to jail.

The problem presented by C. O.'s is a difficult one for a democracy. The rights of conscience and devotion to principle have always been cherished by the U. S. But a nation can hardly fight a modern war without conscription, and that can hardly be effective if widely defied. The provisions for C. O.'s were more generous in World War II than in World War I. — Astorian Budget.

School News

By Donna Carr

LESLIE JUNIOR HIGH Awards Presented

Bob Luther and Wallace Carson were presented the third merit award, a silver pin, representing 220 points earned on the Leslie junior high merit system, by Principal Joy Hills at the school's award assembly Friday afternoon.

Barbara Blake, Larry Paulus, Margaret Miller, Leon DuBois and Virginia Bickell were given the second award, an enamel pin, for 160 points.

Receiving the felt monogram first award for 100 points were: Tom Walden, Ida Jo Henderson, James Burton, Verna Long, Marilyn Foxley, George Carlisle, Lou Wanda Downey, David Blackmer, Don McKenzie, Dorothy Swigart, Earl Michael, Marie Rogers, Roberta Boyer, Frank Papanius, Donna Notheifer, Phil Willmarth, Irma Lockard, Frances Burton, Ives Gartner, Norma Hamilton, Richard Adams, Marjorie Little, Paty Walters, Carolyn Seay and Charles Bales.

Room 206 Repeats
Home room 206, taught by Faye Mort, was the only room at Leslie to gain a perfect record poster for the second straight month in the tardy contest. Other rooms boasting perfect records for November were 111, 109 and 209.

Movie Shown
A full-length feature movie, "The Great Mike," was shown at Leslie Friday after school. Proceeds from the show went into the ASB treasury.

Paris Awarded
Alphild Wahl, vocal music instructor at Leslie, has announced the leading parts for the Christmas cantata, "Led by a Star," which will be presented December 19. Solo numbers will be sung by Frank Papanius, Marie Marquardt, Harry Hendrickson, Larry Paulus, Tom Walden, Harold Pfeil, Dick Nelson, Don Hunter and Leila Mae Krater. 153 students will participate in the program. Miss Ida McCullough and Mrs. Alta Baronovich are planning the stage set.

Winners Listed
Winner in the boys' touch football competition and in girls' speedball leagues were announced Friday in the Leslie school paper, the Broadcaster. Teams captained by Ray Puhlman (7th), John Hannon (8th), and Whitney Benson (9th) won grade titles in touch football, while Shirley Ralston (7th), Otis Grieve (8th), and Alan Blackwell (9th) captured the winning speedball aggregations.

Playing on the championship
The winners were: Puhlman's — Bob Mapes, Tom Hunt, Ralph Doerkens, Lynn Minifie, Jerry Evenden, Norman Behrens, Arnold Baldwin and Donald Patzer. Hannon's — Floyd Belt, Vernon Rouse, Gary Cartwright, Elmer Axberg, Danny Danforth, Stanley Bewley and Clifford Jensen. Benson's — Jim Verdieck, Phil Ford, Richard Grenz, Norman Lee, Wesley Craig, Marlin Nelson and Donald Brant.

Ralston's — Audrey Dunafon, Freida Patterson, Margaret Baker, Sidney Kromer, Janet Murphy, Mervine Goin, Nina Mae Jacobs, Ima Sherfield, Grieve's — Mary Jo Brown, Barbara Wagness, Marvel Meyers, Marcia Webb, Roberta Boyer, Janie Lambert, Blackwell's — Phyllis Doran, Gladys Stockbridge, Dorothy Davis, Sonia Nohlgren, Bernice DeMoude, Diane Reed, Jane Hamilton, Mary Winters and Frances Burton.

Programs Offered
A skit, entitled "Dopey's Christmas Fish," was presented as the program at Leslie Friday. Taking parts were: Jack Cobb, Virginia Eyre, Joanne Wenger, Burton Harp, Darlene Johnson, Norma Hall, Florence Anderson, Emily Hubbard, Barbara Withrow, Beverly Kayser, Lynn Davis and Patricia Patton.

Taking part in room 202's program were: Curtis Admitt, Shirley Ralston, Jack Hall, Tommy Hunt, Raymond Hanes, George Hudson, Norman Behrens, Shirley Norris, John Davis, Arnold Baldwin, Gaynell Helstrom, Wilma Fenley, Beverly Roy, J. D. Rickman, Claudette Shaff, Gayle Klein, Don Patton, Janet Murphy, Early Wilton, Carol Arisman, Allen Graham, Davis Brunkal, Peter Loder, Marilyn Settlemeier, Delores Eggleston, Neva Gilman, Dorothy Dixon, Ima Sherfield and Wanda Mayden. The program was centered around their social studies work dealing with prehistoric man.

A variety noon program on Thursday included vocal numbers by Gayle Klein, Helen True, Carol Schmidt, Wanda Valdez, Glenna Allmer, the eighth grade quartet composed of Barbara Wagness, Nadine Gilman, Otis Grieve and Carolyn Seay, and a piano solo by Arlyss Zeeb.

League Meets
A skit entitled "As You Desire" was presented at the Girls' league meeting at Leslie December 3. Taking part in it were: Jean Brown, Judy Wood, Peggy Hunter, Ramona Graen and Lillian Stobbe. Sandra Nordyke played a piano solo, Verna Allaway played a guitar solo, and Wanda Valdez offered a vocal number. A short talk by Sharon Brown concluded the program.

4 Home Nursing Classes Started
Four more home nursing classes have started their work in the past week, reports Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, sponsor of this program in the county.

One was formed for adults in Mill City, taught by Mrs. Anna Swift. Classes were organized in Aurora and St. Paul, with Mrs. Jack Wikofo teaching both groups. The fourth was organized in Salem with Mrs. Rufina Silbernagel as instructor.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I'm preparing a speech on tax reduction, Miss Jones — what's a good one word synonym for 'Yes and No'?"

Farm Labor Placements Total 158,537 Here in Four Years; Past Year Near '47 Record

When the Salem farm labor office closes its doors January 1 and its functions return to the Oregon state employment service, it will leave a record of having placed 158,537 workers on Marion county farms since 1944.

Total reports issued by the office Monday show that this year's 45,150 placements were made as compared with 46,278 in 1946, 38,674 in 1945 and 28,485 in 1944.

During the four years, the office estimates, workers which it referred to harvest fields gathered about 105,000 tons of strawberries, cherries, cane berries, prunes and corn, and about 2,000,000 bushels of peaches, pears and onions. This does not include the tons of hops, grain and miscellaneous crops harvested.

This year the placement ratio of men to women climbed to about three to one, while in 1944 the number of men and women placed on jobs was about even.

Placement of youth, which reached a peak of 15,727 in 1946, dropped to 10,954 this year and totaled approximately 39,992 during the life of the office.

Approximately 15,467 workers were referred to hop yards in 1947 by the office, another 8,377 were placed in bean yards and 8,077 went into strawberry patches. The rest were placed on jobs ranging from fruit to flax and mint harvests.

This year 165 workers were placed on full-time jobs on farms, and the office estimates it provided 3,000 migrant workers with housing. It also estimates it assisted with worker placement in the harvests and other work of at least 2,500 Marion county farms — approximately one-half the total.

2 Hop Grower Meets to Talk New Agreement

Hop growers of Salem and vicinity will consider possible establishment of a new hop marketing agreement at two meetings Friday, both under auspices of the U. S. Hop Growers association.

The general meetings will be held at 2 p. m. in Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms and at 7:30 p. m. in Mt. Angel city hall. The marketing agreement proposal is now being considered by hop growers in all Pacific coast states, being stimulated by an amendment enacted by the last congress authorizing limited operation even when prices are above parity, while preparing for control of surpluses if and when they occur.

Progress on the hop research problem stressing control of downy mildew, the import tariff situation and other matters of current interest and importance will be presented at both meetings by President E. T. Rooney and Secretary-Manager E. L. Markell of the grower's association offices in San Francisco and Associate Manager Paul T. Rowell of the association's Salem office.

7 from Valley Aid in Boise

Nurses of Marion county and vicinity assisting at Boise during the polio epidemic there now number seven, with the departure Monday night of two more nurses.

Shirley D. Dennis, Dallas, and her house guest, Elizabeth Chamberlain, left Monday night by United Airlines for Boise. They signed up with Marion county chapter, American Red Cross, which is recruiting nurses in this area for the service.

Five from this section are still on duty at Boise. One, Helga Brosten, has been visiting in Salem for two days. She recently was promoted to be supervisory nurse for all polio units at Boise.

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MATTER OF FACT

Restraints Held Essential if U.S. Wants to Avert Economic Disaster



Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 — Washington is now witnessing a remarkably reluctant crusade. When President Harry S. Truman called for an all-out fight on inflation, he spoke with a wholly unaccustomed fire. Since then, however, the administration's effort to back up the Truman program has been chiefly notable for a total lack of fervor and a conspicuous vagueness about what the administration really wants.

This vagueness has already given Sen. Robert A. Taft an opportunity to make in five words a point far more telling than any he made in his long radio denunciation of the Truman program. "What," Senator Taft has asked at hearings before his joint economic committee, "is the administration's program?" The administration witnesses have found that a singularly difficult question to answer.

There is no mystery about why this is so. First, the general shape of the Truman program was only finally decided upon a few hours before the president appeared before congress. And second, a majority of the administration witnesses who have been extensively testifying for the program on Capitol Hill bitterly opposed important aspects of it before the decision was finally made. Thus, it is not surprising that their hearts are quite obviously not in their work.

The Sunday before the president's Monday message to the congress has been called by one of the democratic political strategists, who most eagerly supported an all-out attack on high places, "our Valley Forge." For it was on that day that opponents of an all-out program, conspicuously including Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson, made their last stand. They did what they could to persuade the president to restrict a relatively painless anti-inflation program to congress.

The president, mindful of the gloomy forebodings of the economists (and also no doubt of the views of his political advisers, who unanimously recommended a disorganizing program) decided to disregard the advice of Anderson, Snyder, and their allies, and to go the whole way. But this decision was only finally made the night before Truman appeared on Capitol Hill.

The results have been two-fold. Because of last-minute, off-the-cuff nature of the decision, no adequate preparation was made for the hostile congressional scrutiny of the program which inevitably followed the presidential message. As one democratic critic of the administration handling of the program has remarked, "If Roosevelt had made that speech, legislation to cover it, with the last 'I' crossed, would have been ready right under his manuscript, ready to drop into the hopper." In the weeks which have passed since the Truman anti-inflation program was unveiled before an angry republican congress, no over-all legislation has yet been produced, and certainly no 'I's' have been crossed.

Moreover, it is not surprising that the testimony of such administration witnesses as Mr. Anderson and Mr. Snyder has lacked a certain ardor. It has frequently been difficult to guess whether they were testifying for the Truman program or against it. Secretary Anderson showed a marked lack of enthusiasm for one of the most important points in the program, that calling for a reduction in the feeding of grain to animals above a certain weight. He also at one point took occasion to imply that the real trouble was that the state department was stubbornly insisting on sending too much grain to Europe.

Again, Secretary Snyder brisily spoke out against Truman's point one, that calling for controls on bank credit, while within a few hours another administration witness, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Marriner Eccles, insisted cogently that point one was the heart of the whole plan. Obviously, Senator Taft has a right to wonder what the administration program really is.

Bungling Aid to G.O.P.
This bungling and confusion has given the republicans a much-needed opportunity to recover from the blow the Truman proposals have undoubtedly administered to their political prospects. The inept administration handling of the campaign for the program lends weight to the charge whether

er justified or not (and it probably is not), that the Truman proposals were simply advanced as a gambit in the game which will end in November, 1948.

But the republicans will have to do more than shout "politics." They will have to have some reasonable inflation program of their own. For it is becoming inescapably clear that if we are not to abandon most of the world to the communists, and if we are to prevent economic disaster at home, we must accept a certain number of restraints, however irksome.

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Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
William M. Middleton, Tulare, Calif., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Fred L. Ledford, farm labor camp, charged with driving while intoxicated, with revoked driver's license and with defective brakes, fined total of \$300 and given 60-day suspended sentence.

Norman O. Tokstad, 1265 Weller st., charged with violation of noise ordinance, case dismissed.

James E. Smith: January 14 set for hearing on final account.

DISTRICT COURT
Edwin Austin Hillyear, Brooks, driving with expired operator's license, fined \$3 and costs.

Leonard David Attrell, Newberg, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Henry Wallace Griffin, Portland, combined overload, fined \$20 and costs; overweight load, fined \$3 and costs, and overweight load, fined \$3 and costs.

Thomas Dale Pomeroy, jr., 3935 River Crest dr., failure to stop at a stop sign, \$5 fine suspended.

Edward Robert Boyle, 1590 N. Winter st., charged with hunting without a license, continued for plea to December 9.

Doyle Burnside, Driggs, Idaho, charged with larceny from a store building, continued for plea to December 9; held in lieu of \$750 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT
Virgil Coburn vs. Theima Coburn: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married April 3, 1941, in Washington county.

Claude H. Herring vs. Roxie A. Herring: Decree of divorce awards custody of three children to defendant plus \$25 per month support money for each.

Lillia May Reese vs. Ray Reese: Case dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Elmer S. Gish, 21, logger, Falls City, and Shirley Turner, 16, student, Kings Valley.

Denzel A. Legard, 21, service station attendant, and Louise Ryan, 20, domestic, both of Silverton.

Conover Elected Masonic Master

Lyle Conover was elected worshipful master of Kingwood Masonic lodge 204 at a meeting of the lodge Monday night at the Masonic temple.

Other officers selected at the meeting were Donald Crenshaw, senior warden; A. Benson, junior warden; Guy Nugent, secretary, and W. C. Heise, treasurer.

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Pinball Trial Today In District Court

A Marion county district court jury will hear the trial today of Mrs. Ethel McIntire, Salem route 4, charged with possessing, displaying and operating a game of chance.

Mrs. McIntire, owner of the Alder Springs club on highway 99E, about one mile south of Salem, was arrested November 10 by two Marion county deputy sheriffs who said they observed her paying off a pinball machine winner in cash.

Tire Theft Charged; Plea Sated Today

Doyle J. Burnside, Driggs, Idaho, was charged with larceny in Marion county district court Monday and held in the county jail in lieu of \$750 bail following his arrest by city police Saturday on a charge of stealing a tire. He is to plead today.

The complaint was made by the operator of the Mobil service station at 2505 Portland rd. Police said they found the missing tire in Burnside's car parked a short distance from the station.

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