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How Not to Fight Communism

For several years we have been printing occasional excerpts from the letters of that former Eugenean who is now living in retirement in Washington, D. C., and watching the "passing show" in much the same manner as old Barney Baruch from his park bench. The latest letter has some acute observations on the antics of the so-called "Anti-American investigations" which are being conducted by a congressional committee headed by New Jersey's Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (our friend characterizes Thomas as an Irishman who had his name changed from Dugan, or something of that sort). He says:

Anyhow, Thomas is of the same caliber as John Rankin. He is certainly putting on a big show, with hordes of morons and bobbysoxers fighting to see the film stars.
The soundest opinion about the Communists that I can get from my press friends is that the Communists by their fanaticism and lack of judgment are killing themselves off. I saw some real Communists picketing the White House in the early part of the war just before Hitler suddenly and unexpectedly attacked Russia, to the consternation of the picketers. Their placards were protesting against the war mongers and capitalists who were trying to involve us with Germany. But they scattered and shouted for the war when Russia was attacked. Also I once saw a pack of them at a Vito Marcantonio meeting here. But there are undoubtedly some writers and teachers mixed up in the movement.

From what I read in the full accounts in our papers, the big moguls from Hollywood like the Warners, who made their start as kosher butchers, fairly groveled before the committee. They are scared to death of censorship. Then there was the handsome young actor who was once sued for support by his grandfather, living in an Illinois porchouse, and his testimony pleased Rep. Thomas.
It looks as if Rep. Thomas has no exact definition of a Communist, for he wants to show that the tight-fisted banker in The Best Years of Their Lives was put in as a piece of Communist propaganda. That is drawing the line pretty fine, I think. Shylock bankers, quack doctors, crooked business men, bribe-taking editors and such are a part of the drama of actual life. They are a legitimate source of dramatic material. And Andy May, the most powerful figure in the House during the war, is today a common felon. Unless Thomas can prove the affiliation of left-wing writers and actors with the Communist party, he won't be doing much good.

Again, as to our methods abroad he offers this report:

A relief worker just back from Korea says that the U. S. let the Soviets run away with the country. The Soviet zone has been swamped with printed propaganda, filled with lies against us and praising Russia, and they have been taking young Koreans, a hundred at a time, on free excursions to Siberian cities that have been window-dressed for the occasion. So the Russian zone is all for Russia. The American zone has not lifted a finger in the way of counteracting this propaganda—absolutely inert.

We think these comments have importance because this gentleman is certainly no radical. Our policies toward Russia and toward communism have the fundamental fault which business men know as "negative selling." Our method of attack has been to "knock the other fellow's product." Except for the State Department's "Voice of America," the "Friendship Trains" and other scattering endeavors, there has been very little "selling" of democracy.

A merchandiser would probably say that the Russians have the advantage of a "packaged product" and a "high pressure sales force." Democracy, like any other good thing should sell itself, but doesn't. Russia is demonstrating the old adage that "it's easier to sell gold bricks than a government bond."

We think the blessings of freedom can be demonstrated and "sold," at home and abroad, but it requires an entirely new concept of "attack," and right now some constructive strategy in the war of ideas is more important than a huge military machine for the "inevitable" conflict.

Everybody Needs "An Interest"

In today's Reader Editorial, Mr. Arthur R. Warren invites Eugeneans to join in the delightful hobby of rose culture. There is only one point at which we can pick any quarrel with Mr. Warren's thesis and that is in the opening inference that the "hobby" becomes necessary "when we arrive at that time of life when from choice or physical necessity we 'ease off' on the pursuits that have earned our livelihood."

We will argue that it is just as important to have some special interest—apart from money grubbing—in youth as in the later years when the animal impulses have been tamed or controlled. Indeed one of the most common and tragic afflictions of "old age" is the lack of some keen, sustaining interest, and this usually results from the failure to develop such an interest in youth. Education should have two definite objectives:

1. To prepare the person to make his living.
 2. To enable him to enjoy being alive.
- Currently, the University of Oregon is sponsoring a series of educational lectures (lectures) on alcoholism. Experts are pretty well agreed that an occasional "social glass" does no harm. On the contrary, and especially in cases where the effect is to "relax," the drink may do some positive good. But drinking can become an exceedingly dangerous form of "sport," and unfortunately, in

this country, it has become a sort of "indoor sport." Have you heard people say:

"I'd like to be able to go to a party once in a while without having a cocktail glass shoved at me in the first five minutes."

Drinking has become "a fashion," but it is a fashion which results to some extent from a poverty of interests to occupy leisure hours. It has often been remarked that conversation is a "lost art" (and certainly the noisy babble of the cocktail party cannot be called conversation). Now and then you hear somebody say before a party:

"I'll have to get ginned up to keep from being bored to death."

Frustrations, fears, real or imagined troubles at home or in business also have a good deal to do with the "tension" which seems to be an American characteristic. "Patients" line up in the offices of doctors, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts. There are many kinds of physical and mental and occupational therapies, but they usually add up to "common sense." One wise old "doc" gives this prescription:

"The human system demands at least an hour of relaxation at the end of the day's work. It doesn't matter whether you read a book, play golf, ride a horse, dig dandelions, or sit on your hands—if it gives you a change and something new to think about."

Elon Moore stirred up the animals at The Round Table a few years ago with a paper predicting earlier and more extended retirements and raising the question:

"What are you going to do to keep from being a nuisance to yourself and everybody else when they put you out to pasture?"

Growing roses is a wonderful opportunity for young or old. (Last we heard the kids out at Colin Kelly were starting a rose garden.) But there are many, many other interesting and useful occupations for spare moments, and the time to develop these interests is in youth. We know a dentist who makes toys, a tailor who paints pictures, a carpenter who studies higher mathematics. Senator Morse keeps himself human by training horses and playing poker. And by contrast we once knew a man who got himself into a sanitarium worrying about his death taxes.

Only the arteries grow old where there is an interest, and even the arteries seem to acquire a little more stretch.

The first thing a person does when driving a new car is wonder if everybody is looking.

Reader Editorial

ROSE GROWING AS A HOBBY

EUGENE.—(To the Editor)—Eventually we all arrive at that time of life when, from choice or physical necessity, we "ease off" on the pursuits that have earned our livelihood on the up-grade and prepare to coast down the far side of the hill. Many a man has looked forward with anticipation to that time only to find, when it comes, that there is no longer any compelling interest to inspire the mental and physical activity essential to health and happiness.

Again, there are many families whose home life does not appear to supply the desired diversion during leisure hours. Considerable time and money are often spent by people seeking here and there for amusements which, when found, do not satisfy. Little do they realize that the most soul-satisfying entertainments are those which are built around the home as the center, interests that include the entire family.

It is the opinion of the writer that both of these unfortunate situations might be bettered by the choosing of a suitable hobby and, with these thoughts in mind, he wishes to plead the case of rose growing as such a hobby. First, let us note some of the requirements of a satisfactory hobby and then see how perfectly rose growing fits those requirements, especially here in the Northwest where climatic conditions, the only ones beyond human control, are ideal for rose culture.

Primarily, a hobby should present a challenge capable of sustaining an absorbing interest. It should, for health's sake, involve a reasonable amount of outdoor exercise. It should be sufficiently adaptable to conform to the energy and available time of the hobbyist as well as the resources and equipment at his disposal. Finally, it should be remembered that one of the greatest pleasures of the hobbyist is derived from discussing his favorite topic with others. Therefore, it should be an interest others can share.

Definitely the rosearian faces a challenge, though not an awesome one. Roses will grow and bloom when given very little care, but they will also respond bountifully to every extra effort in their behalf. There is even a real challenge in choosing, from some 6000 named varieties, those that shall be planted. If enthusiasm carries the rose grower beyond the mere production of lovely blooms he may venture into propagation by budding and hybridization and still remain in the amateur's realm. There he will find a challenge supreme. For the scholaristically inclined there is a fascinating rose history dating back to the years before Christ and reaching into the far corners of the earth, also, a folklore rich in human interest stories, good for many a winter evening.

Most of the labor roses require is done in spring and summer when it is good to be out of doors. The work is not arduous, but must be done with some regularity and at the proper time. No elaborate preparation of the soil is required, though a little extra digging will likely bring better results.

No hobby could be more adaptable. The gardener may plant one bush, ten bushes or five hundred bushes. He may spot them about the yard, plant a row along the driveway or in the parking strip, or set out an elaborate formal garden, as he chooses. Only simple equipment is required, but again he may indulge himself in his heart's content.

Not the least of the joys is the knowledge that friends, even the casual passers-by, may share in the beauty of the flowers.

As with all things that are worth while, a certain amount of "know how" is necessary before the best results can be obtained. However, that knowledge can be easily acquired from books available at our city and university libraries, by affiliation with the Eugene Rose Society, which also has a small lending library, and by joining the national American Rose Society. One very delightful way of acquiring rose knowledge is by contact with other rose growers. And there is no better place to do that than the meetings of the Eugene Rose Society, an active group of about a hundred amateur rosearians which meets every two months to help each other learn about roses and listen to talks by outstanding rose authorities.

All who are interested in roses, both men and women, are welcome to visit these meetings and join the society, whether they own a hundred bushes, one bush, or no bushes at all. The next meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 23, at 8:00 p.m., at the Garden Club House, 1645 High St. Dr. Henry Hartman, head of the Horticulture Dept., O.S.C., will be the speaker.

Arthur R. Warren.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Farewell Is Given For Visitor

In honor of Mrs. Nancy Mitford of Taunton, Somersetshire, England, who has been a visitor at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bray, since early fall, a farewell party was given Friday evening. Hostesses were Mrs. Ella Bray, mother of Alvin Bray, and Mrs. H. M. Davenport, at the home of the former. A shower of floral gifts was presented to Mrs. Mitford.

Mrs. H. E. Slattery gave an original verse as a toast to the guest of honor, to which Mrs. Mitford replied in a brief talk about her home country. Mrs. Mitford leaves this evening on her journey back to England.

Guests at the party included, besides Mrs. Mitford and her daughter, Mrs. Alvin Bray, Mrs. D. S. Ward, Mrs. Ronald Brown, Mrs. Rose Truesdale, Mrs. Slattery, Mrs. Sam Rouse, Mrs. Albert Kaufman, Mrs. Ted Davenport, Mrs. Jessie Marsh, Mrs. Vera Thompson, Mrs. Albert Wilcock, Mrs. Phoebe Flynn, Mrs. Frank Gilstrap, Mrs. Jack Hodges, Mrs. John Newman, Mrs. T. E. Smith, Mrs. F. N. Morefield, Mrs. Clara Cunningham, Mrs. John Starr, Mrs. Vena Weber, Mrs. Leah Redding, Mrs. Jessa Day, Mrs. Edward Burns and Mrs. Ashley Houghton.

Program Presented At WCTU Meeting

Guest speaker at the Central WCTU meeting Thursday was Rev. Norman W. Brown, pastor of the River Road Baptist Chapel. Speaking on the topic of "Peace," Mr. Brown said: "During 1948, probably more will die of starvation, disease and violence than during any year of the late war."

He pointed out that in spite of the turmoil about, "we must do our part by striving for peace in the heart of the individual."

Mrs. Elmer Coombs, who presided over the meeting, contributed ten dollars to the chapel fund of the Children's Farm Home in memory of her late son. Collection of money for the Lillian Stevens Legislative fund was made. This fund supports the work of Miss Elizabeth Clark in Washington, D. C. Mrs. Erna Thompson, country president, spoke briefly to the group and Mrs. C. L. Allumbaugh, legislative chairman, outlined the argument which brewers and distillers are having with the Secretary of Agriculture and Congress regarding conservation of wheat.

Program chairman was Mrs. Roxane Clark. Music was provided by Mrs. Floyd B. Travis who sang "Calvary" and "She Died of a Broken Heart." The Northwest Christian College trio sang "Lord, Be My Companion," and a Negro spiritual, "Were You There?" Miss Lolla White, Miss Geraldine French, and Miss Helen Nesby compose the trio.

Club Gives Sum To Polio Fund

Westway Club contributed five dollars towards the polio fund when it met Thursday with Mrs. Glenn Woods for one o'clock dessert luncheon.

Honored in cards were Mrs. Robert Mitchell and Mrs. J. F. Grimes. Guests of the group were Mrs. Bessie C. Hanson and Mrs. Etta Christensen. Mrs. Hanson joined the club.

Names for secret pals for 1948 were drawn during the afternoon. The next meeting will be February 5 with Mrs. George Bauer, 337 Cheshire Street.

Zuleima Club Elects Officers

Zuleima Club, Daughters of the Nile, elected officers at its meeting recently. Mrs. Harold Carver will head the group in the coming year, as president, and serving with her will be the following: Mrs. J. J. Chiaramonte, vice-president; Mrs. R. V. Bacon, secretary; Mrs. L. G. Engwall, treasurer.

The next meeting will be held February 19, at the Del Rey Cafe.

HARRISBURG FRIENDS HONOR MISS CLAY

HARRISBURG—Miss Henrietta Clay was honored with a bridal shower at the City Hall last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Cecilia Stone, Mrs. Beulah Rush, and Mrs. Bryan Smith were co-hostesses. Forty women were present.

Games were played, after which gifts were opened and refreshments were served.

Miss Clay and Benjamin Bowers were married Sunday, January 18 at the Christian Church.

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Junior Symphony Plays at Junction

Eugene Junior Symphony Orchestra will give a concert Monday evening at the Junction City High School.

The program for the evening will feature selections from "Lohengrin" (Wagner); and then, "Waltz Medley" (Waldteufel); "Jazz Pizzicato" (for strings); (Anderson); "Lyric Overture" (Taylor); vocal soloist from Junction City High School; "Mission Overture" (Johnson); "Holiday for Strings" (De Rose); "Concerto for Two Violins" (Bach); "The Three Jacks" (Walters).

Another solo selection will be given by a Junction City vocalist and then the symphony orchestra will continue with "Dancing in the Dark" (Shwartz); "Prelude" (Guilmant); overture from "The Messiah" (for strings); (Handel); "Russian Dance" (Tschikowsky); "Miss June Kelsa of Junction City, who has been practicing regularly with the orchestra, also will appear in the concert."

Pair's Engagement Recently Announced At Klamath Falls

A betrothal of interest here was announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Michelson, of Klamath Falls, who told friends of the engagement of their daughter, June, to Harold L. Dryden of Klamath Falls. Mr. Dryden formerly lived in Eugene and is widely acquainted here.

No definite date has been set for the wedding but it is expected to be an event of early spring.

Miss Michelson is a graduate of Klamath Union high school where she was active in student affairs. She later attended the University of Oregon.

Mr. Dryden, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Dryden of Estes Park, Colo., is a graduate of Denver university at Denver, Colo., and a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He is now serving in Klamath Falls as chief station agent for the United Air Lines.

Panel Discussion Listed at Meeting

Colin Kelly Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a panel discussion on "Universal Military Training" Tuesday evening in the girl's gym at eight o'clock.

Leading the panel will be L. R. Roberts, and Lester Beals, George Blinkhorn, E. R. Benedict and Miss Margaret E. Onion will be the speakers. Discussion from the audience will follow.

Parents, and other interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

CLUB MEMBERS TO WEAR WINTER BLOSSOMS

Mrs. L. M. Watson, president of Eugene Garden club is asking those who attend the January meeting, Tuesday evening, to wear a flower, preferably one from out-of-doors. It should be interesting to see how many different varieties will be seen.

THIMBLE CLUB AT SANTA CLARA

Santa Clara Thimble Club will be entertained by Mrs. Harry Cadore in the H. R. Emerson home Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

BRIDE HONORED

CROW—Girls League of the high school gave a bridal shower Friday for Mrs. Lee Tillotson (Helen Hodgkin) home economics teacher who recently was married.

APPOINTMENT IS ANNOUNCED

Recently announced was the appointment of Mrs. Joseph Bartlett as an Associate Regent of the College of Regents in the Women of the Moose.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET

Campus Women's Club will meet Tuesday, January 27, and not January 20, as previously stated.

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Charm School Set For Girl Scouts At Monday Session

At their first get-together of the new year, senior Girl Scouts of Lane county, including girls from ninth grade level up to eighteen years, will learn one of the first essentials of good grooming. The meeting, to be held Monday evening from seven-thirty to nine o'clock in the beauty salon of Miller's Department Store, will feature care of the hair, under the professional instruction of Harold Parke. Mr. Parke will conduct a lesson with demonstrations, using the lucky heads of members of Mrs. Maxine Courtwright's Thurston Troop 73 as subjects. It is hoped as many Lane County Senior Girl Scouts as possible will attend.

This series of monthly meetings between January and May on good grooming has been planned, after discussion with the girls, by Senior Scout committee members and troop leaders under the chairmanship of Mrs. Francis Kelley, as part of the National Senior Girl Scout program concerned with Personal Improvement. Called a "Charm School," it consists of the following five lessons, one given at each monthly meeting: Care of the Hair, Make-up and Skin Care, Manners and Conventions, Color and Clothing Selection, and, as an exciting fifth lesson for May, a Style Show. It is hoped to have a well-known leader in each field as an instructor for each of the five classes.

Birthday Party For Coburg Woman

A surprise birthday party recently honored Mrs. Anna Baker at her Coburg home.

Present were Dauster, Chester, Donald and Celeste Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Oldman, Patty, Audrey and Delbert, Mrs. Doris Hicks and Judy, Sherrie, and Michael, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Banks and Steven Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. James Gundy, Sr., Leta Hodges, and Dauster Wellhauser. Also at the party was Mrs. Fay Wellhauser and Bill who are visiting from Santa Cruz, Cal.

Drama Group To Hear Speaker

Poetry and Drama Group of the Eugene City Club will have its meeting with Mrs. Harry Lichty, 1035 Jefferson, Saturday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. Dudley Holland will review the works of Rudyard Kipling. Mrs. H. L. McDonald is chairman for the meeting and Pearne Crowe, both of Springfield, Elizabeth Page and Mrs. field, are hostesses for the event.

EVENING AT BRIDGE ENTERTAINS GROUP

Recent Graduates Group Eugene branch of American Association of University Women, recently was entertained at an evening of bridge at the home of Mrs. Howard Hanson. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Dale E. Hellison and Mrs. John D. Venator.

The next meeting of the group will be February 6 with husbands of members as guests.

State Board of Oregon Mothers to Meet at Salem

State board of the University of Oregon Mothers Club will meet in Salem Friday, for luncheon at the Godfrey Tea Room at noon. Mrs. Howard J. Boyd of Eugene, state president, announced this week. Address of the tea room is 501 N. Winter Street.

Following the luncheon, Mrs. Boyd will preside at a business meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. George Alexander, 2805 State Street. It will be attended by executive officers, state board members, and local unit presidents. Mrs. J. Alan Wickham, dean of women at the university, will be special guest.

Karl W. Onthant, dean of personnel administration in the university, and executive secretary of the Oregon Mothers Club, also will attend.

WATSONS RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watson arrived home after spending the holidays with relatives in California.

During Christmas, they visited their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Carson and

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