

\$25 Prize-Winning Essay

Last year the I.O.O.F. grand lodge of Oregon offered prizes to all the schools in the state for the best essays, by high school students, on the subject, "Americanism vs. Alienism." The first cash prize, \$25, was last week received by Alyce Carolyn Moon, of the Roseburg schools. She is the daughter of Clarence Moon and a former resident of Myrtle Point. Besides the second and third prize cash winners, who live in Clatskanie and Baker, the list of honorable mention includes the name of Irene Long, of Bandon. All the schools from which essays were sent have received a hand-painted and framed picture of George Washington, the last he had painted. It is 22x27 inches in size and will be an addition to the portrait collection of any school. Riverton which was not included in any of the winning lists also received one of the pictures. Coquille High did not participate. Following is the prize-winning essay sent in by the Roseburg young lady:

Americanism versus Alienism
Americanism versus Alienism has become an issue to many thinking Americans today because of the foreboding events among European nations whose people and ideals are similar to our own.

But what is alienism? Scholastically considered, the word is seen to have been derived from the Latin "alienus" meaning "stranger." In a larger sense, is it not one who is a stranger to our ideals of life and living as well as to our privileges of citizenship?

Americanism, formally defined, is "custom peculiar to the United States." It is to us Americans that feeling for our national home which we term "patriotism." It is personified in our heartfelt salutation of the symbol of our free country—the flag—in place of the person of a maniacal dictator.

Lost are the opportunities of numerous democracies to glory in their nationalism—lost through their lack of unity, patriotism, and enthusiasm for the nation rather than merely through their lack of military preparation.

Our leaders have seen this; our civic organizations have seen it; and now our people are seeing it. America rises with one emotion of many manifestations. That emotion is "God Bless America," "Lease or Lend to Britain," "Conscription of Youth," or any one of a thousand other articulate expressions of lesser magnitude but no less love and loyalty. We are a Unified democracy combating alien adversity by promoting American loyalty.

But Americanism and Alienism is not to be identified in these obvious attributes alone; the outward self is not always the inward self. Old Glory is saluted mechanically or hypocritically by the alien, who sees not the blood red, the true blue, the aspiring stars; no, nor does he seek the work, the strength, the freedom in our banner. The Stars and Stripes is saluted by an American patriot with a thrill of pride and faith and determination. He revels in the freedom, feels the strength, realizes the work, and returns the love of the democratic country for its people. And this attitude, not edicts, makes citizenship.

What shall be done to counteract the spread of alien apathy and to perpetuate American activity? What should each citizen do? What should the present generation do? What shall I, a Roseburg student, do? In Cowper's questions I answer my own: "When was public virtue to be found where private was not? Can he love the whole who loves no part?"

Traffic Death Down 31 Per Cent In Oregon In Three Months

Oregon entered her bid for leadership in the nation in traffic death reduction for the first quarter of 1941 this week when Earl Snell, secretary of state, announced that this state had reduced its traffic death rate 31 per cent for the first three months of the year.

Oregon stood in first place in death reduction during the first two months of the year, but figures for the nation as a whole are not yet available for the first quarter. The tendency, however, has been for traffic deaths to increase throughout the country, Snell pointed out.

The traffic death rate in Oregon for the first quarter was 9.3 persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel, compared to 13.5 for the same period a year ago, a reduction of 31 per cent.

Actual deaths for the first quarter this year totaled 63, compared to 79 a year ago, or a reduction of 20 per cent. It was this reduction of 20 per cent in the actual number of deaths, combined with an increase of 15.8 in motor vehicle use, that resulted in the favorable death rate for the quarter.

Government Cannot Solve The Problem of Poverty

(By GEORGE PECK)

Government for some time has been trying unsuccessfully to solve the problem of poverty. It really is a paradox that here in the world's richest country, we should have a poverty problem to solve. Nevertheless, one exists and we would be foolish to imitate the ostrich by burying our heads in the sand and pretending to ignore it.

Here in this land of equal opportunity, one-third of our people are ill-housed, ill-fed and poorly clothed. If memory serves us correctly, one of our outstanding executives has described this minority as the "submerged third."

All decent citizens have sincere sympathy for these less fortunate among us. But, we must not be "pollyanna" in our efforts to correct a bad situation for fear that in trying to effect a cure, we only succeed in making the patient worse—perhaps kill him.

Various schemes have been proposed—some even adopted. Most of these have as their bases, the idea of taking away from the "Haves" and giving to the "Have-Nots." Dr. Ruth Alexander, nationally-known lecturer and economist, very aptly commented on this unwise procedure when she said: "Basically, there are tragic inequalities in ability—just as people are naturally endowed with differentials in eyesight. We remedy visual defects as much as we can, but we don't take eyesight from one who sees well and give it to one who sees not so well." Such a procedure would produce a nation of blind people.

Government can solve the problem of poverty at a given time, for a given time, and by methods which have never failed to destroy the whole of society in the long run. These methods consist of the forcible transfer of capital from one group (the great middle-class) to another group (the poor). Such redistribution is based solely on the needs of the poor, and utterly disregards their contribution to the whole. History shows that the ultimate result of the up-lift of the few is to drag down the many.

This method does not recognize the basic cause of poverty. It treats the symptom rather than getting at the cause. Karl Marx named poverty as the outstanding symptom of the machine age. He overlooked the fact that poverty has existed continuously throughout human history, long before the machine. Today, it is most acute in countries where machine production scarcely exists.

Poverty is not caused by widespread lack of opportunity, but rather by wide-spread lack of ambition. Reason compels us to admit that poverty is largely the result of specific weaknesses in human nature. It is the effect of these tragic inequalities for which nature is to blame—it is caused by lack of a driving will to succeed, by lack of persistence, and by unwillingness to make present sacrifices for the sake of the future.

Therefore, those better equipped by nature should assume a measure of responsibility for those suffering from voluntary or involuntary poverty. Charity, however, put on a permanent basis, destroys self-reliance, kills initiative, and undermines individual responsibility.

The poor could not survive if left alone. They either cannot or will not make their own survival dependent on their own efforts. They are forced to depend on the relatively strong. Destruction of these relatively strong in the long run, penalizes the whole. Leadership is a basis essential for the welfare of all. If we, as a nation, are submerged by excessive taxation or die off at the top by a disproportionate birth-rate, all will be reduced to penury.

It is tragic but true that we cannot help the weak by destroying the strong—that government cannot effect a permanent solution of the problem of poverty by redistributing the wealth.

Two Coos Breeders Buy Jersey Herd Sires

Two Coos county breeders have recently purchased registered Jersey herd sires, according to The American Jersey Cattle Club. W. E. Frazier, Bullards Star Route, Coquille, purchased Standard Fauvic Trouville 418780 from John Kopplin of Gaston. Dennis McCarthy of Marshfield purchased from John H. Fick, Woodburn, the animal Eagle Louise June Volunteer 419354.

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Portland Livestock Market News

The livestock market at the Portland Union Stock Yards Company for the week ended April 26th showed good advances during the week in the hog prices, while most classes of sheep and cattle sold about steady. Fed steers were occasionally as much as 25c lower and vealers closed full 50c off. There were 2,475 cattle, 300 calves, 3360 hogs and 2,435 sheep sold on the open market during the past week.

This week's market opened Monday with 2,100 cattle, 135 calves, 2,100 hogs and 2,235 sheep in the open market trading.

Sales of fed steers Monday ranged from weak to 25c lower, while she stuff was generally steady, bulls strong and vealers about steady. Medium to good fed steers ranged from \$9.50 to \$10.90, with selected lots reaching \$11.00. Common to low medium steers cashed at \$7.50 to 9.25, although very few went below \$8.50. Medium to good fed heifers made \$9.25 to 10.25. Common to medium heifers ranged from \$7.00 to 8.50, with cutters down to \$6.00 or below. Canner and cutter cows cleared at \$5.00 to 6.50, with fair dairy cows around \$7.00 to 7.50. Good beef cows earned \$8.00 to 8.75. Medium to good bulls cashed at \$8.00 to 9.00, with a few outstanding beef bulls up to \$9.25. Good to choice vealers sold from \$11.00 to 12.50, with common to medium grades around \$7.00 to 10.00.

The hog market Monday followed the eastern markets in their downward trend, being 15c below the previous Monday. Good to choice truck-

ins weighing around 170 to 215 lbs. cashed at \$9.25 to 9.35, with a few very outstanding fats at \$9.40, while sorted carloads sold mainly at \$9.35. Butchers from 230 to 280 lbs. cashed at \$8.75 to 8.85, with light lights around \$8.50 to 8.75. Packing sows weighing around 325 to 600 lbs. ranged from \$7.75 to 8.25, with a few smooth lightweights up to \$8.50. One lot of 125 lb. feeder pigs sold at \$9.50, but choice light kinds were scarce with traders quoting prices up to \$10.25 or above.

Spring lambs Monday were 25 to mostly 50c lower, while old crop lambs were weak to 25c lower. Slaughter ewes were mostly 25 to 35c, in some cases 50c lower. Good to choice spring lambs sold at \$10.25 to mostly \$10.50, with two outstanding lots at \$10.75. Medium to good springers went at \$9.50 to 10.00, with common grades down to \$8.50. Good to choice old crop shorn lambs ranged from \$8.25 to \$9.00. One lot of weighty woolled lambs made \$10.00. Four decks of fairly good shorn ewes sold at \$3.85, with odd ewes from \$3.50 to 4.00; common grades going down to \$2.00.

The following quotations are based on prices being paid in Monday's trading:

Cattle: Good grain-fed steers \$9.25 to \$11.00. Good grain-fed heifers \$9.25 to \$10.25. Good beef cows \$8.00 to 8.75, medium \$7.25 to 7.75, common \$6.25 to 7.00, canners \$5.00 to 6.00. Bulls, medium to good, \$8.00 to 9.25, common \$7.00 to 7.75. Vealers, good to choice \$11.00 to 12.50.

Hogs: Good to choice carlots \$9.35; 170 to 215 lb. truckins \$9.25 to 9.40; 230 to 285 lb. butchers \$8.75 to 8.85; lightweight butchers \$8.50 to 8.75;

packing sows \$7.75 to 8.25. Feeder pigs \$9.50 to 10.25.

Sheep: Good to choice spring lambs \$10.25 to 10.75; medium to good \$9.50 to 10.00, common \$8.50 to 9.00. Old crop shorn lambs \$8.25 to 9.00. Slaughter ewes, good to common shorn \$3.50 to 4.00.

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Battalion of Talent Is Recruited for Laugh Film

Lead-off picture from Hollywood about the funny side of camp life of the conscriptees in Uncle Sam's fighting forces, "Buck Privates," comes to the Roxy Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, the serio-comic battlers of radio and the stage, who were immediately signed to a long term contract following their hit in "One Night in the Tropics," share prominent spots in the Universal hit with The Andrew Sisters, the boogie-woogie girls of rhythm, who also hit the boxoffice jackpot in their first film, "Argentine Nights."

Lee Bowman, recently opposite Lana Turner in a series of films; Alan Curtis, last in "High Sierra," and Jane Frazee, vivacious new film leading lady, form a two-boys-and-a-girl romantic combination. Nat Pendleton has one of the main supporting comedy roles.

In addition, there is a whole galaxy of glamour girls, including Dorothy Darrell, producer Joe Pasternak's newest "find," Kay Leslie, one of the "13 baby stars of 1940," Jeanne Kelly, Nina Orla and Elaine Morey.

The Andrew Sisters sing several new songs in "Buck Privates," all of them written by Don Raye and

Hughie Prince, composers of "Rhumboogie," "Beat Me, Daddy, Eight to the Bar," and a score of other hits. Their new numbers are, "You're a Lucky Fellow, Mr. Smith," "I Wish You Were Here," "Bounce Me Brother With a Solid Four," "When Private Brown Becomes a Captain" and "Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy."

In addition, the girls revive an old number, "I'll Be With You in Apple Blossom Time."

Arthur Lubin directed the picture from the screenplay by Arthur T. Horman. Alex Gottlieb was the associate producer.

"Buck Privates" At The Roxy Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday



The Andrew Sisters and Abbott and Costello in Universal's "Buck Privates." (Left to right) Maxene Andrews, Patty Andrews, Lou Costello, LeVerne Andrews and Bud Abbott.

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