

**Timely Topics**

By R. T. Moore

The best definition of Freedom that I have ever heard was the text of a sermon preached by the pastor of the Bandon Presbyterian Church on July 4. It was this: "Freedom is not the right to do as you wish, it is the responsibility for always doing the right."

The invasion of Europe via Sicily brings up the subject of what the Allied Nations have to offer those suffering people, to replace the Nazism and Fascism under which they have lived and died in recent years. So often freedom is misunderstood and misused by the so-called democracies. Under no other system of government conceived by man is the citizen required to exert as much effort to live rightly than under democratic rule. Because so much is demanded of the individual citizen in the administration of his government under democratic rule it is necessary for him to become well enough educated to be able to pass on questions of domestic and foreign policy as well as those that immediately affect his daily life. A democracy is no place for a slothful citizen and cannot survive unless its citizens are energetic, alert and intelligent. This Utopia is never reached in practice and is only approximated by the great democracies of today. It is a high standard toward which citizens should continually strive. Their safety and strength depends upon the extent to which they approach the desired goal of good citizenship.

It is discouraging to all public-spirited citizens of the United States to witness the very evident shortcomings of many groups of people composing our great nation. There is too much selfishness and greed and reluctance to place the good of the nation above the good of the individual. These people are like children who play about the yard and trample on the victory garden which their father and mother have carefully tended and rely upon to furnish food for them all in the dark days of winter. Fortunately the nation is large enough and wealthy enough to survive in spite of the destructive tactics of selfish groups; and the great majority of the voting public are still intelligent enough to realize that in this crisis the nation must come first.

With the Armed Forces operating smoothly in spite of the rather mediocre support they are receiving in the production lines there is yet hope that the nation will be pulled together and will function smoothly from now on. Much depends on the action taken during the summer to ruthlessly stamp out the petty bickering and muddling in Washington. Thoughtful citizens are hoping anxiously that the President will be successful in his effort to perform this arduous task.

Conspicuous in the trend of thinking during the last days of the recent session of Congress is the drift toward restoring to the several states many of the rights which had been voluntarily released to the Federal Government in the interest of overcoming the late depression.

Congressmen are receiving a great many letters from constituents, particularly farmers, protesting against Federal regulations and insisting upon restoration of State control over Agriculture. The clamor is becoming so great that it is safe to predict action in that direction when Congress convenes next September.

It should be kept eternally before the public that the reliance on the Federal purse for the construction of public utilities or for the operation of any quasi-public business institutions means the surrender of the taxpayer's right of veto via the ballot. This is not true technically but it is true practically. For the individual vote, though having control over County and State officialdom, has no control whatever over the vast army of Federal employees. Only by concerted action, very slow and difficult to obtain can the latter be removed from office.

In making decision on whether Federal funds should be solicited or accepted for state or local use, the voting public should remember that the cost will be the surrender of a part of their voting franchise. In some cases this might be justified by the benefits accruing to the public through such expenditures. But more often than not, the projects could be better handled locally and with more satisfaction to the local residents. We have tried the system of centralized authority in the Nation's Capitol. It has been found wanting. We should then return to the system of State's Rights which has built our country to the greatest nation on earth within the short space of 187 years, the most remarkable achievement in the history of man.

At the recent meeting with officials of the State Highway Department in Marshfield the policy of standing on our own feet was outstanding.

The purpose of the visit was to in-

spect the highway system in this district and to determine which projects should be listed for improvement or construction in the post-war period. In my opinion the Highway Commission is on the right track when they advocate doing the bulk of the work ourselves and not relying on Uncle Sam except as he comes in as a helper. In this way we will maintain control over our own excellent highway system and will not have to stand in line with hat in hand waiting for Federal favor.

The Highway Commission is one of the best the state has ever had and can be thoroughly relied upon to do a good job for the entire state. The Governor is fortunate in having secured the services of men of this calibre. They are accustomed to getting things done well and cheaply and the entire state will benefit during their Administration.

The settlement of the Wallace-Jones feud by the forming of still another alphabetical bureau comes as a great disappointment to most Americans.

It was hoped that the President would intervene in such a way as to settle once and for all the jurisdictional dispute between these able and influential men so that their services could be retained for the Nation at full value. Instead, both are discouraged by the submergence of their views beneath a bureau of doubtful value and all that they have accomplished in months of patient, arduous work is placed in jeopardy.

Again the weakness of the President as an executive is demonstrated through his failure to make full use of the talents of men of fine parts. His strength seems to lie in foreign diplomacy and as a political leader. It is to the credit of both Mr. Wallace and Mr. Jones that they have accepted the new situation gracefully and have voiced their loyalty to their chief and pledged anew their desire to serve their country to the best of their ability.

The Connally-Smith Labor Bill is still untested, although Mr. Biddle is moving in the direction of prosecution of certain leaders and members of the Mine Workers Union in western Pennsylvania. It is not surprising that the Administration is dragging its feet in enforcing this new law because of the loose wording of the law itself and because of the influence of National socialist groups in the personnel of the important Federal agencies involved.

It is a singular thing and one not yet explained satisfactorily that the 30-day strike notice and the secret ballot features objected to by the Administration are embodied in the Railroad Act and have been found to operate very well in practice.

One cannot not help but come to the conclusion that the real reason for the objection was not that those features are unworkable but because they were not acceptable politically.

A showdown is approaching on this matter in the multitude of strike notices that has arrived on the desk of the War Labor Board during the past ten days or so. It is a sad and disgraceful thing that the war effort should be impeded in any way by stoppage of work. Much responsibility rests upon labor, industries and the several Federal bureaus involved to see that discipline is rigidly maintained and the no-strike pledge kept. We have had altogether too much of this sort of thing and public opinion will hardly tolerate another wave of strikes.

**More Coos Co. Young People In "Keep Oregon Green" Guards**

Sixty-four young people of Coos County are now members of the Oregon Green Guard. This organization is the youth activity of the statewide campaign to prevent farm and forest fires. The latest reports show Karen Barklow, Evelyn June Hall, Martelle Roper, Peggy Kinchejo, Sylvia Elaine Hall, all of Myrtle Point; George Johnson, Bob Jenkins, Jim Brewster, Peter Harvey, Clarent Kannel, Clifford Menning, all of Coquille, and Dale Tharp, of Marshfield, as the more recent enlistments to offer their services in this timely and important work. Other young people who want to be Green Guards should write "Keep Oregon Green," Salem, Oregon. There are no fees charged and no duties assigned that the person cannot do at his own home.

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**County Court News**

(By Judge L. D. Felsheim)

**County To Get Paid**

Coos county owns considerable tax title land in the area covered by the airport at North Bend. This property has been taken over by the airport administration, along with a lot of privately-owned land, and all of it is being bought by the Navy department through condemnation proceedings.

At one time it was reported that the county was expected to donate the land for the airport. The County Court, however, at no time considered such a donation as it was felt the county taxpayers should not be called upon for such a contribution to a federal project.

The County Court offered to dispose of its claims for compensation in the condemnation suit for the sum of \$7,500.00 and on July 16 received a letter from headquarters of the 13th Naval district, Seattle, that the offer has been accepted and that the Department of Justice attorney handling the litigation has been instructed to take the necessary steps to cause judgment to be entered in the case. In other words, the county will realize \$7,500.00 to offset the amount of delinquent taxes it lost when the property was taken over through foreclosure proceedings.

**Maintenance of Roads**

The state highway department, upon request of the County Court, has agreed to take over the maintenance of the North Bank road (Market Road No. 5) from its junction with U. S. Highway 101, north of Coquille, with the Seven Devils chrome access road.

The request was granted subject to the conditions that the federal government will supply funds with which to pay costs involved. Secretary H. B. Glaiser of the highway commission, in his letter to the court, said: "It is my understanding that the federal government funds will be available for this purpose."

Inasmuch as the heavy trucking of chrome concentrates from the plants of the Krome Corporation and the Humphreys Gold Corporation is pounding this portion of the county market road steadily around the clock, it is considered logical that the federal government should stand the cost of maintenance.

Because of the manpower shortage, the late season, and other circumstances, County Roadmaster Robb's department is pleased to have the state highway department assume the job of maintaining that portion of the North Bank road.

The county road crew is working feverishly to get around to the various parts of the county during favorable weather in order to get as much maintenance work done as possible. Because of the necessity of doing several important and urgent jobs for the military authorities early this season, the county work has been delayed somewhat, but the crew is "hitting the ball" now and much is expected to be accomplished within the next few weeks.

**Prosper Gets Precinct**

The County Court granted the request of petitioners from the Prosper community to re-establish a voting precinct there. Several years ago a change in boundaries was made which placed the Prosper community in the Parkersburg precinct.

The petition asked that all of that portion of the Prosper school district (No. 60) lying on the south side of the Coquille river be made a voting place at the Prosper school house. The change will not add to the cost of holding elections inasmuch as the Parkersburg precinct has had two election boards, while now Parkersburg and Prosper will each have one board.

That area along the highway east of Bandon, including the Wintersville community, still remains in the Parkersburg (Bear Creek) precinct.

The total registration in the Parkersburg precinct, according to the records in County Clerk Oddy's office is 122. At the last November election there were 92 votes cast.

**Fight Fires By Air**

Woodsmen on the lookout for possible enemy action in the way of setting the forests afire, should perhaps be cautioned to hold their fire in the vent they see a man dropping from the sky by parachute, because the man may not be a Jap.

H. C. Obye, Grants Pass, supervisor of the Siskiyou National Forest, has announced that ten men trained in parachute fire fighting, the first crew ever employed in Oregon, are now stationed at the Redwoods Ranger station. The men have completed an intensive course in parachute fire fighting at Seeley Lake, near Missoula, Mont., each man being required to make at least eight jumps with full equipment. The men work in pairs and will be dropped with full equipment near a fire as soon as it is reported.

**Land Exchange Meeting**

The three members of the County

**Out-of-Doors Stuff**

by LANS LENEVE

We are in receipt of a letter from an old friend (at least I thought him such, until I received his letter, but now I have my doubts about it).

The letter in question comes from one Jap Yoakam and in case you are not acquainted with him, we might enlighten you to the extent that Jap is as large, if not larger, than the present current heavyweight champion and at present is sporting a beard that would be the envy of any disciple of The House of David.

We assure you that it is not owing to Jap's size that we are publishing comments taken from his letter, but owing to our fairness in publishing comments from the readers of this column whether of a favorable nature or not; besides, we figure that some of the big fellow's comments may prove as interesting to you as they did to us.

Jap states: "So you call yourself a sportsman, do you? And in a recent issue of your column you informed your readers as to how you and your wife caught 53 pounds of fresh water carp while in Utah, on one trip, and gave them all away to your neighbors. It is such fishing as this that causes limits to be placed on such fish as carp—when sportsmen take advantage of the law and catch many more than they can use themselves."

I lived for years and years on the old home ranch below Coquille. I have seen the marshes alive with ducks and thousands and thousands of them in our fields, and yet during all those years the ducks that I actually killed could be counted on my fingers and toes. And the last deer I killed was in 1918.

"Now sportsmen like yourself have

Court, including the writer and the two commissioners, Lars Peterson and P. W. Culver, will be in Portland Friday of this week to meet with W. H. Homing, federal forester, in connection with the exchange of lands between Coos county and the O. & C. land administration. The court will be joined in Portland by the former county judge, E. L. Peterson, now state director of agriculture, under whose administration as county judge the proceedings were begun.

Considerable progress has been made in the exchange proceedings but there is still much to be done before the big task can be accomplished. A number of ranchers in the district affected by the exchange have already made application to purchase grazing lands that Coos county expects to receive in the transaction. While no promises can be made, the County Court has in mind giving first consideration to those most interested by virtue of having leases on such federal lands as may lie adjacent to their private holdings.



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killed hundreds, yes thousands of ducks on the old ranch each season you fellows go out and get your buck, or seek to kill it. So I am asking you just which of us is the best sportsman? Is it fellows like you, who kill and kill and kill, or is it fellows like me, who seldom kill?"

"If the deer, elk and ducks hadn't been warred upon constantly and were killed as I have killed them, there would be an abundance of them today and no game laws would be necessary for their protection."

"I am not picking a fight with sportsmen in general, but am merely pointing out that more conservation on the sportsmen's part would mean more propagation for our game animals and birds."

"I hope to see this in print, as I am a reader of your column and I'd like to see if you are sportsman enough to publish it." Unquote.

We appreciate Jap's comments and agree with him fully that conservation means propagation. However, in self defense we will state that fresh water carp are not protected in Utah—that they devour trout by the thousands and that the game commission encourages them being caught; that they are even used for fertilizer in that state.

Regarding the ducks and deer: if each sportsman killed as many of them as our friend Jap, they would become so numerous, especially the deer, that no farmer's crop would be safe. In fact, Jap would have to shave off that "brush" that adorns his chin or the deer would be browsing on it. But we do agree wholeheartedly with him regarding the fact that more attention should be paid to conservation, for at the pres-

ent rate of slaying, our game animals and birds will soon go the way of the buffalo.

Thanks a lot for your letter, Jap—hope to hear again from you some time, for it is opinions like yours and ideas expressed so ably that cause sportsmen in general to pause and reflect. And as to which of us is the best sportsman, well I have only one comment to make—no true gentleman will hide behind "the brush," (meaning your whislers, of course), and take as many pot "shots" at a fellowman as you have at me. But when it comes to really conserving the game, we have to hand it to you—you're a good sportsman. It's truly a shame that such sportsmen as yourself are so far in the minority.

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