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HAPPY ENDING

Phillip H. Parrish, editor of the Oregonian's editorial page, in a thoughtful address to the graduates of the Grass Valley high school Wednesday night made comment on a favorite theme: that Americans are subject to a happy ending complex.

Mr. Parrish means that our books and stories must end happily, the hero must win the beautiful maiden, the villain must be defeated. By always having happy endings in our fiction we have come to believe that nothing can defeat the United States. We picture our nation as the handsome hero who invariably comes thru at the crucial moment and wrests victory from unwary foes.

He thinks this something of a national weakness in that it causes us to fall to take proper steps for winning the war.

Perhaps his thesis is correct. Yet, except for the advantage of surprise attack what enemy can match us in military strength? Americans realize their industrial might, the ability of its industrialists to organize for production more quickly and more efficiently than any other nation. We have confidence that in battle the training of our soldiers in self-reliance will cause them to prevail. And we always have won, haven't we? History confirms the belief that we are invincible.

Many of us also feel that our type of government has given an opportunity to nearly everyone to make proper use of his "or" her abilities, to develop in every field of endeavor until we are, in fact, a bit superior to the nationals of any other country.

Like Sir Galahad who boasted: My good blade carves the casques of men.

My tough lance thrusteth sure. My strength is as the strength of ten.

Because my heart is pure we feel that we cannot be defeated because we give each citizen—in theory—a chance to do his best, because we are not fighting aggressive wars but only for the liberation of other peoples.

In these days when morale is listed as a major national asset, the belief in invincibility may stand us in good stead.

GRADUATION

She sat in the place reserved for parents and looked about her at the gathering crowd—her seemed slow tonight—or maybe she was a little nervous. They were hemmed in by ribbons—was it paper—ribbons were hard to get nowadays.

Her husband, sitting beside her, looked tired, and his neck was setting quite a few wrinkles on it. He sat heavily in his chair—it had been a job raising a family in good times and bad. Maybe she sat heavily in her chair too, she thought, for the years had been long for her as well.

There was the processional. The boy came up the aisle, walking slowly as was the custom. She hoped he wasn't too nervous. Now the performers were all on the stage and the program started. Soon it would be the boy's time to speak. He looked fine in his new suit, really the first full suit he had ever had—his shoes shined bright after she had told him again.

Some girls were singing something about a garden and the boy stared rather stolidly in front of him. He looked like her even if he did have some of his father's features, and, dressed like a full grown man, and having shaved a couple of times, he still looked like the little boy she used to tuck in at nights. It was so long ago—and just yesterday—all at once.

He was speaking now, going through his speech he had rehearsed to her for the past week. She hoped he didn't miss any of it. His voice didn't sound scared. He was like her folks in being able to appear in public. She was a little proud of that.

Here was the speaker of the evening. Why did they always have preachers or teachers at commencements? Were they the only ones who knew what the world was about? Maybe they were—or the only ones who were used to talking about it.

There was much about ideals, about doing the best possible with the equipment at hand; the boy had always been able to make the machinery run with the common tools and haywire. There were a few words about determination; the boy was headstrong, like his father's people and maybe that had a place even if he was occasionally hard to handle.

The speaker was giving rules for success, mostly spiritual success. Did the boy have those qualifications? She was too old and worn to look upon herself as perfect or her husband as an ideal. They were just a plain couple who had tried to raise a family in their own ideals. Now she wondered how they had done as well as they had for their knowledge seemed devoid of these high ideals to look back upon. Yet the boy was a fine looking kid, frank and honest of mien.

This was his night. They were only accessories before the fact. Soon he would be gone like the others, away from home, and they would have nothing but memories left of them. The talk about getting and giving might have been for parents. They gave a lifetime and might rest in the shadow of what they produced. They were done and the boy in the hands of the community, being congratulated. Soon he would belong to the world. Good-bye, son.

CONGRESS

Congress, say the columnists, is in bad with the people.

Reason often given is that congressmen voted against some war measures and now that war is here the people resent the lack of preparedness.

That is no reason for disliking congress or individual congressmen. A great part of the United States was of the same opinion when the votes were taken. The plaint that we were being crowded into war by our government was more common than that we were unprepared. By laying the blame on congress the critics are merely searching for a scapegoat—an old, and not too honest custom.

Congressmen might well be criticized for permitting the legislative branch of our government to become subservient to the executive. They have been weak kneed, afraid, prone to ride on the coat tails of a popular wave toward centralized government.

The vast majority of them might well be defeated because they have thought more of retaining their jobs than maintaining the legislative branch of government in the place established for it in the constitution—the place it must keep if we are to have a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

In Other Days

From the Observer May 25, 1923
 Four graduated from Kent high school: Nellie Leonard, Glade Guyton, Joseph Wilson and Henry Moers.

Moro high school lost the Mid-Columbia track meet by 2 1/2 points at the fair grounds Saturday. Fossil winning. The meet was decided by the relay which was run by Moore, Anderson, Thompson and Hoekman for Moro.

Mrs. Dan McLachlin had the back of her hand severely injured last week when she fell into a tractor fan.

Leon Moore's Irish setter had trouble last week when run over by Ray Williams. He recovered after it was thought he was dead.

From the Observer, May 23, 1913
 County road viewers, I. N. Lemon, B. W. Anson and Wm. Penrichs, surveyor laid out a road west of Wasco to join the Fulton and Vic Anderson farms.

Raymond Henrichs has sold \$19 worth of vegetables from a small lot this spring as an example of what an ambitious boy can do.

Mrs. F. E. Fagan and Miss Ito Webb, Otto Peetz and J. C. Harper are delegates to Odd-Fellows grand lodge at Medford.

Circuit ended with four cases tried. The grand jury spent much time debating possible violations of the local option law.

From the Observer, May 29, 1903
 J. E. Friend escaped from the county jail Monday night, some say by blowing himself through the key hole.

Misses Lois, Sadie, Eva Ruckles and brother, Walter passed through town Tuesday enroute to the Hood River berry fields.

We heard our first Moro mosquito Sunday. He came from a neighboring rain barrel. A cup of kerosene on Amos. Quits home will destroy him and keep him from bothering this summer—if we have any summer.

Freight trains are running on the CS Ry again. The crew is making Wasco its headquarters.

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and the policy is to push all new industries inland at least 200 miles, "if possible. No powder plant will be built, however, unless WPB decides that existing plants are insufficient. One story is that the plants now operating have capacity to provide all the propellants required for a global war.

For several years growers of bent grass in Clatsop county have been urging an appropriation which would permit department of agriculture scientists to study grasses to determine which are best for certain localities. Always the request has been kicked out the window because bent grass is used on golf courses and was regarded as recreational. In the new appropriation a substantial sum is allowed for grass experimentation as a war measure. New diversions for fields require a grass that will stand up where runways are not paved. Bent grass will hold the soil from blowing and afford a cushion for landing planes. As airfields are scattered all over Oregon, different grasses are required, and to find out which is best for each climate the experiments will be made.

Statehouse Gossip

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 supervision.

Valuations of public utilities in Oregon have increased by approximately \$12,700,000 in the last 19 months, according to figures released by the state tax commission. All categories contributed substantially to the increase with the exception of express companies and small telephone companies. Greatest increase in valuations is shown by steam railroads which jumped from \$138,962,345 to \$143,692,826. Electric utility valuations increased from \$106,632,692 to \$110,674,636 and valuations of electric railroads from \$2,902,984 to \$4,461,780.

Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, has called on all the pupils in all Oregon schools to help prepare for a state-wide celebration of flag day, June 14, by suggesting to parents and neighbors that each home be supplied with an American flag and that it be displayed on that day at least. Wherever possible Putnam suggests that the flags of all the United Nations be included in the display.

At East three prominent members of Oregon's official family have been granted leaves of absence during the past week in order to join Uncle Sam's armed forces. Win C. Clark, chief clerk in the Salem office of the state liquor control commission, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the army air corps; Francis T. Wade, an assistant to Attorney General Van Winkle since 1934, has been called to active duty as a captain in the army; Sidney George, chief claim inspector for the Industrial accident commission, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in military police in the marine corps. George, a veteran of the first World War, has been with the commission for more than 20 years.

Governor Sprague has appealed to Leon Henderson, director of the office of price administration, for a relaxation in his price freezing order as applied to canned goods in order that Oregon canneries may not be compelled to suspend operations. Canner operators have complained that, because of increased wages and material costs they will be unable to operate under the price freezing order which fixes the price of their produce at the 1941 level. The governor pointed out in his telegram to Henderson that suspension of cannery operations would not only be a serious blow to producers of berries, fruits and vegetables but to consumers as well.

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 Moro, Oregon
 Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I. O. O. F. hall Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Paul May, N. G.
Percy Thompson, Sec.
Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78, O. E. S.
 Moro, Oregon

Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting members invited.

Marie Hoskinson, W. M.
Pauline Douma, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M
 Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us.

Darwin Van Gilder, W. M.
G. V. Belknap, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
 Moro, Oregon
 Meets 2d & 4th Tuesday of each month. Visiting members welcome.

Lucille May, N. G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

Kent Grange Schedules Meeting, May 22

The Kent grange will hold its regular meeting Saturday evening, May 22. As many members as possible are asked to be present. Chauncey Rambo left last week for Davenport, Washington where he will stay for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Hoskinson took their son Edward to The Dalles Saturday where he received medical attention. They returned home that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moers and sons Leonard and Raymond of Portland spent Saturday and Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. Max Pluemke.

Mrs. Alfred Lyons entertain a Friday evening for the High school student body at the Legion Hall. The evening was spent in playing games followed with lunch served at the Lyons home.

Mrs. Shirley Miller and Mrs. Luemke were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Merrill Sather was a Moro visitor one day last week. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Monroe, a former employe of John Wilson left for Redmond Sunday where he will be employed by the railroad.

Mrs. Orville Lyman of Grass Valley was a visitor at the L. Sather home Saturday. Louis Sather and son Merrill were Sunday visitors at the Justice home.

Connie and Dorothy Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. John Koepke visited with Miss Doris Stiles Sunday morning.

Willard Maxwell left Thursday morning on the stage, after spending a few days visiting with the J. E. Norton family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Haynes were out of town guests visiting friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Grace Gregg and Mrs. J. L. Matthes motored to The Dalles Tuesday and Mrs. Charles Purchase and small son returned home with them.

Miss Dolores Gregg came over from Warm Springs and spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Grace Gregg, and sister, Mrs. Charles Purchase, and small son Michael.

Mrs. Richard Holdaway and daughter Doris of Grass Valley were visitors at the home of Mrs. Holdaway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helyer.

Henry Moers of Portland, brother of Mrs. Max Pluemke, was a visitor at her home the first of the week.

Herman Peters is here from Grass Valley loading wheat for shipment.

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Prices Posted On All Ceiling Priced Articles This Week

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Sellers are permitted to charge a price no greater than the highest price charged in March of this year. Sellers may charge as much less than the maximum price as the need for profit and business policy dictates.

Exempted from this regulation are: raw and unprocessed agricultural products, eggs and poultry, milk, including cheese, butter, cream, flour, except special mixes, mutton and lamb, fresh fish, dried prunes, beans, most nuts, living animals, books, magazines, newspapers, motion pictures, ore, logs, used automobiles, securities, which leaves quite a number of commonly used articles outside the regulations.

In addition to these exemptions the regulations do not apply to sales by a farmer of his own produce as long as it does not exceed \$75 per month, by anyone who sells used supplies, sale of household effects or personal property, auction sales, hotels, restaurants, bars, cafes, commodities sold with out private profit, such as bazaars.

Also excluded from the provisions of the act are services of an employe to an employer—which means that the wages are not frozen—professional services, theaters, common carriers or utilities, advertising, insurance, real property.

From these exemptions it is plain that the regulation—it is not a law—is made for the purpose of restricting the price of the more easily inflated goods of ordinary living. Packaged food stuffs, canned foods, much clothing are the principal commodities affected.

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O. C. L. A., as amended), notice is hereby given that the Budget Committee of Moro, Oregon has prepared in compliance with the "Local Budget Law", Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period July 1, 1942 to June 30, 1943. All persons are hereby notified that on Tuesday, the ninth day of June, 1942 at 8 p. m. in the council room, Moro, Oregon, the following Budget Estimates for the ensuing fiscal period ending June 30, 1943, for the levying board for the said City of Moro, Oregon, and any favor of or against said proposed tax levy or tax levies or any part thereof, are hereby notified that on Tuesday, the ninth day of June, 1942 are set forth in the accompanying statements, Schedules I, III and IV. Schedule I shows the outstanding indebtedness of City of Moro, Oregon as at May 1, 1942. The original estimate sheets as required by Section 110-1204

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over his opponent, Governor Sprague. "I am most appreciative and profoundly grateful for the splendid expression of confidence accorded me by the citizens of my native state. I am not unmindful of the great responsibilities and obligations that accompany this vote of confidence.

"During this campaign I made certain pledges to the people of Oregon. They were made with all the sincerity I possess. I am deeply sensitive to those obligations, not only to the republican party which I am honored to represent, but obligations to all the citizens of this great commonwealth.

"Oregon has been fortunate in the type and character of the men who have served as chief executives of our great state. Charles A. Sprague, our present governor, has served with credit and distinction. He was called from private life to serve our state during one of the most trying times in our history. His conscientious service will long be remembered.

"In conclusion, I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to the many friends and supporters who have made my nomination possible. Their sincere friendship and steadfast loyalty will never be forgotten.

"The press and radio have been most courteous and kind. "May I conclude with this solemn pledge: That if I am chosen as governor of Oregon in November, it will be my sincere and earnest purpose to serve my native state in a manner that will reflect credit and honor. To that end I pledge the utmost of my talents, ability and capacity."

Earl Snell, republican nominee for governor, expressing appreciation for the confidence extended him by the voters of the state, issued the following statement early Saturday morning after early returns indicated a substantial lead

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Actual for Year Ending Dec. 31,		Actual	Budget for	Fund and Classification		Estimates for Period
1939	1940	1st 3 mo.	1st 6 mo.			July, 1942-June 30, 1943
240.00	240.00	60.00	120.00	GENERAL FUND		
65.08	39.10	13.80	25.00	Recorder and Treasurer Salaries		240.00
		91.18	75.00	State Industrial Accident Insurance		60.00
		14.60	41.00	Administration		150.00
				WATER FUND		
1240.00	1195.00	345.00	750.00	Marshall and Collector Salaries		1500.00
504.25	40.40	403.48	50.00	Labor account water fund		100.00
1310.01	406.07	71.31	200.00	Supplies account water fund		350.00
560.55	514.67	448.00	275.00	Power account water fund		560.00
123.00	22.48	268.95	100.00	Fire Department		200.00
				MISCELLANEOUS		
144.49	298.22	775.42	250.00	Emergency		250.00
871.78	770.40	192.60	385.00	Power account street lights		770.40
1106.52	431.20	344.96	200.00	Hotel Insurance		400.00
50.00	50.00	50.00	25.00	Library Fund		50.00