

"My Country Is My Home"

By Ralph E. Sweeney especially for
The Crater Eagle

I have been asked to contribute an article to "The Eagle," and I know of no better subject to consider in these times when liberty and freedom are being challenged by the power-mad dictators than our duty to our country as citizens as shown us on our mountain of vision.

This duty we call patriotism should not be negative or passive; it should be gloriously affirmative, splendidly aggressive in the service of our country. In pursuing our duty, we need not wander to the confines of our great land—to the frozen gates of the north under the midnight sun, nor to the tropic lands of Puerto Rico, nor yet to the Islands of the blue Pacific. True, we would still be under the sheltering folds of the Stars and Stripes, the Flag of our Country, the Emblem of our Noble Heritage, and the pride of every red blooded American, as well as the envy of war-torn peoples of other lands. We must show our loyalty and patriotism right here at home, by our own firesides and among our own neighbors and friends.

I have read somewhere the story, the outlines of which remain only dimly in my memory, of a veteran of the Napoleonic wars, walking one day with his nephew, a boy in whose breast he wanted to kindle the fires of patriotism and love of country.

"My boy," said the old soldier, "You must love your country."

"Yes," said the youth. "But what is my country?"

Pausing in their walk, the veteran pointed to the boy's home, a little cottage seen in the distance under the trees, and asked: "What is that?"

"My home," said the boy, delighted with the old familiar scene, his face aglow and thinking of the happy associations of his childhood.

"Well, that is your country," said the soldier. "And you should love all this as you love your mother, who is standing there in the door."

My country? It is the modest home that shelters me, where I go for rest and comfort when tired and worried; the bit of blue grass on the lawn where my child—or I should say my grandchild—plays, and the neighboring children who show their gladness as they look confidently into my face; the old familiar songs I hear; the old familiar faces I see; the shady, quiet street, with the church spire pointing heavenward; the view from the window when the sun goes down; and I see as in my boyhood days, my ship bravely sailing in.

This is my country. To love it is felicity; to die for it may be my duty; but to live for it, giving our very best service, even when it means sacrifice may be a greater duty. How shall we, as citizens, and as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, serve our country? Well, by making our neighborhood, our city, our country and state a better place in which to live; by promoting efficiency, economy and integrity in public affairs; and by practicing those virtues in our private lives, and homes, and away from home if called away. But at home first, by pulling ahead, and not backward; by words of praise, and not lamentations. Let us therefore, as Eagles, keep our ranks solid by keeping our dues promptly paid; and go forward in increasing numbers, a great army in defense of our liberty, our freedom and our American way of life.—The Crater Eagle.



Bill Ousterhout and Gwendolyn Charley, selected this year as Jackson county's outstanding 4-H club members, who were guests of the Medford Branch of The First National Bank of Portland at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition last week.

cuts, a sprained shoulder and numerous bruises, hospital attendant reported today. He was resting fairly easy.

The locomotive, operated by Engineer Ellis M. Clark of Central Point, ripped off the entire right side of the automobile, police said; then came to a complete stop 12 feet beyond the point of impact. The automobile was practically a total loss after the wreck, police said.

Anderson, who was brought to Medford in the Perl ambulance, was quoted by a hospital attendant as saying "I don't know how it happened."

Police said a clear view of the railroad tracks from the highway could be had for quite a distance.

Sales—Hal Jewett.
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Girls' sports—Aileen Berry.
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Feature—Juanita Elliott.
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Faculty advisers for this important project are Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Fleischer.

—The Central Pointer

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To the Voters of Jackson, County, Oregon:

We have heard many discussions of the old age pension and the right of the unfortunate elderly people to have an adequate pension for their support; but no plan has yet been adopted that provides an adequate pension for the support of these elderly people. They are receiving such a small allowance that it does not afford a decent living for them; and some means, additional to what now are employed, should be resorted to, to raise sufficient funds to give them more than they are now getting. Unless other means are employed,

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Senior Class Elects Editor for Annual

At a recent meeting of the senior class, the senior candidate for queen, and an editor for the '41 Pointer annual were elected by a group of enthusiastic upper-classmen.

Shirley Kincaid walked away with all honors, for not only did she receive the unanimous vote of the seniors for the queen candidacy, but also the much coveted position of editor of the annual.

Work on this year's annual will begin immediately, as the rest of the staff members have already been appointed. These include the following:

Associate editors—Jeannette Metternich, Dale Seymour.
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Willkie Suggests 'No Third Term' Day

NEW YORK, Oct. 7—Wendell L. Willkie asked American citizens last night to join him in the observance of a "No Third Term Day" on Oct. 23.

The Republican Presidential nominee said in a statement that he made the suggestion in response to a telegram from "more than 50 prominent Americans, Democrats as well as Republicans."

"In the last few weeks," Mr. Willkie's statement said, "I have traveled from coast to coast discussing with many millions of our people the issues confronting us in these grave hours. I have found that one of the issues which stirs millions of Americans is that of the proposed continuation in the Presidency of one man for more than eight years, in violation of a sacred tradition of our history."

"No matter how capable or well meaning he may be, there is no indispensable man in a democracy. When we accept the idea that one man is indispensable, we take a long stride toward dictatorship in fact if not in name."

"The danger of continuance in the great powers of the Presidency beyond the limit of eight years set by Washington, and reinforced by the example and warnings of Jefferson and a long line of other Presidents, are self-evident."

"When we are confronted by threats to our freedom from abroad, we cannot afford to risk a departure from our traditional system of free government at home."

"I therefore now solemnly call on all the men and women of this great country to join with me on October 23 in the observance of 'No Third Term Day' throughout our Nation."

Girl's League Shows Promising Increase

This year the Girls' League, advised by Miss Beamer, promises to be quite a strong organization. The purpose of this group is to promote friendship and interest among the girls of Central Point High.

Last year the "Peanut Sister" idea worked very well, and it will be used again this year. Under this plan each girl draws another girl's name. On any occasion—such as Christmas or Easter—the girl sends a present to the girl whose name she drew. The idea is to do it in such a way that the girl to whom the present goes will not know 'till the end of the year who her "Peanut Sister" is.

Because the vice president and the treasurer, who were elected at last year's election, are not attending Central Point High this year, Norrene Hohnert was elected vice president, and the treasurer's position was filled by Leona Rector.

A "get-aquainted" party will be held soon for the benefit of all the new girls.

—The Central Pointer

4-H Winners Return From Stock Show

Jackson county's outstanding 4-H club boy and girl, Bill Ousterhout, Route 3, Medford, Oregon and Gwendolyn Charley, Brownsboro, Oregon, returned home last week from a three day visit to the Pacific International Livestock Exposition as guests of the Medford Branch of The First National Bank of Portland in the annual achievement and leadership contest.

Portland proved to be a hospitable city, the two reported, and the entire group of 74 winners, representing every county in Oregon and two from Portland, enjoyed every courtesy.

In addition to visits to the Pacific International, high points of the program were a group dinner on the exposition grounds followed by an evening at the horse show; sight seeing tours of Portland including inspection of the head office of The First National Bank, a trip through the Oregon Historical Society, a tour of the Crown Flouring Mills, inspection of a United All Lines plane and a visit to the Oregon Journal. Thursday evening they attended a special banquet and dance at the Heathman Hotel. After a luncheon Friday at the Columbia-Edgewater country club the contest winners started their return trip home.

Plans Made for Armistice Day

Plans for the annual Armistice Day celebration November 11 were made last night at a dinner-meeting of the executive committee of the American Legion Medford post in the Hotel Medford.

Plans for the parade were worked out in detail, with Col. William H. Paine acting as parade committee chairman. Invitations will be extended to all organizations of Jackson county to participate in the parade in an effort to make this year's parade the best in years, Col. Paine said.

Lloyd A. Williamson, post commander, presided. Other committee members present were Fritz Nissen, James C. Collins, James K. Hoey, Fred Fry, James Russell, Robert R. Ebel, Joseph F. Fliegel and Joseph W. Scobey.

Car Smashed by Local Log Train

Don Henry Anderson, 19, of route 3, box 124, Medford, was confined in Community hospital today with painful but not serious injuries he suffered when the 1937 Chevrolet coupe he was driving collided with a Medford Corporation logging train at the Crater Lake highway crossing at Lake Point about 1:30 p.m. last Monday.

Young Anderson, the son of L. O. Anderson, sustained a broken nose, several bashed-out front teeth, face

if they are to be provided for adequately, the property tax on the property of the State of Oregon must be very materially increased, and property owners rightfully rebel against any further increase of taxes on their property. Most property owners cannot meet the present tax bill. It seems to the undersigned, therefore, that the only source now left to resort to consists of a sales tax; and it would seem that a three per cent sales tax could be employed to provide these elderly people with the necessary support for them, with a maximum allowance of Fifty dollars per month, any surplus tax over and above the allowance requirement to be paid into the general fund of the respective counties to be applied to the reduction of the property tax.

It is impossible to reach up and get out of thin air the money that is necessary to properly care for these elderly people, and it must be done by some sort of taxation, either by a direct property tax or by a sales or gross income tax. The sales tax would fall ratably equally upon all people—the gross income tax would reach only certain classes of people.

The Legislature has declined to impose such a tax upon the property of the State as is sufficient to provide a proper support for these people. What, therefore, excepting a sales tax or a gross income tax, is there left to adopt in order to secure the amount of money necessary to support them decently?

Certainly the purpose of the people of the State of Oregon is to support these elderly people decently. The people refuse to impose a property tax to support them in a decent manner. Is there anything left that the people can turn to to provide a decent support for these elderly people, excepting a sales tax or a gross income tax?

The support of these elderly people is an obligation of all the people; and all the people should contribute. A sales tax would do the same. The money so raised would immediately flow back into the channels of business and employment.

I am in favor of the sales tax, but, if elected, will ask that both measures of this kind be submitted to the people.

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