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Oregon's Record Poor In Voter Participation

Men and women who fail to vote are not keeping faith with themselves or with past and future generations of Americans, Governor Douglas McKay declared today.

Governor McKay made this view known in his statement designating the week of March 23-29 for observance as Voter Registration Week throughout Oregon. He expressed alarm and regret over Oregon's record as the poorest of all western states in the matter of voter participation. At the same time he commended the volunteer Oregon Register and Vote committee on its campaign "to guarantee a stronger, better-governed United States."

The full text of the governor's statement follows: "Americans who neglect to vote are shirking their responsibility as citizens and, in a very real sense, are betraying the generations that gave them this privilege as well as the generations that are yet to come.

"I think it is a sad commentary on our evaluation of our freedoms that over one-third of all Oregonians entitled to vote are too lethargic or too lazy to exercise their franchise. Percentage-wise, Oregon ranks 38th in the nation in voter participation, and is lowest of all western states.

"I am highly regrettable, in my opinion, that a campaign has to be undertaken to get people to register and then vote. But since it is quite evident that a campaign is necessary, I wish to commend the Oregon Register and Vote committee and all organizations who are cooperating with the committee on their efforts to impress upon the electorate their obligation to express appreciation for our many American privileges and to guarantee a better, stronger-governed United States.

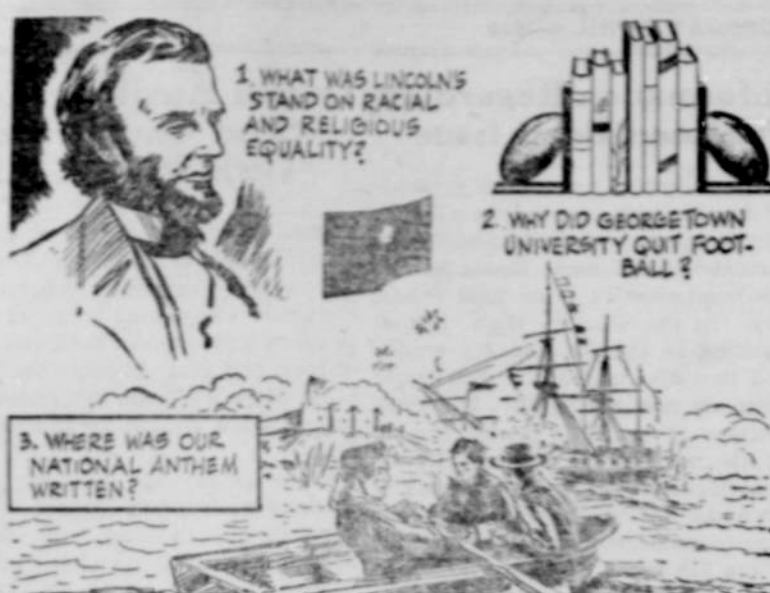
"I hope that every potential voter shall be reached, shall register, shall vote. I earnestly urge each person to assume personal responsibility in order that this may be a successful campaign."

(Editor's Note: So all of you be real Americans by coming down to Guy Tex office and register for the coming elections.)

GETS A BARGAIN—

Breckenridge, Minn.—When a Fairmont, N.D. farmer, Mike Leinen, read the advertisement of Hugh Wing used-car dealer, which offered to deduct \$10 for each child of a used car buyer, he drove in with his children—Gale, 13; Gerald 12; Virginia, 10; Ronald, 9; James, 8; Mitchell 2nd, 7; Cletus, 6; Carol Ann, 5; and Mary, 1. He selected a car priced at \$95. With license and title transfer, the deal came to \$103. Leinen gave Wing \$3 and the family drove home—in two cars.

Knowledge is Power



(1) He called for actual equality rather than nominal equality maintained by hypocrisy. "As a nation we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal, except Negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men

are created equal, except Negroes and foreigners and Catholics.'" wrote Lincoln in a letter quoted by the "Catholic Digest." "When it comes to this, I shall prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty—to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

(2) "Intercollegiate football today is a big business exploiting a small number of 'students' for the benefit of paying spectators," according to Hunter Guthrie, S.J., Georgetown University president. "Georgetown," he emphasizes in a "Saturday Evening Post" article, "was founded to benefit students, not spectators..." Students started playing football in 1874 at Georgetown, but they were gradually pushed into the status of spectators, "admitted to

watch at cut rates, in some sort of begrudging acknowledgment of original authorship."

(3) Francis Scott Key conceived "The Star-Spangled Banner" as he and two friends sat in a rowboat on Chesapeake Bay. The British released an American prisoner from their flagship to Key's custody, and made Key promise not to row ashore "till the British fleet had finished its duel with the Fort McHenry artillery. John Henry Lyons tells about it in "Stories of Our American Patriotic Songs." The shelling lasted all night September 13, 1814. Whenever a rocket burst they looked to see whether the fort had lowered its flag in surrender. Then they saw that "the flag was still there," and Key jotted down his verses on an envelope as the British ships put out to sea.

From articles appearing in the February Catholic Digest.

4-H CLUBS By Rose Marie Legler

Among the kids here at Crater High we have a few energetic young people representing a few 4-H clubs around the county. Some of the clubs are Central Point, Antelope, Gold Hill, Sams Valley, and Griffin Creek. And these kids have really made progress, in one way or the other, since they started club work.

Among our outstanding club members are Doreen and Marilyn Bohnert, of Antelope. At the County Fair this year Marilyn won a Jr. Champion on her heifer. Doreen owned the Grand Champion Beef Cow. These girls are now on their way to the Cow Palace, held April 5 through 8.

Next we have Mildred Gail, of Gold Hill, who owned the Reserve Champion Fat Lamb at the County Fair.

Gail Skyrman, of Central Point, won a Champion on her dress she made for clothing, then went to state and won 2 first, went to P. I. and won a 2nd.

Donald and Paul Williams and Vernon Gebhard P. I. as a crop judging team and won a second

place. Donald this last summer won a trip to Hart Mountain through a seed identification contest sponsored by the Young Farmers Club.

—Crater Comments

F.A.A. NEWS

The local chapter of the F. F. A. have had as a project the purchase of a tractor. Demonstrations of Ford, Farmall, Ferguson, and John Deere tractors were held at various farms in and around Central Point. The final decision was for a Ford Tractor. Marvin Bohnert was selected to accompany Mr. Kunzman in presenting the project before the school board for approval.

March 18, Mr. Kunzman, Art Haver, Marvin Bohnert, Ron von der Hellen, Don Williams and Eddie Head attended the Annual F. F. A. Convention held in Corvallis, Ore.

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gon on the Oregon State campus. The convention lasted three days and the boys returned Friday evening, March 21.

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Grade School Visitation At Crater

The afternoon of April 23rd students from Central Point, Gold Hill, Sams Valley and Howard will visit Crater High. This is to acquaint these students with the program Crater High has to offer them.

Afternoon classes will be visited, and students will tour the rest of the building.

Freshmen will present a skit for visiting students.

This is just a preliminary acquaintance of Crater as the deans will meet at each school with students and parents.

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Notes and Comments

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