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Civic Spirit Can Happen!

Communities are subject to stagnation. Fear of new, unknown responsibilities and fear of change can immobilize the best of intention, leading the way to complete loss of leadership.

Against that stagnation, there is but one really effective defense—the concentration of civic spirit against a problem to be faced.

In the Tualatin valley, there is plenty of civic spirit—but, in too many instances, it tends to lose its enthusiasm unless grouped into an active, positive force.

Residents in the Multnomah vicinity know the problem. And the directness with which civic minded citizens grappled with the matter of a recreational area for their children indicates they recognize the antidote for stagnation. For the civic spirit being generated—and channeled toward a community objective—gives optimistic hope of successful accomplishment.

In Tigard, threat of the stage company to cut off six bus-runs activated commuters of the district to not only protest the loss of service but to develop among themselves the nucleus of an organization which will seek definite solution to their problem, one way or another. Naturally, it took an issue to unite the people, to nudge them from idly accepting a schedule change that threatened their interests.

In Metzger, civic spirit might largely be credited with recent improvements to the Community clubhouse, a development that was definitely needed.

In Aloha, where the dilapidated status of the Aloha-Huber school threatens to jeopardize payments from the state basic school support fund, citizens have come together, formed a committee and are meeting and working for the rehabilitation of their school buildings and to meet the problems of future population growth by establishing a better, more fundamentally sound base from which to work.

In community after community, the civic spirit is there, like an untapped reservoir that springs to fullest flow when the need requires it.

In Beaverton, the eve of Thanksgiving, heartening evidence of a thriving, enthusiastic civic spirit showed in the unanimous support given the issue of annexation of the Pinehurst addition. Further, the meeting was outspoken in its realization that Beaverton has been sleeping for too long... that its presumption to leadership requires some changes long overdue.

One of these changes, which has come under fire of the state sanitary authority, concerns the many pools of contamination that present definite health hazards and have spurred the sanitarians to demand immediate steps be taken toward installation of a sewage treatment plant. If the city refuses, it might well be faced with the unhappy prospect of having to pay for such a sewage plant, installed by the state and on their terms.

The aggressive tone by which the local businessmen responded to the issue would erase anyone's doubts that Beaverton need stagnate for lack of leadership or spirit. A long, hard job awaits if Beaverton is to rightfully take its place as a progressive, incorporated city. A longer job awaits the realization of continued leadership in the valley. For there is hardly a community in the Tualatin valley which hasn't already showed its civic spirit—when the occasion made it necessary.

Against all civic problems, there must be an enthusiastic civic spirit to explain the issues and lead the community toward accomplishment and progress.

There need be no fears, either, that this spirit is non-existent. As was showed last Wednesday, civic spirit can happen and must happen before civic achievement is won!

W. K.

Who Did Win the War?

Veterans of World War II are urged, by a radio columnist who speaks each Sunday night on a transcribed broadcast, to blossom out on December 7th in their service uniforms and sort of remind the nation who it was that won the war.

December 7th might well be a day of observance for it brought many changes and many heartaches to American citizens. But is it right and fair for one segment of the population to emphasize its part in ending a war from which, so far, Victory hasn't been definitely determined?

A day of prayer for peace is an acceptable idea—for all the people, not just veterans. For it took all the people, as well as servicemen, to conclude the fighting phase of World War II.

Many soldiers, sailors and marines actually made less sacrifice than some civilians who patiently withstood a desperate shift to war economy—just as many civilians rode the gray train at the expense of soldiers, sailors and marines who underwent gory ordeals in the devotion to patriotic ideals.

Possibly those who contributed most to the war's outcome are those who will not march smugly with their wartime uniforms nor prate belligerently of how much they did to defeat the enemy. We mean, of course, those who fell in battle that our civilization might have a chance to recover from the onslaught of Fascism and Nazism.

From the viewpoint of one veteran, the idea of dragging discarded uniforms out of the mothballs for display might be all right—except for one question that defies ready answer:

Who DID win the war?

W. K.

Babson Discusses Rural Buying

Farmers have always been wise spenders. Until recent years necessity, as much as long-headedness, tightened the gnarled hand that held the purse strings. Prosperity today rules in most communities and everyone should buy with caution.

Suggestions To Farmers
First, I suggest contracting for a good supply of fertilizers and insecticides—enough at least for next season's requirements. Purchase of needed machinery of all kinds also should prove a good investment, despite the relatively high cost. New equipment should more than compensate for its cost through savings on high labor charges and expensive repairs to old and nearly worn out machines. The well mechanized farm, factory or store is the dividend producer.

I also advise laying in a good supply of canned goods and dried fruits, such as prunes and raisins. Such foodstuffs will supplement the regular diet and will come in handy in the event of a crop failure next year. Money spent on a deep freeze unit should prove worth its weight in gold. A year's supply of shoes and clothing also is a good bet. So see your local merchants at once. Your winter's supply of fuel should be purchased, or contracted for, immediately, if you have not already done so. The railroad car shortage may result in delayed deliveries of these and other items, and their prices are likely to go higher rather than lower.

FOR LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY FARMERS

The suggestions in the preceding paragraphs apply also to live stock and dairy farmers. But there is more in the picture than that. This year's short corn crop has raised serious problems for both groups. Should, for instance, stocker and feeder cattle be purchased now? Should the 1948 spring pig crop be cut or increased? I believe that the 1948 outlook for both groups is favorable. Sticking now to livestock I see no reason why purchase of stocker and feeder cattle on breaks should not prove profitable, provided your supply of feedstuffs is assured. Moreover, I should have no hesitation, on the same basis, in producing a good crop of spring pigs next year. Prices of cattle and hogs should hold at relatively high levels during 1948.

The record baby crops of recent years, with production still in high gear, plus prospects of continued large adult consumption of fluid milk and manufactured dairy products, point to another profitable year for the dairy farmer. Under the circumstances, it seems to me that money spent for replacement purchases of milk cows and

heifers would be well spent. Especially will this be true should weather in 1948 be normal and feed crops larger than this year.

WHAT ABOUT BUILDING REPAIRS?
Many readers are much concerned about building repairs. They have the necessary money, but hesitate to take action because of high-priced labor and material. I suggest making only necessary repairs at this time. Prices of building materials, especially lumber, are at or near their postwar peak and much is of inferior quality. The next broad move will be downward. Major repairs, as well as new construction, should be postponed until you can get more for your money.

Nevertheless, there are a few items in the construction category that should be purchased now. Some still are relatively scarce, and others should be bought to beat transportation delays and possible higher prices. Nails are an example. Also wire, for fencing or other uses. Nothing is to be lost by buying whatever window glass you need. I recommend comfortable reserves of linseed oil and turpentine. Might as well paint your buildings now as later, since cost will be no lower.

SHOPLIFTER

GREETING CARDS—She looked at this card and at that and slipped half a dozen under her coat and meda her get-away. And why did such a well-dressed woman turn thief and steal? It was because she had a thief's heart. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked,"—BIBLE.

IN THE CLEAR—God put this woman's sin on Christ and He was then counted the thief. Sinless Himself, Christ died to clear the woman of this and every sin of her whole life. But she must possess Him down in her heart and know that His death cleared her, else her sins will meet her at the Judgment.

VICTORY—Christ Himself is the victory. Own Him as the Son of God who died for you and know your sins are blotted out. But you still must have the New Life. To be that to you, Christ came up out of death and the grave. "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open to Me, I will come in and feast with him and he with Me." So Christ offers Himself to be your life—"It is no longer I that live, but Christ that liveth in me," said the Apostle Paul who had Christ and Victory. What have you?

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Growers Vie At Turkey Trot In Breeder Contest

Turkey growers will have an opportunity to exhibit commercial birds at the Pacific Coast Turkey exhibit in McMinnville, December 3 to 6, according to word from Joe Cox, assistant Co. agent.

Commercial Division has been instituted this year for the first time, according to W. J. Jones, show manager. The purpose of this division is to encourage turkey growers to exhibit their birds in competition with other growers in the same field. The classes are especially designed for those turkey growers who may in a limited way maintain a breeder flock, Jones explained.

The Commercial Division shall be open for entry to only live Bronze birds of exhibitors who have never won premium awards above fifth place in any class of any recognized turkey show within the last three show years. There will be two classes in this division: (1) Young hens and (2) Young Toms. The top birds of these two classes has the optional privilege of competing in the specialized breeders division if the exhibitor so desires. This Division combined with the Breeders Division (bronze only) and all other Breeds Division gives everyone a good opportunity to show their birds.

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Marry Young?
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When Jeb Crowell's daughter, Sue, married nineteen-year-old "Slim" Blake, a lot of folks (especially older ones) began to shake their heads. Young marriages! Tut, tut!

So I looked up some figures. It's true, young American girls and boys marry younger than in other countries. And where do you suppose they had the least chance? I won't name it, but maybe you've guessed. One of those countries that before the war suppressed all individual freedom and tolerance.

That's why I'm not worried about our younger married couples. They were raised in a country that respects one another's right—a country of tolerance and temperance (a lot of bridegrooms are ex-G.I.'s, and it looked to me like their favorite beverage was beer!)

From where I sit, it isn't when you marry that's important. It's the all-important spirit of tolerance and understanding that you bring to marriage.

Joe Marsh

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