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Hard Reality Of Fact

Life grows continually more confusing in its modern pace. By some manner of recent tradition, if the supposed whims of the populace demand a friendly label to a public act, that label must be employed before acceptance can be hoped for.

One of the most mystifying designations popularly current is that of a "liberal-conservative." What is "liberal" and what is "conservative?" A general definition of the two words would seem to indicate that they are as different as black and white. Such a label would seem to be the same as "wet-dry," "wild-tame," "soft-hard," or "thin-fat."

Now, the surprising thing about this "liberal-conservative" label is that many who use it try to contend that it is a definite designation. That is, the public figure of such a mark itches liberal but scratches conservative. And what it means is anyone's guess. At least, you can't condemn such a person as a liberal or a conservative, wholly, if you only read his label.

Another bland assurance to the populace is the matter of political activity. We have the current transcontinental junket of President Harry S. Truman to point up this fairy tale.

Although he is in the most doubtful position of his political life, perhaps, facing serious revolt on all sides by the political satellites who will or will not allow him four year use of his new White House balcony, he's play-acting in a world of make-believe. He studiously, nonchalantly undertakes a trip through the headlines of the nation's press as "strictly non-political."

He lambastes his opponents, tears into the great wall of adverse sentiment which looms up against him. He does not deny to anyone that he expects to be re-seated in the big plush chair at the nation's capitol.

Yet, so vigorously does he keep the illusion of the non-political, no one in his entourage is subject to the label of a top party strategist.

The President may be trying to prove something. But it would seem somewhat more honest and more acceptable if he would shut his eyes to his pet illusion and face the hard reality of the fact that is before him.

Lucky Stiffs Watch Out!

Summer seems to have just suddenly leaped upon us and with the realization of the warm days ahead is the pleasant shadows being cast by certain lucky stiffies who are planning one or two weeks away from the grind of a daily job.

Vacations each year are fast becoming an established national institution. And well they should. The tempo of modern life exacts a terrific nervous toll and the tensions that build up over a year are best released by an interlude of relaxation and recreation.

Yet, there is frequent overindulgence in the joys of vacation that result in serious aggravations to health and happiness. We have all seen the miserable return of a fellow worker whose vacation so completely did him in that he was weeks regaining his normal ways.

Moderation is a good rule to follow, beginning the annual holiday, and it begins with a careful planning of time available. Obviously, a motor trip that will require at least six days travel, at the minimum, deserves two weeks overall planning.

In the matter of turning Nature Boy in a week or two, temperance pays off. Those beautiful sunbathers should be gained by short doses of sunshine, not all in an afternoon. The after-effects of a sunburn are often dangerous as well as excruciatingly uncomfortable.

Yes, vacations are wonderful. The sheer pleasure of just doing as you like, playing at what you want, thumbing your nose at the morning's strident alarm clock is a well appreciated bonus after a twelve month stint at the grindstone.

Yes, you lucky stiffies! You'll be riding the crest of the wave for your one or two weeks away.

But if you don't want your vacation to boomerang on you, you lucky stiffies, watch out!

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WEATHER 'GUESSERS'

The network of competent weather stations throughout the state of Oregon has been strengthened, in Oregon City, by installation of instruments to measure wind velocity and chart temperatures and relative humidity, reports the BANNER-COURIER.

The station, set up in the Clackamas fire department, has been operating since 1946 but only became an official U. S. weather bureau unit last January. It also operates as an official station of the fire-weather bureau.

From the start, county firemen made recordings three times a day, using a barometer and wet and dry bulb thermometers for establishment of relative humidity. When Uncle Sam stepped in, the crude equipment was replaced with a cycrometer and other more accurate means of recordings.

Last addition includes an anemometer, to measure wind velocity and a hydro-thermograph to provide a continuous chart of temperature and humidity conditions. More accurate thermometers for maximum and minimum temperature recordings and a gauge to measure Oregon's greatest resource—rain—are likewise installed now.

There are many related uses of weather information and the network, directed by the United States department of commerce. With one of the most serious fire seasons expected, all data through out the state will be anxiously watched. Weather bureau units, such as at Oregon City, will prove invaluable for the local conditions they report.

EYE ON BOND BUYERS

Forest Grove, seeking to put over a \$250,000 bond issue for construction of a new elementary school, has its eye on bond buyers reports the NEWS TIMES.

A recent consolidation of certain outlying districts with Forest Grove included certain legal defects and because of the possibility of a long drawn out court fight against the consolidation, capitalization on the error, a new consolidation vote is being planned.

The defects, it is said, would cure themselves, in time. But the bond buyers want everything in apple pie order and unless there is no doubt or possibility of a challenge, they say a very potent "nnhuh-uh."

Construction on the new school, by the latest development, is thus held up until the middle of August or later, forcing the school board to a bit of scratching for temporary quarters to facilitate four needed classrooms.

The school board feels that a new election, which will re-submit the bond issue of \$250 thousand to the voters, will quickly and cleanly remedy the first vote's defects.

HARVEST UNDERWAY

Strawberry time is in full swing in the St. Helens area, reports the SENTINEL-MIST, with harvest getting underway between June 10 and 17. In spite of late frosts which retarded the season and somewhat lessened the crop in certain sectors, a substantial berry

crop is looked for.

One outfit, owner of some 130 acres of berries, expects good pickings for five platoons of 50 pickers each. Wages will be on the basis of 4 1/2 cents per pound with an end of the season bonus amounting to 1/2 cent per pound.

NOT ENOUGH TROUBLE

Rampaging Columbia river, which caused the Reynolds Metals company to shut down before the threat of flood and resulting explosion, seems to be just not enough trouble. According to the Gresham OUTLOOK, the farmers of the nearby Troutdale district have filed suit for \$1 1/2 million and a permanent injunction seeking to close the plants.

Big beef centers around the charge that gases and fumes escaping the aluminum plants are killing cattle and crops in adjacent areas. Ninety-seven farmers, dairymen and bulb-growers are prosecuting the complaint.

EX-PUBLISHER'S '30'

Mortimer Fleet, who was active in publishing the Sherwood VALLEY-NEWS from 1923 until 1946, passed away June 2, in Silvis, Ill., at the age of 90 years.

According to the paper, Mr. Fleet sold the publication at the age of 87, moving to Klamath Falls and later to Illinois.

BISTROS ENOUGH

In the opinion of the ministerial association, there are bistros enough in the city, relates the Hillsboro ARGUS, in connection with a club license granted by the city council to the local Moose lodge recently.

The ministers point out that the liquor business is costing the taxpayers of one state \$4 in taxes for collection of \$1 in liquor revenue. The connection of that statement with the issue in doubt is not stated.

The basis of the ministerial complaint was that the lodge is situated near a church, has inadequate fire escapes, would be a fire hazard and that there is no need for another private club in the city.

Moose men reply that the proposed club had been approved by the state liquor commission, did not constitute a fire hazard and that the lodge has spent \$1500 in building improvements, anticipating a license.

There the matter stands, except that the ministers are still voting to "do something about it."

WOES OF POLICE CHIEF

A lively meeting at La Grande has piled a load of woe on the shoulders of the chief of police, according to the Eastern Oregon REVIEW, which reports the demand that an investigation be made of the police officer because of three allegations of improper conduct.

Spokesman of the irate citizens presented three affidavits to the city commission, with the explanation that he had privately presented them to the body before but nothing was done. Request for an investigation by a committee of impartial citizens is suggested as a manner of determining the truth of the claims or exonerating the officer completely.

While the commission voted to "take the matter under advisement", its members subsequently indicated their intention to have a private investigation of the situation.

Journalist Grad

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Myers and son Fred are among those attending commencement exercises at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Marvin O. Myers, graduate of Beaverton high school in the class of 1942, is one of the graduates of the University School of Journalism this year. Immediately following graduation he will locate in Redmond, Oregon, where he will be employed by the Redmond Spokesman. Mrs. Marvin Myers, formerly Oleta Wright, was also a member of the Beaverton high school class of 1942 and is a graduate of St. Vincent school of nursing.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to Live Longer

Someone asked Pappy Miller last week how he stayed so spry at ninety. Pappy told him:

"Well, sir—when I work, I work hard. When I set, I set loose. When I think, I go to sleep."

According to Doc Hollister, that formula isn't far amiss. "Hard work," says Doc, "never wore out anyone before his time, providing he knew how and when to relax."

Doc himself works overtime, with his daytime patients at the office, and his evening calls. And when he gets home he takes it easy with a mellow glass of beer and chats with the missus until it's time to go to bed.

From where I sit, relaxing is a fine art—especially in these tense, fast-moving times. And there's nothing like a temperate glass of beer—enjoyed with pleasant company—to restore that easy frame of mind that one needs after a hard day's work.

Joe Marsh

Portland Group Refutes Rumors Regarding Flood

Against the rumors that are current in the rampant exaggeration in connection with Portland and vicinity's most disastrous flood, the Portland chamber of commerce, as of June 11, issues a statement that seeks to point out how business, industry and tourist facilities approximate normality—except for some exceptions adjacent to the Willamette river.

Transportation

Highways—Portland is not marooned—highways in and out of Portland are open. U. S. No. 99 from the south is not affected. U. S. No. 99 north detours Portland to Rainier on U. S. No. 30 over Longview bridge then north on U. S. No. 99. U. S. No. 101 unaffected. U. S. No. 20 unaffected. U. E. No. 10 from Spokane to Ellensburg and south on U. S. No. 97 to the Columbia river open at all times, crossing Columbia river on Hood river bridge or Bridge of the Gods then west on U. S. No. 30 to Portland. U. S. No. 30 east of The Dalles is closed—only one limited detour necessary.

All railroads in and out of Portland are operating—limited schedules have been in effect but are fast approaching the normal schedules.

Air service—All airlines operating on schedule using Salem airport—air passengers are brought from Salem to Portland by bus.

Housing—Portland hotels and motels have rooms available for the traveler. Since the flood there has not been a shortage of hotel and motel housing.

Contrary to other reports, at no time has there been any sign of an epidemic. The Portland city water system is in no danger.

Portland and Oregon welcome the visitors and touring public and are in a position to serve their needs.

Grange Master Cites Surpluses Farmer's Threat

In carrying out a "sound national policy" of abundant agricultural production, the farmers of America must have assurance that they will be protected when unavoidable surpluses, which will often result from such a policy, threaten their financial well-being, asserted Morton Tompkins, master of the Oregon State grange, in opening the 75th annual convention of the state grange at Astoria June 7.

Tompkins asserted that "any long-range farm program that does not provide this protection (against surpluses) is not worthy of the name."

To alleviate flood dangers and to provide added power and irrigation facilities, Tompkins urged speedy construction of McNary, Hungry Horse, Foster Creek and Hells Canyon dams on the Columbia and its upper tributaries and the completion of the Willamette flood control project.

Hero Wins Throne

The giant Goliath would enslave God's people and David the shepherd boy faced Goliath and laid him low. Soon the people were singing David's praise. At this Saul the king became jealous and set out into the hill country to get David. On a night, David slipped up to the king's camp, to find him and his guard all sleeping. David's man urged him to slay the king but David refused, for had not God chosen Saul to be king? And David ever sought to honor God. Years later God put David himself on the throne. "Them that honor me I will honor and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed." 1st Samuel 2:30.

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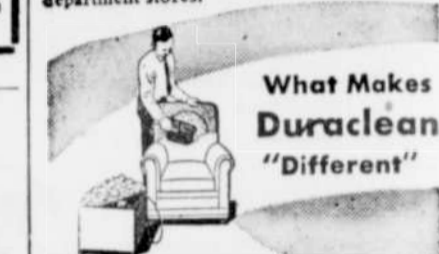
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