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During the week from October 3 to 8, newspapers throughout the United States will re-state their dedication to public service and to the proposition that the people have a right to fair and impartial presentation of news.

To its family of readers, the BEAVERTON ENTERPRISE also takes the opportunity to call to attention a fact that is evident in every one of its issues. Namely, that the guiding principle in news coverage and news treatment is the ideal of public service to a wide and varied readership.

The ethics of our news department coincide with the traditional belief that the public is entitled to know all news, without distortion, suppression or discrimination.

The American Newspaper Publishers' Association phrases this year's theme as, "The Right to Know is the Key to All Your Liberties." The ENTERPRISE carries out this theme in its weekly offering of local news, editorial comment and feature articles.

Our task is carried out with sincere appreciation of our responsibility to our readers and every effort possible is exerted to provide an authentic, readable publication.

Yet, the magnitude of a weekly newspaper is such that one small organization could hardly be expected to do the job without tips, suggestions and help from our many readers and their many interests. Because it is physically impossible for the news staff to spread itself thin enough to attend every fraternal, social and neighborhood affair throughout our area, we must depend upon the cooperation of our readers to send us in accounts out of which a story can be built.

Likewise, when an editorial stand differs from the belief of any of our readers, we want them to know that a welcome is always extended to a letter giving their own versions of an issue under discussion. Every such letter, barring libelous material, will find ready space reserved for its presentation in our columns.

And so, as a personal theme of this newspaper, we wish to declare that the principle of our contribution to public service might be summed up in the fact that, to us, the BEAVERTON ENTERPRISE is a public, not a private enterprise.

New Techniques In Elk Trapping Succeed By 100%

On September 13, Mr. Leslie Zumwalt, District Agent for the south coast district, trapped an additional five head of elk from a complaint area in Coos county. It was announced this week by C. A. Lockwood, State Game Supervisor. Two days later these five head of elk, consisting of one mature cow, one bull calf and three cow calves, were successfully transplanted to the Cascade Mountains in Douglas county. Mr. Zumwalt and Mr. Will Brown, District Agent for the southwest dis-

trict which includes Douglas county, collaborated on the transplanting program.

A number of facts were gained from previous trapping experiences which permitted this last trapping operation to be 100 per cent successful. It is now felt that a minimum of 36 hours conditioning period is desirable before loading operations are attempted in order to overcome the initial extreme fright inherent in completely wild animals such as the Roosevelt elk.

It is recognized that trapping operations with an animal as difficult to handle and as large as Roosevelt elk is an extremely expensive operation but is justified in instances where it is possible to re-establish this noble animal on more desirable and new ranges.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Your Most Important Right

Now that the bandstand has been painted, and the park re-landscaped, we have about the nicest village green in the county.

And it's all because, at the last town election, folks got out and voted—85 per cent of them! That way, they passed the amendment calling for park improvements—over those opposing it.

Reminds you again how important the right to vote is in this country. And it's a right we can retain only by exercising it! ... like all the other individual liber-

ties—from freedom to enjoy a glass of beer or ale, to a woman's right to vote along with men.

Folks can thank themselves that on summer evenings they'll be able to listen to band concerts in a well-kept park... enjoying a bottle of beer or soda pop (whichever they prefer). Because from where I sit, that's a freedom they've earned by exercising a still more important freedom: Voting!

Joe Marsh

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ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

Events As Chronicled by Our Contemporaries In Northwest Communities

CRUCIAL CROSSROAD

There is a principle on trial, in Salem. A principle which essays and constitutional law had declared to be a right of American citizenship and a basic freedom which characterizes the national life. That principle is whether or not a person can speak freely and earnestly without being object of a frantic witch-burning.

The right of free speech and free press is on trial, at the state capitol and public opinion is brot to the crucial crossroad, with one route leading toward the priceless ideal of Democracy and the other leading down to a morass of fear and confusion.

Deep in a battle for continued existence, HEART OF THE VALLEY, published by R. A. Harris, at Salem, is in jeopardy because of comments which were included in the May issue.

These comments were pointed and refreshing. But, to the alarm of some who are unaccustomed to normal expression, the much-discussed issue of communism was treated.

It matters not that these comments were more in a nature of independent definitions. Nor that the entire purpose of printing them was to offer a contribution to broader understanding of loosely used phrases. In Salem, it seems, mention of such unmentionable terms is sure passport to defamation.

September supplement of the publication announces, on the first page, "It is quite possible that this will be the last number... because of circumstances to the discussion of which this entire number is confined."

Anyone who has dealt with Publisher Harris, in Oregon, during the past 50 years, will know that he's not one to shirk a battle or fall to his knees before the onslaught of blind, unreasoning prejudice.

GASOLINE SHORTAGE

For non-priority drivers in the Gresham area, the gasoline shortage brought about by the impasse between refineries and labor is an alarming situation.

One station, reports the OUTLOOK, reports it doesn't know from day to day whether or not they will be open for business and some only get a gas supply when the Portland distributors get around to them.

Largely a farming community, thus generally provided for by priority for such a class, Gresham yet has residents who are required to commute to Portland or otherwise. And these motorists bear the main burden of the gas shortage.

Of course, prospect live sailors of Uncle Sam's Navy are also affected, inasmuch as the Navy recruiter has discontinued his recruiting trips into Gresham, pending settlement of the "gasoline emergency." So, the farm boys, who yearn to plow a furrow through the seven seas will have to take extraordinary steps to immediately become eligible for that "wonderful Navy chow."

ONE HOT TIME

Although the fire itself was confined to a 20 foot square area,

there was one hot time in Oregon City recently, when fire of undetermined origin caused from \$30 to \$40 thousand dollars damage to a department store.

Actual fire and water damage, reports the BANNER COURIER was held to a minimum but smoke and heat proved to be real culprits.

The store was about to reopen after extensive remodeling which had been underway for several months. Newly repainted and re-decorated walls and ceilings will now require a second treatment.

Firemen, using low pressure fog nozzles, reduced the potential fire and water damage but the heat was so intense that it melted plastic hangars and resulted in dresses and coats piling up on the floor.

DRAFT EVADERS, 1948

The unenviable stigma of "draft evader" which carried with it, in wartime imprisonment or a fine is hovering over about 38% of the eligible manpower of Columbia county, between the ages of 18 and 26.

This development is cited by the St. Helens SENTINEL MIST, which reports that estimates of registration totals for the county were originally set at 1800 but that only a few more than 1100 mustered to the call.

Whether this is an indication of a newly blossoming class of "slackers" or merely a case of too much optimism on the part of draft estimators, the publication does not determine. It hints, however, that possibly a number of men didn't take the peacetime conscription as seriously as they should, and so felt there was really little need to be in a hurry about signing away... what they felt they might be signing away.

One county veteran, who suffered a 70% disability from the last fire of world-wide carnage, declared he was "somewhat irked" that draft registration rules re-

quired him to lay off work to sign up when he was ineligible for army service for any number of reasons.

Meanwhile, draft officials are sharpening up their wits, perhaps in anticipation of a wholesale drag-net which will require all men questioned to either produce their registration cards or face the dire shock of penalty.

CERAMIC DEPOSITS

Startling news to the ceramics industry was announced last week, in Forest Grove, when report was made of a blue clay deposit of such high quality as to be worth an estimated \$90 per ton. There is said to be over 2½ acres of it, the only such find reported so far in all of Washington county.

Tested in a laboratory, says the NEWS TIMES, the clay checks out 99% pure. Already visions of an important ceramics and pottery industry has gripped the discoverers. Known extent of the deposit it is estimated, will last about 50 years of operation.

The blue clay is so outstanding that ceramic processing necessary would be cut about in half. Only a single burning is required and tests of 12 glazes worked out perfectly. Furthermore, under the blue clay, is a deposit of gray clay which comes out some 98% pure and is cited as an abundant backlog of supply.

In addition to dishes, ceramics, floor tile and similar products, the blue clay offers practically unlimited uses. Such things as for polishing cars and silverware, cleaning windows and even the shampooing of hair has already been established. Now, the material is being submitted to laboratory tests to determine whether or not it might have medicinal value.

And all this in Forest Grove's very back yard!

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PEAK employment and steady establishment of new industries are a reflection of Oregon's stable labor peace. Credit for continuing labor-management cooperation and wise use of labor pools in large measure belongs to Portland's Labor-Management Committee, functioning in Oregon's industrial heart.

Nine years ago local labor and management determined to "live and let live." The result was a strong committee representing both, which during the last year alone prevented threatened strikes in five major industries. International heads of unions have sought the committee's advice in working out coastwide and nationwide labor problems, and in addition, it has fostered a program of accomplishment beneficial to the entire state.

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DECLARATION OF POLICY FOR INDUSTRIAL PEACE

The Officers and Directors of Portland Labor-Management Committee unanimously endorse a Policy of labor and management working together with a true spirit of cooperation to preserve industrial peace and the American way of life and hereby declare:

That the basic principle of free enterprise supported by collective bargaining must be the determining factor to guide labor and management to a full understanding of their responsibility;

That equitable wages and fair profits are essential to a stable economy and are an integral part of establishing confidence and mutual understanding between labor and management;

That maintaining agreements is a sacred trust of labor and management;

That labor and management pledge to their community and State help and assistance to meet the human and economic needs of its people and also their social, educational, moral and spiritual problems;

That we pledge to labor and industry and the public who wish to locate in our area this program to insure continuous production by maintaining industrial peace.

PORTLAND LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

By its Officers and Board of Directors