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Symbol Of America

It came to the desk in a plain envelope, by regular mail and was a well-put together bulletin, from the Oregon state system of higher education. But the story it told in unassuming modesty seemed a challenge and an answer.

The booklet concerned Vanport Extension Center, now located in buildings which served the recent war effort as the Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation Administration building.

Here, in vigorous reality, is one of Oregon's answers to a post-war need which seems to promise a long range benefit for the future of its citizenship. Here, veterans and non-veterans are offered an outlet for the educational urge, in an institution that is as highly accredited as any college within the state system.

At the end of the war, colleges throughout the nation were beset by an unprecedented rush of prospective students. Those who had interrupted their schooling to carry on a much more important job, of winning a war, were ready to resume the studies. Veterans, under a "G. I. Bill" were encouraged to improve their educational means of coping with life. And the usual promotion of young people from high school to the college bracket combined with these forces to create a problem upon whose solution depended an influence for the future.

Vanport derives its name from its original location, in the flood-devastated federal housing project at Vanport City. One of the total victims of rampaging Columbia River flood waters, Vanport's fate hung in the balance, from May 30 to June 8 of this year.

On the latter date, the state board of higher education authorized continuance of the Center for one academic year. Summer classes were held in the U. S. Grant high school, Portland, and preparations were made to convert unused war-surplus quarters for classrooms, laboratories and offices necessary to continue Vanport's educational mission.

Final registration for the college year closed October 9 and the serious work of study has got underway. With its present facilities, Vanport offers about 42 different subjects and a much longer list of courses dealing with the various subjects.

Included in the present setup are student services designed to provide students with counsel and school supplies. An intercollegiate athletic program offers a traditional outlet. Other extracurricular activities, carried on with a minimum of faculty direction, offer practical experience in journalism, dramatics, public speaking and a number of interests to supplement the academic course.

Quietly, and without pretense, Vanport issues its catalog, 1948-49. Its story is given without fanfare. But the very bulletin itself somehow gives us a thrill, in its perusing.

It impresses us as an important milestone, a valiant effort against a hard, unrelenting need. The story of serious obstacle, and its conquest, is there.

The spirit of the school directors, as well as the enthusiasm of the student body, points to the determination which will undoubtedly characterize Vanport's efforts to continue. In the progress that the school has made to meet and help solve an educational crisis, Vanport seems a symbol of America.

Pendulum Swings Far

The public is long suffering and whether from sheer inertia or a sense of tolerance, will allow an unhealthy condition to go on for some time before rising, in anger, and acting against it.

So seems to be the agreement felt by many in the current campaign throughout Oregon against the most atrocious of comic books. There is a movement afoot, to carry the voluntary censorship even further by making another law to provide for the censorship of books and magazines.

The approach to the proposition seems to be an inspired one... for such a place as Nazi Germany of 1939. But in the United States, where the Bill of Rights guarantees freedom of speech and press, it is suspect.

Few who take note of the fantastic flights of fancy that characterize some of the comic book thrillers will say that they add anything to the emotional stability of their avid, young followers. Yet, few who are always vigilant against any act which will subvert fundamental principles and basic constitutional rights, can allow an idea of censorship to proceed without challenge.

The plan of a State Senator to seek enactment of a law to restrict the right of free speech and free press under the guise of banning comic books is a dangerous weapon which might be used by some to penalize critics and stifle the expression of everyone who would disagree with acts of political servants.

The voluntary campaign by individual drug stores and comic vendors as being conducted in the Beaverton area by four firms who refuse to sell the too fantastic books, seems a proper answer. No merchant would want to sell tainted meat or rotten eggs and to avoid that necessity, he usually inspects his purchases. Comic booksellers should exercise the same restraint.

When the pendulum of public opinion swings from one extreme to another, a danger is apparent. For, the pendulum swings far, if not kept under control.

Post Office Identity

The importance of address is in terms of location. To clarify location, the United States Postal Service designates postoffices throughout the nation by which geography is made a living part of the national life. A community, however small, remains an individual community for as long as the postal department maintains its office.

In this area, adjacent to a large post office at Portland, there have been numerous occasions of recent note where individual communities have lost their identities by the fact that they have been gobbled up by the Portland office. In these localities, post offices have been done away with and branch offices of Portland have been installed. As a result, the communities in a large sense cease to exist.

This has happened at Glencullen, Hillsdale, Multnomah and West Slope.

Compare these communities with Metzger, Tigard, Tualatin, Sherwood, Beaverton, Huber, Aloha and Reedville. In the latter group, the communities are definitely identified, through the listings that are available anywhere in the United States.

Every citizen should be ever vigilant for any attempt to reduce the status of a post office to a branch post office.

For in losing a post office, a community loses its identity.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

Northwest Communities Our Contemporaries In Events As Chronicled by

PARKING METER TAKE

An ordered system of parking space is often sought by city councils, merchants and shoppers, yet the question arises as to how such a vision can be realized. Oregon City, like many other municipalities, has reverted to the use of parking meters.

During the month of September, reports the BANNER COURIER, \$2246.26 was fed into the city

treasury from parking meters alone, not counting a total of \$1,397.50 from 604 parking citations. So successful has been the meter system, it is indicated, Oregon City has extended its parking restrictions to two hours on certain unmeted sections of the downtown area.

BENEFIT CLAIMS UP

The employment picture at St. Helens is not too bright, with an increase of 70 claimants at the state unemployment compensation commission within a week.

The reason for this trend, claims the SENTINEL-MIST is presumed to be the laying off of nearby packing plant workers, due to weather unfavorable to the pickling of pickles and the shutdown of a box factory in the area.

The paper points out that the job slackup is not liable to immediately improve and even more men and women are expected to make application for jobless fund payments.

PIONEER MONEY

For the Pacific University centennial of next year, coins will be made from two giant Sequoia trees that some pioneer returned to Forest Grove with, instead of a poke full of glittering nuggets.

The two trees, larger of which towered 148 feet into the sky, were cut down, reports the NEWS TIME, because they threatened to damage the home of the lady upon whose property they stood.

Butt end of the larger tree measured 82 inches in diameter and thirty seven feet were first topped off, in order to get it into an adjoining vacant lot and also to get around the necessity of cutting telephone wires.

The trees fell with such a resounding crash that windows were shaken for blocks around and a deep gash was dug where the trees landed. A special chain power saw was brought in from Portland for the job, at the request of the equipment designer who had never actually seen his brain-child in practice.

The trees were brought in by nurseryman John R. Porter and were part of a family of Sequoias in the Forest Grove area. Wood from them and oak wood from Tabitha Brown's beech tree will be used for wooden money, which will be sold at next year's centennial as the medium of exchange during the celebration.

Sponsors of the idea also hope that a large percentage of it will find a way into the hands of souvenir keepers.



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ALSO FIGHTING

Also billed for an evening of fighting, October 19, will be Jack Snapp, Klamath Falls middle weight, who meets Billy Arnold, nationally known, from Washington, D. C.; Joey Clemo, Portland featherweight, in the ring against Rolando Del Gato, one of the fighters from Havana and another bout for a curtain raiser.

KAHUT SPURTS UP

By reason of his surprise TKO of Jerry McSwain, at Hollywood, October 9, Joltin (?) Joe Kahut spurs up in standing from the staus he probably didn't enjoy following defeats by Joey Maxim and Bill Petersen, at Portland.

In his recent California scrap, Kahut was probably as surprised as anyone to find the tides of fortune suddenly reversed to hand him the nod over a formidable foe. He had been using his extremely unorthodox crouch from which he broadcast roundhouse swings at will or anyone else within reach.

Some of his haymaker clouts happened to hit the mark and McSwain was in trouble plenty before the referee called a halt to the evening's exhibition. The crowd, of course, didn't like it but what was more important to

Mob Wants Proof

APRIL, A. D. 30—"Come down from the cross where they have you nailed to die by crucifixion. You saved others, now save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down and we will believe on you". So cried the mob. See Mt. 27th.

Back in that day, many a runaway slave was also nailed to the beams to die by slow crucifixion. But our Lord was no runaway. He was there by His own free will. He had been tempted to lie, to steal, to kill, and all else like as we. But He came to the death sinless and to pay the penalty for our sins. He lived ever to do God's will and we have not so lived.

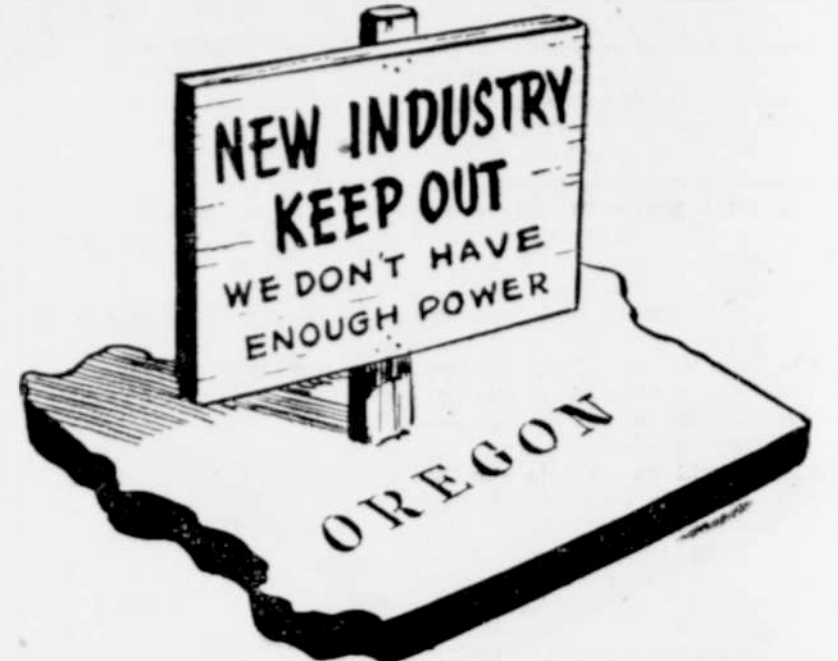
ONE—Our sins were there. The Lord God laid on Him the sins of us all—Isa. 53:6. TWO—His body hung there in slow death but His sinless soul was down with the murderers, liars, and the lost, suffering the pains of hell for us. God saw the anguish in His soul and was satisfied. See Isa. 53:11.

BE SAVED—Believe in Christ's death as the penalty for your sins. Know that you stand cleared. Believe and God gives you eternal life. Then go on and live by the Bible and prayer. So live or be but a babe in Christ all your days.

John Taylor
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Then, the fight was for 10 rounds. Joltin(?) Joe insisted on a 15-round return match and won the point. Now it's up to him to see if the extra five rounds might give him the necessary chance to connect with the dapper Maxim for a clear-cut KO or TKO.

—W. K.



DON'T PUT UP THIS SIGN!

New industries can't come to Oregon now if they use large amounts of electric power. There's an actual power shortage in the state.

Why haven't more power dams been built? One big reason is an obsolete Oregon law that discourages building of hydroelectric plants by power companies.

The last state legislature corrected the law that is holding up Oregon's progress. It made Oregon power laws conform to the Federal Power Act. The vote was 70 to 20! Now the modernized hydroelectric law is submitted to the people for approval, in the form of Referendum 306.

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If You Don't Want Bottles in Cars LEGALIZE LIQUOR BY THE GLASS!

The Knox Law was rushed through the state legislature in 1933, under public pressure to bring Oregon in line with repeal of prohibition.

The original framers of the act were very much sold on the idea of confining drinking to the home.

The thought was to require the customer to buy a bottle in a state liquor store and take it home. It seemed like a good idea, at the time. The actual result, of course, has been to encourage drinking in cars.

Instead of being able to stop in somewhere and buy it by-the-glass, the driver of the car is in possession of a full bottle of liquor.

Perhaps he does not feel that he can go to the trouble and expense of taking his bottle to a club, checking it in — in some cases paying a bottle-checking charge or a cover charge — only to buy his own liquor back, a glass at a time.

If he does stop in at a club, he has the balance of his bottle to reclaim, when he leaves. Few can resist the temptation to take another nip or two out of the bottle after getting in the car.

That's bad!

If the bottle purchaser by-passes the club and does all his drinking in his car — that's worse!

Come to think about it, maybe the original idea of taking the bottle home wasn't so hot either.

Well, what are we going to do about it?

In this country when the majority of the people don't like a situation they vote to change it.

Don't you think it's time to bring Oregon's Knox Law up-to-date?

The ballot measure called the Oregon Liquor Dispensing Licensing Act (314 X Yes) will make it possible to buy liquor by-the-glass, as well as by-the-bottle under definite licensing regulations controlled by the state.

Impartial studies and the experience of other states prove that liquor consumption actually declines when the public is given the choice of purchasing either by-the-glass or by-the-bottle.

The Oregon Liquor Dispensing Licensing Act (314 X Yes) is definitely democratic. The law states plainly that, in granting dispensing licenses, consideration must be given to "all members of the public."

VOTE 314 X YES

Liquor Dispensing Licensing Act

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