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Problems Of Tomorrow

This week notes, nationally, a Boy Scout week in which the various activities of this youth organization are held up to the public eye. The purpose of this annual observance is to impress upon adults the important guidance and discipline the scouting program offers.

To many of us who, as mere striplings, conformed to the usual pattern and spent some time under the "Do a Good Deed Daily" motto, the Boy Scout movement is perhaps not as vital as it once was. The boyish get-togethers, the earnest striving for a tenderfoot or second class scout badge, the hikes and outings are but part of a dimming memory, less often called upon.

The Boy Scout movement, in all its purposed program, is directed mainly and foremostly to boys of 12 years and older. Governed by scout oath, and scout laws, the young lad has the chance to learn values of honesty, loyalty, trustworthiness, reverence, courtesy, kindness, obedience, helpfulness, friendliness, cleanliness and apply them in a spirit of cooperation with other youngsters with whom he is associated.

It, of course, requires leadership to direct the boys toward such ideals. Leadership requires adults, preferably trained. But even more than the scoutmasters and professional administrators, the scouting movement depends significantly on the backing of clubs and organizations for sponsorship.

Every week, in addition to the one official week, we can observe the good work that is done in the name of the Boy Scout movement. Every week, more and more boys across the nation take advantage of scout training and come in contact with the important principles of good citizenship.

To continue its present pace, as well as to reach more youngsters, the scout movement needs backing. Men who are willing and able to help in leadership. Groups and organizations to sponsor the various scouting projects of the community.

May we salute, this week, the meaning and the significance of this youth movement. To the leaders, particularly, is credit and respect due.

Boy Scouts not only have a place in the affairs of today. Theirs will be the problems of tomorrow.

Beaverton Joins Parade

It is easy, in a community, to "wait for the other fellow" make things to happen. All of us have demands upon our time than can easily be used as an excuse for not exercising a more lively degree of community betterment.

Because of this strictly human failing, communities, towns and cities of all sizes suffer dry rot or stagnation, lose appeal and slump deeper and deeper into the muddle of improvements that should have been made but weren't.

Aloha came to that definite conclusion, last year, and decided to do something about it. Boosters of the area were invited to get together into an organization designed to promoting Aloha. Out of it emerged a strong, active, live wire Chamber of Commerce.

Tigard, earlier, recognized the same problem. An unincorporated community, like Aloha, it was bereft of any group to guide its destiny. Then, civic-minded citizens joined together in the Tigard Business Men's Club and tackled such things as street lights and other community "wrinkles" that needed smoothing out. Now, the club is actively investigating the proposal of incorporation. Its contributions have already helped Tigard to be conscious of itself. And it is working ceaselessly for betterment.

In Multnomah, there is the Boosters' Club, which functions as an alert body to get things done. One of the major accomplishments in which its membership had an important part is the soon-to-be-started Multnomah Boulevard, a modern, standard roadway which the county is getting around to putting in along the old Oregon Electric right-of-way. A recent parking lot was installed and enthusiastically hailed by customers who had previously shied clear of the business section because of the street congestion.

Now, finally and at long last, business men and others of Beaverton have awakened to reality. At an organizational meeting held in the Kiwanis hall, February 3, steps were taken to form a group—to be named—which might deal with critical problems of the town. Immediate project deals with relief of a serious parking problem. But the organization will not stop there, by all indications.

The temper of those attending this first meeting points to a grim determination to assume the responsibilities that have so long lain dormant. As a sounding board, or a place where ideas can be threshed out with a definite plan of action resulting, such a group will be of inestimable civic worth.

Yes, at long last, Beaverton has joined the parade of communities which will meet, head-on, the challenge of the future!

Story Of Devotion

Death is an unnerving episode through which everyone must pass. If at ever a time, during such crisis is a philosophic point of view comforting.

On the last day of January, at Beaverton, last rites were held for Charles V. Jackson, 72, marking the end of twenty-four years of pain and suffering. The remarkable thing about this little item of news, however, was the words of his widow.

"He suffered for so long," she said. "And never a word of complaint. Oh how happy I am that I was able to take care of him!"

A bereavement always seems to turn the world topsy turvy. Until adjustment to the fact, those surviving stare unbelieving at their loss. But in the quiet, sincere words of this widow, certainly is a story of devotion.

Club Pledges to Fight for Right Of Advertising

Legislative committee of the Oregon Advertising club, viewing the increasing tendency at the state legislature to ban various goods or services from advertising, submitted a resolution which the membership unanimously passed, pledging an active fight against efforts from any source to limit the right to advertise.

In the opinion of the club, which includes representatives of daily papers and advertising agencies, the public is entitled to know about the benefits of services or progress reached through free enterprise and business competition, as presented truthfully and without misrepresentation. This right of advertising, the club maintains, is one of the basic American freedoms, related to the right of free speech and a free press.

The resolution explains that this right to advertise is constantly under attack from selfish pressure groups seeking unfair legislation of a restrictive nature and through unfavorable interpretation of such laws by regulatory and supervisory bodies or officials.

Definite inroads into free advertising have been made in such matters as liquor, tobacco and similar items, in various places. The club's executive committee, comprised of M. J. Frey, general manager of the Oregonian; W. W. Knight, assistant business manager of the Oregon Journal; Showalter Lynch, president of the Lynch Advertising agency; John W. Davis, general manager of the Ramsay sign company and Leith F. Abbot, Northwest manager of Foote, Cone and Belding Advertising agency, vigorously decries the tendency.

Recreation Study For Large Groups At Barnes School

R. W. Barnes school cafeteria will be the scene of the game recreation instruction meeting, starting at 8 p. m., Wednesday, Feb. 23, Miss Dorothy Newton, county extension agent, announced today.

Miss Jessalee Mallalieu, recreation specialist, Oregon State Extension, will give instructions in game leadership for large groups.

Miss Mallalieu recently came to Oregon from Missouri. Last year she attended Wisconsin university and received a master's degree in rural sociology and education. Her experience included 4-H club and home demonstration agent work, high school teaching and served with the overseas recreation service of the American National Red Cross in Iceland, the Philippines and Korea.

'Old Meadow Farm' Offered Real Southern Hospitality

NOTABLE OREGONIANS HAVE TIED THEIR MOUNTS TO OLD YEW HITCHING RACK ALONG PICKET FENCE

By Hervey S. Robinson
(Continued from last week)

Before the coming of the west side railroad to the Tualatin Plains, eastern Washington county was fairly well populated and its resources were fast being exploited. Its greatest need was transportation.

Pioneer sawmills were operating on all sides, at Cedar Mills, Barton Creek, Fanno Creek and in practically every locality where adequate water power could be obtained.

Augustus Fanno and other pioneer produce growers were securing, from the rich soil of the beaver dams, marvelous crops of vegetables for market. Small stores in various places furnished supplies and bought produce from the settlers. How to get their lumber and produce from the valley settlement to the river ports was the great problem.

It is true there were wagon roads of a sort—steep, winding rocky roads over the hills to Oregon City, Milwaukie, Portland, Linnton and St. Helens. They were difficult and dangerous in the summer time and almost impossible in the rain and mud of the winters. Then the railroad met this need and established Beaverton as the shipping point for Eastern Washington County.

The first post-office between Portland and Hillsboro was established at Ocoola, a little way north of the future Beaverton site, in 1854 with Lawrence Hall as postmaster. Sometime later the post office was moved to a little log cabin which William E. Walker had built a few miles further west on Walker road on his place.

Now known as "Old Meadow Farm" it remained there with Mr. Walker as postmaster until the middle sixties.

The Walker family and Old Meadow Farm deserve more than a brief notice. In 1852 William E. Walker with his wife and three children left home in Pettis county, Missouri, on April 29, bound for Oregon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Walker were natives of Maryland, good substantial well educated people of strong southern blood. They traveled with ox teams and were six months and eleven days on the road.

Near Fort Kearney cholera attacked the train and seventeen of their party died of it within three days. Mrs. Walker had an attack but recovered. At the same time one of the sons had mountain fever but he too recovered.

ered and they arrived with an unbroken family circle in Portland November 10, 1852.

They came directly to Washington county and purchased a right to a donation claim which came to be known as "Old Meadow Farm", known throughout Oregon, for its true hospitality of the southern flavor. Here, in a little log house in the woods they established their home, and on this farm they spent the rest of their lives. Robert H. Walker, their youngest son was eleven years old when he came with his people to this farm.

William Walker built a little log house on the place and opened a school for his own children and those of his neighbors. There were no roads and in order that his pupils might have something better than hewed logs for seats, he made frequent trips across the hills to Portland, bringing back chairs, two at a time, as he trudged patiently along the trail. After a few years the log home was replaced by a large frame house and in 1862 the Ocoola post office was installed in one of the small log cabins.

Along the picket fence before this home is an old yew wood hitching rack and many notable Oregonians have tied their horses here while they visited the Walkers. Henry L. Pitcock, of the Oregonian, Bill Story, mayor of Portland, Dr. Linklater and Dr. Bailey, well known early physicians of Washington County and most of the leading lights among politicians, business and professional men of the county and territory have tied their horses to that historic old hitchrack.

When historian Roy L. Davidson visited the old farm in 1941, he found Lauretta Walker Olds, youngest daughter of Robert and Rachel Walker and last of the third generation living in this grand old home surrounded by beautiful shade trees, working among her flowers and plants, entertaining her numerous friends, talking and explaining all about the pioneer relics of which she has so many, and doing many favors for these friends and neighbors.

While he was there, besides cooking and serving a fine dinner, she spent much time showing and talking of her relics, dug some flowering plants and a young tree or two for some neighbors,

bors, newcomers in the community.

When a neighbor came for some rhubarb to make a pie for supper and was disappointed to find that Mrs. Olds had given away her last rhubarb the day before—sent her home rejoicing with a jar of berries "that make good pies."

Such was the daily life at the old Walker home whose owners chose to "Live in a house by the side of the road and be a friend to man."

(To be continued)

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ONLY A FORM LETTER?

The city of Oswego received a rather tersely phrased letter from the state sanitary board, recently, regarding the city's progress toward a sewage disposal plant.

Maybe it was only a form letter, suggested the REVIEW, that went to all the cities of the state.

The city recorder reminded the members of the city council that the sanitary authority has every intention of cleaning up Oregon's rivers. Further, they have the power to make it tough on all towns, including big and small, if normal progress is not shown in regard to provision of a sewage disposal program.

The recorder was authorized to inform the sanitary board that the city's action, at present, consists of collecting 50c per month from each water user and applying it to a fund for use if and when a disposal plant is built.

About two years ago, the city was offered the opportunity to have all preliminary engineering for a disposal plant done at federal government expense. This was turned down. No engineering has so far been done.

As the editor pointed out, perhaps the communication in question was only a form letter, after all.

BATTLE OF ODORS

On the subject of directives from the state sanitary authority, a regular battle of odors seems to be stirring in the city of Sherwood.

Two citizens have written into the VALLEY NEWS, regarding a previous series of letters in behalf of the local leather tannery in town in dispute with the sanitarians which had previously appeared.

One lady relates that her property, upon which she expended some \$8,000 for improvement, has been rendered unliveable and unsaleable because of the stench which overtook her 24 hours after the tannery overflow began in the creek which crosses the full width of her land.

She declares being "somewhat annoyed" by the three letters previously published, which "contained false statement after false

statements well calculated to play upon the emotions—of the residents of Sherwood."

On the other side of the argument, another citizen writes that there are many false stories and reports about the tannery and the effect of its effluent.

Regarding the fish that were supposed to have been killed in Rock Creek and because of which claim the discharge was changed to Cedar Creek, this citizen claims he made four trips up and down the creek and couldn't find one dead fish.

So goes the battle of odors, of claims and counter-claims. But the principals in the battle know for sure, that state sanitary authority letters are not merely of the "form" variety.

JOB NEEDS \$225,000

Taxpayers at Hillsboro will be asked, on February 17, to vote themselves an additional \$225,000 tax load for the completion of the union high school's building program.

The ARGUS says these funds would be used for additional physical education facilities, which it terms the single remaining weak spot in the school setup.

A sinking fund of \$120,000 was voted in 1945, followed by a bond issue in 1946 of \$240,000.

Facilities are being improved on the basis of need for 1200 students.

CHINESE SITUATION

The Chinese situation is a matter of current concern in Forest Grove, these days.

A Chinese doctor, reports the NEWS TIMES, has been granted a Pacific University fellowship by which he would teach half time while working toward a doctor of optometry degree. The good doctor earned his first "cum laude" degree from the California Institute of Technology and was later awarded a master's degree from Yenching university in Peking.

Now, because of the tense status in China, it is doubted that he will be able to arrive at the university when expected—at the start of the second semester.

The student-professor is noted as a writer in the fields of physics and optics, in both China and America.



Plan refrigerator use to SAVE ELECTRICITY the whole day through

Your cooperation in saving electricity is still needed—all day, every day and particularly during the peak evening hours between 4:30 and 6:30. Nearly every home has an electric refrigerator. By organizing its use, you can save much-needed electricity that will help keep Northwest industries and jobs going. Check this list and see if you are doing all you can to help:

1. Decide on what you are looking for before you open the refrigerator door.
2. Make your selections quickly.
3. Don't hold the door open any longer than necessary.
4. Arrange food so that you can lay your hands on anything you want without delay.
5. Never put hot food in the refrigerator.
6. Put food away in the smallest possible containers.
7. In general, make it a habit to open the refrigerator as seldom as possible.

These simple rules will not only save urgently needed power now, but will help your refrigerator to give better service.

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