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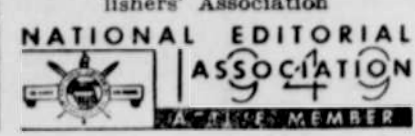
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## Are We Utterly Stupid?

It has become an easily-relied upon habit in many circles of influence to everlastingly condemn many ideas advanced for the improvement of the nation's society as "communist" or "socialist" infiltration of the proud bastions of Democracy.

When a proposal is made to give federal aid to education, for instance, there is a hue and cry. This is no movement to better equip areas who are financially unable to properly educate their children, they say. This will not assure the future leaders of the nation a better opportunity through more competent schooling, detractors point out. No, that is not the true meaning of the proposal.

It is, actually, an attempt by communists to take over the education of the young and make them subservient to an alien doctrine, we would be led to believe.

And take the matter of national health insurance. Do you think this is attention by the government of a nationwide problem that seriously threatens the welfare of the people? Do you think the proposal would mean that workers, at the outset, would be guaranteed competent medical care when they need it—even though they are more financially unable than to afford such necessary treatment?

If you do have any illusions, there are many spokesmen to point out, you are a victim of insidious socialist, communistic propaganda which blinds you to the nefarious plans for the "Reds" to take over the offices of the American Medical Association.

In fact, if this plan goes through, we are told, the high standards of the medical profession will melt like butter and instead of medical specialists and scientists we will be victimized by a greedy corps of prescriptionists whose only interest is the amount of money they can swindle out of the government.

In both of these pertinent instances, there is no mention of integrity, no thought of ideals, no confidence in the inherent honesty of either the government or those who would serve it.

No, we are a nation of scoundrels and opportunists interested in only one thing—turning the best nation in the world, with all its imperfections, over to a narrowed ideology that suffers dismally in over-all comparison.

It has come to such a state that every suggestion of social progress that is made must first run the gauntlet of inquisition: "Is it communist?" Every man in public life who is recommended for a position of trust must face searching scrutiny of any act in his entire lifetime that could be twisted and interpreted to signify even a passive contact with communism.

Even a science professor, as evidenced by a recent Oregon State College dismissal, might lose his job if he publicly debates a scientific theory which has been advanced by a scientist in communist Russia. Books, ministers and organizations are all subject to defamation and abuse, should any evidence of progressive thinking be indicated.

Maybe the charge, "RED!" should be enough to reduce us all to a quaking, trembling mass of impotence. But we think the repeated sing-song of charges, repeated time after time against everything a little different from the status quo, should more rightly "raise our hackles".

If these spokesmen who attack social legislation can prove that American intelligence is incapable of taking progressive steps in government or otherwise without aping Soviet Russia, they have something to prove.

Who do they think founded this Republic of the United States, Marx and Engels? Who do they think pioneered fields of endeavor to stand foremost in the entire world, a band of anarchists? How do they think we have grown strong and significant in world affairs, by refusing to step out from the past?

If our children need education, let's give it to them and to hang with the fact that elsewhere in the world other governments have had the same idea, regardless of how they administer it. And rather than let the appalling loss of national strength through inadequate provision for national health continue, let's take heroic means, if necessary to bring the advantages of modern health and medical research within the reach of all the people.

To those who shout "Red" at every new idea and think that the American public are dopes enough to applaud them, let us ask: "Are we utterly, utterly stupid?"

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## Portland Post Office First On Record In Wash. County

BEAVERTON'S MAIL FACILITIES SET UP WITHOUT  
OFFICIAL SANCTION AS SERVICE FOR RESIDENTS

By Hervey S. Robinson

(Continued from last week)

Records of the establishment of the earliest Oregon post offices were kept in Book 19 of a series of volumes in the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C. The record was kept like a merchant's ledger with a page for each county. When an office was established an entry was made under the name of the county. Page 15 of this volume bore the record of Washington County.

Portland, which was then in Washington County was established November 8, 1849 with Thomas Smith as postmaster. On August 5, 1850, a post office was established at Hillsboro. This office was discontinued in March, 1855 but reestablished in October of the same year and changed to Hillsboro, on April 20, 1892.

In 1854, Ocoola was established near the present site of Beaverton, with Lawrence Hall as postmaster. In the late '50s and early '60s, according to members of the Walker family, this post office was in a little log cabin on "Old Meadow Farm" with William Walker as postmaster.

The second post office near the Beaverton site was at Cedar Mill and John Quincy Adams Young was postmaster. In his later years Mr. Young wrote: "In '92 I moved to Cedar Mill and built a log cabin near the falls. I purchased 280 acres and ran a sawmill for a few years, later selling it to W. R. Evarson. Then I built another house near the

same site and kept store and post office in it for seven years. I named the post offices at Cedar Mill and West Union and I was the means of securing a mail route from Portland to Glencoe (North Plains). An entire village now stands on my original 280 acres.

"Succeeding postmasters were George H. Reeves, T. B. Perkins, Asbury Kurts, D. A. Griffin, Mary E. Reeves and B. B. Reeves. The last named was postmaster in 1898. Shortly afterward the post office was discontinued and rural free delivery took its place. Mr. Reeves still has at his home at Cedar Mill the old cancellation stamp. He recently displayed a facsimile of it at an open meeting of the Leedy Grange about a year ago.

There was no post office in Jesse Nathan Griffith's store when he opened it at Beaverton about 1871, but Mr. Griffith relates that, as a favor to his fellow townsmen he brought their mail from the post office at Portland and distributed it at his store. In 1873 Griffith sold his store to "Bill" Wilmut. Later it passed into the hands of A. J. Hamilton who kept a store and post office there.

Lawrence Hall, first postmaster at Ocoola was an immigrant of 1845, earlier than any of the other pioneers of this vicinity of whom we have written in these columns.

We shall tell you of his interesting and colorful career in our next.

(To be continued)

## Preliminary For St. Paul's Rodeo Set for June 5

Washington county Westerners and Washington county posse received an invitation this week to participate in the second annual trail ride sponsored by the St. Paul rodeo association as a preliminary feature to the community's July 4th weekend wild west show.

The trail ride will be held on Sunday, June 5th, over a scenic woodland and riverside route in the vicinity of St. Paul, south of Newberg.

Announcement of plans for this riding event have been issued early so that saddle clubs, mounted posses and other Northwest equestrian organizations can include it in their summer activity programs.

The days' festivities will begin with a family-style breakfast, between 9 and 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul. Refreshments will be served at the ride's half-way point.

When the equestrians return to rodeo park, they will vie for trophies in the scurry, stake bending, boy's pony, girl's pony, men's and women's races. Resident of St. Paul will not compete in these events.

John McKillip and Lester Kirk both of St. Paul, are co-chairmen for the trail ride. Information concerning the day's program and individual or group meal reservations should be addressed to them, in care of the St. Paul, Ore., rodeo association.

## CHEERIO CLUB

Mrs. Dora Stipe entertained the Cheerio Club at her home last Friday afternoon. Her extra guests were Mrs. Margaret Scott, Mrs. Gilpin, Mrs. Harriette Girard. After a lovely luncheon bridge was played.

## Readers Say

### Senator Opposes Racing Affairs Discrimination

Gentlemen:

A great many people have written me concerning Senate Bill 150. This bill has for its purpose the prohibiting of dog racing alone. It is impossible for me to answer all of the letters that I have received. Therefore, I wish to explain to you, with the thought that you might be kind enough to carry as a news item my position on this bill.

It appears to me that it is unreasonable and unfair to make a discrimination between the various forms of pari-mutuel betting, and the racing that is conducted in connection therewith. If the idea of pari-mutuel betting is to be attacked, then it should be attacked in its entirety, as it applies to all racing. Consequently, I do not believe in the principle of Senate Bill 150, and shall not vote for it.

There is a bill in the House putting the question of fixing dates in the hands of the Racing Commission, as to both horses and dogs. I have been informed that the dog people have not looked with favor on this bill. It occurs to me that the same reasoning applies to this bill as applies to Senate Bill 150. That is, all racing should be handled equally and fairly, and I see no reason why the entire question of racing meets and their dates should not be left in the hands of the Racing Commission.

I trust that this makes my position on these racing bills clear.

Yours very truly,  
P. L. Patterson  
State Senator

### General Trout Season Opens on Coast May First

C. A. Lockwood, Oregon State Game Supervisor, reminded anglers today that coastal waters are now closed to angling. The closure will remain in effect until May 1, when the general trout season opens. This closed season is effective in all coastal streams and lakes with the exception of the Rogue river and the Umpqua river. The Umpqua will open to salmon fishing on April 15th and the Rogue river is now open to salmon fishing.

Mr. Lockwood also stated that it is hoped to have the new synopsis of angling regulations for 1949 ready for distribution the first of next.

### U. S. AXES SEED BUREAU

Whether a result of the Hoover commission's streamlining suggestion or just department policy, the U. S. department of agriculture has swung the axe on its division of cereal and forage insect investigations, at Forest Grove.

The NEWS TIMES is informed that the closure is due to limitation of funds.

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS CHRONICLED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES  
IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

all over Oregon and from as far away as Mississippi. Response to the program has been so enthusiastic that the additional shipment of white cedars was ordered to satisfy the increased demand. The company operating the tree farm is entering its fourth season of reforestation. Since January, 1946, and including the current program being carried out, there will be 850 acres of planted seedlings, 200 acres of hand-dis-

tributed seeds and 2200 acres seeded by helicopter.

Planting of seedlings is at the rate of approximately 600 trees per acre.

### PORT COMES ALIVE

The port of St. Helens recently showed a brisk activity despite delaying factors and this made welcome news.

As listed by the SENTINEL-MIST, a Greek steamer took 1,500,000 board feet of creosoted railroad ties and departed its merry way to the Port of Ras Tanura, on the Arabian side of the Gulf of Persia. This vessel took the dockwallopers some 4 1/2 days of labor before the total loaded cargo of 5 million board feet was loaded.

Another vessel, of 10,000 tonnage, wallowed for two days before it could cross the bar at Astoria and then was held up for five hours by dense river fog before it came in for another hearty loading.

At the first of the month, an American vessel was awaited for a cargo of around 4,000,000 board feet of lumber. The first shipment by water for the month of March, this volume was considered a good sign for a brisk activity to come.

### SOME DAYS, NO WIN

There are days you just can't win, it is underlined in a recent dispatch from Oregon City.

As told in the BANNER-COURIER, four young men needed gasoline quite desperately. Taking a radical course, they hied themselves out to the nearby tall timber and tapped a gasoline tank belonging to a logging operator.

But the inspired venture went astray. The long arm of John Law reached out, nabbed and deposited the gas-seeking quartet in durance vile. Held in lieu of a \$250 bond each, the young men face grand jury investigation.

### WILL ASK ADVICE

Yamhill county officials will likewise seek advice from a committee of citizens and businessmen, it was told at McMinnville last week.

The TELEPHONE-REGISTER relates that more than fifty representatives from throughout the county recently met to ponder both temporary and long range measures to apply on county roads.

The group went on record as in favor of a bill pending at the legislature which would provide a two cent increase in gasoline taxes with one cent to be returned to the county and cities on a 75-25 basis.

One sawmill operator lamented that the road crews went to and from the job "on company time", the old portal-to-portal argument. He also urged a raise in pay scale to attract men who would reverse the traditional rule and work "full time at high speed."

## GIFT CEDAR TREES

Two year old Port Orford white cedar trees have arrived in Vernonia and will be mailed free of charge to anyone in the United States who makes a request.

So declares the EAGLE, in tell-

ing of the 1948-49 gift program of the Columbia county tree farm which, by this development, is extended into the month of March.

Resident forester of the tree farm relates that gift tree requests have been received from

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