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PLEASE REGISTER!

While young Americans are giving their lives in Korea to protect and maintain the democratic institutions of the United States of America, many of us here at home might well neglect our little share in keeping the processes in running order.

Until October 7, registrations will be taken to make qualified voters eligible to vote in the November general elections. As is customary at all times before an exercise of the ballot, it becomes the responsibility of editorialists to beg good citizens to stir themselves and at least register.

Shortly before the election itself, another appeal will need to be issued for such citizens as did register to be sure and vote. Then, the day after the balloting is done, there will be many with a hurt expression to say, "Why didn't some one tell me about the election?"

There's one thing that might be well said of the men in uniform who are living through hell on the stinking peninsula of Korea. No one has to tell them to measure up to the task laid out before them. No one has to issue a high-sounding plea for them to take up their arms and fight against a creeping paralysis of their national ideals.

Here at home, however, those who enjoy the citizenship of the United States must still be reminded that on such a day they really ought to register. And then, on another such a day, it's time for them to vote.

Yes, we must protect our democracy most vigilantly. We must be sure to awaken the populace to its responsibilities. Every vehicle of publicity, by sight, by sound and by sign, must be employed to goad citizens to do what they should be fanatically eager to do. And then, many will fail to follow through.

Please register to vote, good friend. And please be a good citizen and keep our democratic government a representative one.

THEY FIGHT FOR US ALL

There are a number of young Americans leaving their usual pursuits in response to a call of national service. Many of them relinquish good jobs and a developing future, their friends and family, to carry forth the standards of the democratic way of living.

Surely this is patriotism of the highest order. They go most of them unsmiling yet without hesitation. They deserve a sincere commendation from those of us whom they represent on the battlefields of Korea and wherever else they end up.

There is one ruling of Selective Service headquarters, to be sure, with which none of us will disagree. That is the extension of the same re-employment rights upon release from service as was provided during World War II.

It matters not that many will probably not return to the status quo they left behind them. It does matter importantly, however, that provision is made for these fighting men to return to civilian life without the major dislocations of finding another source of employment, after this present task is done.

Let us in no wise ever forget that the man who is called back in service today, because of specialized skills developed in past combat experience or because a conscription number is up, is sacrificing fully as much as those who served in the more far-flung battles of World War II.

Surely they have, as a right from those who are not called to serve, a claim on adequate family allowances and full compensation for what they do without question.

For, while many of us talk of the menace of Communism and extoll the glories of Democracy, these men—and women—are serving. And they fight for us all.

TEACH EVILS OF DRINK

PART III

Having as a mission in life the salvation of those who have strayed upon ways of evil is a noble dedication. It bespeaks a humility and an understanding of human frailty. It requires a nature of utmost patience and forgiveness. Certainly one who goes abroad carrying the Torch of Light and Goodness justifies his existence, whether he succeeds in his task or fails.

Why then, might we ask, does the prohibition of liquor by whatever oblique means fall short of the marks of a noble mission? Why should there be opposition to any such move from many who, normally, believe in decency, dignity and social progress?

There cannot be strong enough emphasis upon the fact that liquor is a vice. It wears away men's souls. It destroys the ambitions of Youth. It is a negation of ideals, a waster of Man, an abuser of virtue. No, there cannot be words too harsh in condemnation of strong drink.

Yet, trading upon the experience of over a decade of prohibition, there must be another answer. There must be another approach to the presentation of Temperance into our civilization than in flat prohibition.

When we stop to consider the corruption and degradation that left its deep mark on an entire generation of American manhood and womanhood, certainly Prohibition is no answer.

It is with little understanding of the American temper that we might suggest an eleventh commandment, "Thou Shalt Not Drink". It is on false premises that we might even passively hope for a healthy result from imposing such a law.

Those of us who decry the use of liquor need not despair. There is not but one way open for the cause of Temperance. Education will serve this purpose more fully than any attempt to dictate by act of Congress or state-wide vote by the people.

Modern living has grown dangerously more complex, within the last seventeen years. More and more automobiles are in use. Faster and faster speed has become the vogue. The matter of temperance is of deep concern to the future of Society.

Let us, therefore, repudiate the smoothly veneered proposition of banning all "promotively advertised" liquors, through an initiative vote. No one but should be able to realize this measure is an opening wedge for full-scale Prohibition and the declaration of a "dry" Oregon.

We must give no comfort to forces of evil, vice, corruption and immorality, such as prevailed during our last sad Prohibition experience. Rather, we should face up reality and spend our energies and time in a positive approach of Temperance, rather than the negative striving for a furtive Prohibition.

Our young deserve the patient teaching of the evils of strong drink. By example, by parable, by demonstration of its falseness must we encourage a desire to not fall victim of this great deluder, alcohol.

There is a challenge and a mission for all of us, if we would dedicate our hearts to Education, to teach the evils of drink.

How blind an alley would be the return to Prohibition!

(To be concluded)

Elsewhere In Oregon

EVENTS CHRONICLED BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS IN NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

Forest Grove may settle down, now, to a continuation of telephone service for fifteen years.

The NEWS TIMES reports coming to terms of agreement by the city council and West Coast Telephone company representatives.

Matter of franchise had been pending for two years, with the company operating without official documentation since September 1948. The company had requested 20 years for the contract while the city council held stubbornly to 10 years.

The company explained that with a shorter term franchise it would be unable to negotiate long-term financing for such improvements as underground cables to eliminate poles and wires in downtown areas.

Under terms of the contract, the city will receive up to ten free telephones, as an alternative to a 2 or 3% gross tax on telephone receipts.

Gross income from the city customers alone was reported at \$3970 monthly, \$46,548 annually. Previous franchise ran for 25 years.

COMMUNITY GIVES IDEAS

Seaside, trying a system of community clinics under auspices of the chamber of commerce, finds that people have some definite ideas, wide in range, for development.

The SIGNAL, listing results of the clinical opinions, finds the strongest sentiment favors a civic auditorium, for use of conventions, concerts, community meetings, dances and for recreation.

Remarks point out that with a public auditorium, it would be possible to get "important results" from such events as the Miss Oregon contest, plays, concerts and public affairs.

Some thirty-five suggestions are listed and all of them point to methods by which a better program of public service, one way or another, might be realized.

SWIMMING POOL

Prineville will make a great decision in the November elections, according to plans shaping up.

The CENTRAL OREGONIAN relates how plans for development of the city park have taken definite form.

The city council and park commission set up a proposal for a bond issue of \$50,000 to finance construction of a swimming pool, wading pool, dressing rooms and other necessary facilities.

The \$50,000 figure is a compromise between minimum estimates of the cost of a pool and an overall park development cost estimate. The council voted unanimously on the bond issue and to drop the over-all park district idea.

CHURCHES GIVE BLOOD

The call for 200 pints of blood, at Lebanon, has become serious business to all local churches.

The EXPRESS outlines a meeting of ministers of all faiths who met with local Red Cross Bloodmobile officials to map plans for the next visit of the mobile blood unit.

Due to heavy requirements in Korea, the army has exactly doubled its requirements, calling for 500 pints of blood each week from the Portland blood center headquarters.

A "church donation" is scheduled for the next mobile unit collection, although individuals without church affiliation will also be cordially accepted.

MILL PAY INCREASE

In St. Helens, workers at one of the large mills may go about their tasks a little happier, with an increase of 5 cents per hour voluntarily offered by management to meet the increased cost of living.

The CHRONICLE points out that the boost will affect operating employees, increasing monthly payroll by not less than \$2,000, pending acceptance by the labor union involved.

Lowest wage is now \$1.55 per hour for common labor and the increase to \$1.60 will mean \$12.80 per day, straight time. Although the union hasn't reached the point of issuing an official acceptance of the offer, a number of men are said to favor the additional 40 cents a day.

COUNCILMANIC CAUCUS

The people of Gresham as a whole will have the opportunity to nominate candidates for 4 city offices, October 10.

The OUTLOOK observes a public caucus called for that date at which time candidates will be named for the office of mayor (2 year term) and three councilmen (4 year terms).

The present mayor is completing his fifth term in office and is believed ready to answer a draft by the citizenry for another go at the administrative post.

MATTER OF EXACT WORD

In Vernonia, newspaper readers were given a demonstration in the matter of exact word usage.

The EAGLE, commenting on the new status of a local boy serving in the army, says he "was decently promoted to his present grade in the United States Army."

Certainly in these days, where there is such rudeness abroad and when the amenities are not too scrupulously observed, it is heartening to know that a promotion was accorded with decency!



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

New Use For Old Windmills

I drove past Larson's farm last week and saw him perched on top of his 75-year-old windmill. "Still planning on tearing it down?" I shouted up to him.

"Not on your life," says Curly as he climbs down. "I'm getting myself a television set from Buzz Ellis' and he says this windmill is going to come in mighty handy."

"You see," Curly went on, "I'm going to put my TV antenna right on top of it. Since the windmill is better than the house, I'll get the best reception around here—but

if it wasn't for Buzz and his advice, I'd have scrapped it."

From where I sit, Curly's success as a farmer and his popularity in town is due, in a large part, to his open-mindedness and his willingness to listen to people and their opinions. He'll listen to Buzz Ellis over a malted milk or he and I can talk politics—each with a glass of temperate beer. Yes, Curly's as modern as television itself!

Joe Marsh

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ABILITY DOES THE JOB

There is work to do.

Since the first breath we draw until the last one, we are part of a movement called Life, a condition which requires the doing of tasks and the performing of a wide assortment of accomplishments.

Many of us are well-fitted for one job and would be lost at another. It takes special training in many instances to equip anyone with the skills by which the work of the world is acquitted.

During the week October 1 to 7, the nation takes note of its physically handicapped workers, particularly those who take part in the expanded vocational rehabilitation law established by the 78th Congress in 1944 as Public Law 113.

Employer interest in the problems of these physically impaired workers, whose ability has been trained to the doing of a task within their limitations, is sought.

The theme of the week is that these workers are offering their ability, not their disability, as the basis of employment. And it is ability which does the job!

WHO LOVE A HORSE

Perhaps the Beaverton man was an innocent victim of circumstances, in Southeast Portland, when a youngster on a frightened horse ran into an intersection to cause a collision.

In this particular case, dogs had "spooked" the horse and the young rider was unable to control it. The driver stated he was unable to stop when the horse dashed in front of him.

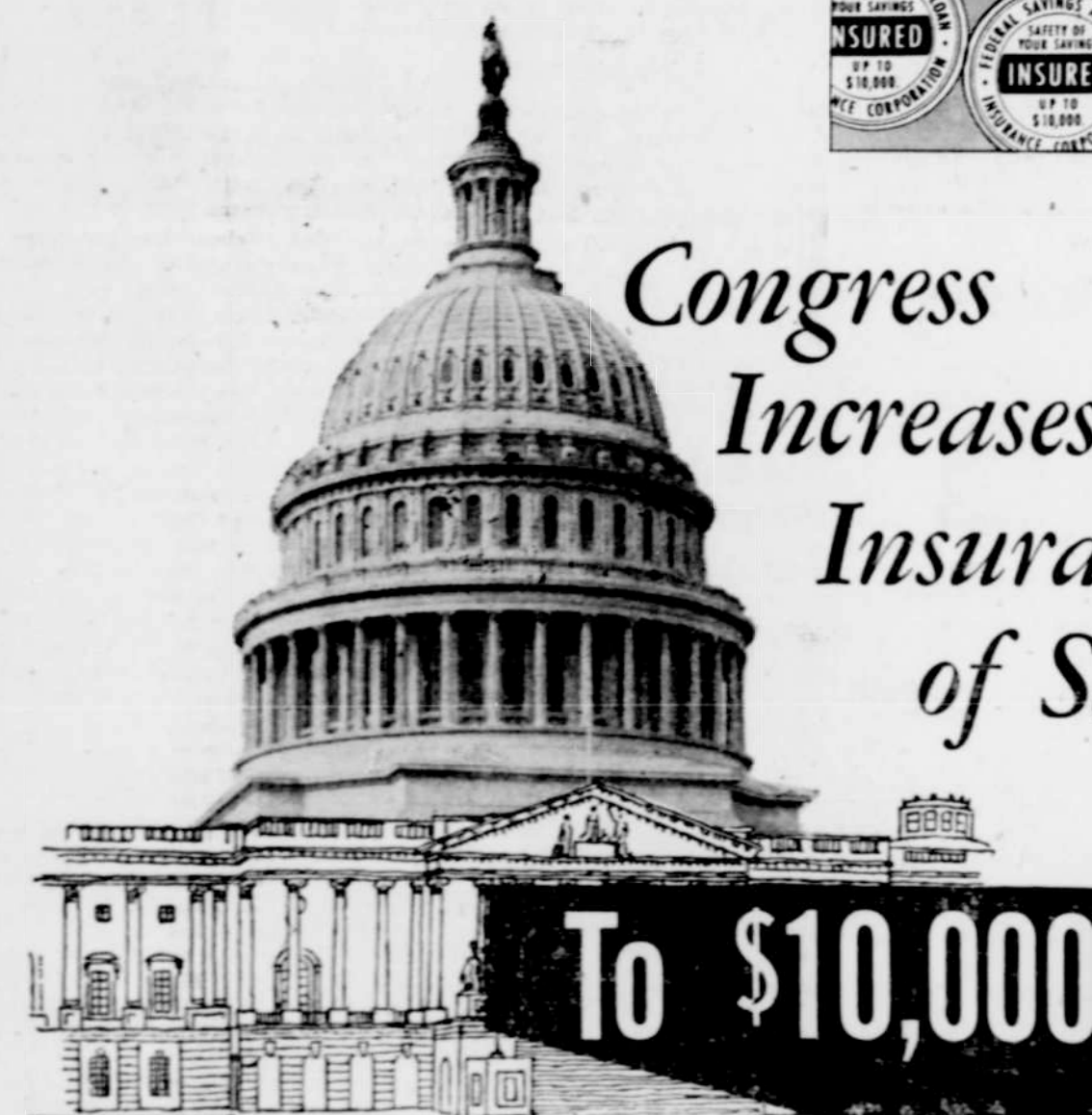
Throughout the eastern end of Tualatin Valley, particularly, the matter of horsemanship is one of deeply-dyed partisanship. Yet, the problem of riding horses along the highways and byways of the area is fraught with danger and requires cooperation of both riders and motorists.

Accidents will happen. Even the most careful attempts to control circumstances will not, in every case, insure against them.

A horse is a source of pride and joy to its owner or rider. There is a definite sense while in the saddle which defies imitation. But people who are not skilled in the management of a horse might much better avoid public roads until they are able, under any normal situation, to handle their animals.

Motorists should show basic courtesy, in the interests of mutual safety, whenever a posse of riders shares the road with them. The smart-alecky practice of seeing how close you can come to a horse or blasting the horn when close behind a rider is not great fun. It is a serious contribution to a potential accident and can mean a peck of trouble, instead of hearty belly laughs.

Let those who wish argue that the place of a horse is not along a public road. Such statements will fall on deaf ears and be thoroughly and completely scorned by all who love a horse.



Individual Accounts

Savings Accounts may be opened by adults, or by or for children, and may be established in trust for a beneficiary.

Joint Accounts

Husbands and wives, or any other two or more persons, may open an account jointly and may provide for the right of survivorship.

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