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### FREE PRESS AND TRUTH

Freedom of the press is one of the elements of our existence, like Oregon rain, the good clean air of a crisp autumn morning, the pulse of a heartbeat.

No one questions it. And few bother to put into words its importance and its value.

These are times of trouble and foreboding. International relations are tense. Fear is rampant among men. And on a higher level, there is a grim race for power, with diplomatic maneuverings the outward signs of a struggle devised and executed in councils of governments.

There are lies and falsehoods, deliberate perversions of the truth, which carry the seeds of this race for power. Some call it "necessary for national security", other explain it as a means to an objective. Universally, it is known as propaganda.

Propaganda, in its true sense, may be for good or for evil. But in the deliberate distortion of facts, in order to qualify a conclusion, propaganda is evil and in time will destroy those who repeat it so often as to even believe it themselves.

It is against this basic corruption of Truth that the American Press has its most significant task. It is the laying of falsehood and the dissemination of fact which is the charge given to the newspapers of the land.

To do the proper justice to this task, a newspaper must be honest and ethical itself. It must pursue Truth relentlessly and without the bias engendered by selfish purposes.

There are numerous examples, across the land, where a newspaper in an influential position has not lived up to its full responsibility. In cheating the public, however, such publications are cheating themselves and digging a pit for their own oblivion.

When proper recognition is given to the fact that running a newspaper, by the tokens of a free press, is a matter of business, it is an amazing phenomenon that there is such wide freedom of expression in the land. Certainly, keeping untarnished the ideals of freedom while at the same time balancing a set of ledgers deserves full credit for faithfulness.

Newspapers, reflecting the daily life of their communities. Liberty and Democracy require a lot of living and a newspaper, to prove its basic fundamentals, must follow out a long servitude for its fair assessment.

Freedom of the press will continue as long as there is courage in the heart of man and determination to stand up for Truth.

### "GOD WAY" OF FARMING

"We are still going in the red in the use of our soils in American farming."

"We are cutting our timber faster than it is growing. We are using up our oil and gas at lightning speed. We are being challenged to help industrialize and lift the level of life in large areas of the world."

The apparent demand for using our natural resources on a colossal scale to sustain our armed forces is another great drain upon our natural resources. We are desperately in need of a fuller appreciation of the fact that we are consciously or unconsciously partners of God in making a living from the things which he has placed upon the earth.

Making a living calls for meeting some need—physical, mental, social, or spiritual, and involves relationship with God and with other people. There is a way of farming that is in accord with the laws of God—a kingdom of God way of farming; and there is a way of farming that is contrary to the laws of God.

We have to seek the 'kingdom of God way' of farming, of using natural resources, of relating ourselves to God's purposes, and to the needs of our neighbors."

Dr. Aaron H. Rapking, rural authority and faculty member, Hiwassee College, Tennessee.

### EDUCATION CONTROVERSY

Probably nothing more controversial in state school circles will appear to compare with the just-completed "Holy Report", in which Dr. T. C. Holy, school organization authority of Ohio State university, propounds his analysis of Oregon's public school system.

According to a fragment of the massive tome of 400 pages, as delivered to the legislative interim committee, the chief indictment is the wastefulness of local school districts as opposed to a scientific plan of cen-

tralization and uniformity.

There are many school board members who will feel inclined to challenge this remark. They will speak with fervor for individuality, for the tradition of autonomy and against the bigness and bureaucracy of far-flung school government.

What Dr. Holy seems to argue, however, is that the cost of educating our young has become so burdensome that local autonomy must be yielded in the interest of those most concerned—the very young who seek equal educational opportunities.

With the state of Oregon committed to the proposition that the general standard of education is a matter of social responsibility, regardless of the economic standing of individual school districts involved, significant state tax monies are being directed for school support. Therefore this thinking continues, every administrative device must be explored to bring the results in line with the financial contributions.

The concern of the state government, likewise, might heighten considerably, in the event that the degree of basic school support funds allocated increases by \$30, after the November election.

There can be no argument, when tax bills come due, that the people of the state will attend any movement toward government efficiency with a favorable inclination. Surely, if there is any way to stop the avalanche of taxation which cascades upon us uninterrupted, greater efficiency and wider results from tax monies collected seems to offer one solution.

Whether or not this efficiency is of enough value to counterbalance the loss of autonomy is the heart of an education controversy suggested by the Holy Report.

### PROHIBIT ADVERTISING?

#### PART IV

Freedom of the press gives anyone the right, within the limits of good taste, to express himself and his opinions. It is the foundation stone of Democracy and the godfather of a distinct public service, Advertising.

That the rights of a free press extend to advertising cannot be refuted. The normal functions of business, both small and large, would be restricted and seriously handicapped without it. And so it should be a normal expectation of any business man, engaged in legitimate trade, that he may rightfully advertise his wares.

There has appeared upon the horizon, however, a concept that advertising is a corrupting influence, when it serves the manufacturers of alcoholic liquors. To implement this belief, an initiative has been shaped for the November ballot which would prohibit the sale of any alcoholic drink which has been "promotively advertised".

Such legislation, in effect, is a direct attack upon the freedom of the press which is subject to observation during the Newspaper Week of October 1-8. It would presume to dictate to legitimate businessmen as well as to the general public what could and could not be advertised.

Whatever one's views on liquor, it cannot be denied that it is a legal trade. It pays taxes, supports charities, covers a large payroll. In the American tradition of competition in trade, it also supplies a need of the consuming public.

Free speech and a free press has been vigilantly fought for and established as a constitutional right. Any attack on any enjoyment of this right, within the limits of good taste, is an opening wedge, an attack upon the entire right.

There is something suspect in any attempt to accomplish an objective by oblique means. And in designing a thrust at a basic American right, the right of freely advertising legitimate products of legal manufacture, in order to ram an unwilling prohibition into the state structure of laws, the forces behind this initiative are toying with a dangerous weapon.

Restriction, remember, would not be on the sale of liquor by this proposal. It is only those which are "promotively advertised". Look at it from all angles. This initiative would desecrate and defile one of the most important rights that Americans now enjoy.

Any attempt to dilute the essence of American rights and freedoms must be fought bitterly to its defeat. Let's not overlook the reality that any move to prohibit advertising is without any explanation an encroachment upon the very foundations of our Democracy.

(The End)

### ANOTHER TRY FOR ROADS

McMinnville notes another try for improved county roads.

The TELEPHONE REGISTER relates that Yamhill county voters will ballot again on a special levy, November 7.

This one will be specifically earmarked for bridges and culverts, on the basis of a three-mill tax covering a two-year period. Estimated return is set at \$100,000 per year.

Immediate replacement is called for in the case of at least 16 bridges.

## ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

### ENROLLMENT FALLS OFF

Lakeview has a rather unique distinction in the state of Oregon, judging report on its public schools.

The EXAMINER tabulates enrollments of 1949 and 1950 for Lake County and comes up with the startling determination that in the system there are actually 10 less students this year than last.

Total for the county, as released by the school superintendent, is 1303, compared to last year's 1313. Total gain in all fourteen districts of 19, matched by a total loss of 29 gives the county a net loss of 10 students.

### SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

North Bend is in the center of a school district consolidation campaign, though not actively involved.

The COOS BAY HARBOR explains this situation with a declaration from the North Bend school district of its position.

With 12 bay areas about to vote on coming together into one, much discussion centers on the large district not taking part.

The board chairman explains that North Bend has made overtures to certain of the bay area districts for pupils. With its building program largely completed, with new valuation coming in to lessen the annual tax levies, North Bend feels it will have ample accommodation for students from overcrowded districts where the burden of building classrooms is too heavy to comfortably assume. It emphasizes that its facilities will always be available to adjacent district students on the same basis as ever.

### MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Living within the long shadows of Mount Hood, mountaineers of Hood River have developed a pattern of mountain rescuing which was the mark of a valuable "stitch in time".

Says the NEWS, the Alpines have demonstrated their new technique at Mount Ranier to Washington residents interested in perfecting a similar training.

The local unit showed a new rope splice, developed this year for emergency use when minutes are precious. At the demonstration, the coast guard put on a spectacular show by conversing with ground forces from a PBV amphibian plane, by use of electric megaphones on the plane and on the ground.

### SAWDUST BURNER BEEFS

Sheridan residents nearby have been numerous in their complaints of a mill's sawdust burner and the council thereupon has been goaded into setting an ultimatum.

The SUN reports that notification has been sent to the mill demanding correction of the condition or the burner would be shut down.

Pressure on this situation is little short of terrific, city officials say. The mayor, in fact, received calls and complaints "every 15 minutes" for the previous couple of weeks.

### WITH WORDS AND MUSIC

The words part was already slated. But, in McMinnville, there'll also be music in the theme of the annual fall opening, when merchants hold open house to display new fall merchandise.

The TELEPHONE REGISTER reveals cash awards will go to winners in a song-title contest; prizes will be offered for window displays of merchants and on the streets there will be the gala air of music and dancing.

The event is designed to give the public an opportunity to learn innovations in full styles and to inspect new products. Windows of merchants will be trimmed to represent a song title. The public, examining the windows, will try to identify correct titles of as many stores as possible. Top prize will be \$50.

### KNOWS IT'S LICKED

In Seaside there comes the final recognition of being licked, after a valiant fight.

The SIGNAL is in the spotlight, its flat declaration says.

Seems that for many years the newspaper crew had worked Wednesday night to get out the sheet come Thursday afternoon. With this has been excellent cooperation of the local postoffice staff and deliveries were general within 2 or 3 hours after the last press run.

Come the postal economy wave which kicked out a second mail delivery per day. As a result some papers do not reach subscribers until Friday.

Having protested, pleaded and tried to get around this bottleneck, the newspaper finally sees the sharp, bold handwriting on the wall. And it admits defeat of an adversary so well armed by official directives.

The paper will publish Fridays, warm air to enter the car without

### HEIGH HO PONY EXPRESS

Folks at Philomath may well rate as experts on the Pony express.

The BENTON COUNTY REVIEW announces a six mile overland Pony Express race which will lead to a full afternoon of horsemanship. No admission charge was made.

### THIRTY NEW HOMES

Prineville will have a few more shelters against the buffets of the wintry wind, come completion of a housing project.

The CENTRAL OREGONIAN points out that the 30-home building project includes 22 two-bedroom houses and eight 3-bedroom homes.

Total cost listed with building permit is \$218,000. They are being built in groups of four, with all foundations being built in one operation, then the forms are picked up and reset for another four.

Construction is of assembly line in nature, includes car shelters, curbing, sidewalks, sewers and blacktop streets. Completion is expected within eight months.

### Varying Views Stimulate New Thought Habits

Warning that set patterns of thought and habit were as dangerous to individuals as they are to governments, Gertrude Houk Fariss advised her audience at Forest Grove-Hillsboro AAUW luncheon September 9 to be active members in the organization.

Mrs. Fariss, state vice president of the University women's group, told members and their guests that the mental and social stimulus of hearing different points of view and of meeting those with a variety of backgrounds and experience was the most valuable gift AAUW had to offer. Through them, she stated, women continue their education and keep their minds flexible.

In this election year the speaker urged members to become particularly aware of the legislative committee of their branch. AAUW is non-partisan, but it is not non-political. Mrs. Fariss told the group. Through its work you can learn how to be an effective political force.

Guests at the gathering were prospective national members. October's meeting will also be a guest day for future members. All Washington county women meeting degree requirements are invited. Mrs. Harold Pasley, membership chairman, said. Those having questions about eligibility can phone Mrs. Pasley at North Plains or Mrs. D. D. Rutz of Forest Grove.

At a business session preceding the talk Mrs. Kenneth Coates was appointed head of a committee to investigate the possibility of AAUW sponsoring a pre-school nursery.

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Be sure to register so that you can vote 317 X NO—a vote against the return of bootlegging, racketeering, speakeasies, disrespect for law and order, and all the other evils of prohibition!

REGISTER NOW



## VOTERS' REGISTRATION CLOSING OCTOBER 7th

Citizens 317 X No Committee, Lee Stidd, Jr., Secretary  
301 Lumbermens Bldg., Portland, Oregon

### STATE BUILDING BEEF

St. Helens doesn't seem officially to enter into the political squabble over the secretary of state's alleged practice of leasing branch offices without the formality of bids or other niceties of government procedure.

The CHRONICLE perhaps explains the situation in its summary of a recent event of some magnitude.

Recently, the twenty-first branch building was put into operation at St. Helens. There was a full-

fledged formality about this part of the procedure, that was sure.

Speeches, music, luncheon, official introduction and plenty of opportunity to tell all about the program—except, of course, to answer the questions that are beginning to reverberate from one end of Oregon to another.

Guess the good people of St. Helens haven't had much of a chance to recognize the part these branch offices of state government are playing in the tides of politics.