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CONCERN FOR OUR OWN

The fruitless attempt of two Puerto Rico nationalists to assassinate President Harry S. Truman seems to be a story of great yearnings building up a pressure which might have resulted in even more of a tragedy than it did.

Burning zeal, unless tempered with a sharp sense of values, is dangerous. It not only unbalances the perspective but aligns everything in life as either black or white.

Fanaticism knows little restraints, when it has full sway. There is no realism to slavish devotees of an ideal or a movement and full appreciation of the results from violence comes only as an anti-clamatic awakener.

The flaming issue which seared the minds of the two would-be assassins, one of whom is dead and the other facing a charge of murder, is laudable enough. It was a battle-cry of Independence for a possession many of us could but scantily remember.

Puerto Rico, many learned in connection with the story of the would-be attackers, is a hot-bed of unrest. There are cries that the heel of Tyranny presses hard upon its neck; that the yoke of Oppression wears heavily.

Those are words that inspired the patriots of our colonial days to acts of defiance and protest. We should, therefore, seek to interpret the drives of these desperadoes with as much sympathetic understanding as is possible under the circumstances.

Thankful that our President was spared injury or death by assassin's bullets and that the nation, likewise, did not lose its national leader we might, nevertheless more closely inquire into the situation of Puerto Rico.

Through our affiliation with the United Nations, and our own inspired Point Four program, we are committed to the building up and rehabilitation of downtrodden nations everywhere. For a peaceful world, our contention is, the nations of the world must be able to walk by themselves, in dignity and assurance.

There has arisen, hardly after the echo of the shots fired before Blair House died down, clamorous voices wishing to make political capital of this attempted assassin. There are immediate reactions of "Communist inspired" which fits the political fancies of certain legislators who spend more time aiming at newspaper headlines than in patient, devoted examination of issues.

The deeds of these two nationalists seem like the desperate explosion of crack-pots. Safely short-circuited, they are not of importance. It is the unrest and dislocations of their homeland, which gave them the vehicle for violent action, which deserves analysis.

With our realistic acceptance of the fact that peace is a symptom of prosperous, happy nations, we might well extend our concern for other nations to include the family of states and possessions which flies the same flag.

SEE OUR SIDE OF IT, TOO!

Everyone has troubles, that we must admit. And a newspaper, dedicated to a conscientious task of dealing with people and publicity, finds itself up to its neck in grief, from time to time.

Current unpleasantness which we, in our line of duty, experience grows out of a fraternal group's laudable desire to put over a regional convale.

We are, indeed, properly interested when any group of people—regardless of religion, color, creed or social affiliation—holds a meeting. Whether this is a neighborhood affair, a county convention, a state-wide meeting or a national conference, it is news. And news is our backbone.

However, there must be some system of presentation.

When a person is an important office holder in any organization, he attaches greater importance to the functioning of his organization than does an outsider. But the harsh truth of the situation is that our readership includes not only the members of organizations but, as well, those interests are not so intimately tied up with the groups in question.

Hardly a week goes by but that some individual or some group makes an impassioned plea for "front page publicity, please". If all requests of this nature were honored, the weekly issue might please a certain favored few. But the general interest is the one which must be served.

One of the facts which might well be remembered in newspaper publication is that news does not improve with constant repetition. So, when we meet a request to print the same story for four consecutive issues in order to advertise a coming event, our "non-cooperation" sometimes develops into a raging stream of abuse, in one form or another.

We might well remember that a newspaper has its advertising columns and its news columns. In its advertising section, a coming event may be publicized for as long

as its sponsors desire. In its news columns, however, once the news is out its out.

In other words, the old axiom within editorial sanctums that "Nothing is older than yesterday's newspaper" holds good on a weekly or bi-weekly. It is an insult to the intelligence of our readers to insist to repeat a story, only in order to appease the publicity-desires of a particular group.

Much more desirable is a complete story told soon enough before an event to inform those concerned as well as to add the information to the general public.

Yes, we have our troubles. But don't think, for an instance, that we don't like to see the news come in.

We only respectfully urge our contributors to see our side of it, too.

VICTIMS OF CONFUSION

Our children are growing up in an era of bewilderment and confusion. And, as parents, we are faced with the challenge of trying to give them guidance with a background of standards that are woefully inadequate and out-dated.

Everywhere there is news of scientific developments that point to a new and startling future. Research in the fields of physics, chemistry, agriculture—in fact in the whole component of Life—clearly forewarn us that the world to Tomorrow will be hard to recognize on the basis of the patterns of Today.

Take the field of recreation. Here is an activity which might not be dogmatically considered scientific. But it surely has an increasing importance in proper development of the young.

The state of Oregon has been promotively preoccupied with an attempt to sneak through a furtive prohibition as a safeguard against drinking by youngsters. At the same time, so fantastically deluded in attempting to do by law what can only be done by education, these good people, so concerned with the young, flagrantly neglect any means of recreation which might, to some degree, channel young energy and spirit toward more wholesome activity.

An increasing problem, with high school after high school, is what to do with teen-agers who get hold of liquor through some unscrupulous bootlegger. And, with a burst of self-righteousness, the result is either kick the youngsters out of school or so penalize them that they are, to effect, plainly marked as outcasts.

Because we, as adults, have fallen down perhaps in our provision for the young, drastic punishment could well have lamentable effect upon the youngsters so cast out. Wouldn't it be more enlightening to seek an understanding with the straying youth and convince him toward a better line of conduct?

A boy who is faced with conscription into the armed forces, who finds himself at a loss as far as charting his future and who is faced with doubts and bewilderment, may well be expected to take a drastic step to underline the protest which he wants to violently express.

We of the older generation are expected to guide our young. Our responsibility is to meet the challenge of the future and adapt our thinking so that we, too, are not victims of confusion and doubts.

FOR GENERATIONS UNBORN

There was perhaps a prayer in the hearts of many of us as we first realized that George Bernard Shaw was nearing the end of a long and notable career.

In his span of 94 well-lived years, Shaw closely approached an immortality which will doubtlessly follow his passing. A stormy personality, he already is a legend in the world of letters and of thought.

There is, no doubt, a striking lesson of which his life in an unparalleled example. This is the lesson, first of courage. And it is a lesson of tenacity, too.

Shaw did not come upon his eminence by the thoughtful provision of a legacy. His was the victory of genius and determination. He was armed with a profound faith in himself.

Basically, George Bernard Shaw was gentle-natured and humble. That he was famed for an acid tongue and razor-sharp wit indicated his defenses against a world which, in making him a robust legend, tended to crowd too closely upon him.

There will be many a more flowery eulogy printed and spoken in his behalf than this. Much more, indeed, might well be recounted of his life and his works.

It was a tired and feeble old man whose spark of life gave out. But in the sense that his works will live on, Shaw gained a degree of immortality which will grow stronger with each succeeding generation.

As William Shakespeare, the bard of Avon, "sepulchered in such pomp both lie, so will he be joined by another literary genius whose playwrighting masterpieces will preserve for generations yet unborn some of the story and the manners of the Shavian era.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

HOPE FLICKERS BRIGHT

In Lebanon, Frankie Hand the little six-year old victim of leukemia, for whom specialists have prophesied death before Christmas, is making a grim and determined fight for recovery.

The EXPRESS comments on the efforts of a local doctor who has made a comprehensive study of the disease, particularly during service in World War II.

The medic, Dr. Jerome Cross, explains that he is not offering any hope to the parents, but the progress he is making is, as he puts it, "wonderful".

A special machine, known as the Knight machine, of which there are a precious few in the nation, has been delivered for the doctor's use and treatments by the device will begin at once.

Doctors from all over have evidenced interest in the case. And in Lebanon, townspeople are beginning to respond to a call for clothes and special diet supplies, such as oranges, beef, grape juice, eggs and other foods which Frankie's hard-pressed parents are unable to afford.

Although a leukemia patient as far advanced as Frankie is supposed to be bedfast, the little six-year old has lots of energy and will not give up.

On Halloween evening, he was as active as any youngster in the town, making the traditional rounds with a cry of "trick or treat".

POOR SPORTSMANSHIP

Seaside nimrods returned from elk-hunting throughout the county tell stirring tales of the finest poor sportsmanship ever to be recounted.

The SIGNAL tells of illegal kills and destruction of elk cows and calves.

In one area, which had not been hunted for years and where the elk were "as tame as cattle", hunters made no pretense at abiding by the game laws. Anything that moved was rewarded by a fusillade of shots. And only the remarkably poor marksmanship of hunters and the fact that the elk were stampeded even before the coming of the legalizing dawn, saved the animals from complete annihilation.

One of the largest herds in the area was surrounded by an estimated group of 50 hunters. Even before it was light enough to distinguish one animal from another or to determine the legal from illegal animals, the indiscriminate ambushing began—against bulls, cows and calves.

There were about a dozen animals which "bit the dust" and the rest galloped off. Estimates of at least 40 animals which were killed or died later, in the brush, produced only half a dozen legal kills. And the wonder of the barrage is that no hunters were killed.

One group of four hunters had tracked down six bulls and sat down to patiently await dawn. It was hardly light when someone started the fireworks, whereupon the quartet followed suit and bagged one piece. But before they could tag their kill, two of them had already been tagged and were gone from them.

Of course, county residents blame outsiders. But the story which develops is that after the first day, hardly an elk could be located, as they took off, full speed, for the safety of high ground.

WAR DEAD MEMORIAL

Lakeview finds time, with all its preoccupations and the burning dispute over establishment of a sustained timber yield program, to honor its heroic dead of World War I and II.

The EXAMINER describes the monument now in the process of erection. Built of native grey stone, it will be 20 feet in height, topped by a perpetual light. A bronze plaque will contain the names of county men who were lost in the two conflicts.

In preparation for the listing, residents of the county have been urged to submit names of those who might not otherwise be included for the memorial listing.

HECTIC INTRUSION

In Cottage Grove, a woman and her children had a hectic intrusion, the first night in a new home.

The SENTINEL gives the story. Having spent the day moving, the woman decided to go to bed early and sort of catch up on her sleep. And all would have gone well, no doubt, except that it was the night of the Northwest's big storm.

About 10 p. m., a 60 foot Douglas fir suddenly decided to come in out of the big wind and crashed into the bedroom, stopping about five feet from the woman's bed.

No one in the house was injured. But the landlord ruefully estimates damage to the house as \$2,000, fully covered by insurance.

WIND DAMAGES FRUIT

One of the worst victims in Hood River, was orchards. Estimates set the dropping of fruit at about 150,000 boxes.

The NEWS laments that winds hit a velocity of 40 miles or more and caught valley growers with apples yet to be harvested. From 10 to 20% of the Delicious

crop yet to be picked was reported on the ground due to the wind and maturity of the fruit. Some growers reported from 1,000 to 2,000 boxes of Newtowns also lost.

CAMPAIGN OVER THE TOP

Sheridan made quick work of its Community Chest campaign. The SUN reports that collections already exceed the quota by over \$300.

Although more contributions are expected before the drive is over, total amount listed was \$1,121.23.

UNAUTHORIZED BADGES

Willamina finds that certain adult males have a weird way of trying to impress local small fry by flashing phoney badges.

Through the TIMES, the chief of police reveals the practice and fervently condemns it.

The policy of the department, says the chief, is to make friends with the children and not scaring them. The chief urges anyone whose child might be scared by the flashing of unauthorized badges to immediately notify the police department.

CONVENTION FOR 1951?

Gresham is all fired up over the possibility of hosting a convention in 1951.

The OUTLOOK credits the chamber of commerce as having made a bid for the 1951 state Grange meeting.

A delegation of Grangers recently gave a close one to facilities to accommodate an expected crowd of about 1,500. Decision still hangs high, however.

"GET OUT VOTE" EFFORT

If the total of ballots cast November 7 didn't set a record, no blame could rightly be put on North Bend.

Sponsored by the COOS BAY HARBOR, the entire city participated to some degree in the effort to "get out the vote".

A generous cash prize spurred the high school student bodies to an intensive solicitation of voters, to see that they were registered and to impress upon them the date of the general election.

BIDS FOR POST OFFICE

Vernonia may find one of its present day institutions moved to a new location, come February 19, 1951.

The EAGLE remarks this trend in telling of bid calls for leasing of post office quarters.

According to local postal authorities, initial bids of 1500 square feet have been increased to 1800 square feet inasmuch as the former figure would not allow enough area for mail handling.

Expectations are that a new building will be required, as no such quarters deemed suitable are now unoccupied and available.

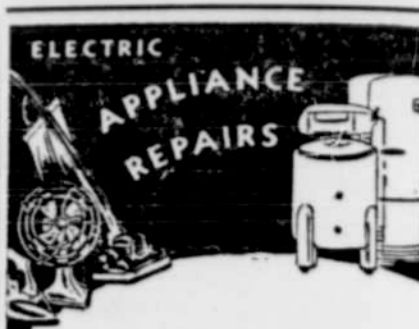
STRAIN ON SWIM POOL

Hillsboro is feeling a sharp strain on its plans for building a new swimming pool.

The ARGUS turns its millions eyes to a close scrutiny of the impasse which heckles the ambitious dreams of the townsfolk.

The catch comes with outlawing by the government of any construction designed for amusement, recreation or entertainment purposes.

The city manager declares, as far as he is concerned, the only thing that is going to stop it is outright government prohibition.



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