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"GIVE WHERE YOU LIVE"

Next week, the annual March of Dimes begins, to meet a critical situation of infantile paralysis. An all-out campaign will be carried out in all parts of the state and nation, to provide funds for the furtherance of defenses against this serious, crippling disease.

Washington county, this year, suffered 22 cases of polio and its supply of available funds to meet hospitalization costs were exhausted, long before the last case was tallied. To get through the year, it was necessary to make applications to the national fund.

The experience of Washington county, however, is not an isolated one. In numerous counties throughout the land, incidence of polio is on the rise. And the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation expects to be as deep as \$5,000,000 in debt, by the time this year's campaign arrives.

The Washington county chapter of the polio foundation has set its goal for the year at \$60,000 and recognizes the accomplishment of this as a task of no small proportions. Groups and individuals have volunteered to conduct the March of Dimes in many communities and the appeal should leave no heart—nor pocketbook—untouched.

As it gets ready to start its solicitation, the county chapter emphasizes an important slogan of "Give Where You Live". In this neat package of words is a plea which should be heeded. For it is only in the county of residence that a polio victim may receive assistance in time of infection.

Each county has its own polio chapter. Each contracts for necessary medical or therapeutic care. Each must pay the bills for treatments. And while the national foundation is willing to the extent of its financial ability—and even beyond—to assist distressed counties it has its limits.

The eastern end of Washington county is particularly susceptible to loss in polio donations, because of its nearness to Multnomah county. Many residents of this county are employed in the other and so will be subject to pressures and persuasions at their place of employment.

The way the polio organization is set up, donations are for a specific area—or county. Money contributed is not to generally fight the disease but to do so specifically. While it is true that a percentage of all collections is allotted the national foundation for epidemic emergencies and needed research, for the most part the March of Dimes provides for you or your neighbors, in time of such possible emergency.

The public will be asked to contribute as heavily as they are able, in the coming March of Dimes. And a good thought to remember, for your own protection is, "Give Where You Live!"

CONFIDENCE, NOT FORCE

The urgencies of an emergency require the laying aside of petty differences and pulling together in a common effort for national unity and solidarity.

One of the most priceless heritages of our American civilization is the exercise of free speech and free press, particularly when it is used in honest criticism, protest or appraisal.

How might the one requirement be reconciled to the other right? Where will be the dividing line between honest criticism and implied treason?

There is a proposition for the nation to ponder. Strength might be widely dissipated by disunity and certainly unjust criticism only complicates confidence in government. When we are faced, as a nation, with an unyielding foe, our first instinct is to yield any privilege or any right and to gladly offer such sacrifices as are deemed helpful to the national cause. Is there long range wisdom in surrendering our free press?

Proposed by national defense groups, in the nation's capital, are measures which would authorize seizure of radio, television and newspapers. Like most measures of an emergency nature, these seem drawn in haste and taking in a wider scope than is prudent or necessary.

The tides of political power ebb and flow. What might be a power never invoked by one administration could well be a weapon of far reaching effect for another administration. Thoughtless surrender of a basic, inherent right of free speech and free press is asking too much and reflects little soundness in the thinking of whoever recommends it.

The key to national, American unity is not a club nor a bludgeon. Neither is it a corps of skilled agents whose sole purpose it is to track down the expressions of a populace or to service the alarms of conscientious "stool-pigeons". Surely the key to strength and national effectiveness is confidence.

Confidence, we might well remember, is a two-way street. The people must have confidence in the fitness and the sincerity of its national leaders. These leaders, on the other hand, must have faith in the loyalty of the people.

Faith, loyalty and confidence are nebulous values, perhaps. But they are real and decisive. In their name, great gains may be

accomplished. In their absence, rebellion and deep-seated resistance may develop.

It is shocking to realize how little vigilance is exercised in the nation's capitol over our fundamental freedoms.

The quality of spirit which certainly had helped us become great and powerful as a nation is a value which demands watchfulness. To yield a basic right unless in a most critical necessity, is a repudiation and an act of national suicide.

We recognize the gravity of our times. We do not in any way wish to understate or discount the peril that faces us. We do not encourage dissension or disunity, nor speak up for abuses in free expression.

But let us not abdicate, too readily, our fundamental character. And let the government meet the needs of the times with confidence, not force.

SAME SECURITY NEED

What is security? The answer to this question might well clear up a situation which is, basically, somewhat baffling.

From national headquarters selective service has been handed down a directive, which was received by state and local boards to be handed on to this newspaper. The order stated that hereafter, in the interest of national security, numbers of draftees would not be listed nor totals of inductees compiled over any comparative period. This step, according to the wording, was taken in order not to provide comfort or information to the enemy.

Hardly had the intelligence been received than daily newspapers came out with screaming headline after headline, telling in round figures and specific ones the number of men activated by selective service. There have been publicized the total of men who will be inducted at Fort Lewis, Washington, in January, for instance among many others. And no doubt the same sort of news has been widely publicized in other cities throughout the nation and even on the radio.

We have dutifully complied with the request, in our first story published after the ban was imposed. But all along, we have felt the whole idea verged on the ridiculous.

The matter of comparative totals, or a running tally of men inducted over a period of six months or a year, is understandably of some doubtful value. But the collection of such data, to arrive at any national trend, would be a rather difficult task for anything but a dubious tabulation.

Our reaction, naturally, has been one of cooperation. We do not see much importance in the restriction of draft totals, particularly when the uncounted names are listed. Yet to whatever the defense strategists decide is best for the times, we have no hesitation in conforming.

But, if there is justification in such a rule to apply for weekly papers, it seems confusing that identical restriction does not apply to large daily papers.

Surely, both levels of publication must recognize the same need of national security.

HIGHWAYS FOR DEFENSE

The usually burdensome problem of highway construction and repair, which the state legislature may expect to review in its 1951 session, started this Monday, will have even heavier overtones. Defense requirements, by all expectations, will lay a heavy hand on legislative consideration of state roads.

By normal growth in traffic, plus the increased use of highways by fast, heavily loaded trucks, pavement construction has tended to heavier road-beds and greater widths in order to stand up. Particularly is this so on the system of state and federal highways.

Yet, a large percentage of the extensive mileage of paved roads, in Oregon, is not up to the necessary standards that today's heavy traffic demands. And in this fact will be found a complex problem for law-makers.

Should coastal defense require heavy movement of men and materials by motor vehicle, highways of the state will take a beating. But, even further, the highway tax-dollar will also take a beating.

Whatever else might be said on the subject, however, there can be no alternative to highway repair and construction for defense purposes. Modern armies roll on wheels and whatever consideration otherwise, there must be adequate highways for adequate coastal defense.

SCHOOL SUPPORT FUNDS

The impact of the increased Basic School Support Fund from \$50 to \$80 per census child in the state of Oregon will be felt by others than the state legislature now in session.

School districts, beginning annual consideration of budgets for 1951-52, will find it necessary to arrive at some figure of support money.

Whatever amount is arrived at, it will only be supposed and subject to change. Basic School Support Fund is prorated by the State Department of Education and the legislature, with recognition made of distressed and needful districts.

ELSEWHERE IN OREGON

EVENTS AS SCHEDULED BY OUR CONTEMPORARIES
IN SURROUNDING NORTHWEST COMMUNITIES

NEWS IN NORTH BEND

The big news in North Bend, at the turn of the year, was the NORTH BEND NEWS, which starts off with a fresh slate from where the COOS BAY HARBOR wound up.

Forty-five years of publication for the Harbor have come to an end. With Fred L. Haas, formerly assistant publisher of the GRESHAM OUTLOOK, assuming the reins of publisher, the new name emphasizes the change being made. Haas declares there will be few changes of policy. Politically, the newly re-christened publication will be Republican, of the Morse, Stassen, progressive type, although at all times standing for selection of men best fitted for public office.

"Bud" Forrester and his wife, after a short vacation in California, will devote his editorial talents to the EAST OREGONIAN in Pendleton.

SMARTEST DOG IN COUNTY

In Gresham is the claim of the smartest dog in the county, bestowed on "Mr. Woof" of Powell Valley.

The OUTLOOK explains these laurels justified because the cross-bred Collie and German Shepherd can "do just about anything."

In a demonstration, Mr. Woof closed doors, turned lights on and off, went through a routine of tricks at spoken commands, went to the newspaper delivery box and retrieved the evening paper and just generally displayed a remarkably superior type of intelligence.

His proud owners say he is quite a help when they are away from the house and the phone rings, for he will rush out and let them know about it. Likewise, the call of the mailman is always vociferously announced.

SEARCH FOR MORE TAXES

In Oswego, a search for more tax-revenue revives the long-disputed proposal of a local business tax.

At the first business session of the city council, the Mayor outlined his plans and policies, relates the REVIEW.

Many plans for the city, he stresses, are desirable to accomplish but the touchy international situation requires that most of them be "kept on ice". However, he did recommend passage of an equitable business tax which had been debated for the past two city councils, without realization.

Surface drainage, streets and sewers are major problems which confront the councilmen.

LIFT IN TIME OF NEED

Folks in Sheridan sort of got together with a common desire to lift a tremendous burden from the shoulders of a local family. And it grew into a full-fledged campaign of assistance.

The SUN reports that the daughter of the family suffered multiple fractures of the neck in an auto accident the night of December 9.

Then, on the night of December 26, her parents and a friend were enroute to the hospital for a visit when their car was run into. The mother and the friend each received a fractured leg. The father's chest was injured. Insurance is available for the last accident, but none for the one which involved the girl.

In the neighborhood of \$175 was raised at one meeting and a benefit dance is scheduled for January 13.

MINK FUR HEADQUARTERS

The country out of Seaside came through with an accelerated take of mink pelts this year and may even yet establish a name for itself as a mink fur headquarters.

The SIGNAL advises that the local mink industry is only about five years old and that most breeders are increasing their breeding stock.

The market this year is estimated at above last year's by about 20%. This, plus the fact that feed problems have not been serious this year, has accelerated the mink activity.

Between 3,000 and 3,500 pelts were taken this year, values set at approximately \$75,000.

AT STANLEY PARTY

Mrs. Alvin Maly was hostess to about 14 friends, with a Stanley party at her home on Kings Lane Thursday evening, Jan. 4.

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board of the Beaverton grade school PTA will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, in the cafeteria of the Merle Davies school.

CALIFORNIA VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Van Kleek enjoyed a few days vacation in California last week.

PARTY IN PORTLAND

Mrs. M. C. McKercher of Lombard street enjoyed a party with Portland friends on New Year's Eve.

BETTER HERITAGE

He who is taught to live upon little owes more to his father's wisdom than he who has a great deal left him does to his father's care.

William Penn

END OF "FREE BRIDGE"

Whatever hopes Hood River had for a free bridge across the Columbia will not be accomplished by the "Free Bridge" association, it was recently made clear.

The NEWS reports the demise of the group.

Funds still in the treasury will be returned, pro-rated, to member-contributors and the campaign of having the bridge taken over by the federal government, state of Oregon or states of Oregon and Washington may now be considered closed.

The association formed about 10 years ago and made a number of assaults on the state legislation and elsewhere for a toll-free bridge from Hood River to White Salmon. Wartime strains now make it impossible to further continue to any effectiveness.

Meanwhile, the Hood River Port commission announces an experiment. It is allowing cars with many passengers a special rate when crossing the bridge.

FIRST CLASS ELIGIBLE

In Oakridge, there pends an important school district election, to decide whether or not it should step out from the shadow of the rural school board and become a "first class" district of its own.

The TELEGRAM points out that the district achieved a school census count of over 1,000 which automatically qualifies it for the higher status.

Many considerations in favor of the change are listed.

Marriage Record

Married December 22, Charles V. Lyon, Multnomah county, and Gloria I. Allison, Washington county, at Metzger, by Reverend Raymond L. Otto. Witnesses: Tom Lyon and Donna Johnson.

Licensed to wed, December 30: Douglas Eugene Steele, Box 36, Aloha, and Marilyn June Mull, Box 86, Aloha.

Wed December 29, Warren John Lawson, Route 2, Box 107, Tigard, and Alice Lorraine Nodland, Route 2, Box 160, Tigard, in St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sherwood, by Reverend J. H. Messinger. Witnesses: Virginia Nodland and Norman Song.

Now you know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems
By Leonard Adams



QUESTION: Does a \$50,000 and \$100,000 Public Liability and Property Damage policy on an automobile cost ten times as much as a \$5,000 and \$10,000? We just want to settle an argument.

ANSWER: Far from it. Many people have this mistaken idea, however, and carry much less protection of this kind than they should. Actually the larger policies you mention can be obtained for a very few dollars more than the minimum protection.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Friendship—Four Thousand Miles Apart

Never quite got the hang of how to play chess myself, but I'll say this for the game—it started one of the strongest friendships I know of: between Dad Wilson in our town and a fellow in Sudbury, England.

The two of them have never met or seen each other—but for eight or nine years they've been playing chess by mail together. Dad puzzles over the Englishman's latest letter, takes a couple of days to think it over, and then airmails a chart of his next move.

Dad always thinks best with a mellow glass of beer beside his chessboard. And the fellow in England writes that he does the same. "Almost as if we were in the same room," says Dad contentedly.

From where I sit, you can talk about diplomacy and foreign policy, but it's often little friendly things—like a game of chess or a glass of beer—that can make for tolerance and understanding... between people of different nations, between folks here at home!

Joe Marsh

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