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Through the hodge-podge that has been the last eight or 10 years, politically and economically in America, one development stands out that is accepted and appreciated almost without exception by all the nation—the Civilian Conservation corps, which this week is observing the close of its sixth year.

Regardless of political belief, almost every voter approves heartily of the CCC and what it is doing for the nation and for the young men who make up its ranks.

In a world filled with destructive and vicious elements, it is here in America that was conceived and brought into being an organization whose job it is to conserve, to build, to develop. Guarding of natural wealth, development of recreational areas, improvement and beautification of field and forest have been the work of the CCC, and it has been work well done.

In addition to the material benefits which the Civilian Conservation corps renders the nation there is the important and vital conservation of young manhood which is resulting from the organization. Good food, clean air, constructive work for willing hands, reasonable discipline and proper environment have salvaged many young citizens for the nation.

The CCC has been, and is, the best investment the American people ever made, whether measured by dollars-and-cents gain or by the reclamation and development of citizenship.

Perhaps a few words written by Educational Adviser George H. Fields, editor of the Medford District CCC News, which covers the 32 camps of this area, will be enlightening to the average layman, for they tell what the Civilian Conservation corps thinks of itself and how seriously the enrollees and officers take their responsibilities:

WITH the beginning of this month the Civilian Conservation Corps enters upon its seventh year. Birthdays afford an opportunity for looking back over life. Birthdays give us a certain vantage point based upon experience from which point of view we look forward to the years to come.

No one who has thoughtfully witnessed the development of the corps has failed to observe that it has fallen into the trend of all human organizations, in that it has been subject to change. These changes have become definite trends. In 1934 the country looked with growing apprehension upon the spectacle of hundreds of thousands of American boys who had neither a plan for life nor the means of gaining a livelihood. They found it difficult even to earn the trifling amounts necessary to pay for haircuts, necessary clothing and occasional diversion such as a movie. At the very period in their lives when they were stirred by the pride of approaching manhood, conditions in the country denied them the right to use their young strength and their young ambitions to create the opportunities that all young men naturally crave. Instead they felt themselves burdens upon parents, who in a great many cases found it difficult to provide even food and shelter. Bitter and disillusioned by the failure of their constructive efforts many of these young men turned to the desperate expedient of petty crime. To them the CCC offered an outlet and to the organization flocked more than four hundred thousand enrollees. In that first group were to be found all of the 57 varieties. They ranged all of the way from fresh, clean-spirited lads from good but unfortunate homes to the occasional hard, bitter young convict who had already done time in some penal institution.

Perhaps the first significant change in the organization came with the general acceptance of the idea that here was a group with great potential power to build. The staggering young organization seemed to get its feet firmly under it and seemed to take on a new poise when it began to understand itself—when it began to realize that here within itself was an instrumentality capable of wielding great power to make a better America. Pride grew in the hearts of young men, who had known little pride and little chance to know pride, with the realization that they were not only paying their own way with their own strength and courage but that they were materially assisting the folks back home. And, as success breeds success, new pride sprang from this increasing faith in their ability to carry on in a world in which they had found opportunity so limited. Gradually public attention was focused upon them not as a group of hopeless dependents but as a group of sturdy, disciplined and dependable young men who were willing and anxious to pay back to their country the benefits which they themselves were receiving. A great improvement has been made in the work of the selecting agencies and a new element has entered into the matter of selection. For every opening for enrollment there are several young men who seek to enroll. It is coming to be understood that the lad who seeks admission must come with a pretty good record behind him. He comes now with the understanding that he is to be a builder, not a dead weight upon the organization, and he comes with a knowledge of the fact that his buddies before him have left records of many high accomplishments for him to try to match or to excel. It is not too much to believe that in the years ahead the Civilian Conservation Corps will stand before the world as one of the world's finest examples of organized young manhood in which the best that is in young men is discovered and used to build and conserve and create.

ISN'T ANYBODY SATISFIED?

As Confucius once said, probably, what this country needs is fewer grippers and more likers. Kickers on the state of the nation in general and

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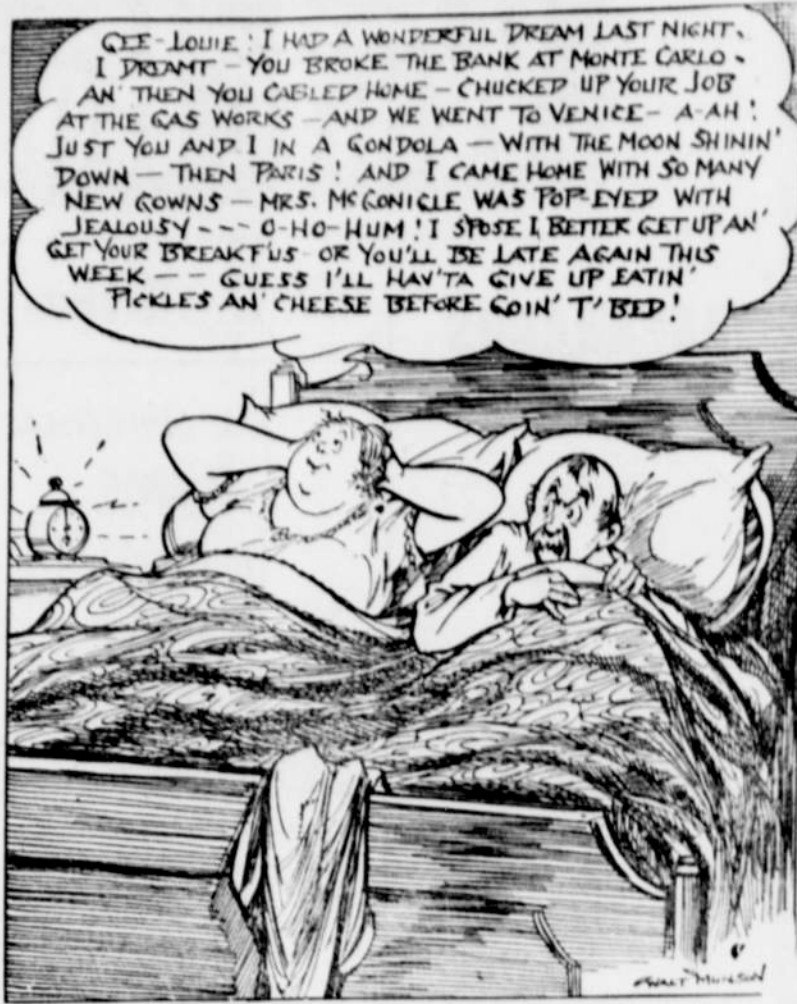
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the function and caliber of government in particular are as plentiful as stains on the hood of a new car parked under a pigeon perch. The fad is to like nothing pertaining to the administration, business conditions, the labor situation, the foreign policy, the course being pursued by English diplomats or styles in women's hats. And of all the subjects being panned, perhaps only the latter justifies any extensive criticism.

What a relief to the eardrum it would be if street corner conversations were conducted along constructive lines; if the good were pointed out with the evil; if one man could express faith in the well-meant deeds of another.

Of course, right now the daily press reflects few pleasant happenings in the fleshpots of the world, but just the same it would be better for the moral tone of the country if people would look up instead of acquiescing to the destructive tendencies of a foolish era.

Heaven forbid a defense of Pollyanna-ish tripe, but for gosh sakes, don't nobody like nothing no more?

What Other Editors Are Saying!

PLAYING THE CROSBY HE WOULD LIKE TO BE

Reading of the tax woes of Bing Crosby almost forces the ordinary citizen into a state of resignation that his own income is no larger than it is.

Bing makes \$135,000 per picture and does four pictures a year. He gets \$3,500 per broadcast. He makes phonograph records and a 10 per cent profit on his racetrack.

But dear, oh, dear, when he makes all that, the governments of the state and nation step in with glad smiles and take it away.

Not all of it. But just about all. Bing is left 20 per cent for his share to pay the bills that Southern California trades people jack up before presenting to the wealthy movie stars. And to pay for a number of relatives. How much he has left for himself isn't a matter of very great amount to anybody but Bing who also probably feels it is too little to trifle with.

The point of it is, if Bing would make two pictures a year, instead of four, he would make more money. Doing four pictures runs his income into the higher tax brackets. Doing two, he would save on tax rates so that more money would be left after the income taxes are paid.

But of course a lot of people would be out of work several months if he didn't make those extra two pictures. And if he only appeared on the screen twice a year there would be more time between shows to forget him in, which would seem to react against him.

So he goes on working, and splitting with the government, enacting the part of a shiftless, lazy, good-for-little character with an amazingly round voice and an ingratiating manner, and probably wishing he could be shiftless and lazy in fact, and good-for-little on his own account, without the help of the government tax collector.—Grants Pass Courier.

ASHLANDERS ARE RECENT WORLD'S FAIR VISITORS

Jackson county residents who have been recent visitors to the Golden Gate International exposition and the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland building and exhibits include Mrs. Harry Helmas of Jacksonville; Dr. W. J. Crandall, Dr. Gladys A. Crandall, L. Brolli, Rex Sellins and J. W. Parsons, all of Ashland; Chester Leonard, L. P. Bragg, Mary Jane Bragg, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pellett, Claude C. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Trowbridge, Kenneth Patton, Wayne Harris, Mrs. Wayne Harris, Frances Parker, Billy Parker, Thos. W. Harvey, Glenn L. Jackson, J. E. Houston and Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Renner, all of Medford.

DRY SUMMER IS PROSPECT HERE

Final forecasts on prospective stream flow and irrigation water supplies for Oregon is being made at a series of meetings through southern and eastern Oregon, conducted by R. A. Work, April 5 to 12.

Work, who is superintendent of the Medford branch experiment station and also associate irrigation engineer in the USDA, is in charge of snow surveys and related work in Oregon.

After a meeting in Medford on April 5, district forecast committees met in Bend April 6, in Burns April 7, in Union April 10, in Hermiston April 11, and in Portland April 12.

The report for southern Oregon indicated that this section faces a dry year, although irrigation storage supplies will be ample and late summer flow of major streams will be nearly normal, barring unusually heavy late spring precipitation.

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL, Secretary of State

GAMBLING one's life and property on the right-of-way at an intersection is like gambling against a crooked roulette wheel—one may win a few seconds now and then, but the losses, when they occur, will be extortionately heavy. Secretary of State Earl Snell said this week.

Failure to give right of way contributed to more traffic crashes than any other improper driving action in this state last year, figuring in 9113 cases. Fifteen of these accidents resulted fatally, and more than 1000 of them produced injuries.

Designed largely to determine which party was in the right following collisions at intersections, the right-of-way law itself is of little benefit in preventing accidents when drivers insist on taking advantage of their right-of-way privilege at every opportunity in Snell's opinion.

Briefly stated, the car approaching from the right has the right-of-way at an ordinary intersection, while a car stopped at a through street must yield the right-of-way to all other traffic approaching so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard. Cars traveling at unlawful speed forfeit whatever right-of-way they might otherwise have had.

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OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

WE see by the papers that John Nance Garner has been fingerprinted. In the old days it was only thieves and crooks that had this done to them, but perhaps Cactus Jack has been doing some stealing after all. A bit of FDR's popularity, for instance.

Paul V. McNutt's self-erected presidential boom is attracting considerable attention and some followers. Dislike of and animosity toward the aspirant by J. A. Farley may bring in more supporters from certain quarters.

That admissions to the Golden Gate fair are not as numerous as the management would like to see them is indicated by the following story appearing in, of all places, a San Francisco newspaper. Here's the yarn: "Whenever one asks to speak to an employe of the fair management over the telephone he is likely to be told 'No, he's not here right now, it's his turn to go down and walk through the turnstile.'"

And one genius has figured out what the trylon-perisphere emblem of the New York fair means. They're behind the eight ball and are going to get stuck, he says.

A Wisconsin legislator maintains that toy guns and tin soldiers implant warlike ideas in the young minds and has introduced a bill providing a stiff tax on manufacturers and retailers of these toys.

Italian aircraft sold to the Japs is falling to pieces in China, pipes up one of our informants and the famed German air force is made up of planes good for only 20 hours of flying. The only catch is that everybody would rather be watching the fight than getting into it by calling these warlike nations to find out how good they are.

Over \$36,000,000 were wagered on the bangtails at Santa Anita in the 56-day meet just closed.

"Quints Have Perfect Teeth" states a headline. The guy who pays their grocery bill about ten years from now will probably verify the statement.

EXAMINER COMING
Ward McReynolds, examiner of operators and chauffeurs, will be in the Ashland city hall from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Friday, April 14, to issue licenses and permits to drive cars.

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ALTHOUGH Ashland enjoys a comparatively security, events of this week have demonstrated to be protected against robbery... insuring your valuables and your car and then, if somebody you and says "give" you can yield with the insurance will replace your losses. We recommend Mutual Fire Insurance Policies for the best protection you can buy—and they require LESS MONEY TO ASK

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