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CHALLENGE AND OPPORTUNITY

Millions of Americans are derelict in the exercise of their privilege of voting.

Our public servants in Washington are gradually taking over more and more control of our lives and property. The President is declaring "emergency" powers. For two more years he will remain in office and the prospects for a period of war crises gives reason to expect a continuation of such war-time controls, but on November 7th American voters will have an opportunity to choose their Congressional spokesmen according to the constitutional system. To these elected representatives will go the literal power of life and death. It is their right to declare war and draft young lives to fight it. It is their prerogative to levy unlimited taxation and to otherwise control the destiny of this nation.

Under such crucial circumstances, what private or personal business of any individual can be of sufficient importance to overshadow his responsibility on election day? The memory of the 1948 "stay-at-home" vote is a condemning reminder of the indifference of careless Americans. It is a blot on the much vaunted American "way of life" and may rightfully be a propaganda talking point for our critics abroad. The right to choose, is inherent in the United States constitutional form of government. Upon the wisdom with which public officials are elected in this emergency period, the very survival of the Republic and the continuance of our free society may depend.

The prime difference between our free republic and a totalitarian set-up, lies in our system of rotation in office and the right of every voter to a secret ballot. The right to vote gives both the opportunity for endorsing or changing our public servants. If the voters abuse the privilege or are indifferent to performance in public office, deterioration from statesmen to cheap politicians is inevitable.

Congressmen are human and are impressed by bona fide letters from their constituents. Unless all candidates are made fully aware by an alert and informed electorate that they are always on trial, that their promises mean less than their performances and that they are the servants rather than the masters, the growing spirit of dictatorship will increase.

The foreign outlook has blinded many to the need for facing immediate political conditions on the home front. Americans are fundamentally decent and concerned over their nation's future welfare and will follow and support such candidates as have proved their loyalty to the American free enterprise system. Voting records should be checked and challenged if need be. But in the last analysis the real responsibility for good government lies in the hands of each individual voter when, alone in the ballot booth, he marks his secret X.

Father Baur Returns From European Trip

After a summer tour of Europe the Rev. Father Pius B. Baur, pastor of Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic church, returned to Ashland. He spent most of his time in his native Germany visiting with relatives and while there saw Lt. Warren Applewhite, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Applewhite of Nobhill street. On his tour of Italy he met several members of the family of Mrs. Russell Herbert. Rev. Baur had the privilege of a personal interview with Pope Pius XII and was presented with a medal in remembrance of the Jubilee year. In addition to witnessing the Passion Play at Oberammergau, he offered Holy Mass in the St. Peters Cathedral in Rome.

Coming Wedding Is Announced

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leonard Smith of Oak street of the coming marriage of their daughter, Sylvia Wawn, to the Rev. Julius Walter Jepson on the 12th of October. A number of parties are being planned for the couple in the next two weeks, the first of which was held on Monday evening, when Mrs. Robert Pederson was hostess to about fifty at her home on Wightman street. Games were enjoyed, after which the bride became the center of the group when she was literally deluged with gifts for her new home.

Timely Topics

"Russia Beaten Again on China Seat in U.N." Headline in metropolitan daily. It's all we can do to control ourselves on that one.

Last week brought two bearded and bleary-eyed itinerants in to the office in search of some filthy lucre (not spelled with a q), but directions to police headquarters around the corner seemed too confusing to follow, so they headed south toward the land of sunshine and smog.

"When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock," most Oregonians begin to fill the woodshed and chink up the windows, for their memories of past winters are painful reminders of grim possibilities ahead. However, some of the old weather prophets are giving out with more cheerful predictions, citing squirrels' corn husks and Indians as their authorities.

Tourists and traveling salesmen have a forthright manner of handing out comments when it comes to their unvarnished opinions of Ashland. Some of the remarks bear repeating—as for example, "You have the worst streets but the best scenery on Hiway 99." That should prick our inflated ego a bit.

Found in a downtown gutter, an appealing letter to a recent census taker to come across for the Democratic campaign confer. And it was signed too. If our memory serves us right, census taking was highly publicized as a non-political project based solely upon competitive merit.

Along about three o'clock in the morning we begin to wonder whether all the baying hounds in our neighborhood are recorded in the official roster at the city hall.

Look before you shoot! The season of sudden death is upon us. Even with flaming hats and shirts, some of Oregon's 200,000 licensed hunters are doomed.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Lawrence of Hollywood, Calif., are visiting with relatives for a few days. Mrs. Lawrence, who is better known in the film world as Marvel Lawrence, has just completed a picture, while her husband, who is with Screen Guild Players, is taking a short "breather" before the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Harris visited with their daughter and her family in Chico for three days last week.

Growing Pains Hit School Band

Growing Pains have played havoc with the Ashland Senior High School's plans for half time stunts for the first month of school this year. The band was supplied with some 40 uniforms by the Junior Senior P.T.A. in 1943. Today the band has increased to over 50 members and the P.T.A. was called upon to sponsor a drive to bring the uniform needs up to date. A P.T.A. committee was appointed and the uniforms were ordered on the strength of future collection of the money.

Band director Wiggins finds that some ten of the old uniforms are either way too small or too large for his members. This problem of a shortage and poor fitting situation has kept the band in the stands instead of the field. With all plans made for a half-time marching show for the Klamath Falls game this Friday, the band and its leader have been looking daily for the ordered uniforms.

Since it is apparent that the uniforms will not be here for the Klamath game, the band will play from the stands and will again have to forego a half-time stunt.

The Ashland high school band had as uniforms in 1942 blue jeans, checkered shirts and red hunters' hats. The townspeople felt embarrassed to see the locals parade with the gaily uniformed bands of other towns and through the P.T.A. outfitted the band through a public subscription drive among clubs, lodges and individuals. The band in its new finery has played for practically every major event in Ashland during the past few years. For nine months of the year it is the official band of the city and it has never turned down a community request for service.

The new uniforms ordered will be exactly the same as the old. As a special feature cap lights and rain capes will be added. The P.T.A. will soon start an active drive in Ashland to raise the some \$700 needed to bring the high school band up to full dress.

Mrs. Bernard Pederson of 91 Wightman street spent the first of the week in Portland where she was joined by her husband who has been attending a Car-mens convention in Kansas City.

Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Porter of LaJolla, Calif., who have been spending several weeks in Ashland, expect to return to their home next Monday. Their daughter, Betty Lou, entered S.O.C. this fall.

YOUR COUNTY AGENT

GIVES VEGETABLE STORAGE TIPS

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For most people the eating of vegetables is a more pleasurable procedure than the growing of them. However, the growing period is about over, so if we want to continue eating them we are going to have to take some steps to see that they are properly prepared for the winter.

There are only a few vegetables which actually need to be harvested and stored for the winter. Principal among these are onions, squash and pumpkins. The storage requirements of onions are considerably different from those of squash and pumpkins. However, their preparation for storage is very similar.

Onions Require Curing

If these vegetables are to be kept any length of time they must first be thoroughly cured. Onions should be pulled now and left in the row for a week or two in order to dry, and then placed in ventilated crates. The onion skin is rather impervious to moisture so it is nearly impossible for the natural moisture of the onion to get out through the skin. About the only way it can get out is to be evaporated out through the top. With this in mind, the best procedure is to pull the onions out of the row and lay them so that the tops of the next onions pulled will cover the bulbs of the last handful pulled. In this way the bulbs will not sunburn and the tops can evaporate moisture from the inside of the onion.

After being properly cured, the onions should be stored in ventilated crates in a room with good air circulation. The temperature should be cool, but the onions should not be allowed to freeze. If the onions do get frozen, then do not handle them but allow them to thaw naturally, and a lot of them will still be in very good condition.

Store Squash, Pumpkins Soon

Squash and pumpkins can be left on the vines until early October. Under no circumstances should they be left out during a light frost. It would be best to harvest them in early October and place them in storage. Only good, mature squash should be stored. The best sign of good maturity is the hardness of the shell or skin. When properly mature it is difficult to dent the skin with the thumbnail.

The squash and pumpkin should be stored in a warm, dry place. The dryness is more important than the temperature, and an attic is about as good a place as can be found around the average home. Temperatures around 50 to 60 degrees are very favorable for squash storage. They should be examined occasionally and any squash which show signs of decay should be disposed of. This is especially important if you store them in the attic because if they break down and rot the juices may run through your ceiling.

for 48 hours, after which time it should be opened and thoroughly aired and then re-closed and stored. Carbon bisulphide is dangerous if inhaled and is an extremely inflammable material so should be handled out of doors where there are no fires or people with cigarettes.

Tele-fun by Warren Goodrich



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