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"Even OPINION is of force enough to make itself to be espoused at the expense of life." —Montaigne

... Have Fun - Be Careful

The first "long" weekend of the vacation season is at hand. Tomorrow and the next day Oregonians by the thousands will be taking to the road for a few days of fun and frolic at one of the state's many resort areas. For thousands, it will be a welcome relief from months of hard work in the office, in the home, and in the schoolroom. But unfortunately, it will be a tragic weekend for many, too. Before the holiday is over there will be, as usual, mass slaughter on the highways.

We often wonder if reminders such as these do any good at all. We would hazard a guess that half the newspapers in Oregon and across the Nation will use editorial columns today and tomorrow or the next to remind readers that accidents can happen to anyone; that no one has a guarantee that he will return home safely once he leaves in the family car. Still, every year the toll is higher than the year before. All of us are appalled when we hear the sirens of ambulances and police cars — sirens heralding another injury, possibly another death, on the road. But few of us ever stop to consider that the sirens could be for us next.

We were off to a great start in Oregon last weekend, if a record death rate on the highway is our goal for this vacation season. Last weekend, let us remember, saw 14 persons killed in accidents, a number of them in traffic, for one of the largest non-holiday fatality lists on record. We shudder to think what the list will be if the rate continues through the next few days — multiplied by the additional numbers who will be traveling.

Many accidents, it is true, result from what the courts term "Acts of God." But the percentage of these unavoidable accidents is infinitesimal when compared to the number caused by sheer carelessness. This is particularly true of highway accidents.

To prove this, simply look at the traffic accidents and their causes as reported by the State Traffic Safety Division. From January through June of last year there were 169 fatal mishaps in the state. Of these, 85, or over half, occurred on straight, level roads. Of the total, 115 were on paved, center-stripped roads, and 74 occurred in broad daylight. The great majority of these resulted, then, from sheer carelessness.

So have fun this weekend, but be careful. Remember: the siren may be for YOU next time.

Ashland Makes a Record

And while we're on this subject of traffic accidents, congratulations are in order for Ashland city officials and every motorist in Ashland for the splendid record made here over the past year. A news story in another part of the paper notes that the city had not one fatal accident in traffic in 1951.

This is a record of which all of us may be proud. Let's make another in 1952.

Community Spirit in Action

In at least two locations in the city this past week, citizens of Ashland whom we are accustomed to seeing in business suits and neckties might be seen in work clothes, more than slightly soiled, engaged in honest toil. At the new Chamber of Commerce building and at the Shakespearean theatre, members of local civic organizations and interested citizens were giving their evenings to worthwhile civic projects.

Perhaps the work being done on the new building and on the seats at the theatre was not 100 per cent professional, but the spirit was excellence. We think it speaks well for Ashland that civic projects can be realized in this manner.

Juniors and Sophs Elect Officers

Junior and sophomore class members at Southern Oregon college late last week elected officers who will lead the two groups next year.

George L. Kekuna, Hilo, Hawaii, was named president of the junior class; Russell M. Killingsworth, Medford, vice president; Mary Ellen Yost, Tulelake, Calif., secretary; and Paul Adams, Grants Pass, treasurer.

The sophomores elected Ernest L. Wirth, North Bend, president; Lloyd E. Hale, Eagle Point, vice president; Gracia M. Brown, Ashland, secretary; and Dale M. Smith, Grants Pass, treasurer.

Kekuna will direct activities of his class during its final year

at Southern Oregon. A native Hawaiian, he transferred to the Ashland institution and has been particularly active in musical groups for the past two years. He was president of the choir last year and has been a member of the male quartet and octet singing groups.

The new sophomore president was graduated from North Bend High school in 1950. He has been an active member of the Future Teachers of America club, serving as publicity chairman this year.

Frank B. Koch, Central Point, is retiring junior class president and Dale M. Smith, Central Point, has been the sophomore leader.

How to be Safe in the Water

Y.M.C.A. Rules for Water Safety



Capital Parade...

By Murray Wade

THE COST OF LIVING

It is not the cost of living, it's the cost of leaving that will boost the salaries of state workers.

The workers are attracted by higher wages paid in many industries. When they leave the state must train other workers to fill their places. This costs the departments more money than the biennial budget provides and slows down departmental procedure.

Employers in industry seem to have the idea that a person who has worked for the state is better qualified than the average applicant for a job. Most of the time they are right.

The State Civil Service Commission has drawn a new pay schedule and submitted it to Governor Douglas McKay for immediate consideration as something approaching a crisis is bothering a number of state departments as workers leave and few good workers are available.

Senate President Paul Patterson, chairman of the emergency board, has called a meeting of the board on June 13, when the new pay plan will be considered. If adopted as submitted it will require that \$400,000 be drawn from the emergency fund.

LOCAL MENTAL HOSPITALS

Eighty per cent of the mental patients, except the aged, could be returned to their homes within three months if competent treatment could be given them in local hospitals established in communities over the state.

This plan was advocated by Dr. Henry C. Schumatcher, medical director of mental health activities of the United States' public health service when addressing the general session of the Oregon Health association meeting in Salem last Friday.

Dr. Schumatcher also advocated the education of the public to discover persons with mental disorders in the early stages of mental upsets and the recognition of mental illness brought about because of strains and stresses of present day living and not because of hereditary traits.

NEW LIQUOR ADMINISTRATOR

William H. Baillie, Salem, was named by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission Friday as its new administrator to succeed William A. Bingham who resigned.

Included in the many duties of the administrator are multiple contacts with federal, state, county and city affairs. Baillie has been with the State Unemployment Commission for the past 15 years and just resigned as area director to assume his duties June 1. He has held city, county, state and federal positions of importance with credit.

"WEEP NO MORE MY LADY" Is Johnny Ray, the crying crooner, 'afixin to call Oregon "home"?

Could be! He bought a home in Salem last week just before he was married in New York last Sunday. In 1947 he lived in Salem for a short time.

Mrs. Johnny Ray was Marilyn Morrison, daughter of a Beverly Hills night club operator.

NO FRUIT FLIES YET

A large crop of cherries is in prospect for Oregon on all levels, according to Bob Shinn, manager of the Willamette Cherry Growers Association.

Given good weather conditions during the picking season there will be a big demand for pickers. A large crop always means that pickers will be able to earn better than average wages.

MAY TV G.O.P. OUST

Oregon, years behind in getting television, may view the Republican National Convention, starting in Chicago, July 7.

Local television heads have contacted the Columbia Broadcasting Company and are negotiating for rights to the broadcast. They are arranging with the telephone company to have equipment available so it may be piped from the coaxial cable.

BALANCED BUDGET

Prediction made in February by some state officials that the state was facing a deficit of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000 has been refuted by the all-time record income tax collections this year on 1951 earnings.

There will be enough money available to balance a normal budget if the 1953 legislature stands firm against pressure group raids.

Thanks for Editorial News Review

Talent, Oregon May 23, 1952

Gentlemen: Thanks for your editorial. The Tourist and our economy, in your May 22 issue.

The past four years our community efforts have been directed toward a wider appreciation of the tourist dollar and its effect of our local economy. The Shakespearean Festival has played a very important role in publicizing Ashland and southern Oregon, not only during August but for the other eleven months of the year.

It is such editorials that can stimulate community interest in the traveler and the positive effect he has on the economy of our area. It is next to impossible for an individual in the area not to share, directly or indirectly, in the tourist dollar. QED, then the tourist business is everybody's business.

Your efforts in stimulating appreciation of this business will progressively be to your interest.

Yours truly, Roger F. Rath

WOOD RE-ELECTED

Ralph W. Wood, Ashland, was re-elected president of Sigma Alpha Sigma, Southern Oregon college speech fraternity, when the group met Monday noon.

New officers named included Wayne R. Rawson, Medford, vice president; John J. Cady, Ashland, secretary; and Arthur N. Ostrander, Ashland, sergeant-at-arms. Leon C. Mulling, associate professor of speech, is faculty advisor to the group.

Wood has been president of the speakers' group for the past year and has also been chairman of the college assembly committee.

Our Town

THIS IS STRICTLY SCUTLEBUTT, as they say in the Navy — the college publicity service didn't release it, at any rate — but we understand that a radical switch in the new campus rage occurred at Southern Oregon college last week. Anyone who reads the papers or listens to radio newscasts knows, of course, that the latest Kampus Kaper consists of raiding parties of sprung-up males storming the walls of girls' dormitories and bringing out unmentionable trophies.

But they do things differently at SOC. Last week, we understand, the girls raided the men. Just what and how much they made off with we could not discover.

A GREAT HUE AND CRY has been raised across the land about this latest evidence of spring madness among the young and foolish, but we somehow can't get excited about it. We agree that the whole business is asinine and infantile, but college boys have been doing asinine and infantile things since there were college boys, and we rather think they will continue to do so, despite the letters to the editor, seething with indignation, despite the best made attempts of college authorities to stem the tide, and despite the explanations made by every psychologist in the land and the remedies suggested by most.

ACTUALLY, IT COULD BE WORSE. In Japan, not so many days ago, the commies staged fierce and bloody riots — with a large part of their number college students. Better to chase screaming coeds, we say, than chase such ideologies. And so far there has been little evidence of bloodshed in the college riots. At Harvard and Yale, in the staid old Ivy League, there was a minimum of bloodletting, but there the boys had no coeds' dwellings to besiege, and were forced to turn their attention to each other and consequently things got a lot rougher.

AT YALE, IF YOU REMEMBER, the riots started with a hassle between two ice cream vendors, in which the boys took sides. Immediately afterwards a Harvard man issued a proclamation to the effect that such a thing could never happen at Harvard, for one reason because no Harvard man would eat ice cream.

A few days later, the boys at Harvard began a "Pogo for President" campaign that ended in a riot, whereupon a Yale spokesman did 'em in good.

"How like Harvard to brawl over a comic strip," he said. "We at Yale fight only for free enterprise."

AND SUMMING IT ALL UP, one lady, writing to a daily in the state the other day, deplored the whole business on the grounds that it made us look

Letter from Washington...

By HON. HARRIS ELLSWORTH
Member of Congress, 4th District

Many people must have been puzzled and disappointed when the House refused to vote to suspend the rules and pass some needed and desirable amendments to the Social Security Act. Two things regarding that vote and that bill should be borne in mind. First, the good principles in the bill are not dead but can be voted upon again, and probably favorably, if the administration leadership will allow a bill to be brought to the floor without tricks in it and under normal procedure; secondly, the votes against the bill were not against the basic parts of the bill but were in opposition to enacting a small socializing section of it — language which was not needed as a part of the bill and which did not belong in it.

The very history of this bill contains all the earmarks of political skulduggery. The legislation was introduced May 12. It was reported favorably out of the committee four days later, on the 16th. Although it dealt with a complicated matter, no hearings were held on the bill. It was a rush job. No effort was made to bring the bill to the floor under normal procedure which provides for debate and amendment. Instead, on the 19th, three days after it was reported, the bill was laid before the House with a motion to suspend the rules and pass it. This procedure permits only 40 minutes of debate, 20 minutes on each side, and no amendments can be considered. This speed traffic has been attempted many times since I have been a member of Congress, sometimes successfully, and I have become very suspicious of it, generally

ridiculous before the world. Probably true, but think back a minute. Not many years ago the boys were swallowing gold fish. At least this present business has one advantage. We can find some explanation for the impulse behind it.

ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SUBJECT: They didn't win a prize, but to our way of thinking the snazziest party in the Phoenix May Festival parade was Councilman Fred Homes and his party from Ashland, all done up in Centennial togs. Also looking mighty pretty were two college girls, Claire Cross and Leah Peabody, who dressed in Shakespearean Festival costumes and represented that famous Ashland institution. They gave us a scare, though. As beautiful as the Festival costumes are on the stage, they just ain't made — that is, many of them — for this kind of display. From our spying post near the Luthia hotel we watched the girls depart last Saturday morning. Miss Peabody was o.k. in her page boy costume, but Miss Cross was wearing a blouse and flowing skirt and having some difficulty keeping them together. We understand she made it all right, though.

with good reason — just as in this case.

The objectionable part of the bill was the section which would have given Oscar Ewing, Social Security Administrator, powers which would practically have allowed him to set up a system of socialized medicine. This gimmick did not belong in the bill which was an insurance bill.

I understand that a new bill may be introduced soon. It will not have the socialized medicine features, will provide needed increases in old-age benefits, and will also raise the work clause to \$100 (the defeated bill increased that figure to only \$70).

Just one more note on this subject. One unmentioned reason why the administration majority leadership is so anxious to bring social security law amendments to the floor under gag rule procedure is to prevent the offering of Townsend Plan legislation — which would be germane — as an amendment. So far as I am concerned, I wish that legislation would come to the floor and be voted one way or the other and get the issue settled. I have a hunch, however, that some members would not like to stand and be counted on that proposal.

I came across a paragraph the other day which so clearly and briefly sums up what has been happening to the people of our country that I want to quote it here for your own thoughtful consideration: "There has been a creeping paralysis of thought and a surrender of our responsibilities that has permitted a steady drift toward centralized bureaucratic government, and finally a President mistakenly assumes that he not only can lay down the rules but that he can actually take over and operate an industry without authority of law."

LEGAL NOTICES

No. 8736
NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL ACCOUNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR JACKSON COUNTY

IN PROBATE
In the Matter of the Estate of CORA E. HENSLEY, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Montella Freeland, Administratrix of the Estate of Cora E. Hensley, deceased, has filed her First and Final Report and Account in and with the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Jackson County, and that Monday, the 16th day of June, 1952, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in the Courtroom of said Court in the Jackson County Courthouse in the City of Medford has been appointed and set as the time and place of hearing objections to said First and Final Account and the settlement thereof and of said estate.

DATED and first published this 15th day of May, 1952.
MONTELLA FREELAND
Administratrix

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