

# Lenten Message

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A little cluster of friends stands beside an open grave. The last prayers are said and there is a last look at the flower-decked casket. Someone says softly, "We will remember him for the good things he said and did!"

Our immortality on earth lies in the way we are remembered. The richness of our daily experience rises out of those things we remember and those things which our memory prompts us to achieve.

Lent is a time of remembrance. In the rush of daily business we let our love grow cold and we place distances between ourselves and God.

When we begin, each year, the Lenten journey we recall the life and challenge of Jesus Christ who revealed God to us—and whose remembrance renews that revelation.

**Bridge of Sorrow**  
Lent becomes the bridge of sorrow, the bridge of victory and vision, by which we cross over again into the fullness of faith in Him from whom our preoccupation with material things has brought a separation.

One Friday afternoon in Jerusalem I walked from the Convent of the Sisters of Zion—built over the Judgment Hall of Pilate—through the winding streets and up the steep stairway to the site of Calvary. There we stood and worshipped in the recollection of the daring and devotion of One who made triumph out of tragedy because of the power of absolute love.

The remembrance that filled my mind on that silent journey made the world of discord fade away so that the love of God became the purifying light that left only his purity and truth alive within me.

One always goes back to the world in its stark reality, but the act of remembrance had kindled a light.

**RIVER MOUTHS**  
The great Nile river of Africa has nine mouths.

# Morse Holding Back Co-Sponsorship of Oregon Dunes Bill

By A. ROBERT SMITH  
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Washington (Special)—Sen. Wayne Morse has declined to join Sen. Maurine Neuberger in co-sponsoring legislation to create an Oregon Dunes Seashore park—but Morse is in a bargaining mood on the question.

If Sen. Neuberger would go along with one alteration he has proposed, Sen. Morse would co-sponsor the proposal, he explained.

Morse said he opposes giving the Interior department any authority to condemn private property within the proposed park boundaries. Under the Neuberger bill, under zoning codes, approved by the secretary of the Interior, are adopted, the federal government could eventually force local property owners to sell their property.

"I don't propose to give the secretary that power," said Morse. "The right of eminent domain should never be granted unless the public necessity clearly demands it. I have yet to see any necessity for the exercise of eminent domain in this area. Only a small percentage of the land area is privately owned. A park can be created without the government acquiring all the private property."

**Should Have Choice**  
Morse said the property owners should have a choice of selling or staying. He predicted that a good many would sell to the government, if given a fair price. But he said they should have that choice, and not be forced to sell at the price set by the government.

"I am all for the recreational aims and purposes of this proposal," the senator added. "Mrs. Neuberger is to be commended for this."

Morse said he plans to offer his amendment if and when the Neuberger bill comes up for Senate debate. He indicated he will take a wait-and-see attitude about whether to support or oppose the final bill, if his amendment is not approved.

Mrs. Neuberger contends that many parks have been created by the government exercising the right of eminent domain. Among them was the Fort Clatsop National Monument near Astoria, authorized by a bill both Morse and her late husband sponsored giving condemnation power to the secretary of the Interior.

Morse claims there are many parks in which private property remains intact within park boundaries. He said the guiding principle on the question of exercising eminent domain is clear public necessity—in some instances only through condemnation of a land be acquired for a park; but in other instances, such as the Oregon coast with its abundance of public or state land, there is no necessity to condemn.

**See What Happens**  
"The important thing, from a recreational standpoint, is to get the park established," Morse said. "Let's do it without giving the secretary the power of eminent domain, and then see what happens. If it can then be demonstrated that the public necessity demands condemnation of private property, this power can always be granted by Congress later. But there is no reason to go all the way immediately when it may not be necessary."

Morse said he thought a good compromise bill might contain some zoning code requirements, but he did not favor giving the secretary of the Interior the authority to approve or disapprove zoning codes as the criterion for determining whether to exercise eminent domain.

Rep. Edwin R. Durno, the new Republican congressman in whose district the park would be located, had not had a chance to examine the new bill before it was introduced Monday. He has previously expressed general opposition to the idea.

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# Kennedy Stops Construction of Officers' Club

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy, acting on a tip from a private citizen, has halted construction of a \$200,000 addition to an officers' club in Europe designed to make it "a little more plush," it has been announced.

But he was too late to halt the purchase of 140,000 golf balls by a club in England or one million bottles of German beer by another club.

An American woman in Europe supplied the tip on the officers' club ambition. Kennedy acted to stop it in the interest of conserving dollars, according to an account supplied by White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger.

Later, Salinger said the beer and golf ball transactions were reported to the White House as "allegations," but he could not vouch for the reports. He said the President was attempting to check them.

Salinger said the President wanted more tips like this from the public, not only on unnecessary government spending abroad, but on "wasteful and unnecessary spending" in the United States by any branch of the government.

## Course on Plant Growth Successful

County Horticultural Agent Clifford B. Cordy said the first in a series of short courses on plant growth was successful recently. More than 40 persons attended.

The session, conducted by Dr. Larry Blaney, professor of horticulture, Oregon State college, illustrated how the plant growth becomes rapid, how it stops and how it adjusts to weather and soil conditions. Also discussed were how hormones affect plant growth, specific requirements and influence of day and night lengths of temperatures and combinations.

This Thursday, the second in the series will be held at 9:30 a.m. in the courthouse auditorium. Plant anatomy and its relation to the uptake and distribution of water and minerals will be discussed.

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**COMPLETE COURSE**—Several people recently completed the first aid instructors' course taught last week in the Red Cross building by First Aid Instructor-Trainer Ray Cronk, of the Pacific area Red Cross office, shown during an instruction period. Completing the course were Leon Bates, Hornbrook; Mrs. Fred Nielsen, Karl Herriott, Applegate; Harold and Retta Reith, Shady Cove; Beebe Collinsworth, Donald Kilbourn, Central Point; Ruth Beber, Dan Bulkeley, Ashland, and B. B. Bigham, H. Chandler Drew, Thomas Eaton, Douglas Finch, Robert Hawkins, Charles Hobbs, Ralph Merton, Bette Miller, Charles Mortimer, Hazel Swayne, Helen Thomas and Sarah Watson, Medford.

# Domiciliary Building Is Being Remodeled for VA Volunteers

By JIM GILLAN  
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White City—Organizations representing the Veterans Administration Volunteer Services and comprising communities from southern Oregon and northern California are awaiting completion of work in Building 224, VA domiciliary at White City, according to the response and inquiries directed to Henry C. Herzog, manager.

"We have centralized social recreation sponsored by the ladies who make up our Domiciliary volunteer program," Herzog explained. "These community-wide volunteers contribute so much valuable time, experience and cheerful leadership to our facility and its veteran members that we hope the improvements will further spur volunteer activities and member participation in recreation."

Painters have been busy for the past several days in the area under head painter Clarence (Peck) Henderson, Facing Crater Lake highway and with Mr. McLoughlin in the background, the various rooms and lounges have been redone.

Frank J. Glonning, administration assistant to Dr. E. G. Everett, acting chief medical officer, and VA head of the Volunteer Services, says that volunteer ladies are considering a drape sewing project, with materials furnished by the domiciliary, for the building.

He also mentions plans for re-furnishing the building through efforts of a community-wide volunteer organization project.

Some 2,200 square feet are involved in the area now undergoing extensive renovation.

**Safety Facilities**  
New and additional safety facilities are being installed, supplementing an adequate sprinkler system for any needed service against fire damage.

Plans reveal a new office for a staff recreation representative as an aid to supervision, Vince McGonigel, recreation chief, pointed out. The recreational activities will involve both formal and informal types; group and individual recreation.

Another room is being set aside as a working office for members of VAVS groups which have affairs running in the building. Another room is being completely refitted and furnished as a lounge for the VAVS volunteers.

A music appreciation room will be outfitted with Hi-Fi, and groups assigned by the station Planning Board and individuals on their own time may listen to all types of music.

A larger room in the middle of the wing will supply small groups with a place for meetings, games and other recreational pursuits.

The staff and members of the domiciliary are certain that the completion of this area will once again express our appreciation for the fine and unselfish services rendered us by the community's fine families and ladies," Herzog said.

"Without this faithful and constant help we are reluctant to visualize what our activities and recreation at this veterans' home would be like. The multitude and excellence of the VAVS activities here certainly are among the finest in the nationwide net of VAVS."

In addition to the station's painters, the carpenters under Earl Edwards, plumbers under Pat Doyle, electricians Bob Findley and Ray Stahler, steamfitter Harold Johnson and machinist Frank Richardson, all have devoted special talents and interest to the project.

A list of the VAVS representatives of the community includes:

American Gold Star Mothers, Margaret Eakin and Mary Parker; American Legion, Earl B. Bigalow and J. H. McKenzie; American Legion auxiliary, Polly Offutt and Myrtle Hall; American Red Cross, Mrs. A. T. Wattenburg and Lillian Salade; American War Mothers, Dolores Murdoch and Almeda Long; B.P.O.E., Emil B. Kroeger and Tom Ginn; Blue Star Mothers of America, Ardena Kretschmer and Eula Middlebush; Daughters of Union Veterans, Eva Ware and Mrs. Elmer Golt; Disabled American Veterans, Pat Graham; Disabled American Veterans auxiliary, Bertha Neff and Hazel Rawls; Fifty Plus club, Rita Holmes and Dr. Frank Roberts; Military Order of the Coaticas, Ivan Lusk; Military Order of the Lady Bugs, Helen Lusk and Mary Schultz; National Catholic Community Service, Frieda Lawrence; Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, Mrs. B. L. Lockwood, Ella Long and Olive M. Floyd; Salvation Army, William E. Ricken and Dency Wenzel; United Spanish War Veterans auxiliary, Austria Barneburg and Hazel Anderson; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Edward B. Smith; Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, Frances Zundell and Fay Allison; Veterans of World War I, N. R. Walters and R. S. Flurry; Veterans of World War I auxiliary, Dorothy Leuty and Meda Lucas.

## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins  
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**Banana Oil Doesn't Come From Bananas**  
We get peanut oil from peanuts; olive oil from olives; castor oil from castor oil beans; fish oil from fish, and cottonseed oil from cotton seeds.

But even the ingenuity of all the scientific minds in the world never figured out how to get banana oil from bananas. It can't be done.

You can't even get juice from them let alone oil. It's sort of funny, too, for there is a great deal of banana oil used. It smells exactly like bananas, and for that reason we call it banana oil. It is produced chemically by certain acetic acids combined with amylic alcohol. It is a sweet-smelling liquid used as a solvent, or as a banana flavoring for confections.

Bananas are not what you think they are. Whenever we buy them at the store or even think about them we say they are a delicious and nutritious fruit. They are not fruit.

The botanist classifies them as elongated berries with what were once, a long time ago, remnants of the seeds buried in the pulp. The fine, soft specks you see in the body of the banana are these seed remnants.

The banana plant grows from sprouts but never from seed, sprouts that spring up from the underground root system. Banana seeds are just as scarce as is banana oil.

After producing one bunch the plant withers away and dies, but previous to this it seemed to have foreseen the possibility and sent up from the root system one or more sprouts in order that the race of bananas could continue.

The banana plant never becomes a tree; it can't make it, for to be a tree it would have to develop a woody stem, something a banana plant never accomplishes. The trunk of the plant is merely the bottom ends of the leaves wrapped snugly together, each forming a concentric sheath about its neighbor.

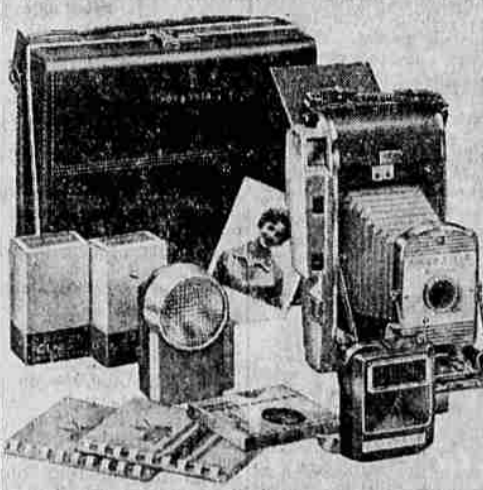
Although the banana grows extensively in the America tropics and in some of the warmer sections of the U.S., it had its origin in China and India.

The plant is closely related to the canna and botanically listed as herbaceous. And an herb, if you happen to be interested, is any flowering plant whose above-ground stem does not become woody.

**Not Ordinary**  
Just to prove to itself that this tropical plant is not an ordinary member of the vegetable kingdom, the banana grows its fruit, or more rightly its bunch of berries, in an upside down position. The bunch is composed of many "hands" which seem to beg for the sun and the warm, tropical rain.

If the fruit is subjected to a temperature of 50 degrees or less for even a relatively short time, it loses its banana flavor. Whip a ripe banana violently and it turns into a thick liquid.

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