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Elders As Teachers

To the Editor: Why don't they salvage the learning of older retired people for the teaching of the young?

Classes are taught by other young inexperienced people that know nothing of the outside world as to working and living in it.

Older successful people, retired or not, know how to succeed in their given line. Perhaps unless they were retired they would not have the time and inclination to talk to young people about to enter business in their line of work and training.

Of course times change but the principles of courage, industry, and high character are something to talk about. There are other things that enter into success, luck, tricks of the trade and other tricks, I guess, but it's a beautiful idea anyway.

Give older retired experienced people a chance to tell them what they know for a fact.

Pay them for it, put them up there and save time of others, of those who would listen. At least food for thought.

The example of others should help keep the United States ahead that much, not waiting years to learn what has been learned once by these successful people.

They could offer counseling on subjects to young people, for a price, but to be sure they know what they are talking about should be screened by proof of ability.

Also I would say yes to a hospital at Camp White. An emergency hospital some place near Medford is needed. Cities have them. Some people could die here waiting for aid in this hick town.

(Name on File)
Medford.

Decline and Decadence

To the Editor: What would be the evaluation of a competent historian concerning our contemporary western culture

and civilization? Are there marks of decline and decadence which will lead ultimately to its demise?

I am concerned about two factors which I do not consider wholesome:

1. The increasing dictatorship of the executive branch of government. You will recall that not too many months ago the laborers at Cape Canaveral were told by this branch of government that it was against public interest to strike. Thus the right to strike was taken away. Now the steel companies are told that they cannot raise prices. (After four wage rises since 1958, one price rise would seem to be justified.) Actually, our steel industry is losing its market to producers of Europe and Japan because of lower labor costs. When we have dictatorship by government at the expense of freedom, we no longer have a system of free enterprise.

2. The second thing that "bugs" me is the concept that life is a "graveyard." Many youth today commence with a free car or motor scooter; they expect free education... free vacation trips with pay... free training for efficient use of their skills. Not every person can ride the "grave train." What happens to those who never "get on board" or "fall off" on the way?

Might not Mr. Competent Historian state at the close of this age of history: "At one time the people of America (i.e., United States and Canada) could have done something to correct these situations. The tragedy lay in their apathy."

Clifford J. Young,
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Medford.

It's Will Power

To the Editor: Re Mr. William's letter on the cigarette habit, how he conquered it by praying to Jesus. Sounds simple, but I doubt that many disciples can win that way.

The power to quit smoking lies in your will.

I started smoking the coffin nails when I was 17 years old and kept it up for 45 years. By the time I was 60, I was suffering from a chronic throat ailment and bronchitis. I decided to quit the habit, and for two years kept up "quitting" and starting smoking endlessly for shorter periods, of a few days, or as long as two weeks. I was stubborn about wanting to quit, and held to the saying: "If at first you don't succeed, try and try again." Finally I did succeed, and when I was 62, smoked the last cigarette.

That was 22 years ago. My throat and lungs cleared and my physical condition improved; when I was 65 I could go a mile in seven minutes, (walk and jog-trot) and make a deep knee bend on either leg. But to break that lifelong habit, I used my God-given will power.

Maybe prayer to Jesus will help some. Prayer is just wishful thinking, or one can say wishful thinking. So if you want to win, use your will repeatedly.

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Unwholesome Influences

To the Editor: The June 7 "Review and Herald," a Washington, D.C., publication carries an article entitled "The 'Beat Generation'—Its Cause and Cure." Its author, D. E. Rebak, is an experienced educator and his remarks are directed in a series of manner to Christian youth.

He writes that "our youth are surrounded by a 'shock up generation,' by a 'beatnik generation' of young people, and by all that has produced this TV- and movie-molded generation of the sixties. To say that our youth are not influenced by all that they see and hear is sheer nonsense."

Mr. Rebak goes on to say, "Children and youth do not create their environment. They are but the victims of an adult-made world, and the adults who make their world are of the kind who live in Hollywood, the kind who operate the roadside taverns, the sort who make the 'stuff' for young people to drink, to smoke, to eat, to wear, to read, to see, and to hear."

The writer then quotes Princeton University President Robert F. Soehren as saying, "Near and far the cheap and tawdry are glorified over achievements of solid worth, opiates of half-truth are seized in preference to realities of fact and need... we find ourselves as a nation on the defensive and as a people seemingly paralyzed in self-indulgence."

And finally, Dean W. C. Devane of Yale college is quoted: "The world that a young man enters today is a glittering and insidious thing... we must acknowledge that the loss of faith in our world, our destiny, our religion, is a cloudy and dark climate which most America finds itself living in today. The individual may do what he likes to further his own gains. The man of wealth owns a whole district of slum dwellings, and feels no pang of conscience for the hunger, squalor and disease he encourages. The aggressive salesman makes outrageous claims for the product he wishes to sell. The novelist writes a scrofulous book in hope of being on the best-seller list, and TV corrupts the public taste."

Space will not permit further quotes from the article mentioned.

It seems, however, that our youth generally conduct themselves as though life were one grand holiday. How much better to compare our course of life with that of our Lord who made the infinite sacrifice for our salvation.

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Connolly Amendment

To the Editor: In a recent letter, more emotional than factual, Mr. L. C. Powell attacked the International Court of Justice and expressed his fear that the Connolly Amendment would be repealed. Mr. Powell's letter did not define the Connolly Amendment nor give a clear background of the subject matter. Phrases such as "slobbering judges," "wolf pack of neutrals," "a B. N. G. tiger crouching," merely define Mr. Powell's emotions. This letter is written to supply factual background.

The International Court of Justice is composed of 13 judges. The United States has the power of veto in the election of these judges. They do not represent their own country, but are elected on the basis of their knowledge of law and their own high moral character. No two judges

from the same country can serve at the same time. The present judges are from the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Peru, Australia, Greece, Japan, Nationalist China, Mexico, Panama, Argentina, Italy, United Arab Republic, Poland, and the U. S. S. R. These judges, in accordance with statutes in the United Nations charter, represent "the main forms of civilization and principal legal systems of the world."

The jurisdiction of the court is defined as: (a) The interpretation of a treaty; (b) The existence of any fact which, if established, would constitute a breach of an international obligation; (c) The nature of extent of the reparation to be made for the breach of an international obligation; (d) Any question of international law.

It is quite strictly limited to international affairs. As a further precaution against interference in our domestic affairs, the resolution of acceptance which Senator Morse introduced in the Senate included the specifications that it should not apply to matters which are essentially within the jurisdiction of the United States of America. The Connolly Amendment added six words: "as determined by the United States."

These last six words were well intentioned and seemingly harmless. However, since 1946 experience has shown that they have had the following effects:

(1) They have led the way for seven other nations to insert similar "self-judging" reservations in their acceptances.

(2) They have legally disarmed the United States in affairs that should be settled by international law. Because of the reciprocal nature of law, the United States has no argument against another country which also claims "self-determination" of what shall be adjudicated.

The Connolly Amendment has effectively aligned us with the Soviet Union in a professed dislike for international law and order.

Roy Neal, President, Jackson Co. Chapter, Oregon Assn. for the United Nations, 310 Bridge St., Ashland, Ore.

Announces Candidacy

To the Editor: Maybe some of the other people of the state may not think my idea is very good, BUT—

I'd like to see "cross filing" adopted in Oregon. I am sure most people would go along with the general idea. That way your friends in the opposite parties could vote for you in the primary election. One could be more likely to be "the people's choice."

Folks—barring unforeseen events—I'll be a candidate for County Commissioner again two years from now.

Floyd R. McCabe,
Mt. Pitt Star Route,
Butte Falls, Ore.

No Good Solutions

To the Editor: After reading the letters to the Editor, it occurs to me that getting fresh information on any subject is difficult for the average person. The best one can do is to do one's best to properly evaluate the information one does get. It also seems to me that Mr. Jenny's remarks sounded familiar and not original.

It is too bad more people did not hear Mr. Ray Wise's talk on Social Security given a few weeks ago to the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Round Table, in which he showed by statistics that while Social Security is a bonanza to the first people to receive it, in the course of a few years it will become an unbearable burden to younger people coming on.

Another side of the present discussion on medical care that seems to be getting too little consideration, is the effect on young men considering a medical career. Between the long years required for adequate preparation and the heavy financial outlay, and some other interesting career costing less in time and money, a boy would take a serious look before choosing. The reports on medicare in England and Canada don't sound as if their variety is working well at all.

This subject should be discussed in a way to get the best solution and no one has as yet come up with even a very good solution.

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Medford.

No Zip

To the Editor: "The American economy lacks ZIP," says Mr. Kennedy. WELL! It was Mr. Kennedy who kicked the ZIP out of it.

Everett Acklin
Ashland, Ore.

P. S.—I won't take much time to read this on radio. Will someone volunteer?

Wage Standards

To the Editor: Franklin D. Roosevelt is quoted as having made the following statement while in the office of President: "It is highly desirable to continue the policy, which was inherent in the Jones-Costigan Act, of effectuating the principle that an indus-

try which desires the protection afforded by a quota system, or a tariff, should be expected to guarantee that it will be a good employer. I recommend, therefore, that the prevention of child labor, and the payments of wages of not less than minimum standards be included among the conditions for receiving a Federal payment."

How far the Agriculture Department, which has authority to fix a "fair and reasonable wage" for sugar workers, has deviated from the principle of justice enunciated in this statement by Ex-President Roosevelt, is shown by the fact that for this season, the department has put the stamp of approval on wages as low as 60 cents an hour in the state of Louisiana, which probably means all of the cane sugar producing area of the South. Meanwhile, men doing the same work in Hawaii, the largest U.S. cane sugar producing area, are receiving an average hourly wage of \$1.74 by virtue of a union contract, and the Secretary of Agriculture has also approved this as a "fair and reasonable wage," after the contract was negotiated.

The Jones-Costigan Act, known as the Sugar Act, was passed at a time of great industrial depression and was intended to do three things: raise and stabilize sugar prices without hurting consumers, shift some of the industry's net income from the prosperous processors to the destitute growers, and insure that underpaid farm workers share in the benefits. The first two objectives have been well met and have placed a substantial segment of farmers on a stable and prosperous base, but the third provision has been largely ignored is proven by the fact that in this year, 1962, when the cost of living is at an all time high sugar workers over much of the nation are paid at a wage level of pennies.

A recent report of the Agriculture Department to the House Committee on Agriculture states: "The domestic sugar industry has a substantial capacity to expand at present prices for sugar crops and present price relationship with competing crops." With this rosy picture in view is there any logical reason why the Sugar Act should be extended or renewed without a specific provision that the "fair and reasonable" as set forth in the Act shall be no less than that established by the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum, which is at this time \$1.15 per hour?

D. Ivan Fritts
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Ducks Need Help

To the Editor: Ducks and geese need your help.

S. 1988, an act to promote the conservation of the nation's wildlife resources on the Pacific Flyway in the Tule Lake, Western Klamath, and Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuges in Oregon and California, is now in the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. The Irrigation and Reclamation Subcommittee has the bill.

Those opposing the bill are connected with local irrigation and reclamation associations. They are supported by the three county governments and wealthy landowners of the basin. They do not want S. 1988 enacted because it would prevent them from carrying out their plans to place about one-half of Tule Lake Refuge and parts of the other two refuges in private land use for farming.

All of these lands are essential in the proper management of the refuges. Further reduction in areas is unacceptable because more than 80 per cent of the Pacific Flyway's waterfowl use them for nesting, resting and feeding. Prevention of crop depredation in the Sacramento Valley is largely dependent upon holding waterfowl at these refuges until crops are harvested.

All the help you can muster is urgently needed to get early favorable action by the subcommittee.

William J. Young, President Jackson County Chapter Isaac Walton League Route 3, Box 163 Medford

Who Decides?

To the Editor: In reference to a front page article in June 8 Mail Tribune, titled, Foreign Nations Warned Against Illegal Arms Use:

We have a lot of planes and tanks that we would like to sell to you, but to use them is illegal, lest we tell you what to do.

For Pete's sake, who is to decide whether war is legal or illegal? "That's all."

Paul F. Wilson,
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Start Working

To the Editor: Members of veterans organizations are aware, as the general public may not be, that establishing a hospital at the White City domiciliary does not mean building one from the ground up. The buildings are already standing, and with a little rehabilitation can be readied for use.

A tour of the premises would win the active support of that large body of citizens interested in the welfare of veterans.

It would be a fine thing for the Rogue River valley and the Far West. However, just thinking and wishing won't bring about a miracle. If you veterans and friends really want a hospital here, get busy and start working now. The fiscal year begins July 1.

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Open House Set At Iron Gate Dam

Pacific Power and Light company will hold "open house" at its Iron Gate hydroelectric plant on the Klamath river during the week ends of June as part of its observance of the anniversary month for the company's 52nd year in the electric service business.

F. A. Benesh, PP&L district manager at Medford, reported the power plant will be open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays throughout June from noon until 4 p.m. each day.

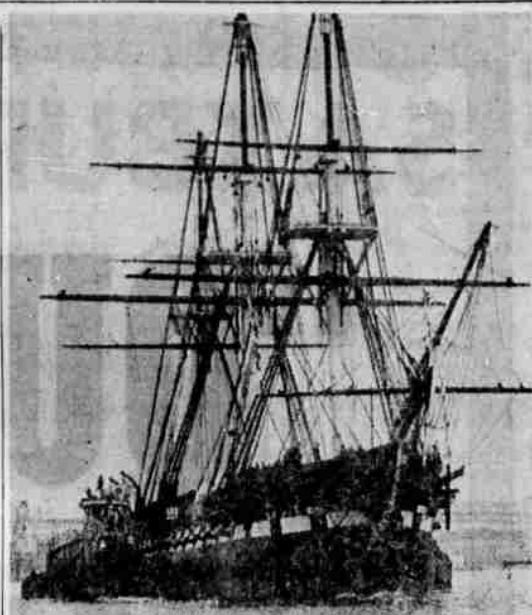
The plant will be closed, however, to the public over the week end of June 23-24, when it will be open only to Pacific Power employees and their families.

Benesh emphasized the plant would be opened to the general public all other week ends throughout June.

"We hope that many hundreds of our customers in the area will accept the invitation of our district employees to visit the plant that is an important part of the power system serving the southern Oregon area," Benesh said.

"Since it was put on-the-line early this year, the Iron Gate installation has been a steady producer of hydroelectricity for the company's customers," he commented.

Kentucky produces more coal in a year than France and Spain combined.



ANNUAL CRUISE—The USS Constitution, "Old Ironsides," makes her annual "turn around" cruise in Boston Harbor. The ship is reversed yearly to prevent prevailing winds and sun from warping her masts and yardarms after a year's exposure in the same direction. (UPI)

Road Grader at Park Said Damaged

A road grader, which had been leased by the Medford park and recreation department for use on a project at Jackson park, has been damaged by vandals, according to city police.

The grader is owned by Robert Grapin Gilbert, 1083 Ross lane.

Police said various parts of the grader were either smashed or pulled off and thrown away.

Officers said the incident occurred sometime Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

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Poets' Corner

Conducted by
Arnold Eugene Jenny

Ancestral Home

The two-room cabin that Grandfather built
When he homesteaded on the lush new land
Was like the first block in a patchwork quilt

Grandmother pieced. The house was never planned,
But kept pace with the growing family.
Spreading its wings to meet each new demand,
Blending itself into the scenery.

Like native rock or distant mountain peaks,
And rooted firmly as a live-oak tree.

It teems with life—each joist and rafter speaks
Of birth, of death, of laughter and of tears...
All through the quiet night the stairway creaks
With friendly steps, and in the dawn one hears
Blessings of homelike coming down the years.

—Mary Boyd Wagner*
New York, N.Y.

*Mrs. Wagner was a pupil of Mrs. Alice Applegate Poel (now of Rogue Valley Manor) when the latter taught high school in Klamath Falls, 1904-08. The above poem is from her published volume, "Roots," and is reproduced here with her kind permission.

From "Meditations by the River Mtkvari"
If mortals of this world we are and bear the form
Of man,
Our duty is to serve our land and walk the ways of man.
Unworthy is the one who's but a mass of worthless clay,
Who dares to shun all mortal cares, yet in this world
Does stay!

—Nicholas Baratashvili
19th century Georgian poet (Russia)

*From Anthology of Georgian Poetry, translated by Verna Urushadze; courtesy of Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, Medford.

Perspective

I hold each day a piece of small design
To fit the whole (and wonder where they go).
There is a plan, I am too close to mine
To watch the emanating pattern grow.

What pair of wings, what unexpected flight
Shall sometime thrust my consciousness above
The outstretched fields of figured shade and light,
To where my eyes achieve clear glimpses of
A panorama outlined on the plain?

There, yet-untraveled boundaries hold the clue
To old conundrums puzzling heart and brain
When earth-bound focusing distorts the view.

Then I shall know all artists work in vain
Who ask no vistas of the things they do.
—Madeline B. Hearn
Portland, Oregon

"We Remember"

On the green lawn of an Oregon city hall
One may see a natural rock monument.
Across its mottled surface where the lichens grew
Are hieroglyphics, inscribed by young
Cello Indians; the symbols that he knew.

His tribal home was shore of wide, big waters;
(Cello Falls, the Columbia).

In season of the salmon his people held encampment;
The Kikikits were neighbors, as were many tribes
Beyond the shining mountains—they visited each other.
Time and ponderous waters of a great dam, in pillage
Claimed the fishing rocks, the river slacks,
The hall of pow-wows, and salmon bakes; the village—
Trails to summer mountains are scars among the ferns;
And always hieroglyphics and native tongue will say,
"Nun-mip-ni sheek" ("We remember")

—Rena Ferguson Parks
Portland, Oregon

Tattle-Tale

It sails up there in the clear blue sky,
A silent, silver thing;
But far behind we hear the roar
Of a "Jet" that's on the wing.

—Mariha Ella Minnick
Central Point, Oregon