



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."  
—George Putnam.

Labor Day

The expression "so-and-so can't see the forest for the trees!" applies to Labor Day—or so it seems. When Labor Day looms on the horizon, radio and newspaper repeat warning after warning about playing it safe on the highways and by-ways Labor Day weekend. Labor Day, too often, is just "escape day" for many of us. While in a thoughtful mood, if one were to ask a laboring man, "What is Labor Day?"—the answer might reasonably be, "It's another legal holiday."

If one could today question Abraham Lincoln regarding Labor Day, what would he say? A glance at the writings of Lincoln inclines one to the thought he would answer that without the labor of the working man there would be little. From this we can gather the idea that culture and civilization are not possible without the toil of human hands and bodies.

Machine work never can replace completely human labor. Each machine must be created, operated, and repaired—only human hands can accomplish these things. Money is nothing unless workmen make it otherwise by creation of products that can be purchased and used.

When Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden, Man first knew the meaning of working for "Daily Bread". He has been working ever since with but few rare exceptions. So vital is this matter of pursuing a living that men hesitate in its defense not at all when they realize there is an enemy to such pursuit. In fact, through the centuries men have protected this right to the pursuit of happiness by affirming it in great governmental documents.

The rough-and-ready character of the United States' industrial development prompted formation of labor unions. "Sweat-shops" in the New England states provoked hard action. Our great labor unions insure the equality of working men in the struggle for existence. It is generally agreed that those who labor may rightfully knit themselves into an organization which has as its purpose the promotion of the individual workman's welfare. In some measure Labor Day is a memorial to this great course of action so much a part of our lives today.

The dignity of the laboring man must remain untarnished in this nation and the world. Labor unions foster in the public's eye respect for those who carry a lunch pail. Thinking employers do likewise. Good work on the part of laboring men does not come easy for employees who are despised by their employer. The labor union guarantees that the employee will get a fair return for services rendered. Enforcement of this concept generates respect. Labor unions justify their being by disciplining those who would misguide and hamper the individual worker's quest for a livelihood. Labor unions have been painted in gory hues often and at great length. Labor Day proves this is not a true picture.

When the chips were down in the dark days of World War II, free laboring men in the United States produced the tools and materials that made the winning of that war possible. These laboring men did this job of their own free will—they were not drafted by their government. Their conduct is a lesson by example to working men the world over. This nation's laborers need not hang their heads in shame when queried about their part in preserving the blessings of liberty for future generations in the United States and the world.

Men the world over toil for a living, but in the United States that toil is rewarded in the greatest measure. Similar rewards for laborers everywhere is the great ambition. The moment the workmen of our Nation stop thinking of Labor Day as "another legal holiday" then watch out! Something vital indeed will be turning a care-free day into a day of care—the "forest" will have come suddenly into focus.

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"Talk about a Thrill." That's what little Sandra Lee Siegall seems to be saying as she gets acquainted with Robert, the Romney Ram. "Sandy" will be casting many "sheepish" looks during the 1951 Oregon State Fair, opening in Salem on Saturday, Sept. 1. Standout livestock champions of all kinds will be on hand.

Editorial Comment

WIND VS. NOISE

Senator Joe McCarthy, the dauntless Wisconsin Red hunter, neither added to nor subtracted from his "worst senator" appellation in his Republican picnic speech Sunday.

He simply followed the McCarthy line, amid alternating cheers and boos, and amid the distracting clatter that plagues every speaker who braves noisy Jantzen Beach.

He dusted off and used once more his charges against President Truman, Secretary of State Acheson, Secretary of Defense Marshall, Owen Lattimore and Philip C. Jessup. He gave McCarthy "yardstick" for presidential candidates. He modestly referred to the McCarthy military record. He implied acceptance of McCarthyism by both Oregon senators by bringing greetings from both. And he paraded the fantastic McCarthy thesis that everyone in the Democratic administration is either a fool, a Commie, a Commie-lover, or a traitor.

We disagree completely and categorically with everything McCarthy said in Portland. We think his smear methods are abominable.

We think he did neither the Republic nor the people of Oregon any favor when he came to Oregon to spout McCarthyism which we believe to be the lowest and least effective form of political demagoguery.

We do think, however, that as long as one segment of the Republican party of Oregon was willing to risk splitting the party and embarrassing Governor McKay and Oregon congressmen, by bringing McCarthy here, it should have had the good judgment to give their boy a fighting chance to make himself heard. Instead they set him up at Jantzen Beach where no one—we repeat, no one, not even the loud-mouthed Wisconsinite—can compete with blaring mikes, tinny music, highway noises and low-flying planes.

Maybe that's the kind of setting McCarthy deserves. But we hate to think that some Oregonians are as careless with their guests as McCarthy is with his facts.—From Oregon Daily Journal.

LYONS

By MRS. EVA BRESSLER

Funeral services were held Thursday morning at 9 a.m. at the Lords Catholic church in Jordan for James Courtney who drowned Tuesday evening in Thomas creek near Jordan. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Courtney, six sisters, Mrs. Joyce Kelly of Lebanon, Carroll, Betty Rose, Doris and Vera, and four brothers, Dean, Paul, Tony and Byron all at home. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery near the church.

Herbert Banks of Albany was killed, Tuesday afternoon while falling timber for the Earley mill located on the Ed Hargreaves farm near Jordan. Banks and his brother-in-law were working together. They had fallen a tree and had gone down the hill to fall another when the first one gave way and rolled over Banks. The Mill City ambulance was called as was a doctor from Scio, but Banks was dead upon their arrival. He is survived by a wife and three children of Albany.

Mari-Linn school in Lyons opens Monday Sept. 10, for one-half day of registration. Full-day classes and the new hot-lunch program begins Sept. 11. Parents are reminded that all first and ninth grade children must have physical examination before entering school. Last spring a pre-school clinic was held for pre-school children, but all the children did not take advantage of this free clinic. These examinations are required by law. Buses will run as last year. Clustering of a neighborhood's children is encouraged, so that drivers can avoid many stops.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Hargreaves spent several days at Long Beach, Washington with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Rose, from Park Rose.

Pvt. Kenneth Lewis from Camp Stewart, Ga., is spending a 15-day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phelps have as their guests her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schwake, from Lancaster, California.

Mrs. Stella Foss of Portland is visiting at the home of her brother, Fred Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Jerrald from Clarkston, Wash., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Naue. Mrs. Gerrald is a sister of Mrs. Naue.

Mrs. Claire Humphries and children have returned to their home at Myrtle Creek after visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, also her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Johnston.

Milton Roten had the fingers of his right hand badly mangled in a mill accident, Monday afternoon. He was rushed to Salem where surgery on the hand was performed.

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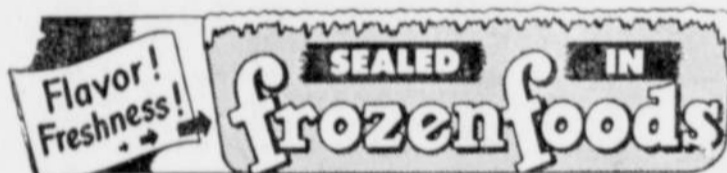
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