



"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Put. am.

Editorial Comments

TAKE ITS MEASURE

The human mind, particularly in the mass, is a strange and sometimes fearsome thing. It will go along refusing to see a crying need or a gathering danger right before its eyes, then wake up with a shock and look for goblins behind every bush if not under every bed.

This, it appears, is what has happened about drug addiction and dope peddling. High-powered dramatization of the acutest aspects may have been necessary to jar the public into awareness. A factual deflation such as John Gerrity's article in a recent Harpers may be equally useful to move the problem into perspective where it can be dealt with.

Drug addiction, says Mr. Gerrity, is neither general over the United States nor is it on the increase. There have been some very bad spots, geographically and socially, where courts have been lax and where congested living

and limited opportunities have led to search for "escape", as with slum-dwelling Negroes.

The total of traffic and addiction (which are inseparable) actually is on the decrease. Mr. Gerrity cites figures: Drug addiction among draftees in World War I, one in 1,500; in World War II, one in 10,000; for the first time the Federal Narcotics Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, has empty beds. And he quotes the Federal Bureau of Narcotics statistics of 60,000 addicts in a national population of 150,000,000.

Obviously, 60,000 (one in around 3,000) drug addicts are too many. One case is a pitiful tragedy. A concentration can bring near-calamity to a neighborhood or city. But the nation will deal with the menace more surely when it can take its measure and fight it coolly.—From Christian Science Monitor.

CULTURAL WAR

A great task force is moving out from the United States in May. It is bound for Paris—Paris-in-the-spring. The Boston Symphony Orchestra will lay a barrage of 20th-century European and American music. The New York City Ballet, having established a toe hold on the alien shores, will let loose a fantastic array of flying misses. Men of letters like William Faulkner and John Dos Passos will infiltrate the surrounding terrain to lecture and preside over forums of discussion.

All of this is by way of meeting the great cultural offensive which the Soviet Union has been conducting in Europe in recent years. It will be part of an unusual exposition of the arts to be held under the international Congress For Cultural Freedom, with comparable artistic enterprises and personalities from England, France Italy, Switzerland, and Austria.

The free world is at last on its toes, blowing its own horn, acting its part, painting itself in its true colors, speaking out in the multiple accents of creative independence. The galaxy of plays, operas, concerts, art shows, and forums which will go to make up the exposition should do something to show the resources of "bourgeois cosmopolitanism" in a divided world. Since the American contribution will depend on private philanthropy rather than government subsidy, we trust that alert citizens will be prompt to recognize the potentialities in this constructive sort of war.

—From Christian Science Monitor.

HOW TO GO FARTHER

Gladstone, the British statesman, once wrote that the American Constitution was "the most remarkable work . . . produced by the human intellect, at a single stroke (so to speak), in its application to political affairs." But the excellence of the Constitution has not prevented considerable corruption and maladministration now and then. What it has done is to set up a system which guards against perpetuation of such evils and makes honest administration possible.

The President's bill to reorganize the Bureau of Internal Revenue, which the House has just passed overwhelmingly, offers no airtight guarantee against improbity in office. But the few Republicans who branded it a "fraud" are wrong. The larger number who joined administration forces in hailing it as a step in the right direction are right. They are also right in insisting that a good deal more needs to be done before Americans can be sure the agency which collects their taxes has been placed where temptation will find it hard to enter.

Senator A. S. Mike Monroney (co-author with ex-Senator Robert M. La Follette of congressional "streamlining"), backed by Senators Moody, Smathers, and Sparkman, has framed a bill which, he thinks, will go a long way to keep out corruption.

He would make the Bureau of Internal Revenue a true "blue ribbon" career service, and have a special assistant to the Civil Service Commission set it up. This could serve as the federal government. He would pilot example for reforms throughout also make it unlawful for anyone, including congressmen, to intervene in any pending tax case. He would revise the criminal code to make the briber equally guilty with the bribed, and would deprive of retirement rights any public servant found guilty of a



Canyon Avenue Parade

(Continued from Page 1) the same building. Some co-operation on the part of the city and the owners of the property will be necessary to remedy this unpleasant situation.

The call is still out for amateur talent to sign up at the Mill City Appliance store for the Lions club amateur show coming up soon, according to Shields Remine, MC for the talent show.

Art Coffell, one of our Salem readers, sends in a clipping from his home town paper, The Edgeley Mail, of Edgeley, North Dakota, in which a story appears relating experiences during one of the recent storms there listing the passengers on a stalled bus. Mr. Coffell marked the names of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fox of Mill City, Ore., as listed in the passengers on board for the overnight experience of being snowbound for 16 hours in below zero weather, and a blizzard blowing.

All petitions are in the county superintendent's office asking for an election to vote upon the desirability of consolidation of the school districts of Mill City, Gates, and Detroit-Idanha. It is now up to the county superintendent to set an election date.

This Monday night the voters of Detroit and Idanha delivered a decisive defeat to the proposition proposed that the high school students be transported to Mill City and the local high school abandoned. The vote was reported as 30 for the proposition and 97 opposed. The voters evidently have made up their minds as to what they want. That is always good to get instructions from the people who after all must decide and rightly should except the responsibility.

We question this decision as to whether it was wise or not for the students involved who must gain an education. Will their purpose be best served or will the interests of the community be best served by continuing a small school with so few students that the cost of giving them an education will be prohibitive? Will the taxpayers stop paying the bill for the move to a new location before they get a school that will meet state requirements and then be forced to go to consolidation? Will the burden of school taxation be so great that business will be forced out of the school district? Those are a few thoughts that must be meditated before the next opportunity comes to vote on the subject.

We earnestly hope that students will not be penalized in the future because of the failure to provide facilities and classrooms. We feel that consolidation will give all children of the canyon a better opportunity, even children in Mill City, for the best possible education available than at present in any of the districts in question.

Rotted Road

A situation has developed in the North Santiam canyon that can not be laughed out of existence. That much written about and cussed at highway 222 has done it again. The extremely heavy traffic to and from Detroit dam construction project has gnawed out gaping chuck-holes. A series of such chuck-holes bagged an experienced driver Monday. A CBI pickup truck struck a typical hole in the surface of 222. The truck went completely out of control. Down the bank went truck and driver. A somewhat surprising twist was given this accident, however. Sardine creek passes underneath highway 222 by way of a water flume. The truck landed on the flume and the slant and water of the flume washed said truck very much into the North Santiam river.

Bill Beard, the pilot of the CBI pickup, found himself with a back injury and a broken foot after his bout with the holes in highway 222. He now is in a Salem hospital. Without fear of over-statement, daily Detroit dam commuters say that this same thing could happen to any motorist, perhaps however, not always with the peculiar results of the Beard experience. Not only is this terrific condition of the road a hazard to the motorist fully aware of the situation, but also it is a real danger for the ordinary driver just on his way through.

We here make no attempt at a literary gem in this editorial—we set forth facts. We are not sure what government is responsible for this stretch of 222 highway. We add our displeasure over this situation to that of literally hundreds of commuters. Since we make no attempt at fixing the blame for the letting of the chuck-holes increase in number and size, we only hope the whole distasteful mess comes to the ears of those responsible. Tires, cars and lives have their useful life put in jeopardy by this unhappy state of affairs. It is not a good thing for the North Santiam that such a highway continue. We suggest that the North Santiam Chamber of Commerce tie into this problem. If enough effort is put in on the thing, we are confident pay dirt will come to light.

The sickening "thump" of a tire hitting a sharp-rimmed hole in highway 222 generally means that the carcass of that tire has been bruised and cut. Unless the tire is so badly cut that the inner-tube produces a bulge on the surface of the tire, the driver spins merrily on his way once the smoother stretches of highway are reached. That damaged tire can give that final pinch to a thin inner-tube when a car is moving at top speed. The results we will read about in our newspapers. No, this is no laughing matter, this rotted-out road business. Bill Beard isn't laughing about his experience.

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Forest Products
Market Report

Douglas fir sawlogs held at ceiling prices in the Willamette Valley during the week ending February 2. The seasonal demand for hop poles in the Salem area has dropped off, and car stakes also slacked off somewhat. Other forest products were unchanged, according to the weekly form forest products market report prepared from data supplied by the State Board of Forestry to the OSC Extension Service.

Douglas Fir Sawlogs:

Douglas fir sawlogs were in good demand at ceiling prices during the past week. Second-growth sawlogs were \$40 a thousand board feet for No. 3's and \$50 for No. 2's at river points in the northern and central valley. Mill prices were less the costs of booming and rafting and any difference in hauling costs. Lane county prices for both second-growth and old-growth at mills or shipping points were \$37.50 for No. 3 sawlogs and \$42.50 for No. 2's. Camp run sales for logs over 24 feet were from \$38 to \$45 a thousand throughout the valley. Shorter logs brought \$1 to \$2 less. 8-foot logs down to 6 inch diameter brought \$15 to \$18 a cord or \$34 to \$40 a thousand.

flagrant breach of public trust.

These are strong remedies. But they all point in the right direction. They will stand as a challenge to congressmen who may drag their feet on reorganization "because it doesn't go far enough." Here is a vehicle, readymade, on which to ride it further.—From Christian Science Monitor.

Old-growth sawlogs brought \$42.50 for No. 3's, \$52.50 for No. 2's, and \$65 for No. 1's in the river at northern and central valley points. Peeler logs were \$80 to \$110 a thousand in the northern and central valley, and were \$5 to \$15 under ceilings in the Eugene area at \$65 to \$85.

Pulpwood:

Demand was good for most pulp species in the northern and central valley. Peeled spruce brought \$20 a cord. Peeled hemlock, true fir, and Douglas fir brought \$19. Unpeeled hemlock and true firs were \$17. Unpeeled Douglas fir prices ranged from \$14 to \$17 a cord, with demand somewhat spotty.

Poles and Piling:

Demand was generally good for long barkie poles, and for 30 and 35 foot poles of large diameter. Prices ranged from 7 to 43 cents a lineal foot, depending on length. 50-foot poles brought 20 1/2 to 26 cents. Cedar poles were in good demand in the northern valley at prices ranging from \$4.75 to \$38.50 a pole, depending on both length and diameter.

Hardwood Logs:

Hardwood logs were in good demand in the northern valley. Alder and ash brought \$34.50 to \$35 a thousand. Demand exceeded supply for maple logs in this area at \$40. Cottonwood ranged from \$24 to \$25 a thousand, with 16-foot peeler blocks bringing \$40 at one mill in the Gresham area.

Other Forest Products:

The seasonal demand for hop poles in the Salem area has tapered off rapidly. Dry cascara bark brought 15 cents a pound. Sword fern was 14 cents a bunch. Car stakes were in moderate to limited demand at 45 to 50 cents each.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Experienced Hand Wanted

Cappy Miller's back from visiting relatives and tells about a big snow storm that knocked out the electric power for miles around.

Naturally, the local power company was doing everything possible to restore service but folks kept calling in and one woman gave them a new twist.

"I don't mind not having lights," she grumbled, "but I've got 20 cows in my barn and they all have to be milked by machine. Nobody around here knows how to milk a cow by hand any more."

From where I sit, it's only too easy to forget how to do something—even as simple as milking a cow—if we don't keep at it. And that goes for practicing tolerance, too. Like forgetting our neighbor has a right to decide for himself whether or not to enjoy a temperate glass of beer. If we don't keep the other fellow's point of view in mind we're all liable to get "snowed under" by intolerance.

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