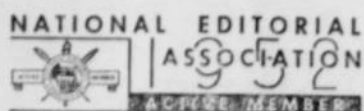


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—George Putnam.

Springtime

Springtime is a bit of God. How many springtimes have there been? No one knows exactly, but we all know that the number is quite a few. Year after year the trees send forth their buds and birds seek sticks, dry grass and soft bits of this and that for their nests. Flowers leap out of the ground and bloom. Millions of tiny green blades of grass furnish a soft mat underfoot. The splendid and beautiful processes of nature go seemingly on and on, untiringly and endlessly.

At first glance we are inclined to the thought that nature moves unchangingly, but this is not so. Gradually nature bends in minor ways as Man dictates. The onetime wild fruit tree with its puny fruit is now transformed in such a way that it bears tasty and vitamin packed apples, pears, nuts and plums. Cross-breeding has produced superior strains of livestock. Scientists are wiping out plant and animal diseases one after another. Man is making his life more bearable and more in tune with nature about him.

As nature in springtime breathes life into the landscape we see about us, so does Man imitate her by pioneering advances in the machine and medical worlds. Much of this progress has been made in the last twenty years. Little by little, almost unnoticed, these changes have been made—the fact of their being is very much with us, however.

Sometimes as Man bends under the strain of life, he wonders, what is the universal goal. Many of us strive for perfection. Is this the answer—all perfection? When we view the silent growth of plants and the bothered to and fro of insect life, we are all too often little impressed.

In each of God's half-acres there is most certainly a life-and-death drama going on hourly. Thousands die; thousands are born; leaves wither; plants burst forth with fragrant flowers and fascinating vari-green leaves. Pick up the remains of last springtime's insect—soon its dumped on the ground, but today's brilliant butterfly is a thing of wonder. Certainly spring must be some assurance that life is eternal and that God is everywhere about us.

Editorial Comments

"LOCAL POINT FOUR"

A correspondent of this newspaper has told of a small Negro institution, Jarvis Christian College in east Texas, which is bringing about some fresh and promising activity in its community. The movement began as a survey of how the college could better serve its nine-county area. It has developed into a thorough study of how the people of the area, both black and white, can better serve themselves.

Leading Texas businessmen have taken an interest in the possibilities of the project. Some observers have called it a kind of "local Point Four" program. It deals with a region that has lost population due to changes in farming, soil depletion, mechanization, and the pull of industry in the cities. It aims at an inventory of resources that will make for better living.

Sometimes it is suggested that America should concentrate on solving such problems as this at home instead of sending money and skills abroad. But improvement at home is not an alternative to Point Four abroad; it provides the means, the knowledge, the techniques, the capital, and the confidence with which technical assistance and leadership can be given elsewhere in the world. As the president of Jarvis college expresses it, "Helping your neighbor helps yourself."

Who knows? America may receive as well as give useful knowledge in the international program. — From Christian Science Monitor.

SHOULD APPEAL CLACKAMAS DECISION

Judge Ralph M. Holman in the Clackamas county circuit court ruled that the county's levy of \$10 registration fee against trucks is legal, but held void for precluded defects the order requiring certification of trucks of over 16,000 lbs. gross weight. The county court can correct its procedure and impose the fee. We hope the plaintiffs in the case, which include the Grange will appeal the decision. We need to know if subordinate units are free to impose taxes or fees on trucks operating on their streets or roads. In the opinion of The Statesman all fees should be levied and collected by the state and trucks should have free use of highways, subject only to restriction as to weight limits on certain highways and bridges. Counties and cities share in the receipts of highway revenues and can bear the expense of posting which is required. Likewise in Salem there seems to be no logic in levying a special charge against log trucks using city streets, while other trucks are exempt. — From The Statesman.

REDS OUTDO NAZIS

The reported seizure of an approximate 6,000,000 books in a Communist purge of western literature in East Germany dwarfs the infamous Nazi book burnings of 1933. Illustrative of the degree to which the Soviet stooges in Germany have utilized this device of tyranny is a report from Leipzig, a great book publishing center now in the Russian zone in Germany. Travelers to West Germany report that, of 68,000 volumes in the Leipzig municipal library, 59,000 have been removed by officials of the Communist government. Some of the seized books are destroyed. Some are locked up, and only high officials are permitted access to them.

Master pattern for the book purge is apparently a list of 19,562 prohibited titles drawn up by Gerhart Eisler, the Soviet zone information chief who jumped bail in the United States in 1949. It contains many American and English titles, presumably among them such books as these reported circulating widely in German translation in 1950: Norman Mailer's "The Naked and the Dead," Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind" and Gen. Walter Bedell Smith's "My Three Years in Moscow." Also probably not overlooked by the Red snoops are copies of

"Stalin and German Communism" by Ruth Fischer, Eisler's non-Communist sister.

The great bulk of the volumes seized however, are apparently novels, adventure stories, westerns and other portrayals of western life considered harmful to the ends of Soviet indoctrination. Ironically, thousands of such books as well as the great American classics were collected in the United States in 1945 and 1946 for the express purpose of restocking Russian libraries destroyed by the Germans. Portland book lovers gave generously to this drive. It may be inferred from the news from East Germany that the American books sent to Russia six or seven years ago have long since been disposed of.

Book burning is a sure sign of weakness in any regime. A system of government based strongly in the faith of the people need have no fear of the free circulation of men's ideas. "Error or of opinion may be tolerated," Thomas Jefferson observed, "where reason is left free to combat it." Communist Russia and the hapless nations under her thumb are not strong enough to subscribe to such a doctrine. — From the Oregon Journal

LYONS

Monroe L. Walker, bull buck for the Freres Lumber company, thinks he has helped cut the record Yew tree. It was over ripe, therefore most of the body and heart fiber is decayed. The stump was cut four feet above the ground on under cut side, one foot above ground on aftercut side. It grew on a hillside. The stump measured 39" across E and W and 54" N and S. The rotting trunk reached a height of 30 feet above the stump. At 12 feet above the stump, the diameter is 30". Just under that a 20" sucker protrudes. This sucker has long branches. The rotted off top of trunk is about 16" diameter. The trunk has several large semi dead limbs. The shell of the trunk is about one foot thick on the underhill side, of the south slope; has open scar on west side, no Swonitz present.

Bernice Bridges was hostess for the afternoon card club with her party held at her home Wednesday afternoon. A one thirty dessert luncheon preceded the playing of 500, with 18 present. High score was held by Bertha Allen, second high by Alma Olmstead, low by Thelma Nydegger, and Mabel Downing drew the traveling prize. Those attending were Ethel Huffman, Doris Roy, Bertha Allen, Alma Olmstead, Garnett Bassett, Doreen Helemn, Margaret Kunkle, Modena Carleton, Mabel Downing, Dorothy Helemn, Thelma Nydegger, Mabel Bass, Ida Free, Wilma Free, Eleanor Christensen, Lucille Donovan, Frances Garsjo, and the hostess Bernice Bridges.

Linn County Pomona grange held their meeting at the Santiam Valley grange hall with an all day meeting Thursday, March 20, with approximately 85 members present. The regular routine of business was carried out. Candidates for representatives of Linn county filed for the primaries, May 16, 1952 were read. Among them was Albert Julian of Fox Valley, member of the Santiam valley grange, Dave Epps of the Epps Furniture store of Sweet Home, and Lewis Wood of Corvallis. At the lecturers hour a short program was heard, and Warden O'Malley from the Oregon Penitentiary was present and gave a very interesting talk.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Allen went to Portland Friday where they will spend the remainder of the week. They will attend the automobile show while there.

Mrs. Alice Huber is spending several days with relatives in Portland. She will be a guest at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Keeley. She will also visit at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vine Matheny.

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