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—George P. Ham

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The dimes or dollars you give to the March of Dimes constitute the best investment in polio protection an American citizen can make.

By no stretch of the imagination can this uniquely American institution be called a charity. It is, rather an inspiring example of how enlightened individuals can protect each other and themselves from the bankrupting assault of an enormously expensive disease.

Even if the Marion County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis did no more than pay the cost of treatment for every polio patient who needed it, the March of Dimes would not be a charity. If it were, then four out of five patients would be "charity cases" . . . including newspaper editorial writers. For few of us indeed can pay costs that may run above \$50 a day and, in some cases, add up to more than \$20,000 per year.

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All of these are vital services of direct benefit to patients and public alike . . . whether we are well-heeled or down-at-the-heel.

This means that all of us—whether we can "afford" to have polio or not—are investing in our own protection when we join the March of Dimes.

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Editorial Comments

TOURIST BUSINESS BIG 1952 INDUSTRY

"Selling Oregon scenery" paid off again in 1952.

It is estimated by V. A. McNeil, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce's visitors service committee, that Oregon tourist income for the year hit \$121 million, of which approximately \$30 1/4 million was spent in Portland.

Oddly enough, the figure given for tourist income in 1952 is the same as for 1951. Since there were more tourists in 1952 than in the previous year and since they stayed on the average 1.2 days longer, how is the income set as the same? The stated reason is a slight drop in daily spending, from \$5.40 in 1951 to \$5.07 in 1952.

Two big problems confront the state's tourist agencies: How to get more tourists and how to persuade them to stay longer. Something is being done about both angles. The state highway commission is doing an increasingly better job of carrying color advertisements on Oregon into newspapers and magazines of wider and wider circulation, not forgetting California, which is the chief source of Oregon tourists.

The chamber's visitors information center is serving more tourists each year, as the figures show: 85,000 in 1949, 106,743 in 1951 and 111,795 in 1952.

In 1951 there were 900,000 cars carrying tourists listed in the state and 1,005,575 in 1952. The visitors stayed 7.5 days in 1952 as compared to 6.3 in 1951.

Possibly the biggest lack in the Oregon setup is a greater number of information centers at gateways to the state, where maps and accurate road data can be given out. Filling-station information for the most part is highly reliable, but booths with ample parking space and keenly informed attendants can do more to make a tourist welcome than any other factor.

Residents of Oregon can be a powerful factor in persuading the visitor to stay longer if they "know" their state and can volunteer intelligent data on roads and resorts, attractions and scenic spots.—From The Oregon Journal.

PEOPLES AND PRINCIPLES

A Korean group which is at the same time anti-Communist and anti-Rhee declares in its monthly publication apropos of American support of Korea: "If the accent is heavily on the military rather than on the welfare of human being, U.S. policy will fail."

The accent necessarily falls heavily on the military at this stage of Korea's defense, but the United Nations can never afford to forget that its action in implementing the principle of collective security must also take account of people. As the same publication declares of the Koreans:

Collective security means nothing (to them) because they have no security to begin with. Respect for the principles of the Geneva convention repatriation of a few thousand PW's has little appeal to people whose own future is in jeopardy.

Of course, abandonment of those principles would gravely affect the future anticipated for Korea, as it would the future of all mankind. And the Koreans will have to learn that there is something bigger than a united Korea—namely, the unity of free men everywhere against the ag-

gressions of total tyranny. But a sympathy with the Korean people's desires and a deep concern for their welfare will keep anyone from thinking of them as mere pawns in a power struggle between Soviet Russia and the United States.—From Christian Science Monitor.

Eyestrain Result Modern Progress

Chicago — Eyestrain, in many instances, is the price we must pay for progress.

The demands of our complex civilization have made us acutely aware of our eyes, in the opinion of Dr. Louis J. Girard, a New York ophthalmologist. People who consult an eye doctor today frequently complain that their eyes feel strained or tire easily, or that they get headaches when they read.

"A popular misconception is that people of the present generation have weaker eyes than in past generations," Dr. Girard wrote in the current Today's Health, published by the American Medical Association.

"Why do so many people complain about their eyes nowadays? The answer is simple. The demand for acute vision is far greater in this highly complex civilization. Our eyes are no worse and, in some respects are better than those of previous generations."

Dr. Girard gave several reasons for eyestrain. The most common reason is a refractive error that calls for glasses. Undercorrected farsightedness, astigmatism, presbyopia or "old sight" and overcorrected nearsightedness may produce eyestrain symptoms. Proper glasses can correct these types, he added.

Muscle imbalance, a disturbance in the delicate eye muscles that synchronize the movements of both eyes, was the second reason given by Dr. Girard. Such affliction can be alleviated by proper glasses, certain eye exercises and, sometimes, by surgery. A less common cause is a condition known as aniseikonia, which means unequal images are seen by the two eyes. Again, glasses can correct the difficulty.

Other reasons for eyestrain enumerated by Dr. Girard were prolonged use of the eyes, improper illumination, and such organic eye diseases as conjunctivitis, glaucoma and uveitis.

Eyestrain will not permanently damage the eyes, Dr. Girard pointed out, adding:

"Continuing to strain the eyes when eyestrain symptoms are present can certainly aggravate the condition, but it has not been known to produce organic changes in the eyes. It is not thought that the eye is capable of straining itself into permanent damage."

As for watching television, Dr. Girard stated that it is "inconceivable that the television screen would harm the eyes of a person on the other side of the room; television contains no harmful rays."

"Watching television to excess can cause symptoms of eyestrain, but not permanent injury," he said. "If the viewer needs glasses, has aniseikonia or a muscle imbalance, he is even more likely to get symptoms of eyestrain. But if the eyes are normal or defects have been properly corrected, no symptoms will result from watching television."

O.C.E. Representatives Call at Local School

Mill City grade school received a visit from Oregon College of Education representatives of Monmouth, Tuesday. Mrs. Omabell McBee and Mrs. Helen Gwinn, supervisors were the callers.

O. C. of E. has a follow-up program on its graduates going into the educational field. Those graduates going through their first year of teaching in the public schools are given helpful hints and assistance regarding problems that may confront them.

Daran Dierks, Mill City fifth grade teacher, is a recent graduate of O.C.E. and is now in his first year as a teacher.

IDANHA

By MRS. S. T. MOORE

The Idanha volunteer fire department election resulted in the following officers: Joe Roberson, president; David Roberts, vice president; Ralph Adams, secretary-treasurer; Harry Willis, fire chief; Wayne Woodward, assistant fire chief.

Mrs. Gladys Alvin is a patient at

Good Samaritan hospital in Portland where she is recovering from major surgery.

Gordon Skidmore has returned to work after undergoing minor surgery in a Salem hospital.

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Write Box 348, Mill City Enterprise



From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Surprise Ending!

That raffle for our Volunteer Fire Department went over fine. We're going to have money to get a new engine—and then some.

Our local merchants really donated some wonderful prizes. Like Buzz Ellis, the radio-TV dealer, giving that big television set . . . and the Superior Motors putting up a brand-new car.

There was a humorous note, too. The prize of a year's supply of coal—donated by Baker Coal Yard—was won by Mrs. Thayer, whose husband is the biggest fuel-oil dealer in the county! What did

Mrs. Thayer do with the coal? She gave it to a church she's not even a member of. (Her Church uses her husband's fuel oil.)

From where I sit, that's real generosity. But then, Mrs. Thayer never did believe in dividing people into groups. She's "for" everybody—whatever church they go to, whether they like TV or radio, people who enjoy temperate beer, people who don't. A really warm-hearted person.

Joe Marsh

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