

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TO THE EDITOR,

I have just finished reading the Mill City Enterprise, especially the letter from Betty McCall. It really did me some good to see this. Finally maybe some of the "people" in this area who were trying to ignore this alcohol problem will realize that it is our problem, yours and mine. I have talked to some adults who readily admit that they have been using beer, gin, bourbon, etc. They say that to them it is no worse than the drugs their children consume or the music that we younger generation resort to. Maybe not, but how about the things—hard liquor and these other alcoholic drinks lead to. It is very difficult and sometimes terribly embarrassing, for us as "teenagers" to admit that our parents are involved. What do we know about it? I don't know, except the first step is to admit that we are involved and then really take the bull by the horns and become involved. I personally have talked to quite a number of "people" about this. Some young people that I know are aware that their parents are, or have, used some kind of alcoholic drink, and we've talked about it, but there's not much "we" can do. They know where their parents are, and what they are doing, but there's still not much we can do.

Believe me after talking to some of these adults who are involved I am too sick and scared to think of what's going to become of them, somebody has got to help them, somehow. What kind of grandparents will our children have, if our parents keep on experimenting with these drinks?

I realize this is a takeoff satire of Mrs. McCall's letter from last week's Enterprise, but it's frustrating to see the grownups trying to justify themselves, by constantly fret-

ting about my generation, if you are really worried about the condition of things today, why not try and correct them on both sides of the fence?

Sincerely,
Val Challender
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TO THE EDITOR:

Earlier this month I visited your beautiful Valley for a few days, and left, having bought a small country property!

Until I move in next spring I'd like to keep up with the local news, and enclose \$2.50 for 6 months subscription to your paper.

Thanking You,
Sincerely Yours,
Roland Barker
Las Vegas, Nevada.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

First I would like to commend Tom Drynan, for his letter to the Editor. In spite of knowing it would ruffle feathers in the wrong direction. Thanks for an interest in our young people.

There are some people who are willing to give of their time and have in the past tried in many ways to help our young people. We have Blue-Birds, Camp Fire Girls, Cub and Boy Scouts, which, with adult leaders, is a start in the right direction. Still, even for these younger children, people are not interested. When mother's are asked to help, lead and guide these children by being a "den mother" or Camp-Fire "Guardian". They reply, Oh! I can't that's my bowling day or that's my Bridge day, or I have a Pinochle party that day. Then there are parents, where both work and the children are turned loose. I know I have felt and know of others that have felt like free baby sitters.

Last year, because of lack of interest and everyone too busy, our PTA folded.

This was an organization working for our children. Oh, yes, people ask what did they do?

Well to name a few things The Canyon Scholarship which they spearheaded with other



organizations, and I am sure will be continued, or at least I hope will be continued by some other group. There were measles clinics, Kindergarten support. Help for needy children, Room mothers and others to help with school parties and programs.

The unfortunate part of our endeavors, if that is the proper phrasing, is that the known results can only be seen on a long term basis, as in the reduced cases of measles.

In the case of scholarships, any youth we can send down

the road to a more full useful and contributing member of a community, the fewer we have to spend tax dollars on welfare, detention in a facility for youth or in penal institutions.

Volunteering or accepting when asked to help make our area a better place to live needs no apologies. Even if our efforts didn't turn out as well as we hoped, we tried.

Their is no evil more impetuous than indifference. It is the breeding ground for many problems in society.

When people criticize or complain a good thought is we don't pretend to be perfect but we try and what have you done to help?

Let's get behind some kind of a program to help our young people.

Mrs. Howard Morrison.

Hunters Asked To Be Careful

"There isn't a game bird that flies or a trophy head in existence that is worth endangering the life of a hunting companion."

This statement was made by John McKean, state game director, as he urged hunters to be careful with firearms during the hunting seasons which will be underway during the next three months. McKean voiced his concern over 13 nonfatal firearms hunting accidents which have already occurred this year, eight of which involved juveniles.

All of the accidents except one were the direct result of careless handling of firearms. The lone exception involved the wounding of an individual in line of fire with neither the victim nor the shooter knowing of the other's presence.

McKean aimed some of his remarks at parents who allow youngsters to hunt without supervision or without adequate training in the safe handling of firearms. One juvenile shot himself while illegally hunting quail on his parents' property. Another accident involved youngsters hunting rabbits with their parents' permission but without adult supervision.

Oregon law requires that juveniles less than 18 years of age must possess a hunter safety certificate to hunt on lands other than their own or those of a parent or guardian. Juveniles under 14 years of age must be accompanied by adults, and youngsters under 12 may not hunt big game.

Reports of investigating officers indicate the accidents occurred because of some infraction of the basic rules of firearms safety. One accident occurred because the victim thought the weapon was unloaded. One youngster almost lost a hand while he was dragging his loaded rifle through the brush by the muzzle. Several accidents occurred while firearms were being loaded or unloaded. Five accidents involved pistols, six involved .22 caliber rifles, and two involved shotguns. Ten hunters shot themselves, and three shot other persons.

Hunters are reminded that a long hunting season is ahead

Santiam Grange Elects Officers

LYONS—Election of officers was the main business at the meeting of Santiam Valley Grange held Friday night, elected were Thurman Smith master; Lee Pinkston, Overseer; Mrs. Georgia Hays, lecturer; Mrs. Fern Sletto, Secretary; Mrs. Ada Plymale, Treasurer; Roy Lambert, steward; Frank Bast, assistant steward; Berta Basl, lady assistant steward; Alvin Palmer, gatekeeper; Mrs. Doris Miley, Chaplin; Lois Myers, Ceres; Celene Taylor, Pomona; Bessie Hampton, Flora; John Shafer, Lloyd Sletto and Elmer Taylor the executive committee; Mrs. Clara Wizer, musician.

The new officers will be installed November second at Crowfoot Grange with Pomona Grange officers doing the installing. They are also invited to take part in the Art and Photo exhibit.

DETROIT IDANHA

The Detroit School Board of Education will hold their regular monthly meeting October 9, at 7:30 P. M. in the elementary school.

There will be no school Friday, October 10, due to State Wide Inservice Day.

A Marion County Health Nurse will be at the Detroit School October 9th to weigh, measure and give eye exams to the first grade through the third.

Detroit Jr. High is scheduled to play (football) at St. Mary's Thursday, October 9th at 3:30 p. m.

The Detroit Cougar Football team will play Cascade Locks there Friday, October 10th 3:00 p. m. Students are requested to bring a sack lunch.

Detroit school district clerk Ruth Miller, announced this week there is 111 elementary students enrolled and 124 Jr. Sr. High students for the ensuing year 1969 and 1970. In comparison there were 99 elementary students and 99 Jr. Sr. High students enrolled last year.

Mrs. Dallas Benton Idanha, has leased her Beauty Shop to Mrs. Steve Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Fagan Detroit returned home last week from Orville, Wash., where they had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kniss.

Some excitement occurred last week in the Eagle Rock area. The story goes, a sky cart got loose from Cal Mar Logging Co., and went sailing through the air, "LIKE A BAT OUT OF HELL". It was found needless to say very badly damaged.

Generally, some kind of hunting is available through the remainder of the year. All hunters are urged to use firearms with care and to follow explicitly the ten commandments of firearms safety.



The Truth Generally Lies Under the Surface

The true facts about anything are seldom pure and never simple. Facts often are deeply hidden, like the seven-eighths of an iceberg which always lie under water.

When your newspaper reporter says to the mayor, or the school superintendent, or the chief of police, "May I ask you a question or two?" he is really "diving" for facts. He hopes to bring to the light of day other related names, figures, or relationships which will tell his readers a fuller story.

Good newspapers, good newspapermen constantly dive, dig, and probe beneath the appearances of things to their deeper, often hidden meanings and connections.

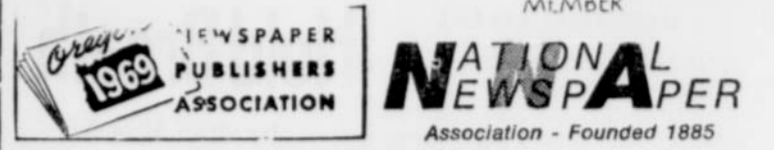
There are all kinds of newspapers and all kinds of newspaper-

men. Nobody ever claimed they were all perfect. But one thing is certain: No other agency, institution, or group of people of any kind is engaged in digging out and publishing important facts about our public life.

That's the job of a free and unlicensed press. This newspaper would like you to remember that during National Newspaper Week, October 5-11.

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BUT IT'S A LONG, LONG RAINBOW!



WHAT PRICE AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL?
It has been almost four years since Congress passed the Water Quality Act and two years since the Air Quality Act was adopted. Has anybody noticed any improvement in our streams, or in the air over our cities?

Yes, we are on our way to winning our fight against pollution. Voters in many states have voted higher taxes to modernize municipal sewage treatment facilities which in many cases were obsolete half a century ago. Industry is stepping up its pollution control activities and is making important strides. Many companies voluntarily started the antipollution crusade back in the 'thirties' and hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent to provide industrial air and water pollution control.

Petroleum companies alone are now spending a million dollars a day to eliminate pollution from their plants. The iron and steel industry has invested over one billion dollars for clean air and water.

Such expenditures do not necessarily mean instant improvement. Air and water pollution control facilities must be designed, built, installed.

Pollution control equipment is usually expensive. Pollution controls at one foundry added \$4.5 million to the original cost of \$20 million. Few companies can afford to do the entire job in one year. So they install as much equipment as their resources permit, and plan future improvements.

These investments normally bring no return of income but do achieve a broad social benefit. One way of improving industry's performance is to provide some form of tax assistance to companies in meeting the costs of pollution abatement.

But industry's efforts alone will not bring about clean air and water, for 80 per cent of the pollution in this country is from other sources. Human sewage dumped into our streams after inadequate treatment is our worst source of water pollution. There are a myriad of sources of air pollution, including home heating equipment, incinerators and autos.

We will have clean air and water. But this will not happen overnight and it will cost us money. We will be paying higher taxes and higher prices before we are able to see again "Our alabaster cities gleam above the fruited plain."

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