

Letters To The Editor

INDIAN QUESTION
(Indians) "Can move into society safely," said Krug. Shall we laugh or cry? Sixty years ago there were Indian families living in Klamath Falls, Medford and Ashland, Indian men and women earning their living because they too enjoyed the good things of life. On the reservation there were cattle, horses, good houses, farming implements, good wagons and harness. No word or help from an Indian bureau. Indian homes in the towns were the same as his neighbors. In those days if an Indian wanted a bottle of liquor, he bought it. In the saloon, many Indians drank and visited with their friends. At the dances and social gatherings Indians were welcome on their own merits. At the county fairs in Klamath Falls, Fourth of July celebrations at Fort Klamath, Indians danced, played ball, raced their horses with the whites and not in Indian costume.

Then came the timber sales. The sheep men came for cheaper grazing. One superintendent stood on the wagon tongue at an open air council and with arm upraised cried, "I see the dawn of the coming day for the Klamath Indian, sell your cattle and timber, lease your grazing land to the sheepmen and live off the proceeds."

Many did sell their cattle, many had timber holdings which they sold and the big day was on. Another superintendent said, "Pay big per capita, keep them in money and they'll leave us alone."

Then came the leaner days

and another superintendent said, "Anyone giving credit to an Indian should lose their bills." To an Indian a bill was an obligation, his father and grandfather before him had paid their bills. Do we have to mention the merchants who had grown wealthy from the honesty of these older Indians? I think not. The Indian bureau thinks this reservation belongs to them, but seems to have no regard for expenditure. I wish those men who signed that treaty for 20 years, and I mean 20 years, could see what has become of their efforts. If they in all honesty expected to read and write and meet the white man's terms in 20 years, they would go to the Agency and demand books for learning, would they laugh or cry? Two years ago the present superintendent promised in council the \$1000 bill now pending. "I promise, let no man tell you different, you'll get your thousand dollars."

As I look from my farmhouse window I see seven homes, four of these are Indian, and if you didn't know you would not be able to tell which is which.

MRS. BEN MURPHY.

TAYLOR ACT ATTACKED
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—I invite your attention to the copies of letters here with, showing that on January 1, 1934, just prior to the passage of the national Taylor Grazing Act on June 28, 1934, there were 24,841,000 sheep and lambs on farms and on the range in the eleven western states; 12,271,000 cattle, and 1,879,000 horses; whereas, on January 1, 1945, there were 17,821,000 sheep, 13,448,000 cattle and 1,360,000 horses. You will see that the number of sheep in the eleven western states has decreased some 29% since the enactment of the Taylor Grazing Act. There has been about an equal decrease

in the number of horses, with only a very slight increase in the number of cattle.

You will remember that ex-Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, and the rest of his starchy-eyed do-gooders, assured the open-mouthed and wondering American people, when the Taylor Act was passed, that just a few years of "conservation" of the ranges would enable them to support a greatly increased number of cattle, sheep and horses.

We now have had some 13 years of the glorious Ickes-Roosevelt conservation, with figures which were procured by me from the Department of Agriculture of the State of Oregon, which in turn secured them from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

If Argentina, Chili, Peru, Australia and New Zealand had had the privilege of dictating a law that would ruin the livestock business of the United States and reduce to their advantage, they could not have asked for anything better than the Taylor Act.

I respectfully submit to you that the Act should be repealed in its entirety.

I also hand you a copy of the letter of the Department of Agriculture of the State of Oregon, dated January 17, 1947, showing that whereas we had 2,425,000 sheep and lambs in Oregon on January 1, 1934, the glorious Ickes-Roosevelt conservation in Oregon has reduced this number on January 1, 1946, to 881,000, or a decrease of some 67% in the number of sheep in this state. Roughly, Klamath County, Oregon, had some 170,000 sheep in 1934 before the Taylor Act was passed, whereas now it has only some 40,000.

I respectfully submit that it is high time something was done about this. Oregon's taxable wealth has been diminished annually about \$23,160,000 by conservation of the Ickes-New Deal type.

The administration of the Act since its passage has run in the red. The only thing the Taylor Act accomplished was to give us a swarm of federal bureaucrats who have eaten out the substance of the people of the western states. It is respectfully submitted that the Act should be blotted from our federal statutes.

Yours truly,
J. H. CARNAHAN,
211-15 IOOF Building.

DOZENS OF DOGS
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—May I use a little space in your paper to broadcast an eloquent plea to dog owners of Klamath Falls? The dogs come by the dozens, they are black and white and red and yellow, short and tall and there is just about every breed known to mankind.

They park on my front porch and dare us to interfere with the privilege. The object of their affection was a female pointer called Lady Silk. She has gone to the pound because she preyed herself no lady. But still they come and any attempt to discourage their visits is rewarded with snarls and suspicion.

So please, folks, if you love your pets, call them home, as it is impossible to know which dog belongs to whom.

I would like to quote Miss Parker, principal of Conger school, in her request that "dogs be not allowed to go to school as some of them are quite vicious."

I have a nice set of teeth marks I got from a black chow when I insisted he leave my porch.

You might have a friendly little talk with some of the Big Fellows and explain that she (Lady Silk) just doesn't live here any more. What's more, they have definitely worn out their welcome.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. DICK PITMAN,
1711 Modoc street.

Editor's note—Here is more comment in condensed form on the Roberts shooting case. A number of readers have complained this argument is long, repetitious and tiresome, and this will conclude our use of letters on the subject unless someone has something entirely new to contribute.

A. R. Triplett—Barnes is human, not a robot, but a family man, a pioneer of this community, controlled by the same emotions as the rest of us. It is naturally easy to tell some one else how to do it, but if we were in Barnes' shoes, would we have done? . . . My sympathy to the Roberts family, I understand their feelings. . . . I express my feelings to Marion Barnes. . . . It is regrettable he had to shoot in order to stop his prisoner.

A. E. Bowen, 907 Ward—Is our law enforcing body going to say they can't apprehend a man, unarmed and wearing a pair of bedroom slippers without shooting him. . . . If this is our police force's way of telling citizens of Klamath county that they are on the ball, I don't think it will work. . . . I am a vet. . . . I didn't fight for this.

G. Woodward, Klamath Falls—I don't know Barnes but can't see where he could have done otherwise. . . . It is his duty to see no one escapes.

Herman Stillwell, 1015 Home-dale—I have been walking up and down Klamath streets for 16 years, but now I feel like I should have a steel jacket, because we have a man carrying a gun who does not hesitate to shoot on or across streets.

Mrs. W. T. McLaughney, 340 Martin—It seems amazing to me that there are people who regard the taking of human life as "so much water under the bridge."

Elmer Bennett, Klamath Falls—Savage callousness and atrocious treatment . . . is due to lack of standards of public responsibility on the part of officials, business men and clergy of the community. . . . Whether the women of Klamath Falls will civilize us before the atomic bomb atomizes us is the question.

ABOUT METERS
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—What's this I hear about some of the local merchants going to fight our new parking meters?

I don't get to spend a great deal of time downtown, but I do appreciate being able to find a place to park, those few moments that I am in town.

Besides, it nets the city a very tidy income without a new bunch of tax forms to fill out.

My only suggestion is that they put another row of them down the middle of the street for those that insist on double parking.

As for the merchants and their big trucks, do they not still have alleys behind the stores? Or have these been closed?

I've had no occasion to look for one, but I believe the alleys are still there. If so, why not the trucks? What else are the alleys for?

The merchants open their places of business to the public a few hours each day, so if they must use the streets for receiving supplies, let them do so at hours that do not hamper and impede the normal affairs of the shopping public.

GEO. M. NELSON.

ACCIDENT PREVENTION
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—At the PTA meeting held Wednesday at Henley school a committee was appointed to see if anything could be done regarding the accidents which are occurring and have occurred to children getting off school buses.

At present there is an inadequate law requiring cars to not exceed 15 miles per hour when passing a school bus which has stopped to discharge children—this is not enforced for obvious reasons.

We believe if a law could be passed requiring cars to come to a stop and the driver report the license number of all who failed to conform—it could be enforced. The few exceptions could be fined sufficient to make it desirable to stop.

We would like all city and county groups to immediately take action and write our legislators demanding a bill be passed.

It is not only to save the lives of our children, but those who in the future will be riding school buses.

Henley PTA.

HIGH SCHOOL
News Notes and Comment

By MARY O'BRIEN

In the second computations for the honor rolls only semester averages were taken into consideration. The following is a list of students who attained semester grand honor roll standing.

Seniors: Joanne Bennett, Shirley Dalton, Ruth Landry, Mary O'Brien, Joyce Sample and Gaylord Uppington.

Sophomores: Barbara Perk, Mary O'Brien, Gary Smith, Patricia Ward and Sharon Williams.

Freshmen: Betty Bennet, Marilee Crawford, Miriam Goddard, Marilyn Hall, Ronald Lovell, Robert Manduchi, Clarissa Mason and Hazel Shaver.

Those names appearing below are the names of those students who attained a grade average of 1.5 or above so as to be placed on the honor roll.

Seniors: Stella Browne, Margaret Bullard, Helen Eckert, Louise Henry, Jean Hilton, Dolores McFarland, Marilyn O'Neill and Jean Stroud.

Juniors: Mary Lou Case, Doris Ethridge, Stewart Oliver, Cameron Stewart and Edith Wissenbach.

Sophomores: Billy Bafford, Merlene Birmingham, Robert Hooker, Priscilla Hutchins, Helen Jackson, Marcella Murray and Evelyn Rowland.

Freshmen: Leitha Alexander, Beth Bunch, Patsy Dunwoodie, Claudette Gleason, Helen Gray, Lloyd Hartley, Dolores Heiderer, Max Heiken, Jean Henderson, Jodean Hill, Kathleen Johnston, Geraldine Lewis, Wallace Leichty, Mary Sue McNabb, John Owings, Flo Ann Perkins, Bob Petzoldt, Dick Petzoldt, Joe Smith, David Todd, Esther Triplet and Gloria Vanderhoff.

It is interesting to note that the number of girls on both honor rolls far outnumber the names of the boys. Also no junior student made either the nine weeks or semester grand honor rolls with a grade average of 1.0.

Girls league held a social meeting in activity period today. Tuesday, Susan Gans, Sacred Heart

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academy student, gave a reading for the assembled girls. Mrs. Thomas Parker delivered a talk on good grooming. As vocalist for the assembly, Marian McIntyre sang "For You Alone" and "Green Branches Swaying," accompanied by her mother at the piano. Connie Hunt, senior student, explained the object and organization of a Tri-Hi-Y in K.U. The organizational meeting for the latter club is scheduled for Thursday's activity period.

Parents and Patrons club has planned its meeting for tomorrow afternoon around 2:55. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the membership fees which was discussed and read at its last meeting in January. Activity period will be deleted from tomorrow's schedule and students dismissed early. All parents are invited to attend the meeting.

In Student Congress yesterday, Student Body President Ben Larson named a committee of three students to work on plans for eligibility and manner of election for traditions committee. Those students appointed are all on the present traditions committee and include Bob Eastman, chairman; Betty Crawford and Joe Zarosinski. Also during the meeting a temporary permit was granted to the Radio club to organize and function until it might submit a constitution for approval.

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Hollywood To Make UO Film

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Feb. 11 (Special)—The University of Oregon's educational motion picture on human growth and reproduction will be produced by the Eddie Albert Productions of Hollywood, and will be ready for a premiere showing on the university campus in June, it is disclosed by Dr. Lester F. Beck.

Dr. Beck, who is associate professor of psychology and film director for the E. C. Brown trust which sponsors the film, has just returned from Hollywood where final arrangements were made with the producers. Announcement of the undertaking was made at an advance campus showing of the experimental slide-sound version before a group of Eugene educators.

The film is to be a 16 mm. colored sound production. The contents have been prepared to serve as a visual aid and to implement certain portions of Oregon's public school health instruction program. It will be used to supplement the manual for health instruction now in use at the seventh grade level in the secondary schools.

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