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Our Shield

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Almost every American can tell you two things about the very constitution upon which his way of life is based.

He knows that the "Bill of Rights" gives him freedom of speech, press and assembly. He also knows that the Fifth Amendment permits a person to decline to answer a question on the grounds of self-incrimination.

And perhaps he recalls, also, that one amendment to the constitution permitted prohibition and another discarded it.

He or she might also recall that still another amendment gave women the right to vote.

But what does he or she know about that constitution beyond that point.

I did a little self-examination and arrived at the conclusions which I've just mentioned.

As a matter of fact, I was amazed to note with a little study that the "Bill of Rights" was not a part of the constitution as it was written and affirmed on September 17, 1787. It was not until December 15, 1791, four years later that the 10 amendments that we know as "Bill of Rights" were added to the constitution by action of the House of Representatives.

It was interesting, also, to do some research on the background of the workings of the men who drafted the constitution, whose blessings we commemorate this week.

The confederation that had developed under the Articles of Confederation was gradually falling apart when 1787 rolled around. There was no uniform type of currency, each state had tariff laws and discrimination against goods and persons from other states, there was only a loose confederation to attempt to handle the affairs of the infant nation in regard to international commitments. Rebellions against debts, such as that led by Daniel Shays were either threatening or had broken out.

Clearly, something had to be done or the nation that had fought so valiantly to secure its independence would collapse under its own weight and fall victim to one tyranny or another.

Those men who converged on Philadelphia on May 14, 1787, were men who were sharply aware of not only the problems but the need.

While they were sent only to revise the Articles of Confederation they almost to the man recognized from the beginning that these were woefully inadequate to meet the needs of their peoples.

Eleven of the 13 states responded immediately. New Hampshire came in later, and Rhode Island held aloof from the conference.

Benjamin Franklin, 81, but still blessed with the sharp intellect and tremendous fount of common sense was one of the guiding personalities. George Washington was selected President of the group of 55 delegates.

From the beginning the delegates decided to disregard their instructions and devise an entirely new form of government. Edmund Randolph, Virginia, proposed a two house congress which would have power to levy taxes directly against the individuals instead of against the states as had previously been tried with little success.

New Jersey proposed to strengthen the Articles of Confederation.

The two plans vied in prolonged and excited debate.

Compromises developed with the delegates deciding on two houses, one to give states representation by population, the other to give them equal representation.

The matter of slaves came into the question of population. It was decided to count three-fifths of the slaves.

The northern states opposed the slave trade, the southern states wanted it retained. In the end, it was agreed that the trade should not be abolished for 20 years.

Their distrust for tyranny and monarchy led them to decide upon a chief executive who would be elected, and a federal judiciary to be elected for life.

They carefully, over the hot intervening months put together a government of checks and balances.

All the states, through their delegates, approved the constitution on September 17, 1787 and ordered it to be engrossed. Two days later, a clerk read the engrossed copy.

Following its reading Franklin took the floor and stated that while it was far from perfect, on the whole it was the best frame of government that could be devised under the circumstances.

Only 39 of the 55 delegates who attended the convention signed the constitution. It was not until 1791 that the 10 amendments were ratified.

when nine of the 13 states had ratified it. A spirited campaign began with some strong opposition developing.

However, the dangers both from without and from within that were confronting the states virtually forced them to adopt the constitution and New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify it on June 21, 1788.

However, even though nine had ratified it, neither New York nor Virginia had yet acted, and all felt that without these two there could be no really strong government. Alexander Hamilton through articles known as "The Federalist," assisted by George Washington and James Madison produced the New York decision to adopt it.

This then was the story behind the drafting of the constitution. Fifty five men spent the greater part of four months carefully assembling its portions.

The result of their work stands today as a monumental task. A nation of over 170 million people, one of the richest, strongest nations the world has ever known. A nation built on one basic concept, that the dignity of the human being should deserve first consideration above all else.

It was easy to see and to better understand why we can consider our constitution as "Our Shield" . . . because today, some 171 years after its birth, it still stands as a model for all the world to follow.

It has needed few basic changes. Its "Bill of Rights" embodies all the protection that its citizens have needed over their 171 years.

Today, it is the guard that stands over your home, your school, your church, your business. It is the guard that follows you wherever you may go. It is truly your protector, your shield against tyranny.

Klamath Gems

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Our hankles rise whenever we read lists of Oregon products grown from the soil and find Klamath Netted Gem potatoes omitted.

A full page in a recent issue of the Portland Chamber of Commerce's publication, Commerce, states that Oregon horticultural products add \$122 million to the state's economy. It cites the farm value of the crops "from the fields of Oregon's fertile valleys and hillsides" as approximately \$83 million a year. Processing of these crops adds another \$89 million.

This listing of vegetables includes the little vegetables with snap beans leading the list with a farm value of \$10.1 million and green peas following with \$7.4 million farm value.

Potatoes are nowhere seen in the list of vegetables.

We'll concede that potatoes are a field crop rather than a horticultural crop.

But, we ask, how does Commerce justify listing onions under vegetables if it doesn't include potatoes?

The Klamath County Agent's office reports that in 1957 in Klamath County, 18,346 acres of land produced 5,329,349 hundred-pound sacks of marketable potatoes which sold for an average of \$1.60 per sack. That would make the farm value of potatoes in Klamath County alone amount to \$8,512,544. And Klamath isn't the only county raising potatoes by any means. Onions were listed at \$3.0 million for the state.

With new arrangements for processing potatoes being completed in Klamath County, some more millions will be added to the value of that crop.

Commerce admits that "space

does not permit us to delineate all of the many commodities in this category" but we still feel sort of elated by this discrimination.

Coffee Drinking

Sacramento (To The Editor) — Mail from a scientist friend on safari in Ethiopia recalls writer's own adventures in coffee lands: Orizaba, Guatemala, Brazil, yesterday Java, also Somaliland, whence said professor writes.

It was in that part of Africa we-2 heard the folkstory of the origin of coffee drinking. An illiterate shepherd had trouble with his flock. They were restless, night after night. He consulted a Coptic priest. Latter said: "Bring me samples of your food plants." All were of one kind, the chaparral which is wild coffee.

The priest brewed a drink of the berries and the leaves. Then he slept poorly. He advised the shepherd to move to a different pasture. Later his monastery commenced selling a wonderfully stimulating powder. It was roasted, ground coffee beans. The coffee trade had begun!

If you want to hear the yarn yourself, go to Somaliland where the undersized natives dye their fuzzy hair vermilion or canary or, (if they have recently completed the Mecca pilgrimage)—the holy green.

C. M. Goethe

Too Much Power

Saratoga (To The Editor) — When my husband leaves for work each day, he does so with the attitude that he will do his best for the company which supports him and his family. His fellow workers try to work to capacity; there are no idlers confident that they "can't be fired;" there is no one paying union dues and using the membership as a permit for laxity in their jobs.

Any time my husband has a problem at work, he can go to his boss and talk it out. If this doesn't satisfy him, he can go on up the ladder all the way to the president of the international company in which he works. He can do this, because the company knows a satisfied employee is a happy employee, and a happy employee puts out a good day's work, and insures satisfaction around him. You don't have to go to a grievance committee, or a shop steward to have them inflate your complaint, all out of proportion. You can go to the boss himself and talk it out.

It worries me to see all these young people trying to get a lot by giving so little. What is wrong with putting in a good hard day's work? Don't get me wrong, I'm not some old-fashioned grandma. I am 24 and my husband is 26. But I expect we should work to capacity for our wages, just as I expect we should be able to advance with the company at the same speed.

Every good company knows it is just good public relations to keep everyone satisfied.

The union are out of date. They are slowly bringing about their own end by their violence and decadent administration. Why do they fear an open shop? Because their members might have to start thinking for themselves!

When the union got too strong back in the thirties, the coal mines almost had to shut down. The only thing that saved the companies was the production of natural gas. This didn't help the coal miners any. And they have the union to thank for that. If the union hadn't made the company suffer financially, the companies wouldn't have had to cut down production and lay off the employees. Sure, the

unions have done some good, but like Hitler they have got carried away with their own power.

An open shop would tell which was benefiting the employee the most—the company or the union. Why is the management always depicted as the villain? My first contact with my husband's manager was unforgettable. I was visiting my in-laws in Los Angeles when my father-in-law suddenly passed away. When my husband's manager heard of it, he immediately phoned to express his regrets and concern. He talked to me for 20 minutes, long distance. Nor did his sincere interest end there. The beautiful floral wreaths were at the funeral; one from the office and one from the president of the company. My husband was told to stay as long as he was needed. His paycheck would stay the same. Companies now know the importance of satisfied employees. A rotten apple is going to harm the produce. Modern industry is doing its best to keep everyone happy. Some payday it might be wise to take another look at the signature and pay tribute to the company that made it possible.

Mrs. Clyde E. Lee
Saratoga, California

Fall
By NELSON REED
When the algae's thick on the Upper Lake,
And the leaping rainbow leaves a wake,
And the velvet's gone from a big buck's horn,
And the China's cackle at early morn,
Reminds the doves they soon must leave,
The summer has only a short reprieve.

When the little creeks can run no more,
And the big blue grouse gets up with a roar,
And the mountain ash is a painter's dream,
In a mirrored lake without a seam,
And the lazy brook trout, fat with spawn,
Tell you plainly, the Summer has gone.

When over the marsh's gray twilight
Young ducks are trying their wings in flight,
And the ground squirrels all have gone to bed,
And some of the leaves are turning red,
And the coyote pack has a different call,
For the pups are grown; it will soon be fall!

When the honkers fly at rosy dawn
And the spots have faded from this year's fawn,
And the evening sun tints a dusty sky
And the morning mists come drifting by,
And the mountain quail begin to call,
Before you know it, it will be fall!

Quotes
United Press International
ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Harry Truman, in a speech to the steelworkers' union convention: "You know, the Republicans attacked the New Deal and the Fair Deal because they were planners. We are planners, too. The difference is that they plan for high interest rates and recessions while we plan for growth and prosperity."

WASHINGTON — Dr. Edwin D. Canham, editor of the Christian Science Monitor, in an address to the annual Conference on Citizenship: "The smiling, persistent, patient face of Chinese Communism looms large in our world and we have not begun to devise a practical and effective program with which to combat it."

AN AIR BASE IN FORMOSA — Lt. James Dunn, of San Francisco, a jet pilot, on Red Chinese flirts: "The Chinese Communist pilots are inferior. An American cadet pilot straight from the states could show up very well against them."

JANESVILLE, Wis. — Agriculture Secretary Ezra T. Benson, at a GOP fund-raising dinner: "Under this administration we have peace. And I believe the American people will always approve the kind of foreign policy that leads to peace with honor rather than war."

DETROIT — Lt. Gen. Arthur G. Trudeau, Army research and development chief, in a speech to the American Rocket Society: "We must increase our military capabilities to space to maintain our security on earth."

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



DUDLEY DOODLE SHOWED UP FOR THE WEEKLY GOLF GO WITH MORE ALLEGED PAINS AND ACHES THAN SICK CALL AT A HYPO-CHONDRIAS' CONVENTION...

SO THEN HE JUST PROCEEDS TO SHOOT THE BEST GAME HE EVER SHOT IN HIS COUNTRY-CLUBBING LIFE...

THANKS AND A TIP OF THE HAT TO THE BUCKLE HERE TO HERE BUCKLEMAN, (FUTCHING A PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY)



WHY THAT GOLD-BRICKIN' BUCK!!

Two Thousand Honor Heroic Private

FT. LEWIS, Wash. (AP) — Two thousand soldiers of the fourth Division Artillery passed in review before a small, blond private seated in a wheel chair during a ceremony here Wednesday.

They were paying tribute to Pfc. Ray Maruschek, 19, who was presented the Soldier's Medal, the Army's highest peacetime award for bravery, for his heroic actions when a plane crashed near Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 28.

The Phillipsburg, Pa., soldier, who is undergoing treatment at Madigan Army Hospital for injuries received in the mishap, is credited with saving the lives of several passengers when a Northwest Orient Airlines plane crashed into a cornfield while taking off from the Minneapolis airport.

Maruschek, a diminutive 5-foot-5 and 138 pounds, ripped a hole in the fuselage of the craft and pushed passengers through the opening minutes before the plane burst into flame.

His hands slashed and burned and his knee injured, the tiny soldier stayed at his post until all persons were out.

Maruschek, seated in a wheel chair, received the medal from Rep. Don Magnuson (D-Wash.), a passenger aboard the ill-fated craft.

"Gee, I didn't expect all this," the shy soldier exclaimed as the division, with its helicopters, observation planes, tanks, mounted rocket launchers, big guns and trucks, roared past.

As he was escorted forward, accompanied by Maj. Gen. Louis W. Truman, 4th Infantry Division commander, tears welled in the soldier's eyes.

"He might be described as a little fellow," Magnuson said, "but he did a giant's job."

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Portland Cleric Drops From Race

PORTLAND (AP) — The Rev. George Smith Brown of Portland Wednesday took himself out of the race for representative to Congress from the 3rd Congressional District (Multnomah County).

Earlier he announced he would run as an independent for the seat now held by Rep. Edith Green, a Democrat.

The Rev. Mr. Brown said he has since changed his mind and he asked his backers to support Mrs. Green's Republican opponent, John Johnston.

Bargain Dinner To Honor Nixon

PORTLAND (AP) — A bargain-priced Republican dinner—\$49.50 a plate—will be held here Oct. 3 with Vice President Richard M. Nixon as principal speaker.

Nixon will be introduced by Oregon Secretary of State Mark Hatfield, the GOP nominee for governor.

Proceeds from the fund-raising affair will be shared by the state Republican Central Committee and the GOP committees of participating counties.

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