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Conservation

By BILL JENKINS

"At the commencement of our state's second century of progress, I pledge as an Oregonian to conserve and use wisely the natural resources of my state—its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

So reads the conservation pledge, the fulfillment of which is personified in the event of Conservation Week in Oregon which starts today.

No more important pledge could be imagined. For this is no idle verbiage espousing an ethereal cause for the individual betterment of only a handful. It is a pledge which covers the people of our great state, a pledge which affects in a large measure the future of the Pacific Northwest, a pledge on which hangs the fate of future generations.

It is a pledge, in plain and simple words, that had better be lived up to—or else!

Now, perhaps more than at any other point in the history of the West, conservation is the hub around which revolves both our economic future and our recreational prospects. Now, with the West growing by giant leaps, conservation is the only hope of a continued way of life as pleasant as we have known in the past.

Without conservation there won't be enough prospects left in this land to attract a colony of ants. Much less a continued human population.

There is, like everything else in this world of ours, a good deal of claptrap bandied about under the guise of conservation. The term, unfortunately, is a pliable one that seems to fit into the mold of almost any interpretation. The term has been used by sanctimonious panderers who were interested only in personal plunder fully as often as it has been used sincerely by those who seek great public benefits.

It is probably the most abused term in today's lexicon of politics and the most misunderstood term in the common language today.

It is a term on which there is never going to be any universal agreement. A term which, because of our complex political structure, will never serve as a permanent bulwark for either the do-goodders or the get-rich-quick crowd.

But it is, nonetheless, a term which can, with wise application, do much to save mankind from his own insane determination to destroy himself. How? Simply because the concept of conservation, no matter how applied, is bigger than any one individual. And as long as we have concepts of that stature alive in our world there will be hope of survival for at least some elements of nature. Elements without which mankind cannot live despite his idiot attempts to replace nature.

Personally I cannot accept any theory of conservation which does not include the addition of the words " . . . for use." Conservation for the sake of conservation would make a miser of Mother Nature and a pauper of everyone else. But wise conservation for use will make kings of us all. If we're smart enough to see it and patient enough to pause in our headlong pace once in a while and count our blessings.

The practice of conservation can be taught. The meaning of conservation can only be felt.

But that semi-profundity is of little importance to the cause.

What is important is that every man, woman and child of thinking age and capabilities nurture to himself some small segment of the true spirit of conservation—for use.

If we'll all do that the term might come, someday, to have a universal acceptance and interpretation.

Like religion, conservation means many things to many people. But no matter how you look at it, conservation without sincerity is an empty jug.

I think all that can be reasonably expected of anyone during conservation week is that they give some small extra thought to the spirit of conservation.

Mighty oaks, they claim, from little acorns grow. Worthwhile and beneficial conservation can only grow from small beginnings.

Sincere beginnings.

But it's comforting to know that conservation will grow in any soil if fertilized with sincerity.

If we all cultivate that thought—of sincerity—then no matter how you interpret the term, conservation will flourish to the betterment of all.

Right To Vote

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

Is the "right to vote" a privilege or a duty?

A privilege is a fundamental or sacred right as expressed by Webster.

A duty is that which a person is bound by moral obligation to do.

Now, when you cast your ballot, would you class it a privilege or a duty?

Naturally, it is up to you whether or not you are going to "exercise your right to vote."

I didn't call that "right to vote" either a privilege or a duty.

Before we determine which it is, perhaps it will help to determine where we got "the right to vote."

You're right when you say it was guaranteed to you under the Constitution.

But, it didn't come easily to the signers of the Constitution.

Theirs was a long, bitter, bloody battle against tyranny that brought forth this privilege among the others guaranteed now to us as our heritage.

It was a privilege that was dearly purchased at a price of life and heroism.

Thus, "our right to vote" is a sacred privilege which is guaranteed to us.

And, I think one of our answers would be, "Yes, the right to vote is most certainly a privilege."

Well, then, is it also a duty? Duty is a moral obligation.

We certainly have a moral obligation to exercise the "right to vote" which has been so dearly purchased for us.

We are all a part and parcel of the community in which we live. Our children attend its schools, our life is governed from the city, the county, the state and the federal level by the men we select.

It doesn't relieve you of any of the responsibility of selecting these men and making these decisions merely by not voting.

When you do not vote, you deprive the forces of government of the advantage of your opinion. By not voting, you automatically decline to exercise the "right to vote" which is, as we can see, both a privilege and a duty.

You cannot escape the effects of your vote, whether you cast it or not.

Other peoples in the world have had the same privilege of casting free, secret ballots . . . and then lost that privilege because they did not use it. Small minorities were able to elect persons and enact legislation that deprived them of their rights, and saddled them with dictatorships and unwise laws.

Your vote is the most powerful revolutionary weapon the world has ever known.

It can effect a complete change in government, sweep out the dictatorships, change the unwise laws, without the shedding of a drop of blood.

It is the most powerful weapon man ever possessed.

Yet, unless it is used, it is also the most useless.

Tomorrow is election day for school budgets and school candidates. It is both your duty and your privilege as a citizen of the area to vote.

Study the budgets, study the candidates, and vote your convictions.

The way that our schools are run, the manner in which our governments are run is up to you.

I don't care how you vote, or for whom, but you are under an obligation to exercise the "right to vote" which you have been given.

It is both a privilege and a duty.

Mental Health

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Last week was Mental Health Week.

The entire month of May has been designated as Mental Health Month.

Oregon has a mental health association at the state level, headed by Howard Van Nice as president. Klamath County has long had a member on the state board.

There will probably be efforts made in the future to organize a Klamath County association, but before that is done, it might be well to assess the very fine setup Klamath County has achieved already.

Starting with children, the Klamath County Child Guidance Advisory Council has been working closely with the Klamath County Public Health Department for the last several years. Clinical help for children is available. A trained psychiatric social worker is a full time employe here in Klamath Falls. A psychiatrist, who divides his time between Jackson and Klamath counties, is available for consultation by appointment. The staff of nurses, the psychiatrist and the psychiatric social worker welcome conferences with parents, also.

Full information on available facilities is in the hands of school and medical authorities.

In announcing Mental Health Month, President Van Nice points out that, during the last two years, more than 380 patients under 20 years of age have been admitted to state hospitals. He made this statement:

"An informed and educated public is our major weapon in fighting mental illness."

We are convinced that the local county health department uses its budget, which is supplemented by federal and state funds, to excellent advantage for Klamath County residents.

Many service clubs and adult school organizations are devoting programs during May to the subject of mental health. Additional material can be secured from the Klamath County Public Health Department without charge.

Klamath County has been consistently among the leaders in the state in a mental health program.

Joins Up

Medford (To the Governor of Jefferson) — Congratulations on your acceptance of the governorship of the state of Jefferson comprising Southern Oregon and Northern California.

Enclosed herewith, charter membership card No. 900 which will entitle you to execute all and singular the duties of your office as a Golden Charter member of the mystic state of Jefferson.

It is assumed that you will subscribe to the "Objectives of the Veterans of Foreign Wars" by your acceptance of this membership card, as outlined on the reverse side.

We of the VFW Post 6881, Shady Cove, Oregon, agree with the governor that the capital of this Mystic State is in the hearts of the people and we are proud to accept you as our first governor.

Always yours in comradeship.

Albert H. Birch
State of Jefferson

Lost Billfold

Chiloquin (To the Editor)—Sunday I lost my billfold on the street in Chiloquin with a good deal of money in it, including our place payment and lunch money for school children.

Today my billfold came in the mail empty of all, except driver's license and pictures.

Would you please print the following letter of thanks in your paper.

To whomever found my billfold!

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to you for being kind enough to send it back to me with driver's license and bank book. I need them.

We are praying for you, for surely you must be a poor misfortunate person, as many of us are, with debts to pay and groceries to buy for a large family.

Once more I say thank you.

And may your conscience be your guide always.

Mrs. Alvera M. Parker

Praise

Salem (To the Editor) — Before the 50th legislative session comes to a close, I want to thank the voters of Klamath County for the excellent team they sent to the House of Representatives.

John L. Kerbow and Carl E. Yancey have done an outstanding job of representing both Klamath County and the people of the state as a whole.

Representative Kerbow has carried an extremely heavy work load as chairman of the Elections and Reapportionment Committee and as a member of the Taxation and Education Committees.

He has authored or co-sponsored bills to clean up election procedures and make them more understandable and democratic, and has played a great part in attempts to hold taxes as low as possible and to distribute tax responsibilities fairly.

Representative Yancey took on double duty as vice chairman of both the State and Federal Affairs and the Rules and Resolutions Committees, and served additionally on the Fish and Game Committee. His work in committee has been a great help to the speed of this session.

Representatives Kerbow and Yancey have been leaders in advocating better education for Oregon (particularly through Oregon Technical Institute, for some strange reason), and in focusing the attention of the Legislature on Indian problems and their possible solutions. Both have established what I consider to be excellent voting records on measures affecting the well-being of the great majority of Oregon's citizens.

Again, my thanks to Klamath County for these two fine legislators.

Robert B. Duncan, Speaker
House of Representatives

Quotes

United Press International

BERLIN — West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt, calling for the Western foreign ministers pre-summit meeting at Geneva to hold the line on free access to Berlin:

"Firmness is not the same as inflexibility and we may hope that every halfway serious chance is used. But there is no sense in the West making concessions, without receiving in return something real."

WASHINGTON — Former President Truman, saying he might not accept an invitation to tell the House Un-American Activities Committee why he considers it the most un-American group in the nation:

"I might tell them what they ought to hear and that's not what they want to hear."

NEW ORLEANS — Alabama Assistant State Attorney General Nichols Hare, arguing against the validity of the federal suit:

"What kind of a pandora's box would you gentlemen be opening if you allowed the government to sue the sovereign states?"

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Gettysburg golf pro Dick Sleighter, turning down President Eisenhower's request to play a round of golf because of a wet course:

"I sure wouldn't like those heavy (electric golf) carts tearing up my fairways."

HAZARD, Ky. — Coal operator Jack Blair, announcing he has sold his holdings and is moving out of Letcher County, Ky., because of shootings in the area:

"I have been shot at, my equipment has been shot at, my trucks have bullet holes in them, my wife has been threatened, and I can't take any more."

PARIS — Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, after leaving the French Foreign Ministry following the first meeting of the Big Four Western foreign ministers:

"We reached an agreement not to say anything."

WASHINGTON — House GOP leader Charles Halleck, warning against passage of a labor-backed bill for boosting pension and unemployment benefits to the nation's railroad workers:

"The railroads are in trouble. We must stop, look and listen before we go too far."

SHORT RIBS By Frank O'Neal

Insurance Rate Warning Given By Vet Service Chief

Korean War veterans may be paying three times as much for their GI insurance as they should be paying, Veterans Service Officer T. D. Case said Friday.

Congress reduced the rates, Case said, because of improved mortality tables resulting from modern medical advances.

As a result, veterans may exchange their present five-year term policies for new five-year term policies at a premium cost of about a third what they are paying now.

Veterans affected are those whose GI insurance policy numbers begin with the letters "RS." For the most part, Case said, they are Korean or post-Korean veterans.

The Veterans Administration has mailed to those policyholders a form with which they may make the change and save money. "If they wait any longer," Case said, "they're just throwing their money away."

The Veterans Administration said that application forms will go to those affected—so if you don't get a form in the mail, the change doesn't affect your policy. But if you do get the form, Case urged, act now.

The new policies must be converted to a permanent form of insurance, but the deadline probably won't be effective until the policyholder has reached age 50.

Case said that those who received forms and applied for new policies should continue paying the present premium rate until notified by the VA that new policies are in effect.

Uranium Mine Getting Tools

ALTURAS—Equipment of Isbell Construction Company of Reno began moving through Alturas this week en route to the uranium mine at Lakeview. The company's leader in this first echelon indicates that Alturas will be used as an overnight stopping point as the remainder of the equipment is moved into the Southern Oregon city.

Because of its oversize, special permits are required for its movement and patrol cars employed. The unusual type of equipment in transit is for use in developing the mine as an open pit operation.

Isbell Construction Company is one of the largest construction companies in the world and it engages in the development of roads, dams, mines, etc.

Parents Warned By Acting Chief

Acting chief Archie Huff of the Klamath Falls Police Department warned parents today of dangers encountered when children are not taught highway safety.

Every spring and summer casualty lists are swelled by children who get behind cars as they are backing from driveways, he said.

The problem is especially acute at this time of the year because children are anxious to play out of doors, Huff said.

RELIGIOUS RALLY SET

YREKA—The Youth For Christ rally will be held May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Yreka Armory. "Centerville Awakening," considered one of the greatest religious films of recent years, and special music will be on the program. Those attending should take enough cupcakes for their own group and paper cups for punch or coffee.

On The Record

KLAMATH COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES

C. Edwin Tate, 35, Dairy, and Gloria Ruth Showers, 29, Dairy.

Hawley Harvey Hood 21, and Norma McKenzie, 17, Chiloquin.

DIVORCE PETITIONS

Patricia Ann Thompson vs. Devern Allan Thompson, seeks divorce.

Oliver L. Lesh vs. Donna Mae Lesh, seeks divorce.

Ruby E. Ross vs. Ralph L. Ross, seeks divorce.

Carolynn R. Leach vs. Harry C. Leach, seeks divorce.

KLAMATH FALLS BIRTHS

BOYS

BITZER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Bitzer April 29 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 8 lbs. 11¼ ozs.

MONTGOMERY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. David Montgomery April 29 in Klamath Valley Hospital a boy, weighing 7 lbs., 13½ ozs.

GIRLS

EVANS—Born to Mr. and Mrs. William R. Evans Jr. April 29 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 3 ozs.

SCHONCHIN—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schonchin April 29 in Klamath Valley Hospital a girl, weighing 8 lbs., 7½ ozs.

1959 ROUNDUP

Boys: 117 Girls: 126

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The 1959 polio season is fast approaching. The *sooner* your children are polio-protected, the safer their futures will be. And since polio strikes all ages—be sure to get *your* shots, too. See your doctor or health department NOW.

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Etna Couple Host Missionary

ETNA—Mr. and Mrs. Thurnace York had as their guest for several days last week, the Rev. J. W. Brooks, missionary of the Pentecostal Holiness Church in Nigeria.

Prior to becoming a missionary in Nigeria the Rev. Brooks spent 20 years as missionary in south Africa. While in Etna he visited the Etna Elementary School and told the pupils of his African experiences and displayed several articles from his collection such as a snakeskin, native club and an intricately carved water buffalo horn.

The Rev. Brooks will return to Nigeria in January. He left Etna on Saturday en route to Oklahoma City where he will meet his wife and both will continue on to their home in Dunn, North Carolina.

QUARTZ VALLEY NEWS NOTES

QUARTZ VALLEY — Annette Hayden, student at Quartz Valley School, won the American Legion Auxiliary essay contest recently.

Annette wrote a 500-word essay entitled "Birth of America's Freedom." This is the second essay contest she has won this year. Last year she won the poppy poster contest.

Annette is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hayden of Quartz Valley.

Candus Parker came in second in the Legion contest.

Quartz Valley School played Fort Jones School recently in baseball. Terry Hayden pitched a two-inning shutout to win the game 13 to 8.

After the game, Mrs. Rose Burton, Teacher, treated them to refreshments.

Check Charge Holds Man

YREKA—Siskiyou County sheriff's deputies announced that word had been received from Emmett, Idaho, that authorities there are holding Phillip L. Bergstrom, 46, on charges of passing a fraudulent $50 check of Horse Creek two years ago. He is to be returned to Siskiyou County to face the charges. Bergstrom, alias Phillip Knutsen, is also wanted by authorities in Red Bluff on a similar charge.

After appearing in Happy Camp Justice Court on charges of drunken driving, assault, and furnishing liquor for minors, Stanley L. Polmateer, 20, Hoopa, California, received a sentence of six months in jail, four months suspended, and placed on probation for two years.

Sheriff's deputies at McCloud arrested Ronald J. Knutsen, 22, on a warrant from Minnesota state officials, on charges of forgery. Pending the arrival of authorities from the East, Knutsen is being held at the Siskiyou County Jail at Yreka.

Officers Planning To Attend Meet

Three members of the city police department plan tentatively to attend a convention of the Oregon Association of Police Officers in The Dalles May 10-12.

Planning to go are Detective Dennis Lilly and Patrolmen Robert Shipman and John Kennard.

The program will include discussions of traffic safety, tourist-police relations, Centennial hospitality, coordinating police efforts, escape and security procedure, juvenile legislation, and other matters of police interest.

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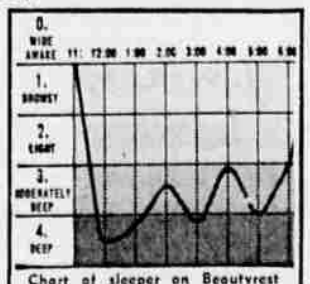

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