

Herald and News

Editorial Page

Balance In Education

"Why don't we import that European system of education?"

Dr. James B. Conant, former president of Harvard University, says that he heard that question often from laymen while conducting his studies of American junior and senior high schools.

Dr. Conant answers the question with the statement that only a person who was ill-informed about the European system could ask such a question. Then he goes on to explain that educational systems just cannot be compared in that way. He is opposed to a competitive race in education with the Soviet Union. Unless we are talking about the number of engineers or scientists each turns out. Even then, he explains, there would be no way of knowing how good the educational system was that produced them.

He deplores the use of comparisons and such specifics as the first Soviet satellite when considering the need for more or less emphasis in a particular subject such as science. For one thing, he points out, such comparison is prone to make us overlook areas which could be more critical. As an example, he cites the need for more study in the field of social studies.

Dr. Conant's extensive experience in the education field has bolstered his belief that it is the very nature of the American education system to experiment—which in itself will lead to education advances.

Dealing with specifics in his recent appraisal of the junior high school system, The Christian Science Monitor commented:

Ron Phair For Congress

Quite aside from the fact that Ron Phair is a Klamath County man and a life-time resident of the state, the Herald and News is hopeful that voters of the district will favor him as their Congressman Nov. 8. Phair seeks election to the office on the Republican ticket. If elected, he will be the first man from Klamath ever to be in Congress.

There are other factors that prompt favorable consideration of Phair in the election contest.

As a businessman and taxpayer, Phair has developed a philosophy calling for balance in federal-state relations. Within the framework of this philosophy he sees the evils of big government, and yet realizes that there are fields wherein the federal government alone can operate best. He says: "We must put a harness on run-away big government, maintain a balanced budget, and strive for fewer and fewer taxes." Thus, there is reason to believe he will oppose the crash spending programs advocated by so many liberal Congressmen, including his Democratic opponent.

Also within this philosophy, Phair sees the danger of a farm control program that is nothing less than complete shackling of farmers. A farmer in the Klamath area for some years, Phair is no novice in consideration of farm plans and the effect of such plans.

Of interest to all of us is his approach to import and export controls. Basic here is his belief that we need adequate laws to protect

"Dr. Conant's findings on what is wrong and right with the American junior high school are as sensible and specific as his previous appraisals of the senior high school system."

"Two of these assessments call for special notice in all communities wrestling with the problem of a wise curriculum and wise teaching."

"The first of these involves placing more emphasis on mastering the basic tools upon which later high school studies must be based. This means, for instance, that most students should have additional work in arithmetic before moving on to high school algebra, more in English reading and composition writing before tackling advanced literature. The student in junior high would thus have the basic tools of later learning become second nature to him, rather than have the later learning prematurely set before him in a smorgasbord of little samples."

"A second, related recommendation growing out of Dr. Conant's nationwide study urges that junior high teachers be trained specifically for instruction at that level. Too often, he found, the junior high is used as a kind of training ground for teachers aiming at promotion to high school. This is regarded as unwise because the junior high years are perhaps the most sensitive and important in lower education."

"These two criticisms deserve to be as widely noted as Dr. Conant's equally sensible suggestions about cutting down on athletics and graduation frills."

American beef, lamb and other products in danger of losing their American markets if uncontrolled importation is permitted.

Other things Phair believes in include a desire for a strong nation, both militarily and economically; complete development of natural resources and upholding state's right and individual freedom. Of the latter, he says:

"Washington must stop taking over those rights which the Constitution reserves to the states. We must strengthen state and local government, which is the government that is closest to the people. We must prevent dictatorial bureaucracy that robs us of our freedom. Freedom is the issue. Freedom for each individual . . . and freedom safeguarded for our children."

That is a critical point in this election: Whether we shall foster and perpetuate the individual enterprise that has made America strong, or observe the sickening status where the government makes our decisions and dictates our lives.

Unfortunately, Phair has not had the opportunity to work in the Klamath area as much as would be desired. Relatively unknown, he has been forced to spend most of the campaign in other areas in the district. This, of course, is mitigated to some extent by his obvious popularity in this area. Active in Boy Scout work, church activities and the many civic responsibilities thrust upon him during the years, Phair has developed a great many friends in this area.

'Go-Carts' Raise Problems In Several Cities In State

By DOUGLAS GRIPP
United Press International
SALEM — "Go-carts," those pint-sized autos that kids can drive, are on the move in a big way in Oregon and traffic safety officials are worried.

They have also run into the law here and there because of the racket they make.

If you haven't seen a go-cart, it's because they are illegal on public streets and highways. But there are hundreds of them on private race tracks in Oregon and more than a million in the U.S.

The popular rigs cost anywhere from \$129 up, look like souped-up soap box derby cars, are not more than 24 inches high, and are usually powered by a single-cylinder gas engine. Those with one engine can do up to 38 miles per hour. Some, equipped

with two or even three engines, have been clocked at 100 miles per hour and over.

The Oregon Traffic Safety Commission acknowledged their popularity last March 30 by opposing operation of them by anyone below the age of driver licensing age, 16.

The policy, following the line of the National Safety Council last February, says "no one under legal driver licensing age has the judgment, coordination, or sense of responsibility to operate a motor vehicle of any kind."

Furthermore, there is no evidence that operating these miniature vehicles provides good training for later driving of full-sized automobiles, nor is there any evidence to show that the operation of these vehicles contributes to the development of desirable attitudes for safe driving.

Go-cart enthusiasts flatly disagree and point out that in virtually all cases the youngsters are supervised by adults, often their parents.

Oregon has had no fatalities involving go-carts, but a number of injuries have been produced. In 1959 three youngsters, 4, 6, and 13, were killed in go-cart accidents in other parts of the nation.

In September the Eugene City Council banned them from the city limits on the contention they violate the noise part of the Municipal Light Industry Zoning law.

Rate citizens east of Salem sought a ban on racing at a private go-cart track near their homes. On September 28 the Marion County Court ruled that go-carts may be annoying, but they are not a public nuisance. The citizens are raising money for an appeal.

In Hillsboro, a hearing is scheduled for November 9 by the Washington County Court. Go-cart fans leased a track on the county fairgrounds and citizens have petitioned against the noise. One county official who lives three miles from the track says even he can hear the noise at night.

McMinnville city fathers unofficially advised a contractor who wanted to build a track in that city that if he did build it, and there were complaints, the go-carts probably would be declared a nuisance. Rumbblings of complaints have been reported in Jackson and Clackamas counties.

Most go-cart clubs require that the fathers of young members supervise the racing. In many cases, the adults enjoy it as much or more than the kids.

The Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Motor Vehicles Department has a growing file on go-carts. The department considers them dangerous and points out there is little or no control over them on private property.

Vern Hill, department director, says although he knows of no action planned in the 1961 Legislature, laws to regulate go-carts appear inevitable, either on the local or state level.

Authorities are urging the go-carters themselves to police the activities and not encourage speed.

Meanwhile, go-carts are providing a lot of fun — and a lot of headaches.

THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .

Great Debates Tiring — He Favors Big Fight!

By DICK WEST
United Press International
WASHINGTON (UPI) — I am trying to promote an athletic contest which I believe would make the World Series seem as dull as a chess tournament.

My plan is to pit the "Dick Nixon Sports Committee" against the "Sportsmen for Kennedy Committee."

This would truly be the Olympic of politics, for it would bring many of the nation's most illustrious athletes together on a single field of combat. In other words, the presidency would be decided on the basis of a big game instead of a great debate.

As I visualize it, members of the two committees would compete in baseball, football, basketball, track, tennis, golf, swimming, diving, horse racing, boxing, hockey and possibly ball box stuffing.

In football, for instance, the Nixon committee could field a team composed of Red Grange, Frankie Albert, Jim Brown, Glenn Davis, Clint Frank, Bobby Grayson, Eddie LeBaron, Ernie Nevers, Bob Reynolds, and Frank Gifford.

This is only 10 men, so Nixon might have to borrow Johnny Weissmuller from the swimming team to play right end. I would waive the uniform rules and let Weissmuller play in his Tarzan costume.

Against this array, the Kennedy committee could bring out John Unitas, "Big Daddy" Lipscomb, Alan Ameche, Terry Brennan, Joe Stydahar, Norman Van Brocklin, Chuck Bednarik, George Connor, Willie Galimore, Sam Huff and Buddy Young.

I would hope to persuade the two candidates to sign up Marilyn Monroe and Brigitte Bardot as cheerleaders. Marilyn could wear a Tarzan costume, too.

In baseball, Nixon would be able to present such sluggers as Ted Williams, Roy Sievers, Harmon Killebrew, Jim Lemon and Ty Cobb. Kennedy could call on Willie Mays, Leo Durocher, Stan Musial, Joe DiMaggio and Hank Aaron.

Although Casey Stengel is not listed as a member of either committee, he might agree to manage one of the teams, provided the candidate promised to make him secretary of the treasury.

In the tennis matches, Jack Kramer, Billy Talbert, Tony Trabert and Helen Wills of the Nixon committee would take on Grant Golden and Sam Richardson. The Kennedy committee is a little short of tennis players.

However, the Kennedy committee abounds with good golfers, including Al Bessellink, Lloyd Mangrum and John Revolta.

No stadium would be big enough to hold all the players and spectators, so the competition would have to be staged in the Grand Canyon. When it was over, the losing candidate would hurl himself over the precipice, thus sparing us the expense of an election.

His record, in short, is not one to inspire confidence, and despite a personal liking for the man, we cannot recommend that he be returned for a third term.

His opponent has an excellent reputation, earned by long years of service in the legislature (both houses), and in other areas of public service.

If elected, we would expect him to spend more time doing his "homework" on the state's legal affairs, and less time than Thornton has in organizing crime prevention conferences—worthy projects, no doubt, but of questionable relationship to the office.

The Mail Tribune's endorsement goes to Carl H. Francis, for attorney general of Oregon.—E.A.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—What annuity does the U.S. pay to Panama for the Canal Zone?
A—The sum of \$1,930,000 yearly.

Q—By what name do the people of Hungary prefer to be called?
A—They prefer to be called Hungarians.

Q—What is the length of life for rabbits?
A—In general, it is not more than 10 or 12 years, even when the species is protected.

Q—Are there any U.S. government-maintained health resorts?
A—Hot Springs National Park in Arkansas is under government supervision.

Letters To The Editor

Against Waste

In reply to Mrs. L. White's letter of Oct. 3rd, concerning money bills and her comment on Ron Phair.

I think that she is mistaken in her belief that Mr. Phair, if elected to congress, would vote against all money spending bills. Mr. Phair knows very well that some things must be paid for and handled by the Federal Government. However, many of the bills that Congressman Al Ullman had voted for are wasteful. Also, many of these same bills would give the Federal Government more and more control over our free enterprise!

For everyone's information I would like to quote from the Americans for Constitutional Action letter called the ACA Index. The ACA has evaluated the record of each Senator and Congressman. Here is the breakdown on the voting record of Al Ullman.

On bills:
1. For sound economic growth, strengthening constitutional government, and against collective morality and socialized economy. Ullman voted for them only 2 per cent of the time.

2. For sound money and against inflation. Ullman voted for them only 4 per cent of the time.

3. For economy, conservation and against waste. Ullman voted for them only 5 per cent of the time.

4. For private competitive markets and against government intervention. Ullman did not vote for any of these bills.

5. For local self government and against government intervention. Again Ullman did not vote for any of these bills.

6. For private ownership as against government ownership. Once more Mr. Ullman did not vote for any of these bills.

7. For individual liberty and against coercion. I do not know why but again the record shows that Mr. Ullman did not vote for any bills promoting these two basic American privileges!

8. For national security. Again Mr. Ullman did not vote for any of these.

I do not think that any Oregonian — Republican, Democrat or Independent — can be proud of this record. These figures are not picked out of thin air, they were compiled from the Congressional Record which is open to every citizen!

No, Ron Phair is not against all money spending bills, but he is against waste and creeping socialism which his opponent, by the above record, advocates.

Name Withheld

telling him that Mr. Williams was misquoted in the article and we were expecting a clarifying letter from Mr. Williams. This letter was received by our County Engineer on October 6 and a copy provided to Mr. Wynne in the hopes that the paper would correct the impression created by the first article.

Since this clarifying article has not been forthcoming, I would like to take this opportunity to quote Mr. Williams' letter dealing with this part of the Herald and News article. He says, "The portion of the news clipping which you underline quoting me is not supported by the record. Briefly, what transpired was as follows:

"The Highway Commission had before it for consideration priority requests from the counties of Josephine, Jackson and Klamath for future highway improvement. In answering the Commission's questions in regard to Klamath County's request, I stated: 'Mr. Cooper totaled these estimates and they are in the neighborhood of \$14,000,000. You are going ahead with one, the extension of the West Side Bypass over the Link River, which appeared to be the number one priority of all of their requests. Of the various things they are asking, the extension of the West Side Bypass is the only thing we are seriously considering now.' By the word now, I, of course, referred to what the Commission hopes to start in the year 1961, which had no bearing on what might be done in the entire five-year program being considered by the Highway Commission."

Frank F. Ganong
County Commissioner

Cigarette Law
This comment is especially directed to W.B.S., the writer of "Nothing Special." I am happy to hear that someone else doesn't like to see children smoking. I have often wondered how they can smoke when we have a State Law that forbids them to possess, purchase, or use cigarettes. Apparently no one interferes with their purchase, possession or use.

Just who is supposed to enforce this law? I have seen police officers sit in a cafe beside 14 and 16 year olds who were smoking. Other small cities in the state are attempting to enforce this law and I would suggest the same take place here in Klamath Falls.

How about you, W.B.S.?

Mrs. L. Kirkpatrick

Veterans' Day
In talking to businessmen along Main Street this past week, I find that 80 per cent would be glad to close in honor of Veterans Day, November 11, which, as everybody knows, is a national holiday to honor all veterans.

We have a good parade planned for November 11, and would like to hear from anybody that may have costumes and would like to take part in this Freedom Parade.

We are asking that all Drum and Bugle Corpsmen of the American Legion be at the Legion Hall Tuesday, October 25.

We have more than 30 names of business houses that have been signed to close in honor of Veterans Day.

Oscar Nissen
Chairman, Community Service
Legion Post No. 8

Highway Program

An article appeared in the Herald and News, Friday, September 30, 1960, headlined "County Road List Nixed."

In this article certain remarks dealing with a priority list of projects in Klamath County which was submitted to the State Highway Commission are attributed to W. C. Williams, State Highway Engineer.

The article reads in part, "He said the request involved far more money than the commission could afford. He said that while the bypass would be built, there was no chance of approval of the others."

Several days after this article appeared, I spoke to Mr. Wynne

Almanac

By United Press International
Today is Wednesday, Oct. 26, the 300th day of the year with 66 more in 1960.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning star is Mars.

The evening stars are Venus, Jupiter and Saturn.

On this day in history:

In 1760, King George III was crowned King of England.

In 1825, the Erie Canal, first of the great man-made waterways of the United States, was opened for traffic.

In 1920, the lord mayor of Cork, Ireland, Terrence MacSwiney, died in his prison cell after fasting for 75 days.

In 1947, the first war dead of World War II were returned to the United States.

In 1951, Rocky Marciano knocked out former heavyweight champ Joe Louis.

Thought for today: American educator Horace Mann said: "Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity."

Sports Talk

ACROSS
1 Tennis stroke
4 In addition
6 Cryptogramous plant
12 Constellation
13 Narrow board
14 Indian nurse
15 Aged
16 Loved one
18 Study group
20 Fathered
21 Chemical suffix
22 Ballot
24 Slam
26 Simple
27 Musical direction
30 Chant
32 Sharpshooter
34 Sports fan
35 Most peculiar
36 Masculine nickname
37 Baseball direction
39 Consumes
40 Girl's name
41 Golf score
42 Bowling term
45 Breaks
49 Ideal spots
51 French coin
52 Blackbirds
53 "Bad" — to you (Irish)
54 Excuse
55 Advise
56 Essential being
57 Failure

DOWN
1 Indo-China state
2 Heraldic band
3 Net game
4 Straighten
5 Actress — Turner
6 Lack
7 Nourishment
8 Feminine appellation
9 Persian poet
10 Clay
11 Fisherman's prey
12 Belgian
13 Wiles
14 Dry
15 Wide a home
16 Notions
17 Mr. Welles
18 Hunter's prey
19 Wipe out

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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