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## EDITORIALS

### BOY SCOUT WEEK—

Though reams of publicity have been written concerning it, you may have overlooked the fact that this is Boy Scout week and that your young son has been busy most every day shining his shoes, pressing his uniform, and otherwise tidying himself up for the multiple events that have been sponsored this week in the young fellow's honor.

Starting off last Saturday when the boys gathered at the Legion hall for a study period in preparation for the court of honor which came Monday evening, followed by two sessions of church Sunday and then several more events of importance during the week, the scouts have had an especially enjoyable seven days.

If you would keep the movement shoving ahead, if you would give your son a wholesome objective and many happy hours of instruction in worthwhile subjects, if you would assist in showing your son how to be a man, you will encourage him in his scout work.

A Vernonia mother, surely not conversant with the scout movement . . . or as conversant as she should be . . . objected to her son's affiliation due to the militarism that is injected in the movement.

There is positively no militarism injected by the leaders, much less by the covenant and through which the officials work. On the contrary, the scout is shown how he may become a better, more useful American citizen; how he can best lend his life to one of influence and help to his fellow man, how to become a leader of men in the ever-present quest for happiness and soul-satisfaction.

The scout movement has lived. Any movement, to live, must have for its foundation solidarity of moral cause. Boy Scouts display their scout teachings daily. Your boy would be happier if he could affiliate with the 40-odd Vernonia youths now signed to the scout oath and dedicated to the scout covenant.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN—

Tomorrow marks the birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, known over the United States as "The Great Emancipator."

Aside from his intense fight for freedom of the colored folk who had been sold into bondage, Abraham Lincoln receives credit for hundreds of other gestures and acts during his administration, all of which tended toward a moulding of all classes within the United States. His very soul seemed to radiate tolerance in all things, the result of his work as President of The United States clearly indicated a program simply based but which came to a successful conclusion due to extreme honesty and lack of damaging and throttling ties with subversive influences.

Abraham Lincoln, if our prying into historical sketches of his economic and social practices have been correctly guided, was honest. He was honest with himself and honest with the people over whom he held political sway and power.

Coming down through the years, no man has held the high office in this nation whom historians have acclaimed half so much as "Honest Abe".

Earnest and sincere peoples of our land today would do well to lend their lips and minds to prayers for more honesty . . . . . honesty in all phases of the economic and social life . . . . . more honesty such as Lincoln portrayed time and again during his life.

A martyr! Indeed!

### YOU BREAK THE LAW—

There are so many laws and statutes on municipal, state and national books these days that the average of us, unknowingly, place ourselves in the criminal class at least a dozen times each day. Time, of course, and a modern trend makes for little use the bulk of these time-worn statutes.

But we ran into one this week, one that we had known of, but had given little thought to . . . . . and that is, providing you are a cigarette smoker, each time you open a pack of the coffin nails and fail to obliterate or otherwise mutilate the revenue stamp stuck on the top, you are subject to a jail sentence and fine.

Goodness gracious! And to think that practically every smoker of this form of tobacco opens his package from the corner and never touches the stamp . . . . . and, to make it so much worse, we usually throw the package away without paying the least attention to the consequences.

Here's an opportunity to give 10,000 men employment checking on us criminals. With good luck the national budget could lean toward the balance side, if Uncle Sam could collect the fines.

### WE'RE GLAD TO LIVE HERE—

Those of you who were privileged to attend the recent showing here of "Ali Baba Goes to Town" which starred the comedian, Eddie Cantor, should appreciate the fact that you live in the United States and not in some dictated to foreign country or in some throttled nation, many of which exist on the face of this old globe.

We say this, of course, because the plot of the comedy was basically taken from the trend of the present Roosevelt administration and its multiple alphabetical departments, set up in the years of the Democratic political sway.

The fact that Cantor could jest the system, jibe the departments and officials, without any apparent ban from higher places brings to mind that this is still the United States, democratic and fair, where a muzzled press has not yet published its colored news, where a speaker may raise his voice in opposition to most anything that happens here, where a man can voice a private or public opinion without too much fear of being tarred and feathered . . . . where even a motion picture can be made to be shown to millions which makes light of political situations.

One thing is certain, whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, the show was enjoyable for its situations and light banter. If you are a staunch supporter of the New Deal, no doubt your better self was ruffled more than once at the fun poked, but you must still admit that you were entertained.

Hence, as we left the local show house and made our way home, we remarked: "Whether you agree or not agree with the show, you must admit that a similar situation could hardly exist under a dictatorship or a Stalin-ruled nation."

We're glad we live in the United States. We love its tolerance.

### HOW LIKE US—

Two young fellows, grade school students, keep a close vigil on our wood pile. Hardly a minute passes, following the visit there of the fuel man, before these enterprising lads are rapping at the back door for the job throwing in the wood.

We like their attitude for it takes us back to the days of our youth when we walked the alleys at intervals to check the wood deliveries made during the day and to muster the courage needed to make the trek from the fence to the back door to ask for the job. We were a real worker in those days.

We recall, along this line, a certain Mrs. Thompson . . . . since gone to her deserved Heavenly reward . . . . who hired a husky young neighborhood lad to mow her lawn. He got a dollar for the job. That was his spending money all week. It took him all of Saturday to complete the appointed task but it was worth it. When the neighborhood lad quit that job we were right there and made application. For about two years, if our memory serves us correctly, we held this enviable position and we were in the money.

As a matter of fact, in our youth we worked like these young fellows who put in our wood. But, alas, most of our work was done for some neighbor. Not at home. For customarily, while we were doing our work up or down the street, getting a princely sum, mother and father were probably at home stacking our own wood and wondering who they'd get to mow the lawn the next day.

Yes, we were certainly an ambitious little rascal . . . . ambitious about everything except any home work and we usually had a shinny game on about that time.

### HE'S COMING TO OREGON—

The past week Webster Wilkins of Treharne, formerly of Waterville, Kansas, dropped in to the office and left a poem which had been composed by a friend, also a resident of Waterville.

Mr. Wilkins explained that he had struck a fancy in Oregon and that at intervals he writes his friends concerning the attractive features of this state, and especially this district.

Being of a poetic make-up, no doubt, William F. Roche, the Kansas friend of the local man, answered the letters in verse. So unique are the lines that The Eagle publishes them editorially this week. The poem is titled: "To a Friend", and it follows:

#### TO A FRIEND

A friend of mine in Kansas grew tired;  
 With thoughts of Oregon his mind was fired.  
 So he cranked up his car, I'm sad to relate,  
 And headed right out for Oregon State.

His trip, I hear, turned out just fine,  
 And now he's admiring the towering pine.  
 We must not forget the stately fir  
 As it gently waves when the breezes stir.

He writes of roses and writes of fruit;  
 The State of Oregon he surely does "toot"  
 From what he says it's a wonderful state,  
 I feel that it surely must be great.

I envy his letters, I must say,  
 And can hardly wait until the day  
 To enjoy the things that he writes about,  
 And really catch some mountain trout.

I'd really like to shoot a deer,  
 But at a bear, I'd show some fear.  
 Now, some day I'll up and have a sale . . . .  
 Then I'll start right down that Oregon Trail!

Women in Africa are reported as clamoring for American ladies' modern garb. They probably have come to the sudden realization that their native costumes are much too heavy for that tropical weather.

At that, we observe this week, the average modern girl knows about as much about cooking as the modern youth knows about the vegetables from the soil, how they are raised, cultivated and harvested, that she cooks.

A lot of people think that prosperous times means buying a car on 12 installments instead of 24.

## Eagle Items Of Other Years

### FIVE YEARS AGO

W. E. Crawford of Braun's siding killed an 8-foot cougar last week with the aid of several dogs owned by Lode McDonald.

City ordinance 188 authorizing the city treasurer to accept water department bonds, coupons or warrants in payment of water rentals and sewer and improvement bonds, coupons and warrants in payment of assessments passed its first and second readings at Monday's council meeting.

Twenty-two trees were cut from the right-of-way of the Oregon Gas and Electric company on Rock creek by J. L. Timmons. He was assisted by Dane Brady and M. J. Lamping.

### TEN YEARS AGO

Paul Robinson, former owner of the Eagle is now in Scappoose. He has moved his newspaper plant there from Banks where he has stopped publication of the Banks Ledger.

Emil Messing, chairman of the fish and game committee for the Chamber of Commerce has asked that one fish be planted in Columbia county during the coming year. Only 16,000 fish were received the past year. A favorable reply was received from the State Game Commission that the planting would be larger in the next season.

### FIFTEEN YEARS AGO

A gain of 72 per cent in school attendance in Vernonia in the past year has been announced. This increase is the greatest of any school in the county.

Freight rates have been reduced to 7 cents from Vernonia to the Gales creek connection which brings a saving of 4 1/2 c. The reduction applies to lumber, shingles and all forest products.

## What Other Editors Think

### NOW SENATOR REAMS

Governor Charles H. Martin has appointed Evan Reames, prominent Medford attorney and long influential in democratic party circles, United States senator to succeed Senator Frederick Steiwer, resigned. It is understood that Senator Reames expects only to fill out the remaining months of Senator Steiwer's term and will not be a candidate for a regular nomination in the May primary. It has not been expected that any nomination Governor Martin could make would be satisfactory to numerous Oregon patriots who desire to succeed him as governor, and already some of them have attacked Reames on anti-utility grounds, he having been a power company attorney.—Tillamook Headlight-Herald.

You can always get a bargain in second hand goods at the Vernonia Bargain Store 818 Bridge St.

### Meal Tickets--

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### THE HOME NEWSPAPER

We often wonder whether the people of our modern home communities appreciate their local newspapers. It is evident that most of them do, because local newspapers are prospering more than ever before. But the local newspaper is by most people accepted as a matter of course without a realization of its true value to the community.

One prominent man, interested in the success of our newspapers, made an interesting illustration in paying tribute to the local newspaper.

"Out yonder stands a locomotive on a railroad track," he said. "Everything about it is in order; water in the boiler, coal in the tender, engineer at the throttle, but it can't move. All it lacks is steam. Remove the newspapers from your state, take away the steam, and this state, any state, would soon be a commonwealth of idle people with its credit gone. Weeds would grow in the streets, our farmers would look for pastures newer, manufacturers would depart from us and our people would seek new fields of labor."

All of which is of course true. The metropolitan paper is all right in its way. It brings us the news of the nation and of the world at large. But the home newspaper is a part of us, a part of the lives of the people themselves. It brings them the news of their neighbors and friends, it boosts the community in which they live and helps to promote its progress and its prosperity. Without the local newspaper the community would indeed be like the engine without steam.

If there is a project on for the location of a new factory, the local newspaper is called on to boost the plan by showing what a beautiful and what a live community ours is. If new improvements are sought or new buildings are constructed it is the local newspaper which gives the encouragement and announces the proud fact of achievement to the world. It is in the local newspaper that the local merchants acquaint the people with the goods they have to sell. The metropolitan papers keep us in touch with the world but covers too wide a field to boost our community or the merchants of our home town.—Exchange.

## LODGES

Knights of Pythias  
 Harding Lodge No. 116  
 Vernonia, Oregon  
 Meetings:— I. O. O. F. Hall. Second and Fourth Mondays Each Month

Pythian Sisters  
 Vernonia Lodge No. 61  
 Vernonia, Oregon  
 Meetings:— I. O. O. F. Hall Second and Fourth Wednesdays Each Month

Order of Eastern Star  
 Nehalem Chapter 153, O. E. S.  
 Regular Communication first and third Wednesdays of each month, at Masonic Temple. All visiting sisters and brothers welcome.  
 Eurma Hartwick, W. M.  
 Leona McGraw, Sec.

A. F. & A. M.  
 Vernonia Lodge No. 184  
 A. F. & A. M. meets at Masonic Temple, State Communication First Thursday of each month. Special called meetings on all other Thursday nights, 7:30 p. m. Visitors most cordially welcome.  
 Special meetings Friday nights.  
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### COLUMBIA COUNTY BANKS

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was second: Washington, Multnomah (excluding Portland), Marion, Yamhill, Clatsop, Benton, Clackamas and Polk. These counties comprise the Willamette valley-lower Columbia group.

Winners in other groups were Lane county, group II; Wasco county, group III, and Jefferson county, group IV.

During 1937 there were 439 accidents reported from Columbia county, resulting in 130 injuries and 5 deaths. In 1936 there were 404 accidents reported, 133 injuries and 13 deaths.

"Our efforts to reduce traffic accidents and deaths are going to continue unabated during 1938," Snell declared. "We are planning to issue at the end of each month a study similar to this annual survey, so that each county will know what progress it is making toward our common goal. I feel that the vast majority of our motorists will be sincerely desirous of improving their county's record, and in so doing they will improve the record of the entire state."

### Witty in Portland—

Lee Witty, Nance Pharmacy druggist, was a visitor in Portland Monday purchasing stock for the local store.

## Business-Professional Directory

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