

VERNONIA EAGLE EDITORIALS

Cosmopolitan, Friendly America--

SO MUCH is said these days concerning radicalism of various sorts. So much is printed concerning persecution of race and religion in foreign countries. So much is said by dictatorial powers concerning the rights and privileges of individuals, their proper place in systems which create classes and class hatreds that the cosmopolitan aspect and friendly attitude of America, in general, was vividly portrayed to us Friday as we stood at the high school lawn and watched the annual May fete.

In the crowd were hundreds of appreciative and interested parents. The parents represented many nations, some not here long from countries across the sea, but pleased with America and its tolerance, loving the country and knowing of their security in face of unscrupulous dictatorial activity in what may have been their native land.

One number of the fete especially impressed us. Included in the participating group of youngsters were Filipinos, a Japanese, a colored lad, at least three children of Catholic faith, one of Jewish and the others Protestant.

Here, indeed, is tolerance . . . cosmopolitanism at its greatest. Here is a concrete example of American's greatness, of her substantiality, of her opportunities . . . a country where color, race and religion are yet tolerated and where lines have never been drawn which guarantee upheaval at regular intervals.

Vernonia's May fete typified America!

"I JUST WANT TO LIVE" —

TOO MANY of us are prone to the "give up" spirit.

Though we were not invited to listen, neither did we invite the conversation quite so near us as we stood on a curbstone this week to overhear a brief request of a workman whose water bill had sometime ago become delinquent. Our friend was speaking with a councilman, we presumed, in an effort to arrange for continuance of the service through work to be done for the city.

As the official and our friend started across the street together, we heard the unfortunate one say: "All I want to do is live!"

Of course, he was impressing the official with his embarrassing financial state and had, no doubt, sometime back assumed the personal attitude that if he could but be spared morsels for satisfaction of hunger, a few garments for decency's sake, a roof and room for shelter . . . he was satisfied.

In trying times, and these are trying times, we Americans, too many of us, follow our friends' philosophy. A human is entitled to more than mere living as controlled by a shrunken pay check and flimsy pocket book. He, as well as his family, is entitled to some of the pleasures of the more abundant life, as defined in more recent political trends.

We must not lose personal initiative though times are trying. We must maintain the zeal and foresight which so typifies the American system. Everyone is deserving of more than a bare existence, regardless of station in life or relative importance of the individual as a cog in the system.

WAILING BABES —

WE HAVE long harbored a suppressed desire to clout the individual who bemoans the disturbance caused by crying babes in their mothers' arms.

This individual can be located without much trouble at most any public gathering. He is the type of person who always says, in disgusted tones: "Why in the world doesn't that woman take that 'kid' out? It is sure nerve-wrecking to hear that periodic wail!"

This is the type of individual who, in infancy, probably howled at the top of his voice every time his mother attempted to take him some place. This is the type of individual who, each time his mother wanted so much to enjoy a musicale, a sermon, a talk of program squealed at the top of his voice.

We have these individuals, unfortunately, and they seem to have forgotten their own squealing infancy.

THERE IS no truth in the rumor that Mr. Brice of Hollywood will be appointed chief of the Poker Bureau for the U. S. Government to inveigle Debtor Nations into friendly games . . . but we still think the idea has merit.

Perhaps We Are a Step Ahead--

A GROUP of Vernonia area farmers, two recently of the mid-west, stopped us this week and filled the air with questions, we admit, the bulk of which we could not . . . nor did we try . . . to answer.

The farmers had perused The Eagle of the week before carefully and had read the front page report of an informal meeting held here with two railway agricultural agents anent the proposed land settlement program advanced only a few days back by the Vernonia Chamber of Commerce.

"The program is a good one," said one of the mid-west men, "and we have remarked about it several times, but we believe the Chamber of Commerce is going ahead without knowing all of the facts in the matter."

Making what we found to be a long, but interesting, story more to the point, we shall cover briefly the points in question.

Here were several farmers, all from mid-west points who have come to the Vernonia area in the last year and a half. They selected this vicinity first, because of the bountiful precipitation; second, because of the mild climate; third, because of the frost-free aspect; fourth, because of the low priced, rich fertile soil; fifth, because we are close to a potential market; and sixth, because they could hue out their own home in a speedy, substantial fashion, and carve their fields from virgin soil. Plenty of selling points there, aren't there?

These farmers came here with approximately \$1,000, a sum which seems to be about average for these mid-west immigrants.

With the thousand, these good, new citizens bought their land and began the work which resulted in their new homes and many acres of cleared land. The money may have bought a team, perhaps a cow, some needed equipment for clearing, a few nails and some finished lumber. For instance, at the present time, our farmer friends have around 150 acres each of the finest agricultural ground in the state. On these acreages have been constructed barns, and equipment sheds, substantial and attractive cabins and homes, fences have been built . . . above all, from four to 10 acres of cleared land now jots the horizon where nothing but stumps and debris marred the view before.

These farmers can find nothing unsatisfactory in their position except that for further development, for purchase of needed cows, beef cattle, some breeding stock, perhaps a few head of sheep for breeding purposes . . . yes, there are many items which would be furnished these farmers to insure their perpetuation and wellbeing . . . they can borrow no money.

But, here, let's get back to our friend. He wants to buy six milk cows. He has seeded his range acreage to a hardy grass which has grown profusely. He has developed his cleared land and has an acre in garden, the balance in alfalfa. He has managed to buy a few goats.

He has contacted no less than five banking institutions and one federal agency. In all events he has been refused financial assistance. Yet, according to our findings, he has collateral in his farm. He believes, conservatively, that his 150 acres, with his improvements and cleared area, is worth not less than \$1,200. He is probably right.

The man's record is spotless. He has references and invites their free use by his banker "friend". The bankers say they would like to help but that a higher hand, presumed to be the state or federal agency, frowns on loans of this, and other types in the Vernonia area.

Can it be that our reputation is not as it should be? No. For we can show you men of the most substantial type residing on farms in this upper Nehalem. At any rate, there is a point. And until it is cleared, our land settlement program will find itself squarely behind the 8-ball. If the story be true, and we now know that it is substantially correct, our agricultural development will be slow, unless a progressive civic group can convince finance of our agricultural solidarity.

Several of our mid-western friends, those who drop in to the office and "talk things over" on occasion, tell us that with the financial problem cleared, with assurance that substantial ranchers can borrow small sums for use in development, pitting their labor and personal resources against the resource of available credit, whether private or federal, they can induce many fine families to settle and develop our country.

And that's exactly what we want, isn't it?

COMPROMISE NEEDED —

THE RECENT passing of the anti-noise ordinance which has already successfully eliminated amplifying equipment's use by Vernonia merchants is a local rule that will surely be modified.

Business, these days, is not anxious to walk through any merchant's front door. For the most part, successful merchants are going out after business, with many attractions in use as a ruse. Amplifying equipment is one successful way that progressive merchants have employed to great advantage in recent months.

In Vernonia . . . and we are especially interested in Vernonia and its merchants . . . many hundreds of dollars have been invested in amplifying equipment for use in stirring interest in an establishment, in our community.

We realize that there is a time and a place, surely, for its use, but when Vernonia merchants utilize this modern method of business stimulant, there should be no conscientious objection.

Surely, after the first week of the ordinance's effect, it can be seen that some compromise is justified. The statute has merit, and is applicable in many instances, we know, but here in Vernonia we can ill afford to discourage any business, regardless of its proportion.

Amplifying equipment is being used in Clats-

kanie, St. Helens, Forest Grove, Astoria and Hillsboro, we know, for we have investigated. You merchants whom are effected are entitled to a hearing and we have reason to believe that your story will receive fair consideration at the council's hands.

TOO MANY men get a big kick out of the pictures in the family album and then look in the mirror without so much as a grin.

MUSIC IS not to be termed intoxicating simply because it goes from bar to bar.

THE GOOD man who goes wrong is more often a bad man who has been found out.

THE RECENT comment in this paper, editorially, concerning a Vernonia man's refusal of three day's work for fear that he would lose his \$15 unemployment insurance check received wide distribution over the state. The state bureau was quick to say that the local case was the exception rather than the rule. We hope so.

A MAN is oftentimes juggled by the company he keeps.

Eagle Items Of Other Years

FIVE YEARS AGO —

Ben Owens has been granted a patent on a low-cost method of building construction which calls for the sizing, and fitting of the building material in factories so the labor construction requires no measuring, cutting or nailing.

A council for unemployed has been formed with O. J. Harper as president. Several projects have been established including the establishment of a labor and commodities exchange, use of idle homestead land and the securing of secondary road funds for local road work.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kingsley, Portland, but formerly residents of Vernonia, were in town recently inspecting the remodeling of the Miller Mercantile store building of which they are owners.

TEN YEARS AGO —

Vernonia post of the American Legion has gone on record favoring an aviation field for Vernonia. Plans to lease a field of approximately 20 acres, build hangers and perhaps buy a plane, have been considered.

J. E. Frank received the appointment of constable for this district to succeed W. J. Kelly, resigned, who has changed his residence to Toppenish, Washington.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO —

A minimum of \$1.25 is to be charged for water during any one month and a charge of \$12.50 is levied for tapping water to residence property it was decided at the last meeting of the city council.

Vernonia chamber of commerce has gone on record favoring the use of deep well water in preference to experimentation with creek water for city use.

The Forum

NOTE: The following poems were penned by William Roche of Waterville, Kansas, who plans soon to come to this district to live. He sent the lines to a friend here, who, in turn, handed them to The Eagle.

Other poems written for the day, will be published in succeeding issues.

TO MOTHER

A Mother, my lad, you'll have but one. She's taken her place beneath the sun.

So do things right, bring no disgrace To mar the look on her smiling face.

She has suffered many cares and woes. To her you ran when you stubbed your toes.

She would cuddle you close and quiet your tears, She did this my son for many years.

And when you lay with fevered brow, Your mother kept going, only God knows how;

And he who looks on us from above Will always admire a mother's love. No matter how deep you sink in sin —

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Your mother's heart will take you in; Tho from your sins you shrink with fright, To mother, my lad, you are always right.

By Wm. F. Roche Waterville, Kansas

(TO OUR MOTHERS)

Today we pay tribute to Mothers, May the blessings of God keep them well.

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'Tis the day we forget all the others, And our love to our mothers we tell.

We caused you much sorrow and worry we know, And your cares were a thousand-fold.

But you took pride in watching us grow, For your heart was as pure as gold.

Then there was the time when night after night, You sat stroking my fevered brow. And you prayed for help to win the fight,

That vision is with me now. So mother to you we now give thanks,

For the care and the love so true. For the things overlooked in our childish pranks, And the tasks you taught us to do.

The your cares were many and sorrows a few, We know that you are content. As with willing heart we do for you,

The things that would gain your consent. Now Mothers 'tis not idle praise that you hear,

'Tis a message from deep in our heart. We ask for nothing but a life of good cheer.

For our Mothers who gave us our start. By Wm. F. Roche. Waterville, Kansas

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C. BRUCE

Richard Melis Honored at OSC Banquet

Scholastic Society Takes Local Student into Membership Recently

OREGON STATE COLLEGE— May 4—A. Richard Melis of Mist, senior in agriculture at Oregon State college, was honored at a banquet at the Benton hotel here recently for pledges and members of Phi Kappa Phi, all-school scholastic honor society.

R. F. Arragon, professor of history at Reed college, spoke to the group. His speech dealt with the way Fascist and Nazist dictators in Italy and Germany have followed an almost parallel course in the use of symbolism for dramatizing their movements in these countries.

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