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REGISTER TO VOTE!

By CHARLES V. STANTON

County Clerk Roy Agee announces that his office will be open Friday and Saturday nights until 8 o'clock to accept voter registrations. This service is being performed to accommodate persons who find it difficult to register during regular office hours. The county clerk is not required to give this extra time and is to be commended for a public service in the interest of better government.

Registration books for the election close Saturday, October 2. Indications are that a large number of persons still have not registered although the tempo of registration has increased in recent days.

Voter qualifications require that a person be a citizen of the United States, 21 years of age or older, a resident of the State of Oregon for a period of six months and a resident of the county 30 days prior to election. Voters who have moved from one precinct to another should change their registration that their names may appear in the proper poll book.

Personally, we are somewhat of a crank on the subject of voter responsibility. We believe failure to vote is evidence of a poor grade of citizenship. In fact, in our opinion, it might be worthwhile to impose a fine on every qualified elector who fails to go to the polls unless he can show a good reason for his absence.

We hold to the theory that in a government based on rule by the majority we cannot have the highest type of government unless a large percentage of voters is represented in an election. The way is paved for control by minority, pressure, and self-interest groups if elections are not well attended. If we are to maintain our form of government in its most efficient form, every citizen must discharge his duties of citizenship. He must inform himself on candidates and issues and vote intelligently. We deplore the present trend toward organization of voters to support pressure groups. The highest type of government will exist only when voters are free of influence and vote independently and conscientiously. Nor would we want unanimity. Only through differences of opinion do we make progress. But no one, we believe, has a moral right to criticize government policy or activity if he has failed to exercise his rights as an elector. The first requisite of good citizenship demands registration to vote and then the practice of voting at every election.

The Cost Of Vandalism

It would be interesting if we could gather statistics and learn how many billions of dollars vandalism costs this country each year. Classified advertising columns of newspapers are filled with "No Trespassing" notices because many so-called sportsmen shoot carelessly and indiscriminately, knock down crops, frighten poultry, break down fences, leave gates open and otherwise conduct themselves in a manner expected only of hoodlums.

Youths and juvenile-minded adults slash awnings, break bottles where they will damage automobile tires, shoot bottles in water where bathers are apt to cut their feet. Rocks are thrown through windows of unoccupied houses. Insulators are shot from power and telephone lines. Walls are marred with marks, scratches and obscenities.

A friend called us up a few days ago to report that seats had been torn from his boat at a popular moorage and the wood used to make fires for a wiener roast. Other boats were similarly damaged, and some were shot full of holes.

We spend money on recreational facilities, only to have them damaged by the very people for whom they were built. Damage was done, for instance, to the new Roseburg swimming pool while it was under construction.

What possesses the human mind that is impelled to wreck, destroy, pillage, mutilate, and ruin? Nothing is gained thereby. Yet the cost must run into billions of dollars annually. It would be interesting indeed to know the cost resulting from this peculiar quirk in human behavior.

In one of the exchanges coming to our desk we observed where a woman wrote the following advice to hunters: "Don't Shoot When Half Shot."

In the Day's News

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bers Attila and Genghis Khan.

WHEN strength to resist a menace is needed, what is the answer?

Oldsters will go back to their McGuffey's Reader (the second, or the third, or somewhere along there) and the story of the man who was teaching his children the importance of UNITY. He took a bundle of sticks and bound them together with "union bands." Against this united bundle of sticks, he exerted his utmost strength. HE COULDN'T BREAK IT.

Then he separated the sticks and SEPARATELY he broke them easily.

LET'S pause here for a side-light. Back in those days in the little red schoolhouse, this writer read it "ONION" bands, and for days tried binding sticks together with the tops of onions and was so disappointed in the results as to lose considerable

confidence in Mr. McGuffey. Children certainly take things literally.

IN the weird national campaign that here in America we call a Presidential campaign, there was a startling lesson on unity the other day.

Mr. Truman, the nice little man who is "giving 'em hell" because that is all he has left to make a campaign with, was pouring it onto the Republicans for what he called their "jollaby of unity."

"They don't want unity. They want surrender. . . I won't surrender, and I don't believe the American people are going to force me to surrender to the power trusts, the National Association of Manufacturers and the National Association of Real Estate Boards."

MR. WALLACE, dancing the war dance before a mike, with appropriate whoops and hoots, harped on the same string—only he cussed Truman harder than he cussed Dewey. He appealed to every possible demagogic hatred and poison and in every way his fuzzy mind could

OUT OUR WAY



Scams from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

In the days when I was stuffing my mental attic with everything I could find to read about 'doing over an old house'—simple soul that I was—it dawned on me that so-called authorities seemed to disagree. And if they disagreed, then personal opinion must enter largely into the decision of what's what in 'decor.'

To illustrate: let's take fireplaces. One set of experts dismissed them as work-making, dust-making, wallspace-robbing affairs in front of which you freeze one side while your other is roasting. I admit they have a point about the dust.

"Huh," says EJ indignantly, "I can't lower a three-foot log into position the way you think I ought to do it. Darned thing's too heavy."

As to work-making: Mrs. S—advised: "Have your hearth level. I did, so when the children finish with their cutting-out, or whatever, I just sweep all the trash into the fireplace. Saves work." (We're all set for our grandson, with a level hearth.)

On the other hand there are the 'authorities' who tell you that a house isn't a home without a fireplace. (hear, hear!) but they differ vociferously on the type.

Is it a fancy affair with carvings and whatnot? Do away with that and have 'good old honest brick.' But if you happen to have

conceive he sought to set each group of Americans against every other group.

IN his campaign tour of Oregon and Washington, Mr. DEWEY POUNDED AWAY ON THE THEME THAT HIS AIM IS THE STRENGTHENING OF OUR COUNTRY, OF BRINGING IT TO A NEW UNITY AND ADOPTING A COMPETENCE IN FOREIGN POLICY THAT IT DOES NOT (NOW) HAVE.

He concluded: "As a Republican, I am proud of the part my party has played . . . but in all fairness BOTH PARTIES HAVE MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS and this subject of the future of our country is above all partisanship."

HERE is a radical thought: Mr. Dewey might better privately start acting and thinking as if he were GOING TO BE PRESIDENT, with a united Congress and a united people back of him—and laying the plans for what will have to be done if we are to keep ourselves secure.

(He'd have to do it privately, of course. It wouldn't do to announce it openly. It would be misunderstood for cockiness, instead of the forehandedness and pure patriotism it really would be.)

It might not be needed. Dewey might be defeated. But we're suffering terribly from the consequences of too little and too late. Of not acting decisively until the time to act is past. What we need is ENOUGH, and IN TIME.

BACKING FOR TRUMAN PITTSBURGH, Sept. 30.—(AP)—The 33-member International executive board of the CIO-United steelworkers of America has voted unanimously to endorse Harry S. Truman for president and Alben W. Barkley for Vice President, the union said. Announcement of the endorsement was made by Philip Murray, President of both the Steelworkers Union and the CIO.

By J. R. Williams

Negroes Win, Lose In University Entry Decisions

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 30.—(AP)—Denying Negroes admission to the University of Oklahoma is unconstitutional, a three-judge Federal Court held yesterday.

In an action to prohibit enforcement of segregation laws applying to the university, the court held:

"In so far as the Oklahoma statutes deny or deprive admission of the plaintiff to the university they are unconstitutional and void."

The plaintiff is G. W. McLaurin, a retired Negro professor. He was refused admission to the university on color grounds alone, regents admitted.

McLaurin said he wanted to finish work on a doctor's degree in education. The state's only Negro university does not provide such a course.

U. S. Circuit Judge A. P. Murrah, who announced the decision, said however:

"We refrain at this time from granting injunction relief on the assumption that the state will follow the law."

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 30.—(AP)—The State Supreme Court yesterday in effect rejected the plea of a Houston Negro that he be admitted to the University of Texas Law School.

It refused Heman Marion Sweatt's appeal from lower court rulings that had denied his effort to force admission to the university.

The high court's refusal to grant Sweatt a writ of error left standing the judgment of the third court of appeals which held that the state has provided and made available to Sweatt a course of instruction in first-year law equivalent or substantially equivalent to that provided at the university's law school.

Sweatt's effort to force admission to the law school through court action began two years ago when he had been denied admission to the University of Texas law school because of his race. He was the first Negro to seek entry to the University of Texas.

HEARING SLATED

A preliminary hearing on the case of Samuel D. Kendrick, charged with larceny of a wristwatch from the Roseburg Pharmacy, was scheduled at 2 p. m. today in the court of Justice of Peace Thomas C. Hartfield.

As to the stumps themselves and the value they represent there is less of definiteness. According to Dr. Anderson's quality ponderosa stumps will yield an average of 500 pounds of naval stores per ton. Supposing that one-third are best quality and that these will weigh 900 pounds apiece (we are told that this is very conservative) and the yield from them would be 376,402,500 pounds.

Seems like a lot of naval stores, doesn't it?

LAW RAPS CANDIDATE BAKER, Ore., Sept. 30.—(AP)—Even candidates for office are not immune here from certain legal requirements. Stephen E. Emery Jr., candidate for State Representative from Baker County, was fined \$14 in Municipal Court here yesterday \$4 on parking tickets and \$10 for contempt of court. He forgot to see the judge promptly.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

Thursday, September 30

ROSEBURG CITY HALL—7:30 P. M.

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