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## VOTE WITH PRIDE

This column was devoted almost exclusively last week to discussion of election issues and candidates. In these discussions we made certain recommendations. We ask no one to agree with us. We presented our own ideas and opinions, not for the purpose of trying to direct anyone in the way he should vote, but to stimulate thought and study.

We ask no voter to follow the recommendations we have made. We ask only that every voter go to the polls and vote intelligently.

It is not enough that we go to the election booth and mark a ballot. We should recognize that we are performing an important act of citizenship; that the office of elector is as responsible in our form of government as is the job of the President of the United States.

We would not long tolerate continuance in office of an elected official who remained away from his post, or who attempted performance of his duties without study of its problems. In our form of government every citizen of voting age has a responsibility to serve his government by casting his ballot. Yet some will remain away from the polls and others will cast their ballots more or less blindly and with little knowledge of candidates or issues.

Every voter should have extreme pride in his right of franchise. He should have sufficient pride that his vote could not be subjugated to selfish interest. No elector should permit himself to be induced to use his sacred privilege of franchise in the interests of any individual or group who would make good government secondary to private aggrandizement.

We have seen in late years many efforts to produce "mass" voting by special groups. Frequently candidates, who lack general qualifications for the offices for which they are chosen, are put into places of power simply because they succeeded in gaining endorsement and support from one or more groups having special interests to serve. This is not good government.

Every candidate should be measured by his ability to faithfully represent ALL the people, not a select few. Every candidate should be considered on the basis of his qualifications to serve the government as a whole, not a minority faction. Yet how often have we seen a good candidate rejected while a "stooge," pledged to the selfish interest of a certain clique, gained the election. This comes about only because some voters stultify their citizenship; because they fail in performance of their duties. Good government requires that every voter approach the ballot box with the same spirit of patriotism and love of country that causes him to offer his life as a sacrifice when the nation is at conflict with an armed enemy.

Webster defines democracy as "a form of government in which the supreme power is retained by the people and exercised either directly or indirectly." Our form of government is that of a "representative democracy," in which the people choose the men and women who are to serve as their representatives in the offices of government.

We are now at war. It is a "cold" war in which the fighting is in the political, economic and ideological arenas rather than upon the battlefield. But enemies of democracy are trying just as earnestly to destroy our form of government as if we were being attacked with guns and bombs.

Nations throughout the entire world are anxious observers of our strange election. It is strange to them because no other people in the world are so free to exercise their choice. They cannot understand the American brand of politics, with its ballyhoo, showmanship, controversy, open debate, etc. Nor do they understand how we can be so divided in our opinions during an election and then be solidified as a nation the day after the leadership has been chosen. These are puzzling things to liberty-loving people in other lands, yet they know that under our system of government the United States has risen in a short space of years, as history is counted, to the peak of world power.

Tomorrow's election not only is important in our own nation, but it will have a vital bearing upon the world's future. When anxious observers see how a free people can conduct a free election in the face of all subversive influences attempting to undermine every foundation, they will take new courage in resisting those forces which would hold or bring them under totalitarian subjugation.

Every ballot in tomorrow's election is a gun. It is a bomb carrying more power than the atomic creation of the late World War. It is a power unequalled in the world. Every voter should realize the privilege that is his as he casts his ballot. He should cast it as a true citizen, with honesty, intelligence and, above all, with pride.

We care not what a voter's convictions may be, whether or not they agree with our own. We desire only that he vote his convictions with a patriot's sincerity.

## O.S.C. Observes 80th Birthday

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—The eightieth anniversary of the founding of O. S. C. as a state supported institution was observed here Oct. 27 with a special student-faculty convocation. Reviewing some of the history and projecting the future were Edgar W. Smith, president of the state board of higher education; Dr. A. L. Strand, president of the college, and Tom House, Portland, president of the associated students.

Methodist Church South, was designated by the legislature to receive the federal money allocated to start a new type of college for the masses, which later came to be known as "land grant colleges."

Planeloids or tiny planets were formed, according to one theory, by the explosion of a larger primitive planet.

## Everyone's Out of Step But Joe



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET  
By Viahnett S. Martin

I don't know if the fact that my grandfather built the Elephant House (I still have the blueprint) at the London Zoo had anything to do with it, but I have always been keen about elephants. They fascinate me. So when the Detroit school children pooled their pennies and bought a baby elephant, our babies were encouraged to share in the general excitement although they were too young for school.

Ah, Sheba! How the City of Detroit took you to its heart! What was the place every child begged to go? Belle Isle, of course! "Let's go see Sheba!"

Ninety-nine percent of the circus to me has always been the elephants. But sometimes I wonder why it is no one is afraid of those huge creatures, standing there swinging their trunks, hungrily snuffing every peanut to put in the mouth, tethered by one foot to a peg they could so easily yank up if they had a mind: (A circus tent blew down in a storm, I've heard my parents tell, in Warsaw, N. Y., and the great animals stampeded.) It never occurs to anyone to be afraid of them, does it? So probably that attitude, that affection one has for animals, reaches them in some ways and they respond.

I have ridden on the zoo elephants in the little howdah provided for children. Ridden the camel, too. I remember flapping the elephant's nearer ear, for what reason I don't know. A child doesn't have to have a reason!

A family story I never tired of hearing my mother tell was about Jumbo, the world's greatest elephant, in the London Zoo. When P. T. Barnum bought Jumbo in the 80's to bring over here, the loading of the great animal became a real problem. Jumbo refused to cooperate and was getting a bit cantankerous... someone suggested "Send for Boxer."

Now my grandfather had a blinded horse that had become a family pet, and the personal charge of my Uncle Dick Uncle Dick would drive Boxer, attached to a cart, around the zoo paths... in some way Jumbo and Boxer became real friends. The horse and elephant spent much much time together.

So Boxer was sent for, and Uncle Dick, the only person who ever handled him, Uncle Dick led Boxer up the gangplank. Jumbo followed as docilely as a lamb behind, and that was all there was to it. Except that Uncle Dick wasn't happy about it, I think.

## In the Day's News

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much of our liberties that we're willing to fight for them if that is the only way we can keep them.

THUS, you see, Uncle Joe could be right. If we're going to be stubborn about this liberty business, it could be that the policy we are pursuing could lead to the "unleashing of a new war."

INCIDENTALLY, the circumstances of Uncle Joe's pronouncement are at least faintly interesting.

You may have noted that in order to get this thought about the course we are pursuing off his chest, he CALLED IN A PRAVDA REPORTER. First, let's get that straight. Pravda is an official Russian government newspaper. Stalin is the official boss of Russia. So, in newspaper parlance, he is Pravda's PUBLISHER.

When a newspaper publisher has to call in one of his own reporters in order to get some burning thought into circulation, his fellow publishers nearly always suspect him of having some propaganda purpose in mind.

UNCLE Joe, you must remember, rather likes to be interviewed in the pinches. But up to now his method has been to pick SOMEBODY ELSE'S PAPER to spring the story in.

Once he called in the correspondent of the Associated Press in Moscow and gave him some world-shaking opinions (most of which later turned out to be the bunk.) At another time he called in the Moscow correspondent of the London Times.

We are at least justified in believing that when he is reduced to the point where he has to call one of his own reporters upstairs to get his opinions into print something significant has happened.

## MONEY SUIT FILED

Western Mercantile Agency, Inc., has filed suit in Circuit Court against V. E. Esselstrom and Robert January, asking judgment for \$287,60, plus interest and costs, as the balance alleged due and owing in an account contracted with P. J. Hans Company, between Jan. 15 and March 29, 1945. The defendants were listed as partners in a logging business at Elkton under the name of January and Esselstrom.

## DRIVER EXAMS DATED

A driver's license examiner will be on duty in Roseburg, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 4 and 5, at the City Hall between 3 a. m. and 5 p. m., according to an announcement from the Secretary of State's office.

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## Collie Left In Norway Rejoins Master in U.S.

DUNELLEN, N. J., Nov. 1.—(P)—The two-year-old shepherd collie Johan Jacobsen left behind in Oslo, Norway, has come back to Dunellen, N. J. and nobody is quite sure how.

The dog was found wandering on Long Island, N. Y., Sunday and was traced by Jacobsen by a collar tag which bore his name and home town.

Jacobsen said he left the dog with friends in Oslo when he returned here last spring. The friends later wrote they were moving and would have to give up the idea of finding transportation to this country for the dog.

A little information on the dog's saga came in a letter Jacobsen received from a Norwegian man who reported seeing the collie on a plane bound for America. The man, who Jacobsen said he didn't know, wrote that he hoped the dog would reach Jacobsen by means of the collar identification tag.

In New York the Scandinavian Airlines said the dog arrived in a crate by plane on Oct. 22. It escaped from the cargo room, the line said, when an employee opened the crate to feed and exercise it. Unable to find the dog after a three-hour search of the airport, the Airlines said it notified the police of the dog's disappearance. The dog had been consigned to Jacobsen.

## Security Agent's Visit is Altered

Because the Oregon State Employment Service office will be closed Tuesday, Nov. 2, William R. Pierron, field assistant of the Eugene Social Security office, will hold the regular Roseburg itinerant service in the Civil Service room, basement of the U. S. Post Office Building, on that date between 8:30 a. m. and noon. Future Roseburg visits will be held at the employment service office, 437 No. Jackson, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month in the past.

A large proportion of social security bookkeeping errors result from incomplete or incorrect information turned in by employers on their social security tax returns according to Pierron.

Employers who secure their employee's names and numbers directly from the worker's social security card are making sure that the worker does not lose any of the wage credits on which future social security claims will be based, Mr. Pierron said that while the Social Security Administration wants to pay all claims in full, it is apparent that this won't always be possible unless social security reports from all employers show full and correct information.

## Awards Presented Cub Scout Pack

Benson Cub Scout Pack 334 held an award presentation Friday night in the Benson school. Don Reed is the cub master.

Awards were presented as follows: Pat Beekley, bear badge and denner stripe; Milo Coffman, assistant denner stripe and wolf badge; Bob Felt, lion badge and certificate, gold and silver arrow; James Roade, denner stripe; Kenneth Overton, gold and silver arrow on lion badge; Arnold Stewart, bear badge and certificate; Wesley Buzzard, wolf badge and certificate; Milford Eddington, wolf badge and certificate with gold and silver arrow; Larry Archer, wolf badge and certificate; Charles Schiek and Morris Shultz, bear badges; Gregory Young, Melvin Trommell and Freddy Hargis, each bear badges with gold and silver arrow, and Wayne Glenn, wolf badge.

New members who were presented membership cards and bobcat awards included: Barney Weimer, Dean Lounsbury, Donald Wilfang, Donald Horton, Richard Moser, Michael Vasey.

The next pack meeting will be held Nov. 19, at the Benson School.

## Political Chaos in Southern States Putting Zest in Two-Party System

By JAMES THRASHER

The Southern turmoil produced by President Truman's civil rights program may end up by illustrating the sweet uses of adversity. For the bolt of angry Dixiecrats and the disaffection of Democrats, who approve the Dixiecrats' motives. If not their methods, has done a remarkable thing. It has threatened to make this week's presidential contest a two-party affair in several Southern states.

Newspapers in Virginia and Georgia and Texas have come out for the Dewey-Warren ticket. Solvent, substantial citizens of impeccable Southern ancestry are working for the Republican candidates — something that would have been branded as heresy, and maybe treason, a year ago. And both the newspapers and the citizens seem to be doing this with a minimum of fear that their business and social lives will be ruined in after years.

Of course the sure and solid Democratic states of Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Texas are picked Herbert Hoover over Al Smith in 1928. But the issue this time seems to go down deeper into political bed rock. Whether the issue will be toppled before another four years is up remains to be seen.

The need of a two-party system in the South has long been admitted, even by many who ordinarily wouldn't be caught dead putting an X in a ballot's Republican column. But there has never seemed to be any way of getting the movement going. Now, possibly, that way has been found, and through no more intricate means than the civil rights program and the South's reaction to it.

The benefits of an active and actual two-party system in the southern tier of states would be considerable. First of all it would help the South politically and materially by removing an 80-year-old condition in which the Democratic Party took the region for granted, and the Republican Party couldn't have wooed the

majority of its voters by offering them the moon.

## Might Get President

Extension of the system would improve the operations of Congress by giving the Southern members more freedom of thought and action. It might even put a resident of the South in the White House—which, if you except Andrew Johnson's completion of Lincoln's second term, hasn't happened since Zachary Taylor of Louisiana was elected 100 years ago.

A two-party system might also prove an easier remedy for some of the South's political ills—the poll tax system, for instance—than has yet been prescribed or suggested in reports and proposed legislation. And, by making our governmental processes more truly democratic, it would remove one of the favorite targets of our eager critics in other countries.

All this is only speculation, and nothing lasting may come of it. But at least it adds an intriguing footnote to a campaign already remarkable for its great amount of complex political interest and its great dearth of popular enthusiasm and excitement.

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