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ELECTION MIRACLES

Millions of Americans are tramping to the polls today to cast their ballots at a crucial election. Tonight the nation's ears will be tuned to election news as progressive reports tell the outcome.

Will we have a change in administration? Will the Senate have a Republican or Democratic majority? What will the candidates—the winners and the losers—have to say? What will be the comments by expert political observers? Interest will be keen in answers to those topics.

Few people will stop to realize that the efficiency and speed with which they get election returns result from miracles of modern science and invention.

In each of the nation's polling places a crew of election officials will tabulate the local vote. As the tabulation progresses the standings will be reported by newsmen to their respective newspapers and to the various press associations. News from individual polling places, from counties, states, areas and the nation will be accumulated by the press associations and formulated into comprehensive reports of progress. Bulletins and summaries will be fed over telephone, telegraph, teletype and radio wires to newspapers, radio stations and special subscribers.

Radio stations will maintain an all-night vigil as they serve listeners. Newspapers will employ crews of tabulators, telephone operators, reporters etc., gathering the news for publication and broadcast. Many of the metropolitan papers will be issuing extra editions at frequent intervals.

A new factor enters this year's election as television service is furnished in the larger cities. Many people will be able to see and hear candidates, commentators and other as the election returns progress toward determination of the decision made by voters. By the time the next presidential election rolls around the video screen will undoubtedly be a much more influential item in campaigning and dissemination of news.

At the office of *The News-Review*, telephone operators will receive reports from the county's election precincts. These precinct returns will be tabulated and bulletins, both as to precincts and accumulative totals, will be furnished *The News-Review's* radio station, KRNR. Reporters, at the same time, will be preparing copy for publication in Wednesday's paper and sending out dispatches to the Associated Press. Altogether, the task of collecting Douglas County's election returns will involve the work of several hundred persons in every section of the county.

Few people will stop to think of the vast organization, the huge number of machines, the various sciences and inventions, and the labor, involved in the process of making election returns available to them both by radio and through their newspapers. They take it for granted that they will hear these returns, just as they accept the fact that the sun will rise at a certain time in the morning. But behind this service is the labor of hundreds of thousands of men and women, many of them volunteer helpers; press associations utilizing every known device for communication, newspapers equipped with modern miracles of machinery for collection and dissemination of news, and radio and television to bring instantaneous information directly into homes of listeners.

A few people are still alive who can recall when it took weeks after a national election to learn who had been chosen president. The news had to be carried by pony express across the country. It spread gradually from one locality to another, and, in some of the smaller and more remote communities, it would often be weeks before all the information could be obtained.

Yet today, in the span of one lifetime, listeners in the most remote area, will be able to hear the news the instant it is available, will hear the voices of candidates conceding defeat or accepting victory, and in the more populous areas will actually see the images of the candidates and other speakers while listening to their voices.

It is an interesting observation that while the tempo of our living constantly increases, and new inventions shrink the size of the world, medical science has prolonged the anticipated life span so that we may live longer to enjoy advantages of modern living.

Window Display Calls Attention To Girl Scout Week

In observance of National Girl Scout Week, a special window display is being prepared by the Girl Scout Leadership Association for the remainder of the week in the window of Miller's store on North Jackson, reports Mrs. Roy Byrd, a member of the association.

The window contains posters calling special attention to the new uniforms for the girls, as well as to the activities of the Girl Scout organization, founded 36 years ago by Juliette Low at Savannah, Ga. More than 1,000,000 members in every state in the United States are enrolled. Girl Scouting is relatively new in Roseburg, having been started in May of this year, said Mrs. Byrd. There are now about 35 members, making up four troops. A fifth troop of senior scouts is to be organized shortly, she said. Only one of the troops, number 1, has received an official number, although applications have been made to have the other troops recognized. The leadership of Mrs. Ralph Voeller, ap-

organized, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ralph Voeller. Application has been made to the national organization to have the adult group registered, but it cannot be recognized as a Girl Scout Council until it has been in operation a year.

Girl Scouting is more advanced in Myrtle Creek and Sutherlin, where troops have been organized several years. Myrtle Creek has five troops and Sutherlin has a relatively large membership. Some of the girls from Sutherlin attended camp this year.

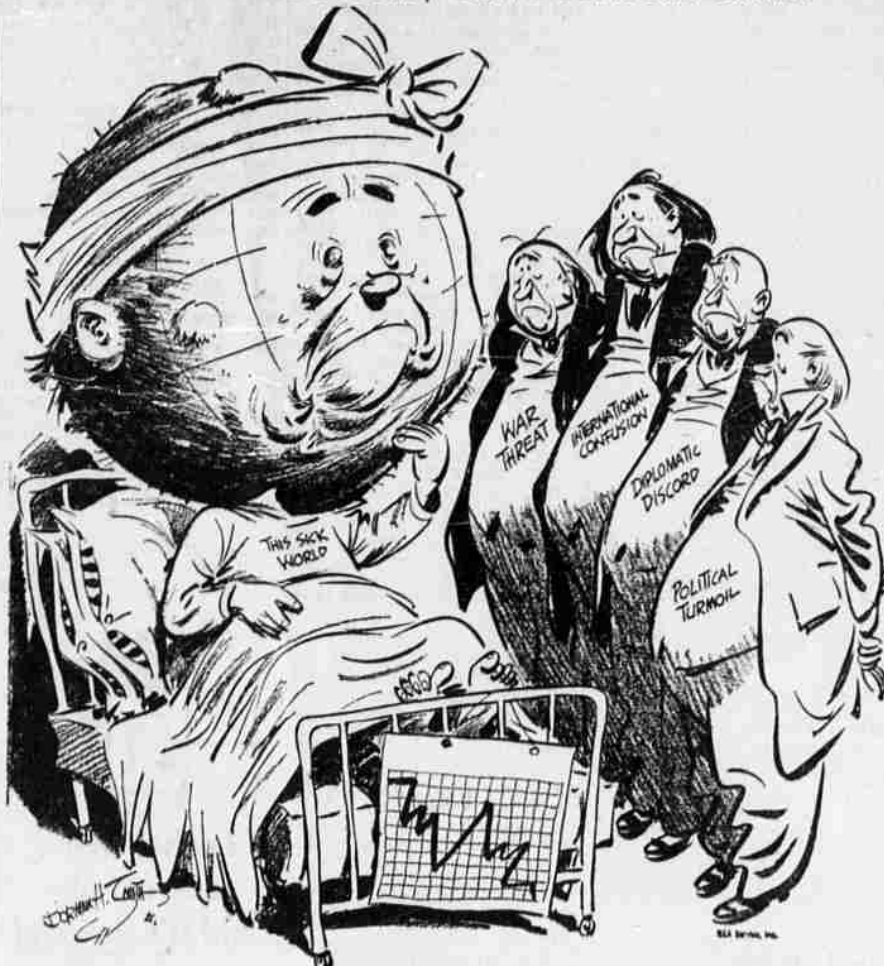
A scout troop is to be organized at Riverdale School, according to Mrs. Byrd.

Fires on Increase, But Loss Small, Chief Reports

Fire Chief Glenn H. Taylor reported that 740 fires have been reported and calls made by the fire department during the first 10 months of this year.

This is more than for the 12 months last year, he said. The number for 1947 was 132. Usually by this time of year from 70 to 80 calls have been named. Although there were seven city calls and two Rural Fire District calls during October, the damage was not great, said the chief. Most of the calls resulted in little or no damage.

'For Goodness Sake, Can't Someone Smile?'



Scrapes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

On Election Day I always think of the Robsons...

"My goodness," said another neighbor, looking out the window at the voting place, "here come the Robsons... you wouldn't think they would bother about voting today?"

Of all the lads who came to our house Steel was our favorite. Our Seelye loved him as a brother from Kindergarten days; then, later on, a fine young ensign would drop in... we knew why he came...

Steel had a brilliant scholastic record as well as a fine one in various athletics. He had also a lovable way that endeared him to young folks of his own age, and to teachers and older friends.

A brother officer came, in later days, to tell the stricken parents that "Robson saw the suicide plane coming but he never flinched."

On this Election Day here were the Robsons, coming to vote, the day after the telegram had reached them.

"We had to come," said the tall, tragic-eyed mother, when I went out to greet them, "because if we failed in our duty to vote, we should be letting Steel down. Voting meant so much to him..."

So, on this, another Election Day, let us not break faith with the loved ones who did not come back to vote for themselves; let us not break faith with the men in the hospitals (there are many women veterans in hospitals, too) who did come back; let us not break faith with the veterans all around us, watching us to see what we are going to do with the precious voting privilege which cost so much to keep for us. Let us vote!

Permit Asked To Build R.R. Spur In East Gardiner

Permission to construct a railroad spur from East Gardiner to the Long-Bell Lumber Co.'s mill property in Gardiner has been asked of the Public Utilities Commission and the State Highway Commission. This was reported to the Reedsport City Council last week by Alex Hay, Longview, Wash., engineer for the company. The council gave its unanimous approval to the proposed spur line.

Hay stated that since the start of the longshore strike, the Gardiner mill had been closed down a week because of inability to ship lumber. The mill is now operating on a curtailed schedule. This would not have been necessary if there had been a spur track to the mill, he said.

Plans of tunneling the hill north of Gardiner and building a spur from the Tahkenitch Lake section had been considered, but rejected as too expensive. Permission is now being sought to build the spur from East Gardiner.

This will necessitate a grade crossing at the north end of the Smith River bridge on Highway 101. Approval of this grade crossing by Reedsport officials was requested by Hay. His maps showed that adequate visibility would be allowed from a driving standpoint. He pointed out that the crossing would only be used when loaded cars were being taken out or empties brought in to the mill.

Hay explained that Reedsport's approval of this grade crossing could prove helpful in getting permission to construct the line, despite the fact that the spur is not in Reedsport. If this permission can be secured, he said, most of the spur could be built on ground, with perhaps a small amount of piling trestle needed.

In the Day's News

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to the enemy.

That pretty well tells the tale.

THE dispatch goes on to say:

"Many high Chinese and foreign sources agree that the Chinese civil war has been decided... Fighting, they say, may continue for months, but, they add, efforts to defeat the Com-

munist on a national scale HAVE ENDED—killed by the spiritless, tired government armies which are no longer willing to resist, much less attack."

AS nearly as one can gather from what comes out of China, the Nationalist government has been long on words and short on performance. It has done a lot of idealistic talking about liberty, but has given the bulk of the Chinese down at the bottom of the heap VERY LITTLE OF IT.

This writer seems to recall that when Madame Chiang—a charming woman if ever there was one—came to America several years ago to rally us behind the cause she represented, she was dressed in costly silks and furs, stayed at the best hotels and ate the best food.

If you were a common, plug Chinaman, down at the bottom of the pile, never knowing where your next mouthful of nourishing food was going to come from, you might have been MORE IMPRESSED if she had stayed at home and shared the misery of her countrymen in the life and death struggle that was then going on with Japan.

Even as an American, you might have been more impressed if her visit to us, in which she was appealing for our help, had been conducted on a somewhat less regal scale.

IN other words, if people are going to fight in these days, they must have something to fight for. Something they BELIEVE IN. It appears rather strongly that the masses of the people in the area known as Nationalist China no longer feel that they have anything worth fighting for.

IT'S a little odd, wouldn't you say, that here on the eve of our national election of 1948, which can be the most important election in our history, we are discussing the affairs of CHINA.

Well, that's the kind of an election it is. Most of us feel that we'll be much more interested in what happens AFTER the election. That is what will count.

Prize-Winning Pupils in Picture Drawing Listed

First prize in the J. C. Penney picture drawing contest, judged Saturday night, went to Norma Jean Long, age 12, in the sixth grade at Garden Valley School. Second prize was awarded to Bobby Davis, age 10, student of Benson School.

The next ten prizes went to Sharon Liller, Green School; Norma Thiele, Benson; Gloria M. Brown, Elgarose; Sidney Getty, Oakland; Velma Post, Dillard; Norma Weber, Green; Carl Johnson, Riverside; Elnatia Willhoff, Myrtle Creek; Roberta Kelley, Benson and Sharon Long, Garden Valley.

Honorable mention goes to Helen Strong, 1205 E. Fourth street, Roseburg. This drawing had to be disqualified because she was outside the grade limit as stated in the rules, but the picture, because of its quality, was given honorable mention.

The awards were made by art teachers of the Roseburg Public schools: Miss Margaret Carr, Junior High; Miss Florence Snedacker, Benson, and Ralph Turner, Senior High.

Total of 83 children participated. Letters will go out to the winners and on presentation of the letter, they be awarded their prizes, according to the store management.

HORSEMEAT CANNED

AUCKLAND—(AP)—New Zealand is freezing and canning horseflesh for sale in Belgium. The supply of horses is plentiful because farmers are selling horses as they buy tractors to do farm work.

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Vanport Debris Yields 14th Victim of Flood

PORTLAND, Nov. 1—(AP)—The 14th victim of the Memorial Day flood which destroyed Vanport was found in the debris today.

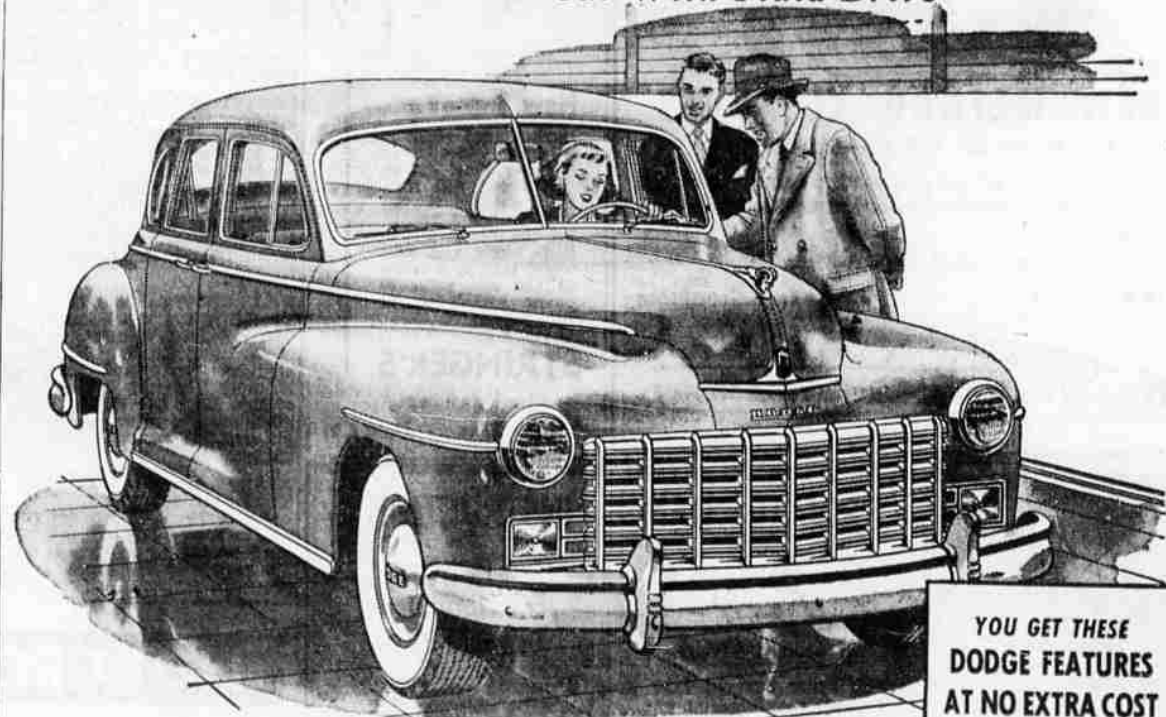
The victim was tentatively identified as Sadao Mizuno, 75-year-old retired photographer who is among the eight persons missing since the flood. Friends saw Mizuno swept off a foot-bridge into the water.

A workman came across the body this morning, as wreckers were clearing away the ruins.

Even in the hottest season, snow stays on the mountains of Peru above the 17,000-foot level.

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