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READY FOR ELECTION?

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Are you ready for the state primary election Friday? Are you registered? Have you made up your mind about candidates? Are you sure of your precinct and polling place? We find that many people are showing little interest in the election this week. Predictions are that a light vote will be cast.

We realize, of course, that less public interest is to be expected in a nominating election than in a general election, and that fewer votes are cast in off-year elections than in presidential elections. But a primary election is a part of our government procedure and carries as much responsibility as any other duty citizens are called upon to perform.

In these critical days of change in government philosophy it is important that voters exercise their rights of franchise diligently.

If a socialistic form of government is desired by the majority of our people, that is the type of government we should have. But the policy should be fixed by a majority and not by a minority. We can't have representative government when only about one-half our qualified voters go to the polls.

Does a citizen have a moral right to criticize any government agency, department or official when he fails to perform the small but vitally important duty imposed upon him in determining the policies of government through his vote for candidates?

Applause For Judge Wimberly

For the second time in recent days we find good reason to applaud official action by Circuit Judge Carl E. Wimberly. We agreed with him wholeheartedly when he "lowered the boom" on a defendant accused of chiseling from unemployment compensation funds. We endorse with equal enthusiasm his decision in the milk controversy.

Judge Wimberly, although for many years active in Democratic political circles, will have no part of current Socialistic trends. He is a firm advocate of adherence to the spirit and letter of the Constitution. He detests bureaucracy, regimentation, deficit spending and interference with free enterprise.

It is seldom, however, that an official as highly placed as Judge Wimberly will voluntarily expose himself to criticism by fearlessly speaking his mind. While his censure is aimed directly at the state's milk control law and its administrator, he leaves no doubt as to his dislike of bureaucracy, in general, and current trends of government.

Even though we might disagree with him—which we do not—we appreciate the integrity of a public official, dependent upon voter approval for continuance in office, who will declare his principles vigorously and fearlessly.

Scheduled Airline Service Pledged

One question which has been in the minds of some local persons concerned with our airport problem was definitely settled Monday. These people have wanted assurance that, if bonds are voted for airport improvement at the coming special election, scheduled airline service would be available.

A qualified official of West Coast Airlines, speaking at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon program Monday, made a flat promise that as soon as the Roseburg port is certified for commercial passenger flights, his company is prepared to inaugurate service. Planes will start scheduled flights, he said, as quickly as equipment can be made available and schedules arranged. His company already has been certified to serve this area when port facilities are approved.

LETTERS to the Editor

Thanks Senator For Bill To Cut Federal Spending

ROSEBURG — I read in the Oregonian today, while on a business trip to Portland, that Senator Styles Bridges has introduced a Senate bill to cut government spending \$6 billion to balance our budget. To think that there is a man, a senator, with strength of character to face in national affairs what we in our personal home affairs expect to do, is so unusual in American government today that I want to thank him and express my gratitude.

Our country still is not too big for individuals to be heard, and I hope that sufficient individuals of that kind, who are used to facing the realities of life, will give this man the "Go-Ahead" in electing up our American bookkeeping.

Put an end to subsidies to grants-in-aid, handouts to states and election year pork barrel projects. We have \$250 billion to pay and today is the time to face the music.

Thank you, Senator Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire.
KENNETH H. OAKLEY, M.D.
Roseburg, Oregon

Umpqua Flying Clubbers Attend Newport Show

Twenty-one persons went to Newport by airplane from the local airport Sunday to attend the air show. Then the group, composed of Umpqua Flying Club members, flew along the coast to North Bend.

The weather was clear and vi-

"Free" Election—If Russia Had Her Way



In the Day's News

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in the Council of Europe.

2. Extension of German control over German internal legislation.
3. Give the Germans more leeway in shipbuilding.

THIS is what it all means:

We and the British and the French are pretty well convinced that if we have to go to war with Communist Russia we've GOT to have the tough, smart, competent Germans on our side.

ISN'T war funny?

I spend our blood and our treasure to lick the Germans and out of it all comes a mess in which we have the Germans on our side in order to avoid a worse mess than the last one.

LET'S go back for a moment to that fateful day in 1942 when Hitler unexpectedly attacked Russia.

If you'll search your memory, I'll bet you'll recall that your instinctive feeling was to stand off to one side and let the Nazi Germans and the Communist Russians fight each other to a standstill. That was the way most of us, on PURE HUNCH, felt about it.

But we reasoned ourselves out of it, and what followed followed. That raises an interesting question: when you act on hunch, doesn't it often work out pretty well? And when you GO AGAINST a hunch, don't you often wish you hadn't?

OUR Harry, back in Chicago after his tour of the whistle stops, is bubbling over with enthusiasm and speaks happily about the size and the friendliness of his audiences.

That is as it should be. If the time ever comes in this country when we aren't interested in our President and friendly toward him when he visits our town, the United States of America will be in a bad, bad way.

Besides, the little man from Missouri is just the kind of guy to arouse interest and friendship when he goes out barnstorming. He's human and friendly and interested in people.

INCIDENTALLY, he says again

and again in Chicago that the trip was all STRICTLY NON-POLITICAL. He was just out calling on friends and neighbors.

Of course it was non-political. It had to be. The taxpayers were paying for it. If the tour had been political in any sense, the taxpayers might have balked at paying for it.

Births At Mercy Hospital

WALKER — To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Walker, 2037 Ann avenue, May 16, a daughter, Christine Marie; weight six pounds five ounces.

PARKER — To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker, Riddle, May 16, a son, Johnnie Ray; weight nine pounds four ounces.

ROBERTS — To Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Roberts, Brockway, May 16, a son, Steven Lynn; weight seven pounds 10 ounces.

HAMM — To Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Hamm, 827 Hamilton street, Roseburg, May 16, a son, Lowell Dennis; weight six pounds 13 ounces.

Soaps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

"If there is a better combination for a sure-fire story than a boy and a dog, it is a boy and a horse." But don't take the word of a publisher of "The Phantom Ream" a good horse story—ask any librarian, any children's librarian. And watch that desperate, embattled look come into her eyes. Says Elizabeth Hales, children's librarian, in Eugene:

"Children here are simply mad about stories with a horse in them. Even the mothers come in and say: 'I want a story about a horse...' I offer them a beautiful book, maybe one just received, and the mother looks at it with suspicion and asks: 'Does it have a horse in it? Tommy wants horse stories, or he won't read them!' Or maybe it's Mary, or Johnny or Jane... no matter, girls and boys, all mad over a book with a horse in it."

"If all the newer horse-books are out, they take the older ones and re-read them." Miss Hales waved a despairing hand at the stacks filled with the best in children's literature. "I guess it's the wonderful posse we have here! If a youngster doesn't ride, he has hopes; and if he does ride, what is better than more horse? I give up!"

Said Nellie Hamant, Cottage Grove librarian, with the same embattled look in her eye: "Oh, yes, they all want a book with a horse in it. If there isn't one to be had, the boy or girl might settle for a book with a dog in it. But that ends it. And they keep track of their friends' book-loans and are right on hand for the new one about The Black Stallion and Sat-in' (Satan). The other day a wild-eyed young person came puffing upstairs and exclaimed, 'Oh, Mrs. Hamant, did a girl with a red coat bring back a book about a horse the day before yesterday?' She said she did. I sure want it next!"

Then Muriel Mitchell, the Roseburg librarian, has the same embattled look, should you mention horse to her! "Of course our children are crrrrraazzyyyy about horses! Any horse-book is terrific! But perhaps tops are the Black Stallion series... Remember that lovely bulletin board display last fall: Make Friends With Books? I tried to show it to our youth... but all they could see was "LOOK! The Silver Stallion!"

Filling Top U. S. Posts Hard Task For President

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Truman is still finding it difficult to fill 18 top-level government posts despite the attraction of higher salaries. The salaries of these jobs range from \$12,000 to \$17,500 a year. In addition to the 18, two \$15,000-a-year positions of assistant secretary of agriculture will be available shortly if the agriculture reorganization plan becomes effective, and all atomic energy commission members' terms expire June 30.

Only one of these five AEC commissions is now open. A \$17,500-a-year chairman is expected to be named whenever the president finds the man he wants. Mr. Truman is looking for three men to fill the \$17,500 jobs as undersecretary of agriculture, commerce, and interior.

There is also a \$16,000 opening for a director of mutual defense assistance and the following \$15,000 positions waiting to be filled: Assistant attorney general, administrative assistant to the president (he has five, but has never had the sixth permitted by law), undersecretary of the Air Force, director of the newly-created national science foundation, and seven district judges, including three in California, two in New York, and one each in Ohio and New Jersey.

The \$12,000 vacancy is on the 14-member U. S. tax court.

After finding a director of the new science foundation, the president must round up 24 other scientists to serve on the foundation board. These members will be paid \$25 a day while on duty.

Orn K. Funk Of Sutherlin Passes Away At Ashland

Orn K. Funk, 55, of Sutherlin died late Monday at Ashland. He is survived by his widow, Thelma, of Sutherlin; a daughter, Mrs. Viola Lawson, Long Beach, Calif.; his mother, Mrs. Irene Funk, Centralia, Wash.; and a brother, Leslie H. Funk of Sutherlin. Funeral services will be held

Yoncalla Lions Receive Charter At Gala Affair

At a dinner meeting held in the high school gymnasium on Saturday evening at eight o'clock, the Yoncalla Lions club received its charter from the district governor, Frank White. Each of the 29 charter members also received their certificates on this occasion.

William G. Cool Jr. of the sponsoring club from Drain presided during the evening. Toastmaster was Vern Hawn of the Eugene club. Hawn ably carried out the duties of his office, amid the heckling of the entire group.

Musical selections were offered by the Yoncalla grade school band. Mrs. Arlo Thomas rendered two vocal numbers, accompanied by Mrs. Felix Latham. Mrs. Latham also played for the group singing during the evening, and for the selection the Drain Lions "attempted" through the confusion of the competitive Yoncalla Lions (and ladies) a rendition of "Home on the Range."

Guest speaker for the evening was Kirby Fortune of the Coos Bay Lions club. He told the aims and purposes of the organization. Tim Ellis, secretary of Yoncalla Lions, presented William G. Cool Jr. with a small gift from the new club as a token of their appreciation for the able assistance he had offered during organization.

Presentations from the various clubs represented at the meeting to the Yoncalla Lions included: Gong and gavel from the Drain Lions, a set of international flags from the district governor, and a bill of sale for a tail twister's coin container from the Eugene club. There seems to be a little dispute of ownership of this last item. Yoncalla holds the bill of sale. It is said that the Drain club holds the article, with possession over ruling according to points.

Lions and their ladies reported from: Drain, Gardiner, Reedsport, Creswell, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Roseburg, Sutherlin, Coos Bay and Oakridge, besides the large group from Yoncalla.

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Divorce Complaints Filed VAN HORN—Marvel M. vs. Miland Randolph Van Horn. Married in Roseburg, August 23, 1946. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Plaintiff asks for possession of her sole and separate property and that her maiden name of Marvel M. Thomas be restored.

PARMENTER — Dollie vs. John Harold Parmenter. Married at Spokane, Wash., April 17, 1948. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

Choral Society Concert Dated At Vets Hospital

The 60-voice Roseburg Choral society will give its initial spring concert Thursday at 7:15 p.m., performing before patients and employees of the Roseburg Veterans hospital.

This will be the first of three spring concerts presented by the group. The chorus will journey to Myrtle Creek May 24 to sing at a PTA-sponsored affair there. Final concert of the year will be the home appearance at the Roseburg Junior high school, May 29.

Charles A. Ricketts is director of the group and Martha Jane Plimpton is accompanist.

News-Review classified ads bring results. Phone 100.

Thursday, May 18, at 2 p.m. in the Oregon City funeral home. Interment will be in the Mt. View cemetery in Oregon City.

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Hendricks R. R. E. C.
Do the residents in West Roseburg and North Roseburg wish to be taken into the corporate limits of the city? It will be their last chance to get in for two years, or until another legislative meets.

Roseburg Review,
December 4, 1890.

Does that bottom paragraph remind you of recent issues? And glance at the first item—a quarter section—\$1500! Both should remind you that values change—too many \$10,000 homes are still insured for \$5000 or so—which is just ASKING for a \$5000 loss to our mind. Don't take chances—insure to TODAY'S values.

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