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## BATTLE LINES DRAWN

Charles V. Stanton

Commanding attention in the forthcoming primary election will be contests for national committeeman on both the Democratic and Republican party tickets.

Rival factions are battling for power in both parties. Contests are heated and violent. The campaign will be followed with much interest by the public.

The national committeeman heads the party organization within his own state. His position is one of much responsibility. He has an important voice in all political affairs, influences appointments and patronage, and carries much weight in campaign organization.

Monroe Sweetland, publisher of the Molalla Pioneer and Newport News, has been Democratic national committeeman since 1948. He is being opposed by Mike M. DeCico, who has made a great success as a tire distributor in the Pacific Northwest.

The two candidates are backed by strong rival factions within the party, the fight being particularly keen in Multnomah County. An echo of this battle occurred at a Democratic dinner meeting in Roseburg recently when State Treasurer Walter Pearson brought the feud into the open.

The Republican contest also is sharply divided. Although four candidates seek the office, the principal fight is between Jess Gard and Lowell C. Paget, both of Portland.

They seek the office being vacated by Ralph Cake, who has served for many years and who has announced that he would not again seek reelection.

Gard, a native Oregonian and former banker, has been very active in civic and political affairs. Born in a family of Democrats, he revolted against the New Deal and became an ardent Republican worker. He has, however, tended toward the "liberal" side. He was a supporter of Willkie in 1944. He now is treasurer and director of the Interstate Tractor and Equipment Company. Although he makes no declaration of preference in the coming presidential election, his support is claimed by the Eisenhower group.

The other major candidate is Lowell Paget, long a leader in the Republican party organization. Paget served three sessions in the Oregon legislature. He was a delegate to three Republican conventions. In the current presidential campaign he is state manager of the Taft forces.

### Conservatives Versus Liberals

Because of the party activities and records of the two men, Republicans are dividing on conservative and liberal lines, offering indications of an interesting race.

The other two Republican candidates are Glenn R. Jack of Clackamas County and Charles L. Paine, Multnomah County.

Jack is city attorney at Oregon City. He is a veteran and has been very active in the affairs of veterans organization. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar.

Paine is a former resident of Eugene where, it will be recalled, he was active as a Townsend Club organizer. He has been an unsuccessful candidate for various political offices for a number of years.

Also to be elected are national committeewomen. A contest exists on the Democratic ballot, but none on the Republican ticket.

Democrats will choose between Lilian M. Burton and Margaret Cawood, both of Portland.

Both candidates have long records of service to the party and in school, civic and women's organizations.

The Republican position is sought by Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett of Klamath County, widow of Senator Cornett, who was killed in 1947 in the airplane accident which also took the lives of Governor Snell and Secretary of State Farrell.

Mrs. Cornett has no opposition.

Indications are that the selection of national committeeman and committeewomen will be given serious attention by members of both parties. The sharp division of opinion with respect to candidates for committeeman in particular makes it obvious that the contests will draw much public interest and attention.



**MENDING BASKET**  
 by Vahnett Martin P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

The Oregon veterans need not become discouraged if Uncle Sam seems slow in sending out the checks. It took that same Uncle Sam—when he was much younger—fifty years, yes, fifty years, to get around to pay a justly due and applied for pension to Daniel Bakeman, last veteran of the Revolutionary War. Mr. Bakeman was 107 years old when his pension began, and he lived to enjoy it a while, too, for he was 109 years, 5 months and 2 days when he passed on. His burial place is in Freedom, N.Y.

The DAR some years ago marked his grave and established his records for history. At the ceremonies Miss Maud Brooks, then regent, said:

"We of today are heirs of an heroic and noble past but we must be mindful of the fact that the greatest danger of degeneration of American standards comes not from without but from within. Let us be proud of what our forefathers have done, let us encourage the study of American history, endeavor to instill a true knowledge of its struggles and its glories, but at the same time, let us be equally alive to present day problems and duties. Remembering that true patriotism is not only the willingness to fight and die for one's country in time of war, but the

desire to serve well and live nobly in times of peace." (The address was printed in Historical Wyoming.)

"It is very easy to see our duty," continued the Oregon regent, "in erecting memorials to the officers and leaders, but often the private soldiers who fought in the ranks and performed humbler duties are forgotten. We must remember they had nothing to sustain them but an undying love of country. No hope of great rewards, no glitter nor glory would be theirs."

The Castilian Castle, N. Y., has an old "Old Timers' Corner" under the editorship of the town historian, giving residents an opportunity to ask questions, and also help in compiling accurate and factual history of the community. By the way, was "hog iron" ever used here in Oregon? Iron cost over \$100 a ton on the coast, and transportation was difficult as well as expensive. So the early settlers of Wyoming county resorted to "hog iron" in the manner followed by miners since the days of Tubal Cain, the first recorded Iron Master.

A single train with enough cars to handle all the coal produced in West Virginia in 1951 would be long enough to girdle the earth at the equator.



**BACK CANDIDATE** — Members of the Roseburg Beauticians Association met last week to honor the candidate they are sponsoring for Centennial queen. In front, at left, is Marjorie Hart, state president of the Oregon Association, from Corvallis, with Miss Erdeen Piper, queen candidate at right. In the rear are Fern Craig, Mae Helland, Norma Newby, Elizabeth Hughes, Betty Rees of Myrtle Creek and Arlene Nelson. Others attending the meeting were Ferne Andrus, Pat Kertesz, Helen Lane, Ethel Oederkirk, Lillian Bates, Orla Schauer, Irene Wangeman, LaVera Rutter, Arlene Nelson, Marjorie Miles, and Helen Royce. (Picture by Master Studio)

## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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WASHINGTON — The New York Journal-American, at the risk of turning the 1952 presidential race into a quiz contest, has been asking candidates from both parties a number of important questions bearing on foreign and domestic affairs.

Two leading presidential aspirants, as well as Gen. Douglas MacArthur, declined to answer the questions. MacArthur refused to reply on the grounds that he is not a candidate, and that his views are known anyway on issues raised by William Randolph Hearst Jr., publisher of the Journal-American.

The other two who said "No, thanks," Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and W. Averell Harriman, cannot be excused for the reasons put forth by Gen. MacArthur. Harriman, however, may be sympathetic with his reluctance, since he was only recently named New York state's favorite son in the Democratic contest. He was selected, probably without his knowledge, by the Democratic machine bosses in the state, and it may be that he hasn't as yet accustomed himself to such lofty heights.

Eisenhower's declination is a different story. He shouldn't be excused, since Senator Robert Taft, Harold Stassen and Gov. Earl Warren, all GOP hopefuls, stepped up and took the quiz. General Eisenhower can't be excused on the grounds that he isn't in the race. His backers are predicting a first ballot nomination for him and they have entered his name in several state contests with impunity. So nobody gets hurt but the general in continuing the fiction that he is a political mummy. He has always had plenty to say in the past, on any number of questions, including political ones. This was especially true during his tenure in office as president of Columbia University, and even then he was still subject to the whims of his commander-in-chief, Harry Truman.

Bill Hearst's questions included a nifty conceit concerning the need for amending the constitution of the U.S. to bar the United Nations from usurping the freedoms guaranteed to us by that document. Senator Taft wants a constitutional amendment limiting the power of the UN; Gov. Warren thinks a constitutional amendment is not needed; Stassen, the American Bar Association can handle the problem; Senator Estes Kefauver agrees with Gov. Warren, and Senator Richard Russell says he'd handle the situation without an amendment if he ever gets to be president.

It's a fair question and Eisenhower and Harriman ought to admit it. The UN is conducting a global propaganda drive to accomplish its supremacy over our own and other governments, and both the estimable gentlemen mentioned above know it.

There is a strong suspicion that neither of the two knows much about what goes on in Asia, Harriman has been in the administration's political and economic gadfly for a number of years, but he has concentrated on Europe, which is pleasing to the internationalists of both parties.

Eisenhower spent a few years in the Orient as an aide to Gen. MacArthur, but his sentiments on our difficulties in that area cannot be found on the public record at this time. It doesn't seem possible that what the Communists are doing in China has escaped the attention of the general and Harriman.

Taft, Stassen, Warren, Kefauver and Russell all endorse more aid for the fighting men on Formosa. They also would ignore demands from Communist China for a seat at UN council table.

All the candidates who answered the questions are beginners in the league of international military and economic problems, com-

pared to Gen. MacArthur. General MacArthur cried out against Communist aggression in Asia a year ago; he served in wartime and during the postwar era in positions of high trust that involved European war and unrest as well as Oriental problems. In a way, it's too bad he didn't reply to Bill Hearst's questions, but I'm sure we can all agree he is safe in assuming that the American people know his sentiments on the various issues.

It is perfectly plain to all of us that General Eisenhower knows, as does Bill Hearst, that the time is at hand for all the candidates to get on the record. It's the only way we can cast an honest vote for any of them.

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### In the Day's News

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tion to congress to regulate interstate commerce.

From Korea: 'General James Van Fleet said today there are indications the communists never have wanted to make peace in Korea. If the world held correspondents some agreement could have been reached in the almost ten months of truce negotiations.

"But," he added, "The United Nations can either outfight the Reds on the battlefields or OUST them at the conference tables."

He speaks confidently—and so he inspires confidence in the rest of us. That is good. If we are to be the world policeman (as Rome and Britain were before us) we must have confidence in ourselves. Otherwise, we will fail in our job. If we fail in our present job of policing the world, goodness only knows what the result will be.

Van Fleet sounds like a good leader in the right place.

When those of us who sit safely here at home, with other people's sons doing the fighting in Korea, talk about battling to the bitter end and we expose ourselves to the charge that such talk is cheap.

General Van Fleet is in no such situation. His pilot son is missing in action and may be one of the prisoners of war that U.M. and red truce negotiators are haggling over.

## Society

**MERCY HOSPITAL INVITES PUBLIC TO VISIT HOSPITAL NEXT MONDAY**

National Hospital Day will be observed Monday, May 12, by Mercy Hospital by holding open house. The public is most cordially invited to call between the hours of two and four o'clock in the afternoon and from seven to nine o'clock in the evening. Students of the high school planning to enter medicine or nursing will be taken on a tour of the hospital in the morning.

Mrs. A. J. Murray is general chairman of the open house. Mrs. S. V. O'Reilly is in charge of serving; Mrs. R. C. Herbage, food; Mrs. Robert Hatterscheid, tours and Mrs. Paul Jenkins, decorations.

A Baby Alumni booth will be maintained at the hospital during the visiting hours, so that parents having children born at Mercy Hospital in the last six years, may register them for the Baby Alumni group. A scroll will be presented to the Baby Alumni members in the near future.

All members of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary are requested to furnish cookies for the open-house. Those unable to deliver the cookies to the hospital are asked to call Mrs. Herbert Weisgerber at the Hudson Motor Company and the Motor Corps will pick them up.

**VFW AUXILIARY TO MEET TOMORROW**

The VFW Auxiliary will meet Friday, May 9, at the Legion Hall at 8 p.m. Members and those eligible for membership are invited to attend.

**ZULEIMA CLUB TO MEET AT J. FARISH HOME**

Zuleima Club, Daughters of the Nile, will meet Friday at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Jack Farish, 1066 Garden Valley Road, with Mrs. O. J. Fet as co-hostess.

**ELKHEAD GRANGE PLANS SUTHERLIN BAZAAR**

The Elkhead Grange has planned a bazaar to be held tomorrow, May 9, at Sutherland.

The public is invited.

**DUV TENT IS TO HAVE REGULAR SESSION**

DUV Florence Nighingale Tent 15 will meet in regular session Hall.

Members are invited to attend.

**RIFLE RANGE SEWING CLUB PLANS MEETING**

The Rifle Range Sewing Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Relda Coleman.

Members are urged to attend.

**ELKHEAD GRANGE PLANS BAZAAR AND FOOD SALE**

Elkhead Grange will sponsor a food sale and bazaar Friday May 9, at the Heminger's Store in Sutherland. Proceeds will go towards remodeling the Grange Hall kitchen.

**HOSTESSES CHANGED FOR MEET OF EVERGREEN**

GRANGE H. E. CLUB The hostesses have been changed to Edith Bond, Vera Rice, Velma Albertus for the Evergreen Grange Home Economics Club potluck luncheon to be held at the hall, May 8.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Ill Wednesday — Wally Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Red, was ill at his home on Overlook Wednesday.

Infant Ill — Karen Sue Willis, one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Willis of Roseburg, is being treated at Douglas Community Hospital for pneumonia.

Discharged — William Howard Johnson of Roseburg was discharged Tuesday from Douglas Community Hospital, where he received medical treatment.

## Skating Judges Panel Convenes

Sunday, April 27, The Rolletta Rink was host to the Oregon Judge's Panel, a large number of skaters from Grants Pass, and skaters from the Rolletta Rink. Dance bar tests started at 9 a.m. and continued until 3 p.m. when the judges and rink operators motored out to Carl's Haven for chicken dinner. A judge's meeting was held during that time. Bronze medal tests were started after the luncheon and completed about 9 p.m.

Skaters from the Rolletta Rink who passed their dance bar test were Larry Archer, Helen Benson, Karen Brittain, Claude Butler, Barbara Byrd, Pat Dunwoodie, Marian Hill, Kathryn Sue Joiner, Korene Kester, Sharon Lander, Leola Metzker, Emma Melton, Nina Pfeffer, Anita Polk, Jerry Spinaz, Juanita Spinaz, Pat Spinaz and Cindy Lou White.

Those who passed their bronze medal tests were Claude Butler, Mary Butler, Beverly Byrd, and Pat Dunwoodie.

The judges were kept busy, since this was the largest group of skaters they have ever judged at one time. All of the judges were amateur skaters and served with out pay. Their travel expenses were paid by the manager of the Rolletta Rink and the manager of the Grants Pass Rink.

It is estimated that cars of coal moving on U. S. railroads in any one winter day would form a train long enough to stretch from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico.

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Paid Political Adv. by Cecil Bever, 117 Harvard, Roseburg, Oregon

## Mother's Day Gifts

MAY 11th



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