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## LET'S BREAK THE HABIT

By Charles V. Stanton

Considerable work is being done, we are informed, to turn out a larger number of voters for next Tuesday's special city election than participated in the two previous elections on the municipal budget. It is very much to be hoped that the effort will succeed. The issue deserves a representative vote.

It is not our purpose to say how anyone should vote. We do say, however, that more people should express their opinions. The conduct of our local government deserves attention of all our citizens. We cannot have good government without voter participation.

We often wonder how many of the people who complain about municipal services vote at city elections. Does a person have a moral right to criticize if he neglects his own responsibility? Is a person justified in saying that a policeman, for instance, isn't doing his duty when the person making the charge neglected his own duty as a voter? Can we expect city officers, the council, and others connected with city government to be enthusiastic in their work when less than 10 percent of the qualified voters attend the polls to vote on a critical matter?

### Election Calls Too Frequent

We realize that failure to vote at local elections does not necessarily imply a lack of interest in local affairs. We have so many elections that we grow tired, careless and negligent. We have an exceptionally busy community. Taking time to vote often is an inconvenience. Yet voting is an essential and vital part of government. In fact, it is the most vital factor, if we are to maintain our democratic forms of government.

But every year we must attend several elections for school districts and municipal governments requiring authorization for tax levies in excess of the six percent limitation. Then we have bond elections, votes on candidates for school director, and special issues from time to time, until it seems we are being called to the polls almost every week. Frequent elections are penalties for living in a community experiencing boom growth. Certainly most of us want growth and progress, so we must pay for it by giving more time to solution of problems raised by expansion.

Personally, we're mighty proud of Roseburg and Roseburg people. Looking back a few years we can see that we have vastly enlarged and improved our municipal services. Our expansion problems have been well handled to date.

### Troublesome Times Ahead

Naturally, we have made some mistakes. But mistakes have been far fewer than might be expected when we have had so many problems with which to wrestle. Looking at the whole picture we've done well and without waste or extravagance. On the whole we have been conservative and practical.

We need to do some serious thinking about the future. We must plan ways and means of meeting problems now looming on the horizon.

Our traffic situation is becoming almost intolerable. We must begin planning for more bridges across the river. Our sewage disposal facilities already are inadequate in capacity and population continues to grow. We rejected one pay-as-you-go plan for enlarging sanitary facilities, but we'll be forced, in the very near future, to take some positive action. We need a new city hall. Better facilities for our public library must be provided. We should have a civic auditorium. We could use more parks and playgrounds. For safety, health and orderly development, more suburban territory should unite with the municipality.

These are only a few of the problems ahead. We cannot meet them without serious consideration by the public and decisions expressed at elections.

But what chance do we have for representative decisions if less than a 10 percent vote at special city elections becomes a habit?

Tuesday's election, after the two dismal showings previously made, offers us an opportunity to show that we DO have an interest in municipal affairs and are willing to do our duty as citizens of a progressive, growing community.

### Scraps From the MENDING BASKET

by Vahnett Martin, P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

We were just laughing about the time I fixed a very attractive salad for the PTA potluck, and not a soul touched it, to my great embarrassment. Seems the ladies were not accustomed to salad in a bowl lined with washed nasturtium leaves, and decorated with a little nosegay of blossoms tucked in the center. (I don't suppose they had ever watched their mothers pickle the seeds, either!) From that I led my mother on to talk about her girlhood. . . she was born in London, in 1871.

British Guiana)  
"Tea came in big square chests covered with straw matting. From China, of course. I don't remember any coffee at all in those days. Mother always bought cloth for various purposes by the bolt, and a woman came every spring for six weeks to sew for the family. She also made red flannel belts for your grandfather and the older boys; the belts were sent away for the finishing with leather. Fine nansook was used for underwear for my sisters and me, but never anything but handwork. I can see the fine tucks, now, all put in by hand. There seemed so much more TIME in those days. . ."

Mother smiled: "I have heard your grandmother tell many times of the first shirts with finely tucked borders she made! She had to make six, perfectly, without help, before her father would consent to her marriage. Her parents had not thought it fitting for a girl to be raised with brothers, so she had been allowed to come home from boarding school only at Easter and Christmas. Then when her mother passed on suddenly, the young schoolgirl was brought home to preside over the household. When the six shirts were done to her father's satisfaction, she was married." Mother's blue eyes looked surprised—"just a hundred years ago this December."

## Words and Music by Harry Truman



## Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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CHICAGO — Negro leaders have informed Democrats gathering in Chicago that colored people hold the balance of political power in Ohio, Illinois, and California. They assert also that, along with other so-called independent voters, Negroes are potentially the balance of power in 14 other northern states with almost 300 out of the 531 electoral college votes.

The reminder, issued by Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, is expected to encourage Northern Democrats, such as Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota, in the fight for a strong party civil rights plank in the Democratic platform.

Humphrey needs all the encouragement he can get. The same ferocious battle over civil rights that rocked the 1948 Democratic convention will be refought here next week. In 1948, Humphrey stampered the convention into voting an anti-South civil rights plank. He was successful because of his oratorical skill and aggressive tactics. Both are likely to prove less charming to delegates this time, but a strong civil rights plank is in the offing nevertheless.

Most of the Negro leaders now in Chicago talking to Democratic politicians do so with tongue in cheek when speaking of the Negro vote as a bloc. They know, as do the Democratic leaders, that the Negro vote is not cast as a unit any more than is the labor vote. Senator Robert A. Taft proved this conclusively in Ohio in 1950.

The Negro, however, has a serious stake in both political conventions. His reaction to party platforms is the concern — and rightfully — of spokesmen for the colored people. No less important to his political welfare is the selection of a candidate.

The political situation in Chicago this year is not comforting to Negro leaders. They know that the South will not accept a candidate with the views of a Humphrey or a Senator Herbert Lehman. They know also that northern machine bosses secretly refuse to go that far on the race issue — as they proved in 1944 by rejecting Henry Wallace for another term as vice president.

At the same time the Negro Democrat, like his Republican counterpart, is interested in the welfare of his party. He knows that a strong civil rights plank will not be repudiated. But he also knows that the Democrats may well compromise on the issue in the selection of the two top candidates.

The NAACP has already criticized Senators Russell of Georgia and Kerr of Oklahoma. On the Republican side, it has rejected the civil rights views of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, but has remained silent regarding the views of Sen. Richard Nixon. Nixon is popular in California among Negro voters.

W. Averell Harriman and Senator Estes Kefauver are the two candidates for the Democratic nomination who have been handled gently by Negro Democratic leaders. Both have associated themselves with President Truman's views on Negro problems. Kefauver, however, being from Tennessee, has to overcome the natural antipathy of Southern Negroes for a southern politician, despite the views of Negro leaders on the subject.

The Negro vote in the South is of less importance to the Democrats, who traditionally win, than to Republicans. The GOP is hopeful

ful that Eisenhower and Nixon will carry a number of southern states. The Negro vote will have a lot to do with fulfilling this hope.

Where the Negro voter goes this November depends on what the Democrats do next week in Chicago. A strong civil rights plank in either party platform will not convince the Negro voter that he is headed for the equality he wants. His concern is the man who is named to carry out the pledges made for his welfare. In this respect the burden of proof is on the Democrats next week in Chicago.

Maybe you're still class-conscious. Maybe you're saying: "Oh, yeah, but he's a major and a West Pointer, and his father is General Eisenhower. He'll do all right."

Wait another minute. Check back through the news and recall how many West Point soldier sons of soldier fathers well up in the brass have died in Korea. War is the great leveler.

Inflation note: The interstate commerce commission gives permission to the Pullman Company to hike its charges by about 23 per cent. Under the new schedule, which takes effect on July 28, standard lowers go from a minimum of \$4.05 to a minimum of \$5 and tourist lowers go from \$3.20 to \$3.95. Heck! It even costs more money now to SLEEP!

More inflation: The government of Australia orders an arbitrary boost of all basic wages to try to keep up with rising living costs, but Australians fear the new government adjustment WILL ONLY MEAN HIGHER PRICES.

They must have been reading the news from the U.S. — where we're learning the hard way that that's EXACTLY what happens.

One for the book: An arbitrator in New Bedford, Massachusetts, order wages in New Bedford textile plants REDUCED 8 1/2 cents an hour, and the textile workers union agrees willingly to go along with the decrease. Why?

It brings the cost structure in New England down closer to the competitive cost structure in the South, WHICH HAS BEEN GRABBING TEXTILE MILLS AWAY FROM NEW ENGLAND AT A SHOCKING RATE.

Inflation, you see, not only robs us through the pocketbook but upsets and reshuffles long-established industrial developments.

Pendleton's Former Mayor Hartman Dies

PENDELTON, Or. — George A. Hartman, 75, former mayor and postmaster of Pendleton, died Friday in Oakland, Calif. Friends were advised here.

Hartman, long active in public affairs, was mayor in 1921-23 and postmaster in 1933-48. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War, serving in the Philippines as a lieutenant-colonel. He held a number of public positions here before retiring in 1948 and moving to Oakland.

The widow in Oakland survives, as do a brother, Fred, in Pilot Rock, and a sister, Mrs. Charles Meyers, in Portland.

option date has already been extended. Are you interested? Visit this place for yourself. Come to the plant Monday evening, July 21, 8 DST. The Winchester Plywood Association looks like a wonderful opportunity. VEENA GEDDES Sutherlin, Ore.

## In the Day's News

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mie's hearts as the plane took off from the airport in Denver bearing away from them their hope of the future.

How well do you know your Kipling? Do you remember this one: "Judy O'Grady and the colonel's lady are sisters under the skin."

"Well, there in Denver Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower, wife of the Republican nominee for President of the United States, and all the mothers who ever said good-bye to soldier sons en route to the fighting front were sisters under the skin and NOTHING ON EARTH can ever change the relationship.

WASHINGTON — The National Canners Association said Friday that "continuation of the steel strike will make it impossible for the canning industry to process available—but perishable" farm crops.

It estimated sufficient cans are on hand to preserve only about half the peach and tomato crops and proportionately less of other fruits and vegetables to be harvested later.

Corn, tomatoes and peaches, the association said in a statement "are in the greatest jeopardy at this time."

The big bulk of the three crops, harvested during August and early September, normally goes into cans.

"Should the strike end today, a speed-up in can production might hold the loss of these perishable crops to a minimum," the association said.

"It is obvious, however, that for each successive day the strike continues, the daily loss will become increasingly larger."

Mobilizer John R. Steelman, in his latest quarterly report, said the nation stands to lose 20 million cases of canned food for each week the steel strike continued beyond July 1.

Seeking to head off as much of that loss as possible, the National Production Authority directed the Weirton Steel Co. last week to direct its entire output of canning tinplate into perishable food channels.

Blazing Woods In Northwest Still Battled

By The Associated Press

Thousands of acres of Pacific Northwest timberland lay blackened Friday and countless thousands of acres of other woodland threatened to explode into flaming fury under a cloudless sky and broiling sun.

The weatherman saw no relief in sight. The forecast was for sunny skies and temperatures ranging in the high 80s and 90s throughout Oregon, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon.

The two major fires still raging out of control Friday were both in Washington.

One of the blazes still uncontrolled started Thursday in extremely heavy slashing between the North and South Forks of the Nooksack River, in Whatcom County six miles northeast of Wickersham. It had covered 400 acres.

The other major fire was located near Ellensburg, in Clockum Pass. Severe winds handicapped begrimed firefighters Thursday as they battled to halt the 200-acre blaze.

Other Fires Controlled

Two major fires were controlled Thursday.

A blaze that jumped from slashing into green timber and claimed the lives of two loggers Tuesday was brought under control Thursday after covering 350 acres on Lookout Mountain in Skagit County.

Two thousand acres were burned over by a fire that was controlled Thursday in Klickitat County, near White Salmon. That blaze started Monday.

## Eisenhower Must Plot Own Course To Inspire Voters' Trust In GOP

By BRUCE BLOSSAT

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Republican presidential nominee, has a great task ahead of him. A political novice and an amateur in domestic affairs, he must now develop a program and learn how to take command of his own political fortunes.

He won the GOP nomination because he was the most popular candidate. His popularity is rooted in trust in him as a man, in his character and his motives and his qualities of leadership.

In the month he campaigned as a political figure, he spelled out no specific policies. He talked in general terms, indicating broad approaches. Yet he was not taken wholly on faith. For the general had already proved himself as a soldier, diplomat and statesman in two of the most crushing assignments that any American has ever assumed.

It is natural for many people to feel that a man who could do what Eisenhower has done as a commander of wartime and post-war armies might well master the art of domestic statecraft.

It is natural too, that many are disposed to turn to a new face, a man without malice, who stands out so sharply against the tired old faces that today so heavily populate both major parties. Politically speaking, Eisenhower is a clean sheet of paper on which nothing sordid or disheartening has so far been written.

In his quest for the nomination, he had the further advantage of representing the moderate elements of the Republican Party. Since 1940, these forces have always proved strong enough to choose a presidential nominee, though they have not had the power to wrest control away from the more conservative wing in the intervening years.

Curiously, Senator Taft is himself a moderate Republican in many important respects. But he has become a symbol of more extreme elements. In campaigning he has not striven hard to shake this label. He has been content to let it apply.

This association with extreme conservatives, plus some aspects of Taft's personality, underlie the widely held conviction that "Taft can't win," the devastating argument that brought him again to defeat in his third try for the nomination.

Eisenhower is free of these handicaps. But he has a full set of his own. Up to now he has been acquiescing in political decisions affecting his campaign, rather than commanding. If he is not to be a mere creature of others, he must now take hold and chart his own course.

More than that, he must begin to offer evidence to the voting public that the faith and trust the people have in him is not misplaced.

With all its corruption and decay and internal disorder, the Democratic party is still a powerful force in American politics. The political analysts who have troubled to examine closely the voting habits of the U.S. electorate are unanimous in concluding that the Democrats have a substantial majority.

The Republicans are unlikely to wrest away any crucial part of this majority—or to convince new voters—unless they formulate a constructive program that offers all Americans real hope.

It is Eisenhower's task, therefore, to translate the trust that is felt in him as a man into trust for the political party he now leads.

## Ken Bushey Wins Trip To Bermuda

Ken Bushey of Harmony House, 230 N. Jackson, leaves for Bermuda July 30 on a trip he won from the RCA Victor Co.

The local record man had the highest percentage of sales among Oregon stores of RCA 101 Best Seller records during the three-month period, April through June.

This gave him air transportation to and from New York, ship passage to Bermuda and a short stay on the island—all expense free.

He'll be back in Roseburg about Aug. 15, stopping in New York and Chicago on his return trip.

Harmony House went about 200 per cent over the quota set for it by contest officials. Sales were about 30 to 40 per cent above the competing Oregon stores, said Bushey.

The contest is nation-wide, with one store winning in each state or distributorship.

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