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A SORRY SCENE

Charles V. Stanton

Dorman Smith, a syndicate cartoonist serving *The News-Review*, had a cartoon on this page last Wednesday depicting President Truman in one of his give-'em-hell-Harry speeches while nearby the Republican elephant looked on approvingly with the words "Atta boy chum!, you're winning votes for me."

We're afraid Cartoonist Smith is engaging in some wishful thinking. We, too, believed Harry's whistle-stop campaign was making votes for the Republicans until reports started rolling in. Now it appears that both sides have recognized rabble-rousing as the best way to get votes.

It appeared immediately after the nominating conventions that the Democratic strategy committee was trying to put Harry on the sidetrack. He was scheduled for a whistle-stop tour only in the sparsely populated areas; areas where he could do the least damage. But now he has been booked into the populous New England states and also will probably hit the Mid-West.

Both Stevenson and Eisenhower have been criticized by their respective campaign staffs because they have been too genteel in their approach to the campaign. Since Harry hit the road and crowded Adlai off the front pages, the Democratic nominee has started dropping his terminal "G's" and talking out of the corner of his mouth occasionally. At the same time Ike has been indicating a longing to revert to GI language.

Ringbirds Want Gore

As the boys at ringside want plenty of gore in the prize ring, and wrestling fans go wild over the rough stuff, no matter how phony or corny, the American voter, apparently is more susceptible to rabble-rousing demagoguery than to sane, sensible, high-level analysis of issues and philosophies of government.

The big-lie tactics, character assassination, deliberate misinterpretation, wild promises, vituperation, and appeals to prejudice seem to sway the voters.

Every word a candidate utters is immediately twisted and distorted in meaning, his motives assailed, his character and fitness questioned. And the voters seem to love it.

Reports, polls and all other indicators cause us to believe that the Republicans have lost ground. There was a GOP upswing after the Nixon affair. Then the pendulum started the other way. The turn coincided with Truman's rabble-rousing swing into the West. It can only be assumed, therefore, that a considerable percentage of American voters are ruled by their emotions rather than by common sense.

Republicans put a truth squad on Harry's trail. They exposed his blatant demagoguery. But Harry was completely unruffled. He continued the same bald-faced, gutter politics at every stop.

Republican Cartoon Better

There came to our desk, the same day Smith's cartoon appeared, a drawing by a Republican party headquarters artist. This artist presented two panels. In one Harry was on bended knee pledging Eisenhower anything he wanted, even the presidency. In the other, Harry was throwing mud in Eisenhower's face with both hands.

It is ridiculous when you stop to think about it that the Democrats, trying so hard to get Ike as their own candidate only a few months ago, now are trying to smear his character and reputation.

Certainly there is room for argument over philosphies of government. Eisenhower wouldn't accept the presidency as a gift if he had to adopt the philosophies of government as portrayed by the ADA. He chose, rather, to fight for the office on his own principles.

It is a sad commentary on the state of American politics when votes are won by rabble-rousing, barroom political tactics rather than by ethical debate. It is even worse when both parties call upon their hatchet men to make the appeal to the American voter, while the President of the United States leads one crew and an unscrupulous Red-baiter the other.

Scraps From the Mending Basket

by Vidhnett Martin - P.O. Box 874, Drain, Or.

Trying to keep up with all the special days and special weeks makes one feel a bit like the child happily riding the merry-go-round, a hand reached out hopefully for the brass ring. Sometimes, success; sometimes, a miss. Oh well, nobody could catch every one of the days as they go by, could he?

Today (as I write on Oct. 15) is Poetry Day. I thought about poetry as we sat in the boat hoping for a fish! I thought about that venture edited by Hilda Peterson, "The Gift of Words," a collection of Umpqua Valley verse. Did you hear any of it over the radio? I was sorry to miss the program.

Then I thought of the Browns, of Hollywood and Camas Valley, and all the work they put into that attractive magazine The Archer—now listed in the "Little Magazines" along with the Yale Review and the rest of the so-called little magazines.

And then I took off into memory and thought about poetry and its influence on my own life in particular. It began with the teacher who required that each child in the little red schoolhouse, where I went one year in a country village, should answer roll call with a quotation. Maybe it was she who encouraged me to keep bits of verse I liked in a note book. The book outgrew the 5-cent tablet it began in, and today it contains over 800 pages of every kind, a funny, treasured collection of all sorts of verse and a little prose. I long ago stopped adding to it. It is merely a storage place, now that it is indexed, where I can find (?) some quotation, and then, like or not, decide not to use it in here.

One book about poetry sings in memory because it was written by a musician in 1880 (republished by Scribners' in 1923), "The Science of English Verse" by Sidney Lanier. I wish I had found it sooner! It is a joy to read. And then, there in the boat, looking at the wildlife around us, I tried to recall all of the singing lines of the poet-laureate of Oregon, Ben Hur Lampman. Quoted in The Archer, recently, from "How Could I Be Forgetting":

Up sprang the mallard from the green and golden sedges
I would you could have seen him, with the sun-glint on his winging,
When morning smiled and woke the world a dozen years agone—
And set the redwing blackbird braves to singing, singing, singing
A silver stave of happiness in welcome to the dawn . . ."

(If you are a man and think you "don't like poetry," I dare you to read the whole of that long and lovely poem.)

"Let There Be Light"

Fulton Lewis Jr. WASHINGTON REPORT

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LOS ANGELES—"You've never had it so good" is an administration campaign slogan designed to keep those on the government payroll safely in the Democratic political camp.

As such, it requires a polite analysis, because there are those who undoubtedly assume that they never had it so good. For their benefit, then, it becomes my civic responsibility to take a look at just how well off we are in this political year of 1952.

For instance, every week you and I hand over in taxes to the Truman administration exactly two days' pay. And before you shrug off this fact as just another packet of statistics, stop and think about what you or your husband earn each day. Whatever it is, two daily pay envelopes each week are handed over to the government, and there isn't a thing you can do about it for the time being except to kiss it goodbye.

Right now, for all of us taxpayers in the country, we are kicking in a total of $20,000,000,000 more each year in taxes than we did when we were in the midst of World War II. That's 20 billion more today, annually, than we were paying when the incredible waste of war was sapping our industrial and financial strength.

In addition, we are paying our bills, buying our clothes and trying to keep our homes in operation with a dollar with a buying value of fifty cents. Now, this can sound trite, and probably will be dusted off in your reading with a shrug. But the fact remains that we could both buy a pair of shoes for our son or daughter five years ago with just half the money it costs us today. And, as you know, they wear out just as many shoes today as they did then.

To bring it even closer to home, you pay more in taxes than you spend for food each year. So, you've never had it so good

I suppose, too, that the kids in Korea never had it so good, either. We have an atom bomb—lots of them, they say—but the kids in Korea are still fighting with the weapons we used in World War II. Our taxes, apparently, help pay for new weapons, but those weapons obviously are being saved for some other war than the one we are in at the moment. Why this should be, I do not know.

It's like the fifty-cent dollar: We give them only half of what we have in our arsenal, but they don't die only fifty per cent of the way. So, the administration says, they have never had it so good.

Now, there are some people who really never have had it so good. They are Communists, our home-grown variety. They have many more people defending them today than they had five years ago. This is so, because five years ago nobody in the government, and few in the business I'm in, attacked them. Never before, as an example, has a President of the United States termed a congressional investigation a "red herring." Nor have we had, in history before, a secretary of state who, by indirection, publicly indorsed a traitor.

Nor have we had a president, in this era of never having had it so good, who interfered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Truman did, when he told J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI, that any agent of the bureau who helped the House Committee on Un-American Activities run down the spying activities of Alger Hiss, would be fired forthwith. This accounts for the fact that most agents of the FBI are now members of the Republican party, although many cannot be so openly for fear of reprisals from the White House.

Well, we've never had it so good, so they say. But I can remember, along with you, a day of the week Sunday for most of us—when we could thank our God for the good things he had given to us. Do any of us today, on Sunday, say we've never had it so good?

Hear Fulton Lewis Daily On KRNR, 9:15 P.M.

Mayor Flegel Visits Brother, U.S. Diplomat

Mayor and Mrs. Albert G. Flegel visited Tuesday in Portland with the former's brother, Austin Flegel, U.S. minister to Thailand (Siam). They made the trip to and from Portland by plane.

Austin Flegel was called to Washington last week to discuss policies relating to U.S. cooperation with Thailand. He stopped briefly at his home in Portland Tuesday enroute to San Francisco, where he is embarking on the return trip to Thailand by steamer.

New Hall Plans Are Discussed At Grange Meet

By MRS. BRITTAIN SLACK

Fair Oaks Grange members enjoyed a business meeting Tuesday evening at the Fair Oaks Hall, with Lee Williams, master, presiding.

Business matters of various nature were discussed and the main discussion was the building of a Grange Hall in the Fair Oak vicinity.

The first and second Grange degrees were given to Emma C. Norris, Calla Norris, Martin Norris Sr., Martin Norris Jr., Jerry Norris, George and Muriel Politzsch.

The lecturer hour was taken up by playing of games and performing several stunts.

Several committees gave interesting reports.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses of the evening, Mrs. Jeanette Loerts and Mrs. Jean Smith, served doughnuts, cookies and coffee to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brauninger, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thornton, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Norton, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Secord, Mrs. Henretta Bestwick, Mrs. Maggie Francis, Mrs. Jennie Harrison, Miss Luella Pleuard, Leo Thornton, Donald Austin, Emma Norris, Calla Norris, Martin Norris Sr., Martin Norris Jr., Jerry Norris, George and Muriel Politzsch.

Meeting To Hear School Reorganization Bill

Three separate meetings to explain the school district reorganization measure coming up on the Nov. 4 ballot are on the docket for tonight in Douglas County.

A team of speakers from Myrtle Creek will travel to the Dillard PTA meeting at 8 p.m. at the Dillard school to explain the measure. Tenmile PTA members will hear other speakers at the same time at their school.

Another talk is set for 7:30 tonight for South Umpqua Grange members at the Days Creek grange hall.

Wednesday night members of the Riversdale Community Club heard Warren Ewing, Roseburg Senior High School, speak on the measure.

Reader Opinions

Truman Seen Trying To Screen Real Issues

ROSEBURG — I thoroughly agree with your editorial in issue of Oct. 13th. If the people of Wisconsin elect McCarthy to the senate, it certainly is not the business of Oregonians, Missourians, nor candidates for other office. To attempt to dictate to the voters of Wisconsin or any other state is to throw government of the people, by the people and for the people out the window, and go over whole hog to dictatorship. The fact that it was tried by both the last two Democratic presidents does not make it right.

This is one of the vital issues of the current campaign. It is one of the issues Pres. Truman is trying to hide by dragging his bag of red herrings over the nation from the rear end of a Democratic campaign train, when he should be trying to help the "terrible situation" he claims the country is in, as president of both Republicans and Democrats.

Doubtless many unthinking voters will forget the real issues of clean, trustworthy government, sans corruption, graft and cronyism, the debasing of our currency, and the harboring of spies in our most secret organizations, as they watch the mud fly from the rear end of the campaign train.

It seems queer that Truman should learn so suddenly just how badly he misjudged Eisenhower, but in all the years he still can't see anything wrong with Harry Vaughn. It seems queer that Eisenhower can be the "captive of special interests" and Mr. Truman be completely cleansed from the special interests of Pendergast. And that Mr. Stevenson is lily white in comparison even though he was sponsored by Truman, the man elevated to office by Pendergast, and Jake Arvey, who holds a position identical in Chicago with Pendergast in Kansas City.

It seems queer the administration can even claim to believe our prosperity is not made possible by bloody war, when as late as 1940, after years of "pump-priming," hogs still sold for $5.95, corn 62c and wheat 68c a bushel. Then came the wars; and what are the same products bringing today?

But what can we buy for the more plentiful dollar? Beef is over a dollar a pound. Wheat so high Oregon farmers can't afford to feed it. Good shoes that cost $5.00 in 1940 now set us back $15.00

We don't even have prosperity We have only a debt, and we are using the borrowed money to buy things we want but can't afford. You don't believe that? Look in your paper and read that the Federal debt was increased last week by another $2½ Billion.

They say "We never had it so good." But they don't admit that our grandchildren will foot the bill for our "good times." They remind us of the depression in Hoover's administration, but you don't hear a word about the much worse one in Cleveland's times. But many of the old timers can't forget it. And this writer is one.

We have faith in America and Americans. We know our country will survive, and eventually get back to the kind of integrity in public and private life that has made ours the greatest country on earth. But the longer we kid ourselves that we have prosperity, when we have only a spending spree of borrowed money; the longer we continue to spend the heritage we should pass on to our posterity, the longer we will have to suffer to pay for our great orgy.

Let's be smart enough not to be led astray from the real issues of this election year by the red herring of mud slinging, vituperation, name calling and just plain lying. Let's look deep into the "mess" in Washington, and vote next November 4 for a housecleaning.

GLEN WELLMAN
Roseburg, Ore.

In the Day's News

(Continued from Page One)

test you'll never eat very high up on the hog.

So much for philosophy. Let's take a look now at prophecy.

A Japanese soothsayer who predicted President Truman's election in 1948 came out of the fog this morning and picked Eisenhower to win this year's U.S. Presidential race by a small margin.

He says he had a vision last night in which he saw General Eisenhower and Governor Stevenson as two horses galloping neck to neck. As the two thoroughbreds approached the goal, the Eisenhower horse ran over smooth, hard sand but his rival encountered heavy gravel and rough going.

We-l-l-l-l-l –

I'd say his prediction is at least as dependable as that of the candidate who beats himself on the chest and announces in ringing tones that it's IN THE BAG.

Who IS going to win?

Let's be serious for a moment.

In the normal course of events, the New Deal-Fair Deal philosophy of big government, big spending, big and growing debt, government do everything for everybody and charge the bill to Uncle Sam must be expected to run its course to the crash that inevitably follows reckless spending continued too long.

Then, in desperatiin and disgust the people will vote in the opposition.

TOO LATE, probably.

That is approximately what has happened in Britain.

The people went along with socialism—free pills, free specs, free false teeth and all—until bankruptcy began to stare the nation in the face. They turned then to the Conservatives.

There is good reason to fear that the turn came too late. The Conservatives are AFRAID to go the whole hard road that leads back to solvency. They fear the people won't stand for it. As politicians, they are acutely aware that shooting Santa Claus can never be popular. So they hesitate to take all the drastic steps that are necessary if Britain is to become solvent again.

So it seems likely that the Conservatives will FALL at the next election. The socialists will then come back into power. But when they come back to power they will be more RADICALLY socialistic than before.

They'll then go the WHOLE socialist road.

Personally, I think it will be better for us if we make the change now instead of waiting, as the British did, until it is LATER THAN WE THINK. There is reason to believe that a lot of our people are giving serious consideration to that thought. You must have noticed that all the polls show a significant percentage of the voters as still undecided. They are still trying to make up their minds.

What may restrain us from making the change before it is too late is FEAR. Fear of busting the boom. Fear of SHOOTING SANTA CLAUS.

That is why no one can predict accurately the outcome of this election.

Woman Steals Baby To Support Relief Appeal

NEW YORK (AP) — A stolen week-old girl was found yesterday with a woman whose own new-born baby lies sick in a hospital.

The baby, Gloria Hernandez, was taken from Bellevue Hospital Sunday by a woman who asked for it by name. The attendant, presuming she was its mother, Mrs. Rafael Hernandez, gave it to her.

The alleged abduction was discovered 24 hours later when Gloria's real mother asked for her baby.

A police check of all new mothers recently in Bellevue led to the apartment of Mrs. Carmen Rodriguez, 32. There, police said, they found Gloria — apparently unharmed.

Mrs. Rodriguez' baby girl was born Sept. 28, suffering from congenital adhesions of the intestines. The child is in an incubator at Bellevue, being fed intravenously.

Booked on a kidnaping charge, Mrs. Rodriguez told police she had applied for home relief and was informed she lacked certain papers and evidence that she had a baby to support.

Shipments Of Douglas Fir Lumber Increases

PORTLAND (AP) — Orders and shipments of Douglas fir lumber picked up slightly last month, but production slipped a bit, the West Coast Lumbermen's Association reported Thursday.

The weekly production average in September was 222,185,000 board feet compared with 223,184,000 in August. Orders averaged 207,549,000, compared with 205,947,000 the previous month. Shipments averaged 232,204,000 in September compared with 222,474,000.

MY PAPER HASN'T ARRIVED YET
IF NOT.. Phone 2-2631
BETWEEN 6:15-7PM

REPUBLICRAT HEADQUARTERS
337 N. Jackson St.,
Roseburg, Oregon

TO: The People of Roseburg & Douglas County

We promised you that there was more to our platform than had been stated. We hope that the following will show the real reason for our organization and the serious side of our campaign:

1. Our organization is absolutely non-partisan politically as far as the two major parties are concerned, now and in the future.

2. Our immediate goal is 90% of the registered Douglas County voters to the Polls on November 4th.

3. We have challenged the Demopublican Party of Lebanon, the City of Lebanon, and Linn County, to a contest to see who can turn out the highest percentage of registered voters on election day.

4. We will back any reasonable project that will benefit the people of the City of Roseburg, Douglas County or our United States.

5. One of our first strictly local campaigns will be to get either Watchmen or Automatic Gates at all the "Killer-railway crossings" in Roseburg and throughout Douglas County.

Now if you think our platform is worthy of support please call or write in to Republicrat Headquarters, 337 N. Jackson St., Roseburg, Oregon.

We need your help to get a 90% voting record for Douglas county.

You will hear more about item 5 after the election.

VOTE
So You Won't Be FORCED to Vote!

KEEP TAXES DOWN!

KEEP COSTS OF LIVING DOWN!

Vote 319 x NO

ON THE MOTOR CARRIER HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION ACT

THIS IS A MEASURE TO INCREASE TAXES!

Here's Why

- Everything you buy is handled by trucks at some time, and increased truck taxes will increase your daily costs of living!
- Increases apply to all motor vehicles of *all* sizes!
- Taxes on large common carriers, large private carriers and large logging trucks are increased approximately 35% on mileage.

And...

Taxes on logging and dump trucks classified on flat fee option would be increased 50%!

KNOW THE TRUTH! VOTE 319 X NO!

Oregon Highway Council, Ellery Sills, President, 622 S. E. Grand, Portland, Oregon