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WASHINGTON'S BIOGRAPHER

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It was Feb. 13, 1793, when the votes in America's second presidential election were officially counted and it became evident that George Washington had been overwhelmingly elected to his second term. Of him as he was at that time it has been written:

"He was 61 and he complained mildly of waning memory and of poor hearing, but few others saw any evidence of decline, and his daily life showed none, unless it was an increasing disposition to spend too much time on trifling matters of farm management."

"Was he not mounted and ready for four years more on the road of service to his country? The multitude of his followers and the handful of envious foes would have proclaimed the certainty with joy or reluctantly would have admitted the probability, but there were omens the road would be stony and cloud-covered, and there were voices prophesying strife."

These words were penned as the concluding phrases in the sixth volume of the monumental biography of Washington by the eminent historian, the late Douglas Southall Freeman.

There is nothing remarkable about the words themselves, except that they were the last Freeman wrote, and he wrote them the very day he died. The nation badly needs a portrait of Washington with full human coloring and depth of understanding. It is regrettable Freeman did not live to take him through his second term and his final years. But we can be grateful that the historian managed to cling to life until, by fateful coincidence, he had completed that part of his task immediately before him.

Freeman's great contribution to an appreciation of one of our greatest men was fittingly noted at the moment of his untimely death in 1953. Critics differ as to how perfect Freeman's biography is. But they all agree it is a towering performance compared to any other, and will serve as a standard for others who may try to enlarge our understanding of Washington.

For long decades Americans have been celebrating Washington as a giant of the historical past. Some of the reasons have always been obvious. But many have not.

Our thanks must be boundless that Washington lived to guide us in our critical beginnings as a nation. We might also set down a small debt of gratitude that there existed this man Freeman, who at the age of 58, in 1945, started upon an arduous labor of 15,693 hours spread over nearly nine years, to help make Washington a warm, rich, living national memory.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — If life begins at 40, I'm four years old today.

And, boy, what a thrill! In another year I'll get to start kindergarten again.

I can hardly wait. Science may say man reaches the summit of his powers in his early twenties. But I know better. Looking back at my 44 calendar years I am sure I reached my peak in kindergarten, and have been going gradually downhill ever since.

It's been the same way with my friends, and it's probably true of you, too. You didn't chase the wrong girls, argue with traffic cops, or go into debt buying things you couldn't afford until you left kindergarten, did you?

It is only when a man leaves kindergarten and later studies arithmetic and fractions that he begins to add to his sorrows, subtract from his innocence, multiply his troubles—and become a fraction of his real self.

Birthday used to be terrible ordeals to me. I hated the idea of becoming older. But I find I don't mind reaching the age of 44 at all, not even when cheerful friends tell me, "Why you don't look a day over 45."

For at 40 I thought the whole problem of time through and reached the conclusion that the worst age in life is the period between kindergarten and 40. Those in that bracket are more to be pitied than censured, because they are all crazy mixed-up kids.

After kindergarten a child loses most of his innate wisdom. For the next 35 years he stumbles along musing up his life, getting more and more confused and ignorant about the really important things that matter in this brief world.

Then, at 40 if he is lucky, the darkness begins to lighten. Slowly he regains the heritage of his birth, the wisdom and common sense he threw away so long ago when he set out to play dragons or to become rich and famous.

New Wonders Appear
The small pleasures that seemed so wonderful to him as a child—the sight of a strange bird on a branch, watching snow change the landscape, seeing a full moon rise—become wonderful again. He senses once more the eternal mystery behind every commonplace thing.

After 40 you aren't dying so much as you are slowly being born again. You don't fight the world and time so hard but bend them into better focus. The terrible Mt. Everest that faced you at 20 or 25 are reduced to the molehills they really are.

At 25 you look at them through binoculars of fear that magnified them. After 40 you simply learn to turn the binoculars around and look through lenses of understanding that put all objects in a less frightening perspective.

Anyway that's the way I intend at 44 to look at the games in this ceremonial jungle we move through. Does any other way make sense?

Naturally when you are 44 young

"Yes, Sir, and I Pray We're Both Right, Sir!"



Peter Edson

WASHINGTON (NEA)—One year hence—late February or early March, 1956—is now seen as the latest date on which President Eisenhower will have to announce whether he will be a candidate to succeed himself in the White House, and that if nominated by the GOP national convention, he will run for office and serve if elected.

These statements are necessary to qualify for the primary elections, Nebraska, New Jersey, Illinois and Pennsylvania normally hold their primaries in April. Though he will be badgered constantly to make an earlier declaration, it is now believed that President Eisenhower will delay making his decision and announcement as long as possible.

So far, he has not discussed his plans with anyone. The best information now available in Washington, however, is that the President would prefer not to run and that Mrs. Eisenhower would prefer that her husband not run again.

SEVERAL FACTORS are cited to indicate that the President will be a candidate for a second term. He is finding politics less distasteful to him than it was at first. His real ambition was to be a nonpolitical President of all the people.

Finding that difficult, and smart-

ing under the political attacks made upon him, he has learned to play the game and now almost enjoys politics as a new kind of exercise in strategy.

The results of the 1954 election did not discourage the President. If the Republican Party had taken a terrible beating last November, the President might have been inclined to give up the struggle after four years.

The President is characterized as having a strong sense of duty. He is also characterized as modest and at the same time realistic. **TAKING THIS COMBINATION** of traits together, the President is said to be perfectly willing to turn the presidency over to another candidate if he were convinced that this other man could hold the Republican Party together and assume leadership of the entire country.

Lacking the discovery or the rise of such a candidate, it is said that the President could feel duty-bound to again become a candidate himself, on three principal conditions:

1. If he is convinced that he is the only man who can hold the diverse elements of the Republican Party together for another campaign.
2. If he is convinced that he is needed for leadership at the national level—regardless of politics—to deal with a critical international situation, such as a war or threat of war.
3. If he is convinced that he is physically and mentally fit for another four years in the White House at his age, which would be from 66 to 70.

ONE OTHER IMPORTANT factor in this situation is, of course, the way his wife feels about it. Mrs. Eisenhower is now said to be finding the White House routine of receptions and formal functions less arduous. But she still dislikes standing in a receiving line.

She got real enjoyment out of one of Ike's early morning breakfasts for Governors Landon of Washington and Patterson of Oregon.

This new-found pleasure in what was at first the burdensome job of being First Lady is said to be not great enough to make Mrs. Eisenhower want a second four years in the White House.

While the President will give due consideration to Mrs. Eisenhower's wishes in the matter, it is said he will not allow this to be the deciding factor in making his final decision to run or not to run.

FT. BRAGG, N. C. (AP)—A fellow sergeant testified Monday on a prison camp speech by M. Sgt. William H. Olson, who is being tried on a charge of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Korea.

Sgt. Raymond L. Frazier said he heard Olson tell a group of 382 POWs that he had been in the Army for 18 years and realized as a prisoner of the Communists, that he was fighting on the wrong side.

He quoted the 40-year-old Army career man as saying he realized he was getting the dirty end of the deal, and he was fighting a capitalists' war.

Frazier, now on recruiting duty at Laurel, Miss., said he considered Olson's speech at the time as sincere but he said Olson related later that he was playing along with the Reds in the hope of being released.

Frazier said the group of prisoners Olson lived with got vegetables, pork, eggs and white rice. The recruiter added that the group he lived with got sorghum seed.

Frazier was the last of eight prosecution witnesses appearing Monday morning at the general court-martial entered its second week. Other witnesses included Fred M. Liddell of Eugene, Ore.

Accused Soldier Pictured As Two-Faced Character

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Two Air Force para-medics maintained a lonely vigil Monday at the wreckage on Mt. Sustina of a Navy patrol bomber in which 11 men died last Thursday, as weather delayed arrival of Navy officers to decide about removal of the bodies.

The two were Master Sgt. F. R. Sackrider, Topeka, Kan., and Airman 1st Class R. L. Josephson, 1627 Fruitdale Drive, Grants, Pa., Ore. They were dropped by helicopter on the mountain side by the wreckage after it was located from the air Saturday. They messaged by walkie-talkie that there were no survivors.

The twin-engine Neptune, with a crew of five, four other Navy fliers who were accumulating flight time and two enlisted men, crashed within minutes of reaching the Elmendorf field here on a routine flight.

Bomber Crash In Alaska Kills All 11 Men Aboard

League Of Nations Sole Peace Hope, Truman Says

MARYVILLE, Mo. (AP)—Harry S. Truman says the only hope for world peace is in the United Nations.

The former President, evidently referring to this country's refusal to join the old League of Nations, said, "The United States shirked its duty to the world in 1920 and World War II resulted."

He declared the United States must maintain a strong defense "and we must fulfill our obligations to the United Nations for lasting world peace, supported by force if necessary." Truman spoke Sunday at dedication ceremonies for a National Guard armory.

Bill Would Let Schools Train Auto Drivers

SALEM (AP)—Rep. Norman Howard, Portland, said Monday he is introducing a bill to let public schools conduct automobile driving training courses.

The state would pay 75 per cent of the cost, with a \$20 ceiling per pupil on the state's contributions.

The 50-cent price of the learner's permit would be increased to \$3, with the extra \$4.50 going to pay the state's share of the cost.

Other money for the state's share would come by adding 10 per cent to each fine for traffic violations.

Christians, Jews Meet To Weld Acquaintance

NEW YORK (AP)—The art of getting along with a stranger is getting some special national attention this week.

Key to the technique, said Dr. Everett Clinchy, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, is simply "getting to know the other fellow."

Even if his ways seem strange and his customs different, "by understanding his viewpoint, his ambitions and goals, you will find old prejudices disappear," Dr. Clinchy added.

This simple lesson in human relations is being stressed in special events, meetings, movies, lectures and projects in an estimated 10,000 communities across the country this week.

The occasion is "Brotherhood Week," an annual affair sponsored by the Interfaith Conference. President Eisenhower is honorary chairman.

Mother Who Beat Son To Death Committed

SPOKANE (AP)—Mrs. Gloria Bocco, 21, charged with fatally beating her 18-day-old son because he cried and made her nervous, has been committed to the state custodial school at Medical Lake. Prosecutor Hugh Evans said Monday the manslaughter charge against her will not be dropped but held in abeyance. A sanity hearing was held for the woman last week.

Unions Protest Proposal To Poison Tenmile Lake

ROSEBURG (AP)—It has been brought to our attention that the sportsmen in the vicinity of Tenmile Lake in western Douglas County have petitioned the Oregon State Game Commission to have the lake in question poisoned for trash fish. Of course, we are aware that this is the general procedure in any waters where the trash fish have become so prevalent as to hinder the sportsmen from catching their limit of game fish, but we wonder if these men have considered the other side of the story sufficiently.

Many of the labor unions in and around Roseburg have given their time, efforts and full support to Camp Easter Seal that is located on Tenmile Lake. This camp is exclusively used as a recreation camp during the summer months for crippled children who might not otherwise enjoy the benefits of such a lovely spot. One of the chief attractions of Tenmile Lake was the wonderful fishing it afforded these crippled children, many of whom had never before had the opportunity of holding a fishing pole in their hands. If you could see the joy that radiates from these children's faces when they pull a fish from that lake you would be convinced that they care not what the specie is.

There are many people who enjoy fishing the year round strictly for the joy of fishing. If this lake were limited to trout fishing alone, it would mean a short season and would limit the pleasure of hundreds of people.

We, as a body of over 3,000 people, wish to take this way of protesting the poisoning of Tenmile Lake, not because we are not sports enthusiasts, but in behalf of the Crippled Children's Camp at that site.

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Laborers' Local 1400
Teamsters' Local 962
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Where there is a market for it, how is jackpine being harvested? The gyppo contracting system seems to be the prevailing method. That is to say, independent operators take contracts to cut it. These contracts provide employment for a lot of labor. Much of this employment comes in the winter season.

A dependable source of winter employment is a useful asset anywhere in the West.

Jackpine, you see, after lying out in the rain and the snows of winter and the hot sunshine of the summer and being looked upon as a pest tree to be got rid of if possible, is beginning to shape up as a VERY CONSIDERABLE asset.

Gov. Patterson Considered Best Bet To Oppose Morse In Senate Race, If He Desires

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Oregon Republicans here were jubilant over selection of San Francisco as the site of the party's 1956 national convention, hoping its nearness to home will infuse the party rank and file with the necessary spirit to make a successful comeback in the senatorial contest coming up against Sen. Wayne Morse.

The convention, which will select the GOP presidential and vice presidential candidates, is expected by State Chairman Ed Boehne to attract many special trains and buses from all over Oregon, taking the party clan to the party's biggest clam bake. Boehne foresees many of the faithful taking their vacations in August next year in order to make the Bay area convention.

By the time the Republicans have rung down the curtain after four or five days of drum beating, speechmaking and intra-party transfusions of confidence, it will be nearly Labor Day, the traditional time for opening presidential election campaigns, as well as those on the state level.

Republicans, in a word, have higher hopes now that they will swing into their campaign to unseat Morse with a full head of steam, regardless of whom they have nominated in the spring primary to be the GOP challenger. Speculation, meanwhile, about the Republican "most likely to succeed" against Morse has picked up in the last two weeks in party circles here, although there is general agreement that no one at this point is completely head and shoulders above the rest of the party crowd.

The recent story printed by the Seattle Times that Gov. Paul Patterson of Oregon was approached by President Eisenhower or his close associates at the White House recently in an effort to persuade Patterson to run against Morse is now generally regarded by Oregon Republicans here as a phony.

Yet Patterson is regarded as the man to beat for the nomination, if he wants it. One reservation mentioned here among veteran officials is that as long as the Oregon legislature is in session, anything can happen to the governor's prospective appeal as a Senate candidate next year.

The governor's edge, as seen by most observers, stems from his

handsome victory last fall over Democrat Joe Carson, following his record shattering primary margin over State Secretary Earl Newberry. As one party cohort put it:

"Who else do we have who has demonstrated that much strength in a statewide race?"

One obvious answer to that question is Douglas McKay, popular as governor of Oregon but generally thought to be less so today as secretary of the interior, where he has borne the brunt of Democratic charges of "give-away" of natural resources by the Eisenhower administration. So McKay's name is seldom heard in current talk about senatorial candidates.

Mention of the three Republican members of Congress from Oregon is usually coupled with the observation that none has ever run statewide, strong as they may have become in their own congressional districts.

Rep. Walter Norblad in recent years has piled up big reelection margins in the first district (Northwest Oregon), and Rep. Harris Ellsworth has won with heavy victory margins in all of his campaigns in the fourth district (Southwest Oregon).

In Democratic circles, the GOP search is being watched with intense interest and some amusement, the latter because they enjoy seeing the shoe on the other foot for a change after experiencing many such quests themselves in the past.

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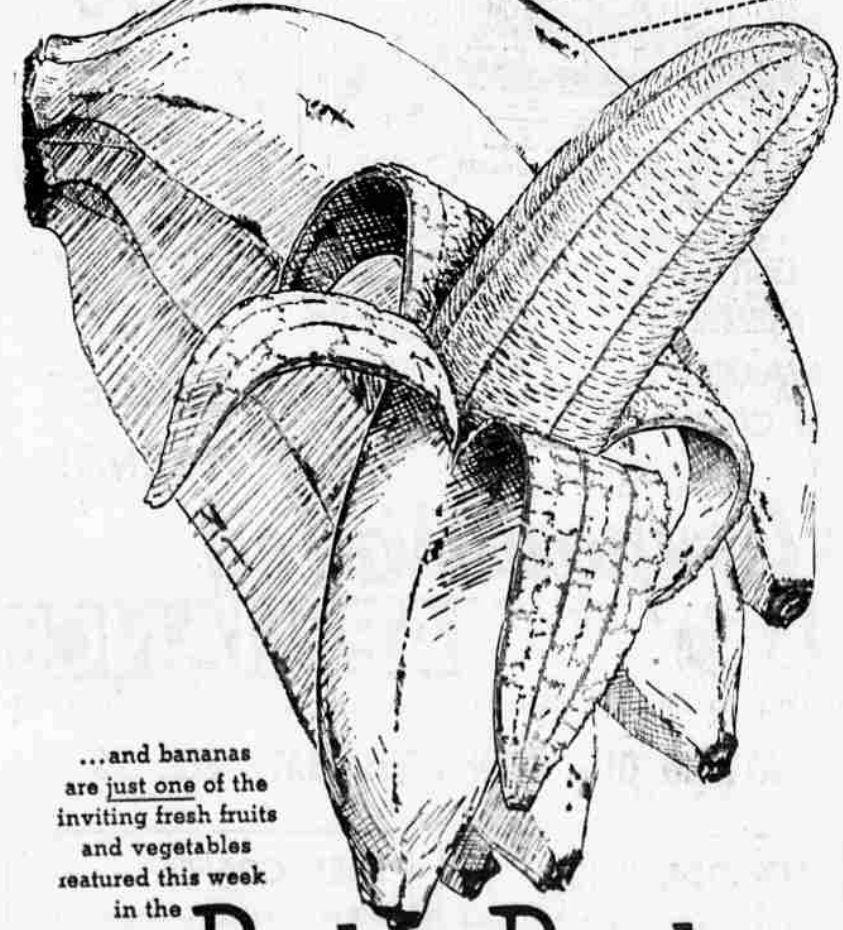
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