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MERCHANTS LOADED

Charles V. Stanton

Merchants of this area are "loaded!" Before you get any mistaken ideas, I hasten to explain that they are "loaded" with merchandise for the Christmas season.

Never before have our stores been so heavily stocked. Warehouses and basements are bursting at the seams with goods for Christmas trade. Many merchants are beginning to worry about what they will do with orders still en route, because storage space is full.

Appearances are, however, that they will have room by the time additional shipments arrive, for Christmas buying already has made a good start. Wise shoppers are getting in early, while opportunity for widest possible selection exists.

Some of our merchants well remember what happened last year. With Christmas still several days away, all too many merchants were frantically spreading out thin stocks and even filling in with empty boxes to cover blank spots on their shelves, while storeowners were as bare as the fabled cupboard.

And last year's Christmas buying, for which merchants had prepared with stocks of record volume, will be far surpassed this year, according to the best authority.

Busy Season Expected

Virtually every merchant subscribes to one or more advisory services. The specialists who conduct these services are unanimously of the opinion that American people this year will indulge in a spending spree of enormous proportions.

There are many factors supporting this theory. National economy is at the highest level in history. There is an unusually favorable balance between production, wholesale inventories and retail stocks. For the first time in many years wages have increased while prices have held steady or, in some instances, have declined. This creates an exceptional situation favoring the buyer. Business, industry and trade unions are confident of high economy during the coming year. This confidence has passed to the general public. When people have confidence they spend freely. Consumers are not afraid to contract installment purchases when they have confidence in the future.

This matter of installment, or credit buying is definitely a factor in this year's prediction of heavy Christmas buying.

Economists point out that, while credit buying is greater than ever before, there also is more cash buying, that the proportion of credit buying to individual checking and savings accounts in banks is well in balance, and that contract delinquencies are at extremely low level.

This objective outlook also is reflected by business, for many larger concerns are reported to be extending payment periods.

High Quality Sought

Economists studying Christmas buying, and advising their retail clients, also are pointing out that during late years people have steadily been buying better quality and more expensive merchandise. From "trinkets" and "token gifts" they went into "medium" grades. In late years, as the level of prosperity has climbed higher and higher, buyers have gone into the more expensive fields. This year is expected to see even more consumers moving into the upper levels.

Merchants of the area, joining in the general feeling of confidence, and following the advice from their economic counselors, have prepared to meet an anticipated Christmas trade far above anything in the past.

As was said at the beginning, "they're loaded!"

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK GP — Sidewalk musings of a pavement Plato: Whatever has happened to the old-fashioned Thanksgiving?

The formal religious quality of Thanksgiving seems almost to have disappeared. A minister here estimated that only one of ten people went to church on this holiday.

Somehow that doesn't seem as bad to me as it does to the minister.

There are many days of the year in which men pay gratitude to their Lord in church.

But Thanksgiving is more a personal time, when a man's God can be thought of as leaving a candlelit, prayerful cathedral to go out of doors and see his people taking his gifts of food and fun while they laugh aloud.

It is the informal religious quality of Thanksgiving that is important, but time seems slowly draining it away, too.

We are so overburdened with plenty that many regard Thanksgiving as a chore rather than celebration. We groan, "Gosh, the turkey'll be on the table for days and days."

The turkey is for a slimmer, smaller bird that won't sit on the plate so long. Some heathen voices are even heard to moan, "I don't like turkey."

Don't like turkey? A man might just as well quibble about how the sun shines on America.

Oldest Fruitful Symbol

The turkey is more native to this land than any treasured voice raised against it. It fed the people in a time when hunger was a problem and plenty hadn't yet become an ordeal.

The splendid fat silhouette of the turkey is America's oldest symbol of abundant fruitfulness.

Whatever has really happened to the old-fashioned Thanksgiving? In the city it too often has lost its country flavor, the savor of the land.

Thanksgiving is the holiday of the year that most has the rich

Umpqua Charter DAR Hears Helen Chandler

Umpqua Chapter of DAR met at the home of Mrs. Earl Wiley on South Kane St. Saturday, with Mrs. Jack Chapman and Mrs. Kenneth Fitzgerald, assisting.

Luncheon was served to 17 members and guests.

Regent Mrs. Lester Nielson conducted the meeting and introduced the guests, Edith McKay, Mrs. Kenneth Quine, Mrs. El Hall, Mrs. Oscar Thome and Helen Chandler, Helen Chandler, county extension agent, was the guest speaker for the afternoon and gave a talk on her European trip last summer.

The next meeting will be Dec. 17 at the home of Mrs. Branton and Mrs. Lomas assisting.

TRUMAN WEST-BOUND

LOS ANGELES — Former President Harry S. Truman plans to fly to Seattle today for the first of three West Coast fund-raising dinners for the Truman Memorial Library at Independence, Mo.

After the \$100-a-plate dinner, he is scheduled for similar gatherings here Monday and San Francisco Tuesday.

Let's Get On With the Sale. Boys, Make Me an Offer!



SAGE Air Warning Net To Get Air Force Funds

By A. ROBERT SMITH
News-Review Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Air Force is planning to channel a hefty chunk of its annual budget this coming year into SAGE radar warning stations, including the one planned for construction at Camp Adair near Corvallis, according to an Air Force spokesman.

Exactly how much will be asked for the Oregon project will not be disclosed until after the first of the year when Congress begins hearings on the military budget.

After these closed congressional hearings, more details are expected to come out about the precise nature of the Camp Adair project. But now the whole subject is stamped "secret" by the Pentagon.

The term SAGE means "semi-automatic ground environment" and that in turn, the Air Force said, means the SAGE stations are radar sentinels that function semi-automatically and are supposed to cover the territory of their immediate environment.

Control Station, Maybe

One Pentagon official suggested, but would not say positively, that the Camp Adair station would be out of the ordinary. He hinted it might be a control station which would receive information from other radar warning stations.

This was signaled by the probable 5 million dollars or more cost and the report that several hundred men would be required to man it. The usual SAGE project

"A typical main station (of the mid-Canada line, Campney said) will consist of an administrative and operation building, personnel accommodation buildings, supply buildings, boiler and power plants, provision for inflammable stores, a garage and a hangar. All stations will have landing facilities for helicopters."

The FBI reported they got away with between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

Agents said the burglars stuffed towels into the sensitive gas jets when the devices, designed to drive off thieves, were set off by heat from torches.

The burglars apparently were forced by the poisonous gas to leave the bank building on Slidell's main street before emptying the vault, which contained "considerably" more money than was stolen, agents said.

The FBI said there was a possibility the men have been affected by the leaking mustard gas and were in immediate need of medical attention.

The thieves knocked a hole in the brick wall of the two-story building then carried in torches, hammers, chisels, saws and other tools, the FBI reported. They left the tools behind.

Wilbur Minister To Be Honored At Reception

By ODD MOORHOUS

A welcoming reception will be held Sat. at 7:30 p.m. at the Wilbur Church, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Peters. Everyone in the community is invited to attend.

Receive Patch Tests

The Tuberculosis chest seal drive, headed by the Tuberculosis chest seal drive, announced that the Wilbur first and fifth graders received Tuberculin patch tests Wednesday. These tests are made possible by Christmas Seal donations, Mrs. Davidson said.

Van Woodward went to Seattle last weekend to visit with his father, Otis Woodward, who is a patient in the veterans hospital there. The elder Mr. Woodward is reported to be improving in health and is able to be with his family weekends.

The week preceding his trip to Seattle, Van went elk hunting in Eastern Oregon.

Mrs. Dan McLeellan spent several days recently in Portland visiting her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Davis.

Unionists Not To Be Checked On Funds Issue

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hennings (D-Mo.) says his subcommittee on constitutional rights will not check on whether labor union members are being made to contribute to help political causes with which they are out of sympathy.

Hennings wrote Sen. Curtis (R-Neb.) Thursday the subcommittee has a policy of staying clear of problems that are "capable of full solution . . . by the courts."

The Missouriian is chairman of the group.

Curtis had suggested "possible encroachment on constitutional rights" might be involved in complaints of some union members that they have been "required to pay dues and other assessments" to support political parties and candidates not of their own choosing.

Replying, Hennings said he understood "the precise question which is raised in your inquiry" is now before the courts in a case involving charges that the CIO Act Workers violated Taft-Hartley Act provisions dealing with political contributions and spending.

Sen. William Walsh To Chairman Hatfield

State Senator Mark Hatfield, candidate for the Republican nomination for Secretary of State, announced at Salem today that William E. Walsh, Coos Bay attorney, will be chairman of the statewide Hatfield campaign committee.

Walsh is a former president of the state senate, former member of the board of governors, Oregon state bar, former district attorney in Coos County and a member of the state board of higher education.

At the same time, Hatfield announced that Stuart H. Compton, Salem, would serve as treasurer of the state campaign. Compton, associated with the Pioneer Trust company in Salem, has held the same office in former Hatfield campaigns.

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — Dedication of the new, five-million-dollar white marble palace headquarters for the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America must be noted as one of the really socially significant signs of the times.

It is a far cry from what would have been observed in the good old days. Then a new "Teamsters' Hall" would be opened over a saloon in a section on the wrong side of the tracks known affectionately as "Hell's Half Acre."

At the new Teamsters' headquarters, all is modern and unimpeachable—probably the only unimpeachable building in town.

During the last few days, this new seat of power has been open for inspection by a bug-eyed public. But were the guides husky, tireless warehousemen in shirtsleeves pointing out, "This way to de lobby?" Not on your life.

They were nonunion college boys, that's what they were, hired for the occasion to direct, grammatically, the mighty and the masses on their way to the penthouse, and please don't step through the picture windows.

Now this marks the dawn near ultimate in the Triumph of Labor, with capital letters, please. When the Tudears can hire young intellectuals to do their mental chores, and face a strike and pocket time of their own office help. Great Day has arrived. The President's forthcoming White House Conference on Education had better mark it well.

The Teamsters' Heaven is of course only one of a number of new landmarks the rubberneck bus spotters now point out to tourists. Machinists, Electrical Workers,

Steelworkers and others are putting up new office buildings all over downtown.

The American Federation of Labor—soon to merge with the Congress of Industrial Organizations—has its own new headquarters nearing completion. Its top floor auditorium and balcony overlook the White House itself. It towers over a church to make the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the U.S. Treasury look like sorry old dumps.

If U.S. Steel, DuPont, General Electric, any of the auto giants or the power trust were to move their main offices to Washington and put up business chateaux of Teamster-type—complete with board rooms, Cinerama theaters seating 300, cafeterias and coffee-break rooms for the lesser help—wonder would be wild walls of warning.

Several alarms have crackled out on the end of their flagpoles to predict that Walter Reuther was aiming to be president of the United States.

Things aren't thataway yet. But Reuther and A.F.L. President George Meany do call on Secretary of State John Foster Dulles every so often, to tell him what's wrong with his foreign policy.

Rehearse some of the Labor Tycoons and the 30-hour, four-day week with guaranteed annual time—and a half off and pensions at age 55 is just around the corner. Herbert Hoover in his balmy predictions of 1929 was never so optimistic.

If the Communists really want to know what a workers' paradise is like, just show 'em the Teamsters' HQ. Adam in the Garden of Eden never had it like Dave Beck, the Labor Boss Capitalist. And when you call him that, you don't have to smile. Congratulations are in order.

Daily Bible Reading

Message By
Roseburg Ministerial
Association

TODAY'S TEXT

Psalm 46

This is one of the most notable chapters in the Bible. It was the favorite of the two great reformers, Martin Luther and John Calvin. When Hitler declared war on Sunday morning, and news was brought to Westminster Abbey during church service, the congregation rose and sang this Psalm.

It contains the universal and permanent message of God's guidance in national and personal life. The opening word is of special import: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." The foundation of such faith rests on the infinite power of God combined with His fatherly love.

The Psalm is unsurpassed in the majesty of its diction and breadth of outlook. At the same time its thought is as simple as the faith it expresses is strong. The faith it expresses is both timeless and universal. God will speak the last word of human destiny and write the last page of human history.

History is His-story. "God is our refuge and strength, therefore, be still and know that I am God." What a calm confidence and triumphant faith!

By Dr. James Millar,
First Presbyterian Church

In The Day's News

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ernment of the people by the people for the people is mankind's most precious possession.

Here in America we HAVE government of the people by the people for the people, and when we look around over the world at the areas that DON'T have it we know we have something wonderful.

So I suppose we should accept without too much complaint the tummyrot that goes along with the practice of the art of politics.

By the way—Governor Harriman (who gives the impression that he would be willing to accept the Democratic nomination if it is forced on him, but said the other day he isn't going to work for it) is in Oregon to support the re-election campaign of (now) Democratic Senator Morse.

In introducing him at Milwaukee last night, Senator Morse described Harriman as "having all the qualifications to LEAD THE NATION in 1956."

I suppose that's a case of "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

But—Let's get away from politics for the moment and take a look at diplomacy.

At Camp David, the Presidential retreat in the Maryland mountains near the city of Washington, Ike presided yesterday at his first cabinet meeting since his heart attack. The session lasted for just under two hours.

Secretary of State Dulles reported on what took place at the recent Big Four foreign ministers conference at Geneva—which, he admitted, ended in a deadlock. Dulles said the West still far apart on world issues.

Was that bad?

I wonder.

Let's take a look at the circumstances. Russia, as now governed, stands for totalitarian despotism, with the few on the top exploiting and oppressing the many at the bottom. When somebody threatens the power and the perquisites of those who sit at the top of the heap, they get rid of the threatener by means of a blood purge—as happened a while back in the so-called "republic" of Georgia.

Question: How can dealings between people of our sort and people of that sort end in ANYTHING BUT A DEADLOCK?

I can't help feeling that this Big Four meeting in Geneva—which ended in a deadlock—turned out all right.

It gave us a good, straight look at the situation, uncolored by rosy hopes.

Salem People Visit In Dixonville Area

By JEAN RADCLIFFE

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McKinney of Salem were guests in the Glen Wright and Jerry Keene homes on the Buckhorn Road recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Nordset of Stanley, N.D., arrived Saturday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Darwin Thompson and children. The Nordsets are parents of Mrs. Thompson.

Russell Cary Sr., who has been confined to his home for the past several weeks, due to an illness is unable to go back to work.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller of the Dixonville Road, have returned to their home after a trip to Reno and Las Vegas, Nev., and Death Valley and San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Laurence traveled to coastal points last weekend where they enjoyed fishing.

Sher Roy Hatfield states that her son, R. V. Hatfield and family, will be leaving soon for Oakland, Calif., where they will make their future home. Both Hatfield and his wife are recovering from polio attacks they suffered a year ago.

TALE OF A TURKEY

LOS ANGELES — The night before Thanksgiving Mrs. Ernest Lopez roasted a turkey for expected company.

She left it on the drainboard overnight.

Mrs. Lopez has five cats.

End of turkey.

End of story.

Reader Opinions

Neuberger Discounts Politics Over Timber

PORTLAND — An editorial in The News-Review of Nov. 15 commented that "skeptics point out that personnel of the committee includes five Democrats and two Republicans."

This was in reference to the joint House-Senate committee studying Federal timber policies.

The information was not correct. The House committee consists of five Democrats and four Republicans, the Senate committee of three Democrats and two Republicans.

As of this writing, Nov. 21, only the following members of either committee have been in attendance at the hearings to date: Senator Scott, Democrat; Congressman Chudoff, Democrat; Congressman Hoffman, Republican; Senator Neuberger, Democrat.

More Republicans have not been present, that is their own preference in the matter. Presumably they are not particularly interested, although of course their reasons for staying away unquestionably are valid.

But the committee definitely has not been "stacked," as the membership balance would indicate.

An effort has been made to prejudice these hearings as "political." What is meant by that? Does it come from people who fear that federal timber policies might be made more equitable and fair to everyone concerned? I think it is a service for the Congress to examine a timber program upon which so many communities like Roseburg are reliant for continued jobs and prosperity. All too many places in Oregon are out of timber today because of unwise policies in the past. This must be avoided in the future. At these hearings, everyone has been heard—from lonely prospectors to operators of

major mills. I feel sure the editor of the News-Review, who was in attendance, must agree that the members of the committee have been patient and hard-working.

It is significant that the Republican Party, which is protesting that the hearings are "political," has thus far sent only one Republican to sit as a member during the hearings. Is this an attempt to boycott the hearings? What will the good people of Oregon's lumber producing areas think of that? Is not the Republican Party interested in the timber industry? At Pendleton a few weeks ago, Republicans participated actively and in numbers in agricultural hearings on farm policy. I heard no charges of politics then, although the hearings were presided over by Democrats. What are the Republicans trying to do with the lumber hearings?

I shall do all possible to help bring out a report which will provide beneficial policies for the greatest timber region of our nation.

Richard L. Neuberger
United States Senator
Portland, Ore.

Green Sanitary District Directors Vote Thanks

GREEN — The board of directors of the Green Sanitary District wish to express their thanks to all of the residents of the district who attended the public meetings and wrote editorially pertaining to the problem of dissolution of the District and we thank The News-Review for its full cooperation in printing the views in the Readers Opinion column.

Green Sanitary District Board of Directors
Allan Petersdorf
Warren Engdahl
Richard Terrel

With the prospect that President Eisenhower might not run for a second term, the battered right wing of the Republican party has begun to sprout new feathers.

The object of a revival at this time, of course, would be to gain the GOP presidential nomination for a right-wing candidate.

After the President's heart attack, it was widely assumed among the political experts that, whether or not Eisenhower ran again, the forces representing him in the party would be strong enough to control the nomination.

This may or may not be so. But clearly, many right-wing elements are no longer accepting that assumption. They are in fact very busy planning to recapture the party heights.

At the moment their rallying point is Sen. William F. Knowland of California, the GOP Senate leader. It has been reliably reported he would be a candidate if Eisenhower is not. Associates of the senator say they look for him to enter the California primary.

There are indications he might also make a run in Oregon and possibly Minnesota.

Obviously, even if he entered and won these and a few other primaries, Knowland would not go to the San Francisco convention with decisive strength. So right-wingers are planning to button up a number of other states by a variety of maneuvers.

In some cases, right-wing leaders would be asked to stand as favorite sons. A persistent rumor has it

that Senator McCarthy might be a candidate in his home state of Wisconsin and perhaps others. McCarthy's denial is something less than flat.

No one is saying at this time whether Knowland, who heretofore has shied away from full identification with the right wing, is willing to be cast in the role of right-wing candidate. If he should say "no" to that, this group would have to look elsewhere for a man.

Plans are still a bit cloudy, but there is no doubt the planners are at work. A new weekly conservative magazine edited by William F. Buckley, Jr., McCarthy supporter, outspokenly announces the right wing's intention to get the nomination.

If these plans go forward with gathering energy, the Republican party in 1956 may experience an internal struggle that will match the bruising 1952 contest between Eisenhower and the late Senator Taft.

WOMAN KILLER SOUGHT

CHICAGO — Police searched today for a second black suicide slipper as a possible clue to the strangulation of a 48-year-old divorced mother of six.

The body of Mrs. Edith Jamieson was found Wednesday morning a few blocks from her South Side home. She had been bound with rope and garroted. Police said she was neither robbed nor raped.

Look What Wise Santa's Leave.

CORPORATION STOCK!

XYZ CORPORATION Common Stock

A Truly Lasting Gift

Think of the satisfaction you will give someone when you give him or her a share in America's great, growing economy . . . some stock in one of America's great corporations. And the receiver is reminded of your gift as dividends are sent to him in his name. Give a gift that lasts.

Come In Today—Buy Now

Come in today and buy the stock of your choice for your loved one. Buy early to insure adequate time for registration in the receivers name.

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