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SHOP EARLY

By Charles V. Stanton

A few days ago we had a letter from a correspondent urging celebration of the "true" spirit of Christmas. We agree fully with the writer that the religious side of the Christmas observance has been sadly neglected in recent years. Too many of our holidays are being commercialized. Christmas is one of them.

At the same time we can sympathize with the merchant at Christmas time. Christmas is a period for giving gifts. A merchant lacking a supply of merchandise to be sold for gift giving would be ostracized quickly by the general public.

Our correspondent urged postponement of Christmas celebration. Yet economic observers are telling us we better get our Christmas shopping done early.

One reason for early buying is that the stock of merchandise may be expected to be slim and skimpy this season. At the same time there is a trend on the part of the buyer to be more selective than in any recent year. But how can a buyer be selective when he has a limited stock of merchandise from which to select.

Depression Blues

Our economists tell us that the great majority of our merchants and our manufacturers are suffering from "depression blues." During the last two years our economy has been slipping, particularly in this area. But the recovery has been far more rapid than had been expected, even by the most pessimistic. There now is every indication that Christmas buying will be heavier than had been expected. At the same time buyers will be looking for bargains—at least for substantial value for the money expended. They won't be shopping, we are told, for tinsel and paste.

But, because we have heard so much about depression, a great many of our merchants and even more of our manufacturers have kept their stocks and inventories low. Consequently the selection, it is feared, will be extremely limited. For that reason, buyers are urged by economists to "shop early" if they want to obtain the best bargains for the Christmas season.

If such is the case, merchants can't be blamed for getting "on the ball" at the earliest possible moment.

The local merchant probably is more aware of the situation than is the manufacturer. A great many of our merchants have spent large sums to buy for the Christmas season. They have gambled that Christmas buying will be good. On the other hand, some are still afraid and are putting in only a minimum of stocks.

Rush Expected

But we are told that while a large number of our local merchants are buying in advance of the Christmas season, they are finding difficulty in getting the type of merchandise they want.

This area was one of the first to feel the results of the recession. Lumber took the worst, and first, beating. But lumber also has been one of the first to recover. We have been showing a marked return from the days of low economy.

While our economists still cry about recession, most of our school authorities are pointing to bigger enrollment than ever before. Their figures show conclusively that we have more people in Douglas County than before the recession.

Another aspect is to be found in the checking and savings accounts. It is quite evident that this community has a lot of money. Circulation of this money means prosperity. We need only confidence to obtain circulation of money. Confidence in the future is growing stronger daily. Christmas, it is predicted, will see a great deal of money put in circulation in this area.

But while our local merchant is convinced, and is trying his best to stock up against a big Christmas season, he is finding it difficult to locate stocks of goods, because manufacturers are scared. Consequently the economists are correct, I believe, in their expectations for "slim" and "skimpy" stocks.

The "Shop Early" theme is one that has been used every Christmas season for as long as I can remember, but the reason seems better this year than ever before.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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diplomacy is a poker game with IMMENSE stakes.

So, in the pinches, diplomats tend to talk like poker players. You can't know what their fall talk means if you can't see their hands.

And—They dare not let anybody see the cards they hold.

Business affairs—AFL-CIO President George Meany says in a statement in Washington that "America may have a boom on Wall Street but what it really needs is a boom on Main Street." This is needed, he added, to end still critical unemployment in America.

What he says, if course, is true enough, as far as it goes. The trouble with it is that it doesn't go quite far enough. Mr. Meany, I think, is looking at Wall Street as it was pictured by the cartoonists a couple of generations ago—when Wall Streeters were uniformly depicted as paunchy men wearing Prince Albert coats and white vests and plug hats.

He might be surprised to know how many of the securities that are sold on Wall Street—and other financial streets in America, including La Salle street in Chicago and Sansone street in San Francisco—are OWNED ON America's Main streets, and out in the suburbs and all over.

Corporate ownership in our

country is very widely spread in these days.

A good example of that is the huge American Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Last year (1957) it had 792,634 employees.

In the same year, it had 1,605,046 share owners.

That is to say: For each employee of A.T. & T. in 1957 there were TWO OWNERS of A.T. & T. shares.

That isn't true a couple of generations ago.

It is true now.

American big business is changing its ownership is being spread among all kinds of people. No longer can we afford to look at only ONE side of it. We now have to look at BOTH sides.

Democrats Again Cut Into Benton Co. Lead

CORVALLIS (AP)—Democrats have again cut into the lead of Republicans in Benton County, long a stronghold of the GOP, voter registration figures for the county reveal. However, the Republicans continue to hold a 3 to 2 lead.

With a record 16,129 voters registered in the county, 9,474 are Democrats, 6,396 are Republicans and 349 miscellaneous. Since the 1954 general election the Republicans lost 41 voters while the Democrats added 434.

"Have You Ever Seen Such Wonderful Bad News?"



— Hal Cooper —

LONDON (AP)—The strange case of the man who is not running for Parliament has been solved at last. It is now known that he will cease shaking hands around the end of November.

This man, who for our purposes may be called Frank Baker, is always standing around street corners shaking hands with various residents of the suburb. He works hard at it, and the conclusion was reached that he must be seeking to win friends for political ends.

Sears the janitor was asked to confirm this.

"Only thing he's running for is to be the richest man in Hampstead. That's the local street bookmaker."

Frank, a tall, red-faced fellow in his 50s, is a genial sort, but it was suggested that this hardly explained his compulsion to shake hands. It was noted that he had even been seen shaking hands with some people twice within an hour.

"You are a green one, ain't you?" said Sears. "Whenever Frank shakes hands he puts his hand back into his pocket with a piece of paper and some money in it. The paper has the name of a horse written on it. The money is a bet on the horse."

The American observer remarked in shocked tones that such cash betting is against the law.

"It may be illegal, but it ain't immoral," snapped Sears. "Have a flutter on a horse now and then yourself, don't you?"

The reply was made that any such bets are telephoned to a bookmaker on a credit basis. Set-

tlements—usually in favor of the bookie—are made weekly by check through the mails. This is 100 per cent legal under British statutes.

"Certainly," said Sears. "But to open a credit account you have to give a banking reference. A working type like me can't give a banking reference because he hasn't never had nothing in the bank. But illegal or not, I got just as much right to bet the horses as you have. That's where Frank comes in."

Shakes Before Race

It was recalled that Frank usually shakes hands like mad on the day of a big race, such as the Epsom Derby. But on the following morning he seems to shake hardly any hands at all.

"On the day of the race," Sears explained patiently, "He is taking bets. On the following morning he is paying off the winners."

"He stops taking bets when the flat racing season ends in November," said Sears. "Says too many favorites win over the jumps during the winter. So during the winter months you never see Frank shaking hands."

American people in the cause of peace. I shall go to Korea."

Big Vote Gatter

It is generally conceded that Eisenhower's pledge to visit Korea, fulfilled before his election and his inauguration, was a big vote-getter.

Dulles did most of the drafting of the foreign policy plank in the 1952 Republican campaign platform. It lambasted Truman administration foreign policy as having, among other things, "abandoned friendly nations" after World War II and of having "traded our overwhelming victory for a new enemy and for new oppressions and new wars which were quick to come."

Republican campaigners this year probably would welcome Dulles' idea that current aspects of foreign policy should be barred from political debate. That would rule out virtually all criticism of Eisenhower administration foreign policy, since the administration in power always is responsible for the current conduct of foreign affairs.

Left in Dilemma

That would seem to leave Republican and Democratic orators in a dilemma. If they discuss current aspects, it would be all right with Eisenhower but not with Dulles. If they talk about established basic policy, Eisenhower might object but not Dulles.

However, the conflict may be more apparent than real. Usually, in such cases Eisenhower's stock comment is that he and Dulles keep in touch and always see eye to eye.

And anyway, few politicians of either party ever show much inclination to avoid discussing foreign policy if it means possible votes.

Eisenhower and Dulles themselves had quite a bit to say about foreign policy in the 1952 campaign.

Eisenhower hit the issue hard in campaign speeches. In Detroit on Oct. 24, 1952, for example he said his first job, if elected, would be to end the war in Korea. He added: "That job requires a personal trip to Korea. I shall make that trip. Only in that way could I learn how best to serve the

Cattle Truck Driver Killed In Car Collision

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—A cattle truck pulled onto a state highway and collided with an automobile Wednesday. The truck driver was thrown to his death.

Two persons were injured in the automobile.

The truck driver, Bernard Leo Woods, 68, route 3, Klamath Falls, was thrown under the wheels of the truck after he drove onto U.S. Highway 29 from the Stukel Mountain Road, eight miles south of Klamath Falls.

Police said he started to turn the truck to the north when it hit broadside by the north-bound car.

Injured in the car were John Bush, Tulelake, Calif., who suffered a broken leg, and his wife, who suffered undetermined head injuries. Both were brought to the Klamath Valley Hospital. Attend-

ants said Mrs. Bush's condition is fair.

Thinking It Over

By Robert L. Dieffenbacher, D.D. (Written for NEA Service)

Plastic scissors in the hands of children are much safer than metal scissors with keen edges. Children can cut paper and learn to use these important instruments without danger to themselves and others.

Sharp scissors can be dangerous weapons when they are used indiscriminately. They can be very destructive in the hands of those who do not use them with great care.

Our tongues are very much like scissors. They can cut into the heart and feelings of people if they are used when we are angry.

If they are used destructively, if they are not controlled, we must study to use our tongues constructively rather than destructively. "A soft answer turneth away wrath."

EXPORTED MACHINEGUNS

TEL AVIV (AP)—Israel has exported locally invented and manufactured "Uzi" submachineguns to security organizations in the United States, an official spokesman said today. He gave no further details.

National Debt Rises Another Billion Dollars

WASHINGTON (AP)—The National Debt has risen another billion dollars, to within 334 millions of its all-time high.

The Treasury today made public figures which show that the gross public debt and guaranteed obligations had climbed to \$280,487,000,000 last Friday. At the end of 1955 the debt hit a record peak of \$280,821,000,000.

Friday's rise was caused by Treasury borrowing of a billion dollars. Earlier in the week the debt climbed even more sharply—nearly \$2,700,000,000—as a bigger chunk of the borrowing operation was reflected in Treasury accounting.

There's a good chance the debt will reach a new record early next month if the Treasury continues to borrow 100 million dollars extra each week through its regular sale of Treasury bills.

Reader Opinions

Rep. Porter Says Not To Hide Heads In Sand

To The Editor—Your correspondent, Dr. Mooers, writes in your letters column (October 10th) that recognition of Russia was a mistake in 1932 and that recognition of Red China would be as "bad a defeat for us as Dienbienphu."

He closes by exhorting us Americans to stand up and carefully analyze the facts, then support the President so that we may continue to live as free men. In this I am with him, but I insist that the President's policies about China are changing now that Mr. Knowland's political corpse is all but officially buried.

The "facts" are that we have been recognizing Red China for more than two years. We have been dealing with them in Warsaw. We have a United Nations where all the nations are supposed to be present to talk for peace. Admission and recognition do not mean friendship (in spite of what you say editorially). They mean communication—in this case communication with the largest nation on earth.

It may be that eventually the free world and the Communist world will embark on World War II complete with nuclear warheads and missiles of all kinds, plus germ warfare and a few other assorted horrors. But before that fateful day comes we owe it to our children to exhaust every possible means of honorable settlement. Hiding our heads in the sands won't help any more than ignoring a cancer will make it go away.

Charles O. Porter
Member of Congress
Eugene, Ore.

Battle Of The Typewriters Followed With Interest

To The Editor—I have been following with considerable interest your editorial column battle with the editor of the Sutherlin Sun. I think it has been both informative and entertaining. In fact, it is a very good thing, I believe, to stimulate the widest possible interest in the political campaign. Your typewriter duel is certainly accomplishing that.

However, as a reader I would like to express the opinion that you were wise to "plead guilty" to fuzzy thinking at the conclusion of your editorial on October 8.

Obviously you missed the point of the Sutherlin Sun editorial of the preceding week in which it was quite clearly pointed out that there is a vast difference between recognizing a country diplomatically and being friendly with the country or approving of its form of government. How come it doesn't bother you that we recognize Russia or Poland or Yugoslavia? These are all Communist countries. Why do you single out Communist China?

I'm afraid I must agree with the Sutherlin Sun that you have a blind spot when it comes to Congressman Porter. Personally I think he's a good man. And I think enough other people think so to make sure he will be re-elected by a good strong majority despite your efforts to the contrary.

Edna Campbell
Sutherlin, Ore.

Anniversary Celebration For Refugees Scheduled

KLAMATH FALLS (AP)—The 50th anniversary celebration of the Tule Lake and Lower Klamath Wildlife refuges will be held Saturday.

There will be a guided tour of the two refuges followed by a celebration dinner at the fair grounds with Frank Jenkins, Herald and News publisher, one of the principal dinner speakers.

Most of the top ranking California and Oregon fish and wildlife officials are expected to attend as well as others interested in wildlife conservation.

STORIES NOT ENOUGH

CORVALLIS (AP)—Stories are not enough for Sunday Schools, the Rev. Frederick Schelling told the Oregon Town and Country Church Conference Tuesday.

"Children need well-planned religious lessons," the Burbank, Calif., minister said.

BALLOT MEASURE

Increasing State Legislators' Salaries Said Long Overdue; Attention Called To 'Sleeper'

By CHARLES V. STANTON
News-Review Editor

Proposition No. 3—SALARIES OF STATE LEGISLATORS.

PURPOSE—To amend the Oregon Constitution by increasing salaries of state legislators from \$600 to \$1200 per year.

EXPLANATION—This amendment would increase the aggregate salaries of the 90 members of the Legislature by \$54,800 per year.

Salaries would be doubled. Amounts now paid are less than in neighboring states and in nearly all other states.

FOR—Legislators are greatly underpaid. It should be recognized that the increased costs of lodging, food and all services has gone up many times.

Legislators do not, as a rule, serve for money. They are conscientious citizens desiring to do a public service. But they shouldn't be expected to pay their own expenses out of their own pockets. A quick glance at the number of good legislators, who are not returning because they can't stand the expense, should convince anyone of the need.

The cost to the taxpayer of having too many "beginners" in a session of the Legislature was clearly demonstrated at the last session. More is paid out for a long session than would be paid for increased salaries in a shorter session.

Work increases each session. Not only are sessions longer, but many members must work on interim committees, for which they receive only travel and per diem.

As pay becomes low, membership includes too many of those who have private axes to grind and hope to benefit personally, or the very rich who can afford the job.

California pays \$6,000 per year, plus \$14 per day expenses. Washington pays \$1,200 per year, plus \$15 per day expenses. Oregon should put its salary schedule in proportion.

AGAINST—The proposed bill contains a "sleeper." It permits members to vote themselves any desired amount of expenses. Oregon's constitution provides that members shall have no "other personal expenses," than those authorized in the constitutional measure. The fact that members may compensate themselves almost without limit under the proposed amendment makes it advisable to wait until a clear-cut issue is submitted.

History has shown that there has been no lack of able candidates for the Legislature. Every prospective member knows the salary at the time he files. Inasmuch as qualified members seek the office at the present salary, there is no need of voting more.

An increase in the amount of pay does not mean an increase in quality. In fact, if the amount is enough for a person to live on, incompetent people are encouraged to become candidates.

The cost of government is getting too high. There is no reason why the cost should be deliberately increased by a vote of the people.

RECOMMENDATION—Notice is taken of the "sleeper" in the proposal. Some people contend it was deliberate, thus enabling legislators to help themselves, while others say it was accidental. In any event it must be admitted that our legislators, required to spend more and more time in session, are inadequately paid. We trust them to spend millions of dollars of our money through appropriations. If they are to be trusted with millions of tax funds, why shouldn't they be trusted with a few thousand for legitimate expenses? If a legislator isn't competent and isn't to be trusted, it is the fault of the voter who must pay for his folly. A "Yes" vote is indicated.

Editors Note—It is recommended that the above, another in a series concerning measures to be brought before voters at the next election be clipped and studied prior to Nov. 4. The recommendation is advisory only—CVS.

Lone Man Radios Final Message

LONDON (AP)—An American working alone on a desolate mid-Pacific island for the International Geophysical Year (I.G.Y.) last radio signal Friday. He was feeling sick, he messaged.

Today the British naval landing ship H.M.S. Narvik radioed it had found the man dead of a heart attack on desolate Jarvis Island.

Only two other persons were there, a native couple who lived alone on Jarvis. They said the American had died Saturday.

He was identified as Otto Hornung, sometimes known as "The Hermit of Jarvis Island." He had lived for years as a recluse on several uninhabited islands in the Pacific.

Officials at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography at La Jolla said they had employed Hornung in 1957 as an observer during the International Geophysical Year. He was born in the Philippines, lived in Hawaii, and had been an amateur radio operator and meteorologist.

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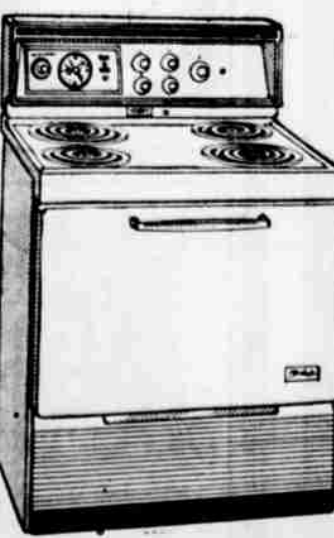
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