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WILLKIE'S CHANCES

What history may prove to be one of the most important presidential campaigns in decades is at last in high gear. The period of peace and quiet which followed the nominations seems to be definitely over.

During that period, there can be no question but what the Willkie candidacy suffered a slight let-down—his friends admit it, even as his opponents exult in it. But only the politically inexperienced believe that let-down was necessarily of any particular significance. Mr. Willkie was swept into the republican nomination on the crest of a wave of almost unprecedented enthusiasm, similar to that which gave Mr. Roosevelt the democratic nomination eight years ago. No one experienced in politics believes that enthusiasm could have been maintained undimmed from nomination day to election day. Willkie strategists deliberately planned the let-down, knowing that it had to come some time, and that the earlier it came the better off his candidacy would be. History is studded with dismal examples of candidates who brought their campaigns to maximum pitch too long before november—and, as a result, seemed to the voters as stale as yesterday's beer by election time.

On top of that, the Willkie campaign called for super-careful planning. Ordinary issues are of little moment today, with the national attention focused on war in Europe and defense at home. Mr. Willkie is not an "a-ginner." He endorses many new deal policies in principle, even as he denounces many new deal methods. And so, almost inevitably, it looks as if this campaign will focus down to two issues—one tangible, the other more or less intangible but of immense potential importance.

The tangible issue is that of administration. Willkie backers believe that he could get more for each defense dollar than could the present White House group. They believe he could steer a course which would be fairer to all the diverse interests in this country today—worker and capitalist, farmer and manufacturer, little businessman, relief, etc. And only the blindest supporters of the new deal fail to see that it has made many grave mistakes in the administrative field, even as it has made great advances in bringing before the people problems which must eventually be solved.

The intangible issue is that of the third term—of one man's indispensability. Mr. Willkie has been hitting that issue hard, and some of the experts believe that it may turn out to be the decisive issue of the campaign. No man, says Mr. Willkie is vital to the country—and once the idea gets around that one man is indispensable, it will be just a matter of time before dictatorship follows. To Mr. Willkie, there is no personal fight in this—he doesn't charge the President with dictatorial ambitions. He simply points out that once the precedent is established—or, putting it another way, the old anti-third-term precedent is demolished—we will have, in principle, accepted a government of men as against a government of laws.

FIFTH COLUMNISTS

There is much being said and written these days about the activities of the fifth columnists and with the fall of four or five democracies in Europe, the American people are apparently just waking in regard to how insidious a fifth columnist may be. If you read magazines you perhaps read the five ways the fifth columnist works published in the current issue of the Reader's Digest and among these ways is to start a whispering campaign against the government or some high government official.

All of which reminds us of a story about how Roosevelt would throw this nation into war, if he saw there was no other chance to be reelected as president. Now President Roosevelt has done some things we don't like and likewise there are many phases of the new deal that does not appeal to us but we do give him as the administration's leader credit for common honesty and take no stock in this rumor, which is basically designed to weaken the nation.

HOW TO AVOID DUTY

Recently The Sentinel was in receipt of a communication from some Los Angeles concern with an offer to permit us to publish how one might avoid the army draft on the grounds of religious scruples. The offer struck the writer as being a rather odd, but bold one, and the communication was promptly thrown in the waste basket. Since that time, we have learned that the FBI is after this concern or a similar concern and this information makes us wish we had kept the address.

Loyal Americans may be interested in learning how to avoid war, if there is a way, but none would be interested in learning how to avoid duty, should war come.

GOLD PERIL?

You hear quite a bit of talk about all of Uncle Sam's vast hoard of gold becoming useless in case Germany wins the war and forces all world trade to go on a barter basis. But according to Harry Scherman, president of the Book of The Month club and author of the best-seller of a few years ago, "The Promises Men Live By," the fear of that happening is a case of Nazi propaganda being echoed by careless or uninformed American commentators. In a small new book called "The Real Danger In Gold," he analyzes the gold problem in simpler terms than anyone we have ever heard or read. He says that if the Nazis should win economic domination of Europe, and establish a favorable balance of trade for themselves, they'd be the first to scrap the barter system. It's far too complicated a subject to try to cover here, but to get to the ultimate point, Scherman maintains that the "real" danger in our gold is that it affords the easiest way to wipe out—on paper only—the rising government debt by drastic

devaluation which would bring on the inflation so long feared in this country.

CASH PREFERRED

The knot was tied; the pair was wed. And then the smiling bridegroom said: "Unto the preacher, 'Shall I pay To you the usual fee today, Or would you have we wait a year And give you then a hundred clear, If I should find the married state As happy as I estimate,' The preacher lost no time in thought, To his reply no study brought There were no wrinkles on his brow, He said, 'I'll take \$3.00 now.'"

Obeys Impulse

John McKay of Newport News, Va., obeyed "that impulse" and it cost him \$35. McKay awaited his turn at a phone booth while a conversation went on and on. Finally he stepped up and let the glass door have it with his fist. The court said \$25 for disorderly conduct; \$10 for property damage.

LION ROARS

As Echoed From Cottage Grove Union High School

The journalism staff was recently selected from the journalism class by Miss Kem to serve for a six weeks period. They are: Nelly Stalder, Newsette editor; Jean Yearous, editor Sentinel news; Clifford Van Prooyen, business manager; Lucille Abeene, exchange editor; Bessie Sheldon, press staff editor; Brian Stroup, Douglas Johnson, June Eastburn, Marjory Earl, Janet Peterson, Arletta Roberts, Faye Nixon, Dorothy Safley, Ruth Davenport, Bessie Turner, Alden Garoutte, press staff; Bessie Sheldon, Marie Hansen, Richard Weldon, Dorothy Safley, Ruth Davenport, Betty Bradford, Adele Bostick, Nelly Stalder, typists; Shirley Hendricks, Arletta Roberts, Marjory Earl, artists; Maxine Hunter, feature editor; June Eastburn, home room editor; journalism class, reporters, Myrtle Kem, Zilda Hayes, advisers.

Glee Club

The boys' glee club is small this year with only twenty members at present. In the near future the glee club expects a few more boys who are out for football now. The boys have been practicing harmony the past two weeks and in the next few days the songs of the Christmas program will be started. The boys who are in the glee club are: Kenneth Berry, Richard Chambers, Bob Denham, Lyle Gamet, Alden Garoutte, Bob Grewelle, Jack Henry, Erwin Hood, Orla Jennings, Bob Propst, Victor Schrieker, Jimmy Thrasher, Kenneth Whitlock, Bill Workman, Fred Wright, Fay Davis, Harold Wicks, Dick Smith and Bud McCoy.

FFA PARTY

The annual F.F.A. Home Ec party was held in the gym Friday night. This party-dance combination was quite a success according to the report of some 200 guests. The gym floor was divided and dancing was held in one end while party games were played in the other. Cider and doughnuts were sold for refreshments. \$8.75 was taken in admission fees and \$4.00 from the sale of the refreshments. The admission money was turned in at the office the rest divided between the F.F.A. and Home Ec clubs.

Yell Leader Elected.

Yell leader tryouts were held Wednesday of last week before the student council. The following were elected: Arlene Anderson, head yell leader; Ruth Davenport, Bob Moody, her assistants.

The Hi-Y has been given permission by the council to have charge of the candy stand for two weeks, starting September 30. A group of students were selected from the four classes and various organizations to form a committee to see what can be done for noon recreation. The following students were selected: Pat Baldwin, chairman; Faye Nixon, junior class; Neil Hammond, sophomore class; Richard Chambers, freshman class; Janet Peterson, girls' league; Tommy Jones, boy's federation; Robert Daugherty, Hi-Y; and one member from the Future Farmers.

Bob Wright was elected vice-president of the F.F.A. meeting September 23, in the place of Owen Sloan who joined the National Guard. The father-son banquet was discussed and Bill Rorer was appointed head of an arrangement committee. Mr. Williamson informed the new applicants of the rules of the F.F.A.

Sister Party

The annual Big-and-Little-Sister party will be held Friday at the gym at 8:00 p. m. The little sisters are to come dressed like little girls. The big sisters will see that each little sister gets to the party. There will be games of various kinds and refreshments. Those arranging the party are: Winifred Makinson, refreshments; Velma Wilson, publicity; Cleora Korstjens, entertainment; Marjory Earl, Janet Peterson, initiation.

Pep Assembly

The first pep assembly of the year was held Friday in the auditorium to get all set for the alumni game which was held Saturday night. The yell leaders, Arlene Anderson, Ruth Davenport and Bob Moody led the student body in a number of school yells. The band played songs in between yells. Glen Swanson, manager of the alumni team gave a short talk about the Alum team. Coach Curtis French of the Lions introduced the first and second string members of the high school football squad for 1940.

About 700 F.F.A. boys and advisers will participate in the annual F.F.A. northwest meeting and Pacific International Livestock exposition on October 4 and 5 in Portland.

The F.F.A. livestock judging team, consisting of Alden Copple, Bob Wright and Paul Anderson, will go to Portland Friday, October 4.

There is a large enrollment of members so far in the F.F.A. By October 1 the total enrollment was 50 compared with 59 by November 1 last year. The Agriculture I class has 22 members so

for, the Agriculture II class 21 members, and the Agriculture III and IV class 12 members.

The majority of the student body was entertained at a pay assembly September 25 by Mr. Cowell as he showed slide pictures of different birds and scenery from various parts of the country and gave imitations of bird calls.

Majorettes Add Pep

The band and majorettes added pep and spirit to the sidelines at the football game Saturday as the band played and the majorettes twirled for the first game of the season. The majorettes for this year are Donna Clark, Virginia Andrews, Francis Adams, Arletta Roberts, Mr. Stoval is training Marjorie Earl and Richard Bush to act as drum majors.

Bill Workman, our student body president, was taken to Eugene hospital Sunday and underwent an appendicitis operation Monday. Mr. Grannis announced that the first thing Bill said when he came from under the anesthetic was "Bring on the company!"

First Hi-Y Meeting

The first Hi-Y meeting of the year was held September 26 in room 15, at which practically all members were present. Six prospective members were present. The qualities for becoming a member and the things you have to do to become a member were discussed. George Dugan told some of the many interesting experiences he had in New York City on his Hi-Y trip last summer.

Briefs

Vernon Lamm and Lenita Powell, both from the class of '38, were married in Eugene September 27. They will make their home in Cottage Grove.

Betty Chapman, senior, is out of school on account of an injured knee sustained in physical education class.

Grace Connor, sophomore, has returned from a trip to Kansas and will start to school this week.

George Stout, class of '40, is going to present his speech on "Why A Farmer" at the Pacific International stock show at Portland this Saturday.

Paul Anderson, class of '40, is attending Oregon State this year.

Mac Trask, class of '39, is attending Oregon State this year.

Wendall Small, class of '39, is attending Northwest Christian college in Eugene.

Evelyn Abeene, class of '40, is working for her aunt here in town.

Ray Randall, '39, is attending Santa Barbara State college instead of Los Angeles junior college, as announced earlier.

New students who entered school Monday, September 30, are Jane Close, from Vernonia; Leila Hughey, from Selah, Washington; John Sells, from Springfield, and Mildred Rice, from Selah, Washington.

Medford Hi-Times Exchange

The first event on the social calendar of Medford senior high this year was the "Get-together Dance," Saturday, September 21, sponsored by the boys' and girls' leagues and the student body. Medford Hi held its first game of football September 20, on its own field with the Weedites of Weed, California.

Announcement was made this summer that the Medford Hi-Times made honors in two national journalistic societies. The paper received an international first rating from Quill and Scroll, and second class rating in National Scholastic Press association. The Hi-Y club, organized last spring, is being carried on this year. The club is divided into two chapters, the Prescott and the Rogue. Each chapter has its own set of officers. The junior class is presenting a play, a two-act romantic comedy "And How They Lived." It is a sequel to Don Shanahan's last year's play "And So They Were Married," which was also presented by the junior class.

Once a Port

Fowey, favorite Cornish holiday resort, once was a big port and provided more ships for the navy of King Edward III than did London.

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HOME LANDSCAPE IDEAS IN NEW OSC CIRCULAR

The wave of home building that has been taking place in Oregon has stimulated unusual interest in landscape work and general gardening. So many requests have been received for information on laying out ground plans that the extension service at Oregon State college has just issued a circular on the subject entitled "Landscape Architecture," by A. L. Peck, head of that work at the college.

The principles of landscape architecture are just as applicable to a small farm home area as to a huge estate or city park, says Professor Peck. One of the first principles in either case is to provide for utmost convenience, as no amount of beauty will compensate for the annoyance of inconvenience.

Professor Peck urges that any improvement work start with a plan, no matter how crude. A plan holds one to a given line of development instead of haphazard use of unrelated ideas.

The circular outlines simple methods of procedure and includes some suggestions on planting materials. Copies may be had free at any extension office.

Watch out for chimney sparks when starting up the furnace to take the chill off the house these fall days, the National Fire Protection Association cautions. Roof sparks, it says, landing on flammable roof shingles, are the third largest cause of residential fires. They annually destroy more than 75,000 American homes and damage tens of thousands of others.

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Arcade Theatre

Admission 10c and 35c

Fri.-Sat., Oct. 4-5: "They Drive by Night," George Raft, Ann Sheridan, Ida Lupino, Humphrey Bogart. Preview feature "Grand Ole Opry," Weaver Brothers and Elvira.

Sun.-Mon.-Tues., Oct. 6-7-8: "When The Daltons Rode" Randolph Scott, Kay Francis, Brian Donlevy, George Bancroft, Andy Devine, Stuart Erwin.

Wed.-Thurs., Oct. 9-10: "Public Deb No. 1," George Murphy, Brenda Joyce, Mischa Auer, Chas. Ruggles. Preview Feature "Girl From Havana," Dennis O'Keefe, Claire Carleton.

Diane Theatre

Admission 10c and 25c

Bargain Nights 10c .. Saturday Matinee 10c and 15c

Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 3-4: "Black Diamonds," Richard Arlen, Andy Devine, Kathryn Adams, Mary Treen, Bargain Nights. Admission 10c.

Sat.-Sun., Oct. 5-6: "One Man's Law," Don Barry, Janet Waldo. Preview Feature "Gangs of Chicago," Lola Lane, Lloyd Nolan. Saturday matinee, 2:30 p. m. Admission 10c and 15c.

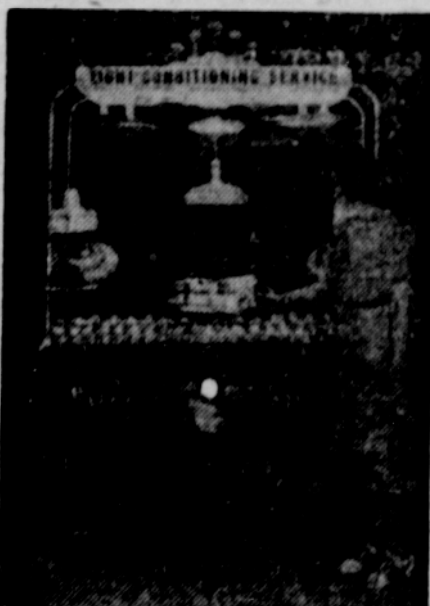
Mon.-Tues.-Wed., October 7-8-9: CLOSED.

Thurs.-Fri., Oct. 10-11: "The Man I Married" Joan Bennett, Francis Lederer, Lloyd Nolan, Ann Sten. Bargain Nights. Admission 10c.

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