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TRUMAN WILL SAY "YES" WHEN THE TIME COMES

Already speculation has been started as to whether President Harry Truman will be a presidential candidate again in 1952. If and when 1952 rolls around, it will be another argument as to whether its his second or third term, but so far nobody seems disposed to start an argument, which many may find displeasing. At any rate the year 1952 marks the 20th year of democratic or new deal rule or maybe it's been changed to a fair deal rule. The Truman backers will no doubt insist that come 1952, it's not time to change horses while crossing the stream, all of which brings up the question as to just how wide the stream is.

And if you can find someone who is willing to bet you that Pres. Truman won't be a candidate again, barring a breakdown in health, take the bet if you want to earn some easy money. For he will.

ARE WE WELL-FED?

Americans generally consider themselves a well-fed people. So they are, by comparison with most of the rest of the world. However, we are still a long way from the ideal.

Our annual meat consumption is about 146 pounds a year per capita. That may sound like a high figure—yet the average citizen of Australia, Argentina and New Zealand consumes around twice as much. American experts are looking toward a long range program that will, in time, provide us with 200 pounds of meat per person each year.

One phase of this program, which is of profound importance to agriculture, has been discussed by Oscar G. Mayer, a member of the board of directors of the American Meat Institute. He said, in the course of an address before the Rotary Club of Denver, "in view of the unsatisfied demand for lean meat and the declining demand for lard, it is sound policy for the American livestock farmer to produce more lean and less fat." This, in the case of hogs, can be achieved by marketing lighter weight animals. In 1948 the live weight of hogs slaughtered averaged 255 pounds. According to Mr. Mayer, if the same amount of feed had been given to hogs which were marketed at 225 pounds, the result would have been an increase of 500,000,000 pounds of lean meat, for which both demand and price are good—and a decrease of 750,000,000 pounds of lard and fat cuts, for which demand is relatively low and the price is relatively poor.

The market for meat in this growing country is almost always strong. And we are going to need a great deal more of it as time goes on.

IT MIGHT BE ANOTHER SHERIFF'S HAND BOOK

A sure sign that we are getting back to pre-war days is the fact that the woods are full of traveling promoters and we may safely look for the promoter's tribe to increase. Issuance of the recent Multnomah county sheriff's hand book, which had had so much publicity in recent weeks is illustrative of what can happen in even the larger centers, where business men do not use facilities such as the Portland Better Business Bureau affords for their own protection. At Portland, merchants and business men there contributed \$8,000 to \$10,000 on a questionable enterprise, which in view of the adverse publicity probably won't be worth a dime to the average advertiser.

Local business men have been highly pressured into several schemes in the past year or two, which are of as little value, but perhaps with not as much odor as was attached to the Multnomah deal.

We have previously suggested to the Chamber of Commerce that a secret investigating committee, appointed from the business would be helpful in avoiding schemes where the merchant virtually throws his money away in some worthless enterprise. Such a committee has worked well in other communities and would no doubt be of much service here. In connection with appointment of committees, it has not been too long ago since one merchant objected to the appointment of a seven member committee on the ground that seven men could not be found here who could agree on any one issue. Perhaps he was right, but if so, our disagreements are pretty costly.

TAX LOADS WILL HURT

Our readers may be interested in a statement issued by George Stock, county assessor that the tax situation in Lane county is rapidly getting in a bad way. Not only is the county approaching the limit the average taxpayer can pay, but the state situation does not look encouraging, since the "Gimme boys" could not rest until they found a place to spend the surplus, which in the past has been used to offset the general tax levy of the state. And we have been informed that Governor McKay isn't too well pleased with efforts to keep the state budget in balance. In fact balancing the state or national budget seems to be an old fashioned idea, which according to the forward looking liberals should have been dumped in the ash can a long time ago.

As we see the general situation, we can find a lot more justification in raising our local taxes than any other tax we pay, since a big percentage of the local taxes goes to pay for the support of our schools. And in almost every school district we know of, the school board has found it expedient to enlarge the school facilities by enlarging the building or building new buildings to meet the modern standards. In a good many instances the enlargement program should have been undertaken several years ago, but was postponed due to the difficulties caused by the recent war.

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Washington Letter

By Harris Ellsworth, Rep. in Congress from Oregon

Old-timers on Capitol Hill, those who have been around here twenty years and more, all seem to agree that no previous Congress has ever gotten itself into the mess this one is in. Nor is this a partisan viewpoint. I have heard the same thought expressed as freely by Democrats as Republicans.

In addition to other troubles, the situation has developed some pretty bitter feeling between the house and the senate. This became clearly evident recently when the senate refused to give its consent for the house to take a recess while the senate caught up with its work. I am told such a refusal is almost unheard of. It is always the custom for each house of congress to politely agree to what the other wishes to do for itself.

The details of what has happened in congress recently are too complicated and technical to relate here in detail. However, two or three things about the house recess resolution are interesting, to say the least. In the first place, the senate properly, I think, objected to the resolution because it proposed that the house be in recess until September 21st completely ignoring the fact that appropriations for the Interior Department, Defense Department and Army Engineers would expire on the 15th, under a continuing resolution previously enacted. This date was later corrected by continuing the temporary basis to October 1st. Meanwhile, the senate, by a vote of 58 to 25, rejected the house recess resolution. Actually, that action made very little difference to the members of the house. We will recess as planned, but will keep in session technically by meeting and adjourning each three days. The practical difference is that the employees of the house of representatives will get no vacation and must stay on duty. Thus, the peevish of the senate is taken out on a couple of dozen weary clerks, reporters, pages, reading clerks and door-keepers. Seems to me that was a little beneath what is usually referred to as the dignity of the senate.

I was certainly correct when I said in my letter last week that plans of a member of congress are always subject to sudden changes. I had planned to drive home with the family and spend three or four weeks there during the recess of the house. We had our grips packed and the car loaded. Then less than an hour before we were due to start, I received a telephone call from the chairman of my committee asking me to go with him, and the subcommittee on Public Health, to England and the Scandinavian countries to study health insurance program in operation there. The trip will be made during the recess. We will fly over and back. In this work one does not lightly refuse a request by a committee chairman—especially when such refusal is for purely personal reasons.

So the car was unpacked and my plans for a short vacation in Oregon were canceled. Other than for the slight personal inconvenience involved (and of course the family is not happy about it) I do not regret this change in plans.

As a matter of fact, I feel highly honored that I was chosen as one of the members of the committee to participate in a first-hand study of socialized medicine as it is operating in England. This subject is a hotly controversial one in this congress. Thus far, we have been showered with printed matter and blasted with oratory—but actual first-hand knowledge has been sadly lacking. Clear cold facts also are obscured by the heat that has been generated around this subject. I believe our committee can obtain information that will really throw some light on the problem so that future decisions can be made on the basis of facts.

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Those scheduled after the start of school are: "Reading," Clackamas county, Sept. 26-27; Douglas county at Roseburg, Oct. 13 and 14; Linn county at Albany, Oct. 24 and 25, and St. Helens, Jan. 13-14; "Primary and Intermediate Education," Lane county at Junction City, Sept. 29-30; "Visual Instruction," Tillamook and McMinnville, date not set, and "Education of the Handicapped Child," Eugene, Jan. 12-13-14.

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Letters to the Editor

August 27, 1949

Dear Editor:

I can well imagine this will be in for plenty of criticism from all points of view, but here goes anyway. We went to the Regatta about two weeks ago and I am still sure a most disgusted person. And why? Because I had to bring my beloved man home and put him to bed in almost a complete drunken stupor and I can imagine that plenty of other wives had to do the same thing, after a well rounded day of drinking out there. Now, I have nothing against anyone having a drink or two, but when almost every person you see or meet has a can or bottle in his hand and is well on his way of being drunk, it is pretty disgusting. And I heard of plenty of people who were disgusted as I, say they did not intend coming another year, if those in charge were going to let it become a drunken brawl again. And that goes for me too.

Also I know I as well as other women spend most of the day before preparing food to take with them and then had to sit in the car alone to eat. It was not much fun was it? Why can't we have a clean, decent Regatta next year and not have drunks all over the place. And what's the matter with those who sell the stuff? Can't they tell when a man's drunk and not sell him anymore? Or maybe if they opened their eyes a little, they could not get every cent a man has. And that goes for the joints in town too. I have seen men who could hardly get in the door and prop themselves against the bar get served all they could order as long as they could stand or sit there and pay for it. I think these places need a good cleanup, in fact they stink, clear out on the street.

So how about it fellow citizens, do we have to put up with this sort of thing every time we have a big affair.

A faithful reader
(Name known to us)

Teachers Start School Before Pupils Over Oregon

EUGENE—Many Oregon public school teachers will be starting to school this fall a few days earlier than their pupils. The reason? Their school superintendents have arranged for them to take General Extension Division workshops for instruction which will be useful to them in the classroom.

Viron A. Moore, head of the Department of Statewide Classes, says the workshop is rapidly replacing the old-fashioned institute in Oregon. Reasons for this are more expert leadership in many cases, and the chance for individual work and for credit while doing in-service work.

Already this year his department, a service of the State System of Higher Education, has helped arrange 16 workshops, more than double the number given in 1948-49.

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SAGINAW

(Mrs. Ruby Benston, reporter phone 28-F-4)

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lawson and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Conley and sons took a trip over the week end into southeastern and eastern Oregon. Near Paisley they camped out for the night and the next morning the men killed a large rattlesnake only a few yards from their bed. It had 12 rattlers and a button. After a deer nearly ran over Mrs. Lawson the women decided they didn't care for the wilds of eastern Oregon. They also visited with the Wayne Carter family at Lapine.

Mrs. Harold Laird and daughter Patsy returned home Friday from Los Angeles where Mrs. Laird had been helping care for her mother the past few weeks.

Nelda Schwarzer went to Portland Friday to visit a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Carl Miller. Nelda Schwarzer, who is staying at the Miller home and attending business college, came home Sunday on a week's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krebser and daughter Diane of Ridgefield, Wash. spent the week end at the home of Mrs. Krebser's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Benston. Saturday evening the Benstons entertained with a dinner for the sixth birthday of their granddaughter Diane and for the first wedding anniversary of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Benston.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keene and children were dinner guests Sunday at the Ernest Reppy home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sells and children and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Turner and children spent the week end visiting, Mrs. Sells' mother, Radtke's and Mr. Turner's mother, Mrs. L. E. Morris at Independence.

"Grandpa" Perlick arrived from Texas recently and will visit with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gheer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Laird spent the week end at the Carl Sovers home near Eugene.

J. L. Smith of Portland spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Lottie Kirkendall. This week Mrs. Kirkendall had as guests her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Maugh of Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Bush and children were dinner guests one evening last week at the Merritt Bolton home on Lorane route, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Bolton's father, Mr. Bush.

Frank Clark and Jimmy Williams visited Mr. Clark's sister at Klamath Falls recently. The past week Mr. Clark took Jimmy Williams, Jimmy Lawson, Billy Purcell and Bobbie Copp to the Pendleton roundup.

Luella Gordon who recently underwent a major operation on her hip is now home from the hospital and is staying with an aunt in Cottage Grove.

Mrs. George Getty accompanied her sister Mrs. Oversby and husband of Longview, Wash. to the Pendleton roundup one day last week. On her way home Mrs. Getty attended a postmasters' luncheon at Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilms and daughters of Los Angeles spent Saturday with Mrs. Wilms' cousin, Harold Laird and family. They are spending a few days at the R. Laird home at Creswell, parents of Mrs. Wilms.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon LaPlante of Springfield spent Sunday with Mrs. LaPlante's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sells.

Mrs. Guy Gordon is spending a week with relatives in California. Darlene Thompson returned from Salem where she had been caring for an aunt who was recuperating from an operation.

Russell Evans broke his thumb on his left hand one day last week when a belt broke and hit his hand while working at a mill in C. G. He spent the week end at Medford visiting his wife and son.

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DORENA

(Mrs. Lot Wagner, Phone 815J1)

Several of the Dorena ladies met at the school house and dressed one hundred hens for hot lunches the coming year.

Mrs. Florence Chaffee is staying in Cottage Grove taking care of her new granddaughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Lee K. Balsiger last week.

Eddie Garoutte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Garoutte of Row River mill and Miss Vida Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rhodes of Dorena Dam were married Friday evening at 9 o'clock p.m. in the parlor of the Christian church of Cottage Grove. Reception followed at the Darrell Garoutte home. The couple left immediately for a short honeymoon. They will make their home in Portland. Mr. Garoutte intends to take an apprenticeship on the Union Pacific railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kelly and family, also Jim and Hattie Spahr, motored to Roseburg Sunday to see their grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hart's baby, who underwent an operation. The baby is in a very critical condition.

Mrs. Avancle Wicks is helping Miles Wicks with the peaches this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Berg and daughter Lucile of Round Mountain, Nevada, visited at the Jim Spahr home last week.

Bobbie Kelly, Manuel and Jim Moore worked in the hop field at Independence last week. They intend going back some time this week.

Lot Wagner and Opal Wagner, also Robert Wagner and wife of Eugene and Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brown of Cottage Grove motored to Bohemia Sunday.

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Minnie Wagner went to Sutherlin Saturday with some Cottage Grove friends to a flower show.

BIRTHS

HOOD — At Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Sunday, August 28, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard S. Hood, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Linda May.

STIFF — At the Butler maternity home, Thursday, August 25, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Stiff, Lorane, a daughter, Evelyn Kay.

ERWIN — At the Butler maternity home, Thursday, August 25, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Erwin, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Beverly Jean.

RASBERRY — At the Butler maternity home, Friday, August 26, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Rasberry, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Donna Sue.

MILLER — At the Butler maternity home, Saturday, August 27, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. William Miller, Cottage Grove, a son, Gregory Lee.

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