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SUBSIDIZING THE HOT AIR MERCHANTS C. C. Chapman of the Oregon Voter brings up the question of the trustworthiness of the voters pamphlets as they apply to the primaries in a short article in the last issue of the Oregon Voter.

Even under the general election the pamphlet must be regarded as a sort of a propaganda sheet for the candidates. The only excuse even then that we see for its publication at the expense of the taxpayers is for a study of the issues to be decided.

Chapman of the Oregon Voter says of the pamphlet: "As the document is issued by the state, it carries with it an impression of official value. Mechanically, the Secretary of State (through election division) does an efficient job of getting all this self-advertising material in form, with proper indices. But as a public document that gains widespread study it misleads those who accept it as having value other than self-exposure by candidates of their own ideas of what in their opinion will help get them nominated or at least advertise them as members of the law or other professions or occupations. The May state pamphlet is a heavy waste of public funds. There is valid excuse for a November election pamphlet to set forth the text of measures and arguments for and against each, but none for the May primary pamphlet except as a convenience for individual candidates to advertise themselves mostly at taxpayer cost."

FLYING SAUCERS Flying saucers have not only supplied material for some good stories within the past year or so, but they have been the butt of several jokes for radio comedians and others recently. About the time we conclude that there must be something to the flying saucers, we read where the last story issued is a hoax and was started as a joke, so it puts us back about where we started.

One thing we are convinced of however, is that so many stories have been told recently that there is a certain percentage of the population going to believe in the flying saucer any way. It seems to strike the popular fancy and where an object would not have attracted any attention only a few years back, anything seen in the heavens now is sure to be closely scrutinized and probably magnified.

Perhaps it's that queer quirk of human nature that gives a bit of a thrill when there is a prospect of excitement or something out of the ordinary. Perhaps this feeling is akin to the quirk in the make up of most of us to speed gossip when we hear it. The bad qualities of the average individual travel a lot faster than any good qualities he might have; in fact his good qualities do not travel at all; they are more or less his secret.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY Recently a home burned in western Oregon claiming the lives of the parents and five children. The stage for the tragedy could not have been more perfectly prepared if mass suicide had been contemplated.

Here is how the tragedy occurred. The house was built long and narrow with a built-on room in the rear where the children slept. The back door and windows were nailed shut. The night of the tragedy a roaring fire was built in the wood stove that sat by the front door. After the fire was stoked all went to bed. It was not long before the hot stove heated the floor boards where oil had been allowed to seep into the wood—oil-soaked floors are common. As soon as the stove became red hot the oiled floor ignited enveloping the whole end of the house in flame and also the only exit. The rest of the story is very short—all lives were lost.

This can happen to any home where there is a disregard for fire precautions. Insufficient insulation around a heating unit, oil drippings on floor, poor draft, cracked stove, over-heating, forced draft and open fire door can all cause fire. Take precautions and avoid tragedy in your family.

A COMMUNITY EFFORT One profitable thing all can do, even the residents of the suburban areas, is to join wholeheartedly in the present cleanup-paintup week. The old fallacy that you can't afford to fix up and paint up your place of business or residence for fear your taxes will be raised is about as sensible as not taking a bath for fear that you will look prosperous. A clean and neat appearing premise whether it's your house or place of business does something for you as well as your neighbor; it raises your morale.

If you would enhance this community as a trading center and as a better place to live, you can profit by joining the move to clean up and paint.

Men are not perplexed when they stick to fundamentals, when they rely on God and when they remember that man of himself can do nothing worthwhile.

Before we think about changing our constitution, let us take a peek around at other nations which went for a picnic on the left hand, dead end road.

When you criticize the United States of America you are criticizing yourself, if you do not vote at every election.

One criminal does not deserve more consideration than do the ninety-nine against whom he has sinned.

A lot of trouble in this world is caused by trying to reform the other fellow—first.

All of the spokes carry the load when a wheel rotates. PICKUP OVERTURNED ON HIGHWAY A pickup belonging to Lee Nichols and driven by Geo. W. Reck was overturned on the North Highway near the Thrifty Station Monday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. when the pickup was struck by a 1949 Buick driven by Chas. F. Goodwin of Yoncalla. The car and pickup were driving in a line of traffic when Mr. Goodwin attempted to pass two or three cars in the line. At the same time the driver of the pickup attempted to make a left turn into a driveway and the pickup was struck and overturned. No injuries resulted. The accident was investigated by city police, but no arrest made.

SHELL GAME?



CITY BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Trembley have moved from the Flatters residence on South Sixth street to their farm home at Divide. And the Trembley residence is really on the Divide. The water from the bathroom runs into the Umpqua river and water from the kitchen in the coast fork of the Willamette.

Mrs. George Crawford of Dorena suffered a heart attack a few days ago and was taken to a hospital in Eugene. She had previously spent a month in the hospital due to a heart attack and was only home two weeks when she had another attack.

Week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith in Gowdville were Mr. and Mrs. Beyrl Pickens and daughter Shirley of Forest Grove and Harley Pickens of Longview, Washington. Beyrl and Harley Pickens are brothers of Mrs. Smith. Additional Sunday dinner guests were Mrs. Smith's sons, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Godard and son Eldon spent Sunday in Eugene attending the camellia and rhododendron show, sponsored by the Men's Camellia and Rhododendron club held at the Eugene Garden club clubhouse. They were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis.

Mrs. Ed Teich returned home last week from Kansas City and Liberty, Missouri from an extended visit with relatives.

Liquid Gas Service Co. Is Started April 1st

A new business enterprise was created here starting April 1 with the organization of the Liquid Gas Service Co., by George Maccready. The new enterprise is affiliated with the Cottage Grove Gas Co., and will be located in the gas company office.

The new concern will serve the area surrounding Cottage Grove with liquefied petroleum gas. The communities to be served include the localities adjacent to Cottage Grove, Drain, Disston, Creswell, Lorane and Clup Creek. All types of gas equipment, appliances and service will be supplied to customers residing in these areas. Herebefore users of liquefied gas have had to rely on service from Eugene, but under the new setup, faster and better service will be available.

MOUNT VIEW Mrs. C. A. Peterson, Reporter Phone 18-F-11

"Open House," was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeters Sunday afternoon, April 2nd. Sixty-one friends and relatives were present. Cake, punch and coffee were served to all. They received many lovely gifts. Four guests were present at this celebration that were present at the wedding 57 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Caracer and daughter of California, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boslaugh and son of Milwaukie were guests at the Mosby home, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Sloan of Salem is visiting at the Chas. Teeters home and C. A. Peterson home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ketcherside and family spent Sunday at the Harley Williams home at Saginaw and Ada May stayed for a two-day visit at the Saginaw school.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kanel and son, Vern spent Sunday in Ashland visiting at the home of Mrs. Kanel's niece.

Peggy Ketcherside and Wilbur Dodge visited at the home of Mr. Dodge's cousin, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Brant in Springfield.

Washington Letter

Emotionalism appears to have so dominated the reporting and comment on the McCarthy statements that the real issue—the real problem—is obscure. Perhaps Senator McCarthy is to blame for the confused and emotional comment. He was mistaken, I think, in alleging or implying criminal acts in the part of the people he has named. It is extremely doubtful of charges or traitor, spy, or even of being a communist can be proven against anyone mentioned.

But what Senator McCarthy has shown and pretty well documented is that certain people who either are now, or have recently been, in high places in our state department, have been closely identified with communist-minded people and groups. Such association is not a crime. Such association does, however, render those people undesirable employees of our state department.

No one, I am sure, will deny now that communism is a threat to all free people. The world control of communism, the Russian government, is our enemy in what we call a cold war. We cannot, and should not, employ communist sympathizers in any department of our government—least of all the state department. We should not employ people about whom there is a reasonable basis for suspicion.

I think that is what Senator McCarthy is driving at, but he has trod on some important toes. The smoke screen of confusion was quickly developed. The Senator's errors were quickly magnified. He stands almost alone against all the power and the brains of the executive department of the government.

The President has, in effect, designated the McCarthy statements as a whole school of red herrings. (He called the Alger Hiss charges red herrings). He has declined to allow the committee to inspect the state department loyalty records or the civil service files allegedly give the persons in question a clean bill of health. If so, what harm in seeing them? If so, why not open them up and clean up this whole mess?

There is something wrong some place. I hope Senator McCarthy will keep on until he is either discredited by clear-cut facts or forces the Administration to clear the names of many people McCarthy has listed by showing the committee the files. The pro-administration news writers and commentators have ignored the fact that the President's action leaves many people "smeared" whom the committee should publicly clear after inspection of the files.

Perhaps Senator McCarthy erred in listing any names, but the President makes the greater error by leaving them smeared instead of clearing them—if the files can clear them.

It should be noted that in the above discussion I do not refer to the data files of the FBI. I do not think those files should ever be made public. This was proven beyond question by their use in the Coplan trial here. The FBI must make a note of everything that is reported to them whether purely any truth to it or not. Being purely an investigation agency the FBI files are full of chaff—along with such material would, of course, be the good grain. To make public such material would, of course, be most damaging and unfair. The files of the state department and the civil service commission, upon which loyalty decisions are made, are entirely different. Those are the ones which the committee should see and which the President refuses to let it have.

THREE LOCAL GIRLS IN CAPPING EXERCISES

Capping services for 37 students, including the Misses Betty Dyksterhuis, Carol Naish and Jeanne Cochran, all of Cottage Grove, were held Friday night for Good Samaritan hospital school of nursing students at St. Marks Episcopal church. Bishop Benjamin Dagwell and the Rev. Bernard Geiser, hospital chaplain, officiated. The capping signifies the end of a six-month probationary period.

A reception followed at the nurses' residence for the class, their parents and friends. Attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cochran, parents of Jeanne Cochran, Miss Shirley Arne of OSC, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dyksterhuis, parents of Betty Dyksterhuis, Eugene, Pauline and Jerry Dyksterhuis, Mr. and Mrs. Lance Naish, parents of Carol Naish, Robert, Wesley and Michael Naish, Mr. Naish's mother and the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Brown.

Wedding Announcements and Invitations—The Sentinel.

POINTS WEST by Vivian M. Murray

ONTARIO, ORE.: There's a swing toward women mayors. It all started with Mae Barney in Prineville, who headed that city's government a few years ago. Portland followed suit and elected Dorothy Lee, and now Ontario is slated for the same, with comely Mildred Webster having filed for the office against incumbent Dyer Bennett.

WINCHESTER BAY: All persons attending services at the newly organized undenominational church called "Gospel Assembly" are asked to bring their own chairs.

It seems they are really starting from scratch.

ROSEBURG, ORE.: Douglas County is the largest county in Western Oregon—and the most sparsely populated.

However, it is the richest county when measured by the yardstick of recreational resources.

SPRINGFIELD, ORE.: The kind of boss you dream about is Dallas E. Winslow, who just presented each of his 22 employees with brand new Ford cars.

OREGON-AT-LARGE: Easter sonnets and bonnets are upon us! Seems that anything (in the way of a woman's hat) goes. Recently a lady collected a bet that if she walked down the street with a bird nest on her head she would attract no undue attention. She did. She won.

SALEM, ORE.: Records of the state health department show that in 1949 the death rate among Oregon Indians was 17.6, while that of the general public was just 9.4.

It seems they can't win against the white man's diseases now any more than they could the cavalry a century ago.

LAGRANDE, ORE.: There's a sea monster in Wallowa lake according to Union county folk. It does seem reasonable, because no self respecting sizeable body of water would think of being without a monster these days. However, the fast-growing legend was exploded by a one John Anderson, who says it's nothing but an ordinary 14-foot trout the folk have been seeing.

He saw it there as long ago as 40 years, but not being one to exaggerate or tell a big story, he just didn't mention it.

ST. HELENS, ORE.: Mrs. Carl Brandenfels (lawyer wife of the hair farmer) has a flair for promotion.

On a recent air tour in which she and her husband took part she handed out to dignitaries who greeted the air armada at airports, bottles of their hair-raising juice in leather cases on which their names were embossed in gold. How did she do it? By a quick flick of her wrist with a stamping machine right inside the plane cabin.

Mayors, governors and county officials alike were flattered and went home with their own precious packages to try the famous cure for baldness.

PENDLETON, ORE.: Small fish got into the news last week when little Tommy Smith fell into the pool in Pendleton's famous Til Taylor park (named for their hero sheriff of yesteryear).

Cooperating oldsters dried him off, and it would have been a perfect crime had not a small goldfish wriggled out of his pocket during the reading lesson. The story was out!

GRESHAM, ORE.: A half dozen University of Oregon journalism students have taken over Ye Editor Tom Purcell's paper for a week. The theory is they'll learn, and the newspaper staff will have a soft time of it. In fact, a holiday. Note: What do you want to be?

Tom and his staff put in more time than usual this week in spite of their educated auxiliary help?

PORTLAND, ORE.: The Grover Fretwell mentioned prominently in the news in connection with the JoAnn Dewey murder stories, connected with the man Cree who was allegedly manhandled by Clark county sheriff, is the same one who conducted combination citizen-action and revival meetings to support blundering outgoing Sheriff Mike Elliott.

Note: Speaking of JoAnn Dewey, let's hope that if the Wilson boys are proven guilty and are sentenced to die for their crime, that the usual vein of sob sisters will not say of Utah Wilson, "The poor boy. So young. So pitiful." Let them remember JoAnn's mangled body lying face down among the stones of the Wind river bar. Let them remember her screams for help that went unanswered on a dark Vancouver street.

Letter to the Editor

There came a time in the lives of WWI veterans when they were robbed of almost all of their benefits under the guise of "for economy."

Now comes the "Hoover Report" and again under the guise of "for economy."

The Hoover Report, sometimes referred to as the Hoover commission, a citizens committee headed by Herbert Hoover, was set up late in 1947 to study government departments for economy. In their study of the Veterans Administration, it was decided that there could be economy brought about by breaking up our "hard fought for" organization (the Veterans Administration) but no economy and economy being the basic issue, it is shown it would seem to your service officer that there is so much room for economy, both at home and overseas, that our politicians would at least try to look elsewhere for their economy before destroying veterans benefits; especially disabled benefits for disabilities incurred in the service of the United States armed services. It is my firm belief that if we do not watch the section of the Hoover Report dealing with the Veterans Administration very closely, we will not only wind up with no economy, but no benefits as well.

The aspects of the Hoover Report will be discussed on national, state and local levels by the major veterans' organizations and we should listen intently and do as we are asked if we wish to have our benefits remain with us.

W. A. BORTZ, Service Officer for Lane County.



"She came here to spy on our methods. So what!"



Potter's Patter I built a good wood shed. I stood it just as long as I could, settin' in the house and seein' that old woman of mine out in the rain splittin' wood. So I built her a wood shed. D. P. (Darn Poor) Potter

BIRTHS

ADAMSON — At Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Tuesday, March 28, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Adamson, Creswell, a son.

BALLEW — At the Butler maternity home, Saturday, April 1, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ballew, Disston, a son, Clifton Loren.

DARBY — At the Butler maternity home, Tuesday, April 4, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darby, Black Butte route, Cottage Grove, a son, Freddy Sim.

BAILEY — At the Butler maternity home, Tuesday, April 4, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bailey, Drain, a son, James Gregory.

MALONEY — At the Butler maternity home Wednesday, March 29, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Maloney, Cottage Grove, a son, Dennis Wayne.

DUNN — At the Butler maternity home, Wednesday, March 29, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dunn, Cottage Grove, a daughter, Kathryn Kay.

LILJEGREN — At the Butler maternity home, Friday, March 31, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Gust Liljegren, Disston, a daughter, Linnea Helen.

ROTATING AWARD FOR HIGH SCHOOL PAPERS

University of Oregon, Eugene, April 3, (Special) — A rotating award, to be presented to high schools for newspaper improvement, is being given by Harris Ellsworth, member of the U. S. House of Representatives for Oregon's 4th congressional district.

The award will be one of a series of plaques to be presented through the Oregon scholastic next fall, according to Dr. Laurence R. Campbell, professor of journalism and executive secretary of OSP.

Household Hint

To change the shape of a man's hat, use your steam iron to take out the old creases and steam in the new style.

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