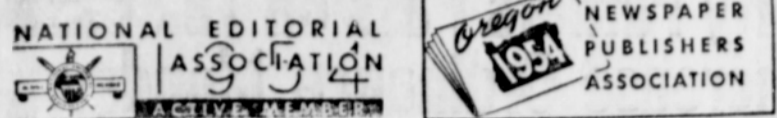


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This Is National Newspaper Week

Among the 52 weeks of the year, one we would like to call your attention to is "National Newspaper Week," founded on the principle of free speech and "Your Right to Know." Contrary to the popular conception of the week, newspapers generally seek to promote the week, not from a selfish standpoint, but to point out the rare privilege the people have in the right of free press and free speech.

National Newspaper Week is not very old as weeks go. The significance of the week was pointed out only a few years ago. The week came about in what might be termed a period of crisis, when the government sought to suppress information classed by a few officials as secret. This on a national scale combined with the hierarchy of Huey Long as governor of Louisiana; one might think a state governor would not be successful in stopping the operations of a free press, but if the information we have is correct, and it's now a matter of history, Long did a pretty good job of suppressing news by abolishing the necessity of certain legal publications and giving only what he wanted the press to have about the operations of a state.

It seems to us that after reaching the highest standard of living in the world, as compared to other people, we have become complacent and have placed more stress on material security, rather than trying to maintain the ancient right, which is the cornerstone of democracy.

In the past thirty years we have seen nearly half the population of the globe denied this right and it's rather a frightening thing when we view the happenings of recent history. If anyone doubts as to whether this assertion is correct, just get the information on the population of Russia, China and the other iron curtain countries and compare with the population of the free countries and we can readily find out just what has happened to the freedom of millions of people, all within a comparatively short time. Of course during the time we have turned sharply to the left and now the doctrine of Norman Thomas, several times a candidate for the president on the socialist ticket seems rather tame.

Further study on the matter of the right of a free people to know the truth, leads one to the conclusion that many have forgotten how easy it is to lose a basic freedom and how many times this freedom has been threatened since 1940. If the observation of newspaper week accomplishes no other purpose, it will serve to remind us of the danger we face in losing the most precious freedom a democracy can enjoy.

Maine Not Political Barometer

"As Maine goes, so goes the nation" is one of those catchy sayings that seem to have taken on immortality. The trouble is that a Maine election hasn't shown much of anything that could be called definitive and that was true of the recent one. In the two most publicized contests, a popular Republican Senator won, and a Republican Governor who had alienated many members of his own party was defeated. From this, as was to be expected, both Republican and Democrat spokesmen claim to have found hope and solace. A more objective view was expressed by the Oregonian when it said: "Neither party can reasonably say the Maine election indicates victory in November. The results do show, however, that Republican candidates elsewhere had better run scared."

The "run scared" theme was emphasized by Vice President Nixon in a very frank talk. What it means is that overconfidence must be outlawed, and that the most intense possible campaign be conducted for every seat in the House and Senate. It means also that every effort must be given to getting out the vote—often, in these off-year elections, a disgracefully small proportion of qualified voters actually goes to the polls. And "running scared" is not confined to the Republicans. Democratic strategists favor it just as strongly. For the truth is that neither party is honestly certain of controlling the next Congress.

At the moment, the House looks like a toss-up. Forecasts are made all the more difficult because of the fact that in many instances local issues overshadow national issues in electing representatives.

The Senate race is getting maximum attention. U. S. News & World Report recently offered a review of the prospects, based on the best data and opinion available now. It amounts to this: There are 33 Republican and 26 Democratic holdovers who will be back next session (Senator Morse, the one-man Independent party, is included among the Democrats for the purpose of this summary). Of the contested seats, it looks as if seven Republicans and 12 Democrats are certain to win. It looks also as if three members of each party probably will win. So the total, thus far, comes to 43 Republicans and 41 Democrats. That leaves 13 closely-contested seats, and the Democrats must win eight of these and the Republicans only five to achieve control. Thus, the GOP is given a very slight edge. The figures certainly show why the "running scared" idea is current in both parties.

The President isn't running this time, but it is obvious that his standing with the electorate is a very vital factor. According to a Gallup Poll, Mr. Eisenhower was approved by 74 percent of the voters three months after taking office, and was still approved by 70 percent 18 months after. This represents a remarkable constancy. By comparison, Mr. Truman was endorsed by 87 percent of those polled three months after taking over—but his popularity had sunk to 32 percent at the 18-month stage. There can be no question that, whatever they think of other Republicans, the majority of the people certainly do like Ike.

The Record of a State Senator

The record of Richard Neuberger as a state senator is not impressive and makes us wonder if in the office he seeks as United States Senator, he would do any better. You perhaps have read the charges of Gene Brown, state senator from Grants Pass at a meeting of veterans in Salem recently. The information we have seems to corroborate the charges that Neuberger ducked 149 roll calls in the last session of the state legislature. So far we have not seen a denial of these charges which say Neuberger failed to vote in 37 days of the 100 day session.

A representative of the people cannot do an effective job, if he dodges the crucial votes and fails in over 35 percent of the time to attend sessions.

More mothers at work—one out of four mothers, with children under 18, held a job in 1952 as compared with one of five mothers in 1946.

Bohemia

(Some of its early history)
 (By Ray Nelson)
 (continued from last week)

CHAPTER 5

For years, nothing was heard of the district - all was deserted. Then in July 15, 1889 issue of the Cottage Grove Leader, we find an article on the "Bohemia Gold Camp," stating:

"The Knott mine is located on Grouse Mountain, and has two deep shafts. Six miles southwest of the Knott, is the Pearson group of mining claims, with free milling ore assaying \$260 to the ton. The ledge is over a mile long. Capitalists are arranging to sink a shaft.

Two miles west of Pearson's mine is the Brokerhoff silver mine, and one half mile from Pearsons is the "Sharps' Silver Star."

These mines are now forgotten—their very legends are dim and vague, yet, the Pearson installed a five stamp mill run by water power, and called the old "Star" mill. W. B. Hartley states that his father worked at this mine and mill; which was upper Martin Creek; that the ore was rich, but that most of the values were lost in milling and went down the creek to form the present day placer deposits. The ore was worked out and the mill dismantled before 1898, and this part of the camp in turn forgotten. Traces remain in the name of China Creek, which was placered by Chinamen; and in old tunnels which are found along the creeks and ridges.

However, interest was reawakened in the camp, the Jennings Brothers had made a stake on the Pearson or Star mill and were to run this stake into real money later in the district; and in 1890, Dr. W. W. Oglesby and Pearson discovered the Annie mine and O. P. Adams, Joseph Kennedy, James Musick and others revived the camp, and the boom was on.

(Next week "The famous mines are discovered and first developed".)

Oregon Teachers' Salary Increase Proposal Muled

Higher minimum salaries for Oregon teachers may be proposed to the next Oregon legislature it was learned from the Oregon Education association today. The association's economic welfare committee took action at the meeting to propose that the association support such a proposal. Before becoming association policy this proposal will have to be approved by the representative council which will meet in December.

Should this recommendation be submitted to and approved by the 1955 Oregon state legislature it would establish the minimum salary for teachers with less than three years experience at \$3400; less than a degree and two years experience or with a degree and no previous experience at \$3700; and \$4000 for teachers with a degree and two years experience.

Chairman Philip Berg of the Bethel School District in Lane County stated that these figures would compare favorably with the present minimums for the same categories which are now \$1800, \$2100, and \$2400.

Berg further stated that the committee is considering a proposal for orderly procedure for dismissal. It was pointed out that there is no provision for written statements or reason for dismissal of teachers under the March 15 hiring law in Oregon. The committee was of the opinion that school boards should furnish teachers and administrators with reasons for failure to rehire, and that these reasons should be written.

Harvey Strong

Harvey Strong, 76, Route 1, Creswell, died October 2 in Cottage Grove hospital. He was born January 1, 1878, in Lebanon, and had been a resident of this community since 1914. On November 27, 1916, he was married to Orpha V. Huntsman in Eugene.

Surviving are his widow and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held October 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Mills Mortuary, with F. Sherwood Smith officiating. Interment was in the local IOOF cemetery.

Virgia A. Craig

Virgia Alice Craig, 64, Route 1, Drain, a resident of this community for 41 years, died at her home Friday, October 1. She was born November 27, 1889, in Rooks county, Kans., and was married to Floyd O. Craig, June 23, 1915, at Drain. She was a member of the Methodist Church. Surviving are her husband; one son, Floyd Odell Craig, Eugene; one daughter, Doris E. Walker, Portland; three grandchildren; three brothers: E. W. Redifer, Myrtle Creek; Andrew C. Redifer, Curtin and Vernon Redifer, Canyonville, and one sister, Flora Sumner, Drain.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. at the Drain Methodist Church Monday, October 4, with the Rev. C. E. Echlin officiating. Interment was in the old Drain cemetery. Mills Funeral Service, Drain, is in charge of arrangements.



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