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These Non-Political Speeches

It does not take a political prophet to predict that we are nearing a presidential election year. Most any layman could, by watching the activities of the political candidates, sense the coming election even if he lost the count of time or threw away his calendar. Messrs. Stevenson, Harriman and Keafauer who are presently beating the bushes in the interest of their respective candidacy would like for the public to believe all remarks made or uttered are non-political.

To us the biggest political joke is billing Oregon's senior senator as a non-political speaker. There never has been a time since the senior senator outfoxed the republican party into naming him as a candidate for the United States senate, that he has failed to make political hay when the occasion arose. He started running for re-election when he bolted the Republican party in 1952 and has never stopped running. It is just as unnatural for him to refrain from talking politics as it is for the ordinary person to keep from talking about a subject dearest to his heart.

Perhaps the reason that the senator has talked so long and so loud is that he seeks to justify his position in breaking with the republican party after his party financed his initial efforts and set him up on the road to success. Despite all the noise the senator made when he changed his registration at the Lane county court house, lots of people still regard him as politically dishonest. They think of him as a political horse jockey with no political compunction as long as the horse he rides is a winner. He would just as soon change horses while crossing the stream, if he thought the change would elect him.

Such circumstances make the present political campaign funny to us and if nothing else comes of it, perhaps the average voter will get a few good laughs.

No Solution to Farm Problem

High war time parity prices for farm produce is no solution to the farm problem nor for the shrinking farm population as every politician knows. In times of emergency there was some excuse for offering the farmer extra inducement to produce all he could, but that emergency does not now exist and it's senseless to go on creating surpluses to rot or spoil in the warehouses. That is what we would be doing if we followed the suggestion of some of the politicians who are trying to court the vote of the farmer in order to be elected to office.

There is no question but that the farmer is an important segment of our economy and he should be encouraged to stay on the farm, but not by producing produce that can not be used. Take cotton for instance. This year we produced several million bales in excess of our requirements and probably several million bales more than we can export to any advantage. Cotton has hubbed stiff competition from synthetic fabrics, which possess superior wearing qualities over the cotton cloth in many respects. The government could outlaw the synthetic fabrics, but this would be like stopping progress. Instead of letting the surplus cotton pile up, more effort should be made in seeing that more of the surplus cotton is sold through the foreign market.

We would hate to see the farmer made a ward of the government. This might happen if all the politicians can think of is to subsidize him further by giving him a higher parity for what he produces. We like the program of the Federal Farm Bureau, an organization that proposes the farmer do more to help himself by joining in the promotion of the stuff his sells.

Efforts to increase the consumption of milk are not very old, but they have brought some encouraging results and there is no reason to believe that further efforts in this direction would not meet with popular approval. They would certainly help a little.

Another problem which is facing the nation is the dwindling farm population because of the use of modern machinery. The 160-acre family farm has just about passed from the picture. If the farmer buys the expensive farm equipment, he soon finds it profitable to farm 500 or 600 acres and if he were forced to farm the 160-acre homestead which he was probably brought up on, because operating a farm required the services of the entire family, he would soon go broke. Yet we have been listening for some vote hungry politician to propose to limit the acreage on any one farm to 160 and thus bring the population back to the farm.

Right now there are many pioneering mercantile firms fading from the business picture because a new kind of competition has put them out of business. The new competitor proved to be better suited or adapted to the changing time and it would be pretty hard to turn the clock back 50 years to help the situation, which is due to changing economic conditions.

For one thing people 50 years ago waited until they had accumulated money to buy what they may have been considered a luxury. Today millions are enjoying modern-day living by paying for the things they buy as they use them. One of the basic farm problems is due to the same condition which proves that both the business and farm problems are largely economic and not political. Lord help us if these things get any further involved in a political football. (WCM)

Fair Economic Weather Predicted

Economic weather forecast for the next year or so. Mostly fair, with occasional squalls—and don't expect your Uncle Sam to come a-running with an umbrella.

That's a summary of administration thinking on the business outlook, delivered at rather more length to the Investment Bankers Association by Gabriel S. Hauge, administrative assistant to President Eisenhower. Dr. Hauge said all the elements are present for rising above the plateau of prosperity we now occupy but that these same elements can make for fluctuations in employment, earnings and flow of national product. The administration, he said, believes long term prosperity will be served by having as little interference as possible in these natural ups and downs.

About Our Income Taxes

U. S. as a whole showed 5.2% decrease under previous fiscal year; California had a decrease of 3.2%; Oregon a decrease of .02%; and Washington an increase of 2.4%. While Oregon's decrease is much less than the national average, in contrast is the increase registered by the State of Washington. In sharper contrast with the situation during 30 years preceding 1952, when Oregon consistently showed a percentage of increase higher than that of Washington, for the last three years the spread between Oregon and Washington has progressively increased, lending emphasis to the study of how far the tax systems of the two states have influenced that result.—Oregon Voter.

Any Kicks? Write— **BOX 66**

ABOUT THE GREEN RIVER ORDINANCE

December 5, 1955
Dear Mr. Editor:
In the Cottage Grove Sentinel there appeared an editorial regarding the Green River Ordinance in which the editor severely castigated the Seventh-day Adventist Church "in its effort to have the Green River ordinance declared unconstitutional."

I wish to congratulate the editor for taking the position that "an undesirable law" that causes any "hinderance" of the "work of a recognized charitable or religious organization" should be discarded. That is sound reasoning and is based upon the principles granted in the Constitution of the United States of America, however, I would like to take the opportunity to point out that you are mistaken in stating that Cottage Grove, through its Green River ordinance, has never hindered any one selling Bibles and religious literature.

In June of 1955 Curtis Miller and Delwin Brower, students of Walla Walla College, had been sent to Cottage Grove by the Oregon Book and Bible House to sell Bibles and religious literature. As they drove into town they noticed the warning sign stating the enforcement of the Green River ordinance. After being questioned regarding violating the law and decided to check with the city hall. They were courteously received by Mr. Farney Edwards, city clerk and municipal police judge and permitted to state their case. They were reminded in the presence of a local citizen that the Green River ordinance applied to them and their work. Then Mr. Miller, a pre-med student asked:

"Do you really mean we can not sell Bibles and religious books in Cottage Grove?"
"Yes sir, that's the case," was the reply.
"You mean we will be arrested?"

Because of this conflict that has arisen between city governments and a method of preaching the gospel—a method older than the printing press—the church has endeavored to have the ordinance tested.

If it is a fair law with the true American spirit we should be put straight on the question. If it is unconstitutional the city government should have the privilege of knowing what constitutes "freedom of religion."

In no way is the church endeavoring to take necessary protection from the merchant or the housewife. We merely want a clarification of the law as it deals with "freedom of religion." Our only recourse is to test the law in our courts. Officials in Gresham, Oregon, under these circumstances as they willingly cooperated in making the arrest.

Very sincerely yours,
Joseph C. Hansen

Lane Co. Polio Chairman Told

Vernon A. Meyer, well known insurance man of this area, has been appointed chairman of the Lane County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to fill the post left vacant by the death of L. A. McCormick.

The future of the continuing fight against polio will depend in a large degree on the success of next January's March of Dimes. Mr. Meyer declared today. He has just returned from a March of Dimes planning meeting in Seattle with Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation. The Seattle meeting was attended by about 300 volunteer leaders from four states and Alaska.

"The Salk polio vaccine marks a magnificent victory over a virus," he said, "but the disease caused by the virus is not licked yet. It won't be, until polio crippling is a thing of the past. That can happen only when everybody who is susceptible has been given the protection vaccine affords, and when we have rebuilt the lives of tens of thousands for whom the vaccine has come too late."

One has only to tour the polio wards in the Lane County hospitals on any day to realize that the battle against polio is not over. Preparations for the 1956 March of Dimes will start immediately in Lane County, Mr. Meyer stated, so that an all-out effort can be made to raise this year's share of the funds needed to continue the fight.

"Mr. O'Connor outlined the vital need to intensify the polio crusade," Mr. Meyer continued. The National Foundation's school vaccine program is providing a large measure of polio protection for about 7,000,000 children this year. But the disease has claimed thousands of new victims among the 53,000,000 remaining under age 20 who have received no vaccine. Moreover, a small percentage of individuals are incapable of responding to vaccine.

"Thus new polio patients are continuously added to the thousands who already rely on the March of Dimes for help. Even as we look hopefully to the future, we realize our obligations to those who must be served on their long road back to usefulness. The challenge to repair lives to the highest degree is ours right now."

90 Per Cent Effective
Mr. Meyer pointed out that the Salk vaccine in 1954 was proved 60 to 90 per cent effective and that since then it has been increased in potency. This means possibly an even higher percentage of protection was given those who received at least two shots before the 1955 polio season.

But scientists are seeking ways of improving it still further, he said, and funds must be provided for this continuing research. In addition, money is needed to continue the work of training doctors, nurses, therapists and other professional workers for both research and patient care. The National Foundation is sponsoring the largest professional education program of any national voluntary group.

Volunteers attending the Seattle meeting came from Washington, Oregon, Northern Idaho, Western Montana and Alaska. National Foundation speakers, in addition to Mr. O'Connor, included: Joseph F. Nee, Director of fund raising; George P. Voss, director of Chapter; Miss Dorothy Ducas, public relations director; Miss Elaine Whitelaw, director for women's activities; Burr Gibson, assistant fund raising director; James T. Edington, assistant to the director of fund raising; and Miss Celeste Luckett, national volunteer. Teens Against Polio (TAP) Chairman.

Harrison School Program Dec. 15

Harrison grade school will present its Christmas program for the public December 15 at 8 p.m. The program will be in the multi-purpose room.

First grades will present a choral reading, "What Can I Give Him," followed by a song in the same theme.

Second grades will sing "The First Christmas Night" and "Santa Claus Comes."

The third, fourth and fifth grades will present an operetta, "Thirty Minutes with Santa Claus." The cast of characters includes: John Wentworth (father), Walter Johnson; Mrs. Evelyn Wentworth (mother), Patricia Ness; Betty Wentworth (young daughter), Linda Christian;

Characters in the Bible story Bobby McCarty; Inn Keeper, John Caldwell; Three Wise Men, Norman Petersen, Alan Richards, Scott Stovall; Angel, Kay Blackwill.

Vicky Huggdahl will impersonate Santa Claus. Special carolers are Rhea Smith, Bonnie Battles, Mike Merrick, Bill Boslough, Dianne Green, Sharon Willes, Cheron Thies, Lyle Waite, Eddie Maloney, Sharon Steele, Mary Ellen Dusenberry, John Carey, Jimmy Ross, John McClanahan, Roger Steen, Lorraine Haynes, Benita Thompson, Avis Groves, Danny Franklin, Marjorie Grisham, Sharon Allen, Kathy McMullin, Clytha Perry, Rickey Daniels, Loann Blackwill, Pat Merrick, Bruce Woods, Mike Weinkauff.

Clarence C. Duerst

Clarence C. Duerst, age 33, of Oakridge, Oregon, passed away at a hospital in Eugene Monday, December 5, 1955. He had been fatally injured in a logging accident Friday at Westfir.

Mr. Duerst was born in Cottage Grove September 26, 1922. He made his home here and attended the local schools until entering the Air Force in 1942. He was discharged in 1945 after receiving the Bronze Star and the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Duerst was married to Beverly Munsell in Cottage Grove on May 29, 1954. After their marriage he moved to Oakridge where he was employed.

He is survived by his wife and a son, Dennis; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Duerst, of Cottage Grove; two sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Cline of Oakridge and Betty Hand of Cottage Grove; two brothers, Everett Duerst of Westfir and Roy Duerst of Cottage Grove; and both grandmothers, Mrs. Lucy Robbins of Cottage Grove and Mrs. Louise Kibbey of Gresham.

Funeral services will be held at the Smith Funeral Chapel Thursday, December 8, 1955, at 1:30 p.m. with interment in Lane Memorial Gardens at Eugene. Rev. Sydney Gaither officiating.

Elsie Lena Wells

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at Elkton for Mrs. Elsie Lena Wells, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Lena Sams, Cottage Grove, December 1, Services were in the Methodist church, with the Rev. C. E. Ecklin of Drain Methodist church officiating. Interment was in the Stearns and Little Mortuary, Oakland, was in charge.

Mrs. Wells lived for many years in Cottage Grove. Besides Mrs. Sams, she is survived by another daughter, Mrs. Lloyd (Frances) Swanson, Cottage Grove; a son, Ira Wells, Portland; four sisters, Jennie Gustafson of Newport, Laura Wire of Salem, Dollie Johnson of Ada Station, and Mary Dowell, who lives near Florence; and by five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The deceased was born near Hutchinson, Minn., January 6, 1872, and came to Oregon with her parents in 1883. She had resided within the state since her family located first in Salem, in Roseburg and later at Drain. In 1899 she was married to Francis Wells of Elkton. They resided there for many years.

Mrs. Wells was a member of the Methodist church for more than 45 years. She also was affiliated with the WCTU, Mothers' club of Cottage Grove and the Degree of Honor Protective Assn.

M. G. Monahan

Matthias G. (Matt) Monahan of Everett, Wash., died November 26, 1955, in an Everett hospital, following a long illness. He was born in Wayside, Wis., September 16, 1877, and had been a resident of Everett since 1901. He was a federal employee in the Everett postoffice 42 years, 20 of which he was superintendent of mails.

He was a life-long member of the Catholic church, a charter and 4th degree member of Knights of Columbus Council 783, a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Holy Name Society, esters, the Snohomish County Chamber of Commerce. He was married in Everett November 4, 1907, to Estella Gabrio, who survives him. Other survivors are a daughter, two sons, five grand-children, all of Everett, and a brother, William Monahan, of Du Pere, Wis. A son, Edward Gabrio Monahan, preceded his father in death.

Recitation of the rosary was November 29 in Jerred's Funeral Home. Requiem high mass was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception church November 30, at 9:30 a.m. the Rev. Father Andrew McGrath, celebrant. Vault entombment was in Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Everett.

Mr. Monahan is well known in Cottage Grove, having visited here often at the home of a brother-in-law, Virgil Gabrio.

Get into the habit of looking for the silver lining of the cloud, and when you have found it, continue to look at it, rather than at the leaden gray in the middle. It will help you over many hard places.—A. A. Willits

Words—the coins minted by the tongues of men with which realization may be purchased.—Hervey Allen

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