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### Our Close Communion Political Friends

Now that we are about squared away for another political battle in the coming May primaries, we might remind ourselves that it is not a very good policy to get too wrought up over men and issues. In this connection we might say that we have had readers in the past, have probably a few now, and will have them in the future, who have disagreed with us so violently that they have felt compelled to quit reading the Sentinel. We have known a few people who have thought politics in one party so long that they can not find in their hearts to endure or associate with people of opposite political faith. They eat politics, they sleep politics and they refuse to read anything that suggests they are wrong in certain instances. They may go so far as to insist things they eat and wear be made by men of like political faith.

If the people who are so politically minded would read American history from a non-partisan viewpoint, they would find the independent voter has played an important role in politics and in bringing about good government. In fact it has been the independent voter who has been responsible for voting out the ruling administration in a good many instances and thereby eliminating corruption that seems to follow if one administration remains in power too long.

In electing people to office, it is unfortunate we think that too many people are influenced by the personality of a candidate rather than any qualifications he might have for the political office to which he aspires. It seems to us that there ought to be a way of setting down certain standards for which the candidate should strive to meet. As an example candidates should have at least a grammar school education, should have some knowledge of accounting if they aspire to an office dealing in finances, or a knowledge of some elementary law if they seek an office dealing with the dispensing of justice, or at least some common sense in holding any kind of office.

But the fact that no particular qualifications are prescribed for the various elective offices is one of the weaknesses of our system of government. It's one reason why present-day governmental operations are so costly and why private enterprise is more than twice as efficient in its operation. Yet more and more people are looking to the government to do things for them. The fact that we demand increasing attention from the government is one of the most dismal pictures that future generations must face. It means that we must place an increasing tax burden on those with initiative and we are approaching a point where we can offer little or no incentive to our ambitious young citizens.

Despite the periods of inflation encountered during wars and times of stress, we have a small inflation which has gone upward with our standards of living, but this increase has fallen far behind the increase in governmental spending. At the present rate of spending our national government is doubling its budget every 25 to 35 years. This is far greater than the rate of earning power of each individual.

Right now in congress we have many who are far more concerned with getting governmental appropriations than they are with the possibility of traveling the road to national bankruptcy. Balancing the budget has been the least of their worries. A good many congressmen who like to call themselves "liberals," are apparently not concerned with the financial outlook and feel it no concern of theirs.

### Two Candidates Worthy of Your Vote

Local residents will have opportunity to vote for two local men, both qualified for the positions they seek. Neither has held office before. James Hemenway, Delight Valley farmer, filed late for the office of county commissioner on the democratic ticket, but Edward Cooper, a Lane county school teacher, threw his hat in the ring earlier for the office of county superintendent. Cooper is perhaps more fortunate in that he is running for the superintendent's office on a non-partisan ticket.

If you will turn to the formal announcement of Hemenway, you will find that he has been identified with a number of constructive things, which is to his credit. Jim has been in the poultry business ever since we have known him and the poultry business at the present time is a pretty hard way to make a living. Jim has done that, which ought to be considered an asset so far as business judgment goes. This section of the county has not had a representative in the court house since Judge Glass served as county judge. It should be a privilege to support Hemenway.

As we understand the duties of the county school superintendent, the office deals primarily with rural schools and there is no man in the county more qualified to serve the people than Cooper. His fellow teachers, we understand, have endorsed his candidacy highly.

### We Would Oppose Building Beaver Marsh Dam

We do not know if the Beaver Marsh planning has gone beyond the stage where the project could be stopped by public opinion, but if so, we would like to add our bit. It seems that building the dam is left largely up to the Eugene people, but it appears to us that we all have a stake in preserving natural beauty.

If the preservation of beauty is not confined to any specific locality, it is a matter of concern for the entire state. We feel that one of the most beautiful areas in the state would be marred with the building of a dam at the particular spot. With all the water the section of the county affords, it ought not be too difficult to find another spot to answer the purpose for which the dam is intended. In fact Bonneville power could supply the surplus power needed by Eugene.

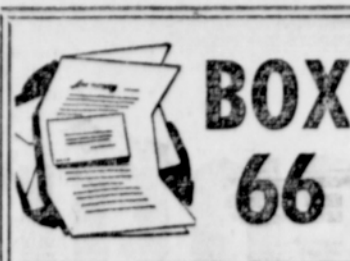
### A Look Backward

History is always interesting—and sometimes it makes sad reading.

Take, for instance, the history of the individual income tax. In 1929, the tax on a \$2,000 income was \$2—and for a married person with two children and a \$10,000 income it was a mere \$40.

Now the tax begins at 20 per cent, on the lowest taxable income levels. From there it goes swiftly up the ladder, reaching 91 per cent at the top.

It's no wonder that people still talk, wistfully and nostalgically, of the good old days. Who dares to predict what taxes will be 25 years hence, with government functions being expanded like the proverbial green bay tree?



Dear Sirs,  
 I like to make rhymes but would truly be dishonest to submit one in your Ad-Rime contest.

However, I am expressing my sentiments in one below:  
 "It makes me mad to read your ad I'd rather stop near home, not mad;  
 But when I stop at C.G. stores And wait while someone leans and snores  
 Then tells me, "We've just sold the last  
 Of your child's color, size" well "blast!"

I buy more gas as you insist But in Eugene I fill my list  
 Let merchants here who want our dough Re-order when their stock gets low  
 Offer variety, low prices, etc. at home  
 Then local trade will cease to roam  
 Sincerely,  
 Mrs. Charles Thorn  
 Dorena, Oregon

### MAKE IT SEN. MCKAY

Dear Editor:  
 It is with deep feelings of satisfaction and pride that we find the State of Oregon still capable of producing public-spirited men who are willing, like President Eisenhower and Governor Patterson, to sacrifice their own personal desires for the future good of their country and the continuation of world peace.  
 We should express our appreciation to Rep. Norblad and Sen. McKay. So come on all you moss-back Oregon Republicans, crank up the old jalopy, gather up all your neighbors and friends, and register and vote.  
 Let's make it Senator McKay.  
 Mrs. Virgil G. Gabrio

### Early Day Resident Passes in Eugene

Martha Pearl Wyatt, a resident of Cottage Grove for many years, passed away in Eugene Sunday, March 11, 1956. She was 87. Services were at 10 a.m. Tuesday from the Lutheran chapel, Eugene, followed by interment at 11:15 a.m. at Cottage Grove Masonic cemetery beside her husband, Millard Fillmore Wyatt, who preceded her in death in 1931.  
 Mrs. Wyatt was born October 18, 1868, at Carthage, Mo. She moved to Union county in Eastern Oregon in 1870 with her parents and was married at Elgin, Dec. 25, 1887. The Wyatts moved to Brownsville in 1893 and to Cottage Grove in 1902. Mr. Wyatt was active in the early days of the Bohemia mining district. Mrs. Wyatt had lived in Eugene the past few years.  
 The deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church and of Cottage Grove chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are two sons, Ernest E. Eugene, and F. Dale Springfield; two sisters, Mrs. J. E. Fox, Kelso, Wash., and Mrs. Frank Stanton, Los Gatos, Calif.

The Rev. James McGugin and the Rev. B. T. Gabrielsen officiated at the chapel services in Eugene Tuesday.

### Carl G. Grove

Carl G. Grove, a Dorena resident, died at a local hospital Thursday, March 8, 1956, at the age of 64 years. Mr. Grove was born in Des Moines, Iowa, July 25, 1891, and came to Oregon at the age of one year.

He is survived by his wife, Sara; three sons, Donald and Arnold of Dorena and Jack of Coos Bay; two daughters, Mrs. Jacobson of Coos Bay and Mrs. Roan of Salem, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Smith Funeral chapel Saturday, March 10, with the Rev. E. C. Bush officiating. Interment was in the local IOOF cemetery.



By Phil Varley

With tax time creeping up on us like an express train going downhill, it was no effort to read a few words of wisdom by a female tax expert. That is, the lady is an expert in her field . . . and she told a Mental Hygiene Conference in N.Y. that mental hygienists could do worse than work on the people who write income tax laws. Her field, you see, is mental hygiene.

What's the connection between that and tax laws? Well, she claims the tax forms increase blood pressure in older people, affect marital relations and create tensions. Many folks have suspected it for some time, and we're glad to see the mental medics taking note. Taxes are as necessary as TV commercials . . . but the forms don't have to be so confusing. They make you feel like a woodpecker in a marble quarry. In other words, they're driving us crazy!

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### Louis F. Dey Dies Of Heart Attack

Louis F. Dey, 68, passed away at his home at Lorane Thursday, March 8, 1956. Mrs. Dey had fixed a lunch for her husband and left to spend the remainder of the day and the night at the home of a son, Welby Schneider, in Eugene. When she returned Friday morning she found the lunch on the table as she had left it and, upon search, for her husband, found his body in the barn, where he apparently had died of a heart attack.

Mr. Dey was born in Kansas February 23, 1888 and was married after coming to Oregon to Lorane May Small, who passed away in 1936. He later married Mrs. Ella Schneider of Lorane July 1, 1944. He had lived in and near Lorane for 20 years and was engaged in farming. He was a member of Lorane Christian church and Lorane Grange.

Surviving, besides the widow, are two sons: George L. and Ross Dey, both of Lorane; five grandchildren, two brothers, Leslie of Coos Bay and Steve of Waterloo; one sister, Edna Warner of Dayton.

Funeral services were conducted at Mills Mortuary Monday, March 12, at 2 p.m. Mr. Martin Lee officiated and interment was in Cottage Grove IOOF cemetery.

### William McQueen

William McQueen, 85, longtime resident of Cottage Grove, passed away March 11, 1956, in Portland, where he had made his home the past 10 years. A graveside service will be conducted at Marcola cemetery at Marcola Thursday, March 15 (today) at 2 p.m. Miller and Tracy Mortuary of Portland will conduct the service. Etell chapel, Springfield, is in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. McQueen was born in Prairieville, Iowa, April 11, 1870. He moved with his parents, George W. and Catherine McQueen, in 1872 to Doon, Iowa, and later to Rock Rapids, Iowa. The family came to Cottage Grove in 1892. For 55 years Mr. McQueen followed the teaching profession in grade schools in and around Cottage Grove. He was a great lover of literature and poetry as well as a lover of nature.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Zaida Morrow, Springfield; a nephew, George McQueen, Cottage Grove; and two nieces, Mrs. Jerry Wilkinson of Milwaukie, Ore., and Mrs. Doris Day, Oswego. He was a brother of the late George McQueen of Cottage Grove.

Don't lose your vote! Register now for this year's key primary election on May 18. Registration closes April 17.

### Moose Lodge To Hold Double Benefit Banquet

Cottage Grove Moose Lodge 810 is holding a special St. Patrick's Day benefit banquet at the lodge Friday, with proceeds going into a combined Polio and Heart Fund. Entertainment will be provided by Mrs. Louise Garlach and others from Junction City.

Members are requested to bring a "covered dish" to the party. Guests are invited. The charge will be 50c a plate.

Charles Whipp, chairman of the entertainment committee, urges all members of the lodge and the Women of the Moose to bring some guests and to enjoy this double benefit St. Patrick's Day party.

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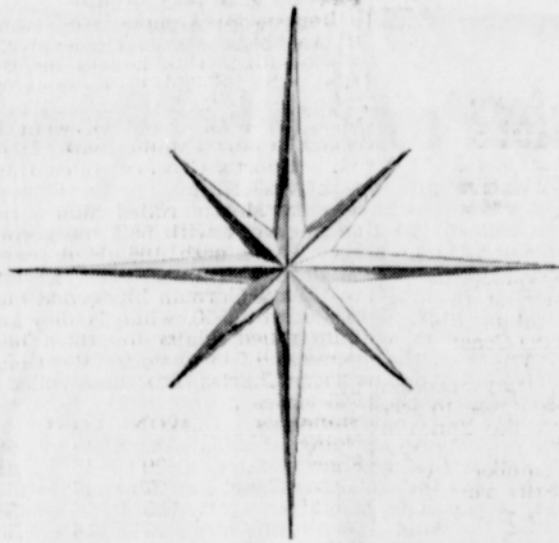
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