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A group of weary college students, their strength drained by final week at the University of Oregon, drove into Cottage Grove Saturday morning, and they were indeed a wearisome lot. Their first stop was at the Sentinel office, for they were to put out this week's Sentinel.

Standby Sentinel forces welcomed them with one hand and sent them out beating the streets with the other. It was in the latter that four students who had never before been in Cottage Grove became acquainted with one of Oregon's fastest-growing communities, its citizens, its activities.

It has been a fast acquaintanceship, both enjoyable and profitable. And we, those four students, wish to take this opportunity to thank you, those who have helped make it possible.

Roughrider's Ghost Prances in Senate

The ghost of Roughrider Teddy Roosevelt pranced through the Senate a few weeks back when Oregon's junior senator introduced a proposal first made by Roosevelt in 1907 that major political parties draw substantial parts of their revenue from the federal treasury.

Senator Neuberger's idea was to eliminate, or at least diminish, monetary influence upon elected officials. The difficulty is that Neuberger's resurrected idea is no panacea of all ills in itself, nor does it solve the problems of money in politics.

Under Neuberger's plan, parties which polled 10 or more percent of the votes cast in the preceding election would be eligible for government subsidies, at the rate of 20 or 15 cents per vote cast in an average of the two preceding elections. The 20 cent figure is for presidential election years, the 15 cents for off-elections.

He makes no proposal to limit other sources of party funds; the money from the government treasury would in effect be just another donation, a donation which would merely relieve the parties of the necessity of beating possible influence bushes for the large sums of money which are necessary to finance an election campaign.

A second problem is that Neuberger's plan would virtually eliminate third parties, a suggestion which may run into constitutional difficulties. It is interesting to note here that such a proposal would have excluded the Republicans from coverage when they were first formed, and would have eliminated Roosevelt himself from such aid when he sought office as a Progressive in 1912.

This would strengthen existing parties, which would further benefit from Neuberger's suggestion that the money be allotted to the party national committee. The money could thus be channeled into close, crucial races, while one party states could, and probably would, be ignored.

Neuberger's plan would create more problems than it would solve. It does not get at the crux of the problem: the prevention of improper control of any office seeker by individuals or groups who may have financial advantage and special interests to serve.

In Oregon, the subject of campaign expenditures has been much in the news during the past two years. The sources and the amounts of campaign funds were an issue on both sides during the last senatorial campaign, and they are bidding well to surpass that in 1956.

One reason is that Oregon's reporting system for campaign funds is not adequate. The same may be said of the reporting requirements made on federal candidates. Rather than bother with such proposals as Neuberger's, Congress should direct its efforts at setting up a plan which would systematize reporting procedures, require full reports before the elections, and severely penalize violations.

Algeria Fights for Freedom

Current mobilization of French forces in Algeria to crush the nationalist revolt there is another example of France's tragic colonial policies.

French Premier Guy Mollet, acting on powerful new emergency authorization, last Saturday ordered all available aircraft to airlift troops from West Germany to Algeria, naval vessels to stand by in the Mediterranean, and began a large-scale draft of men at home for active service in Algeria with "battle bonuses."

France has had a long association with Algeria, trying for assimilation of the Algerians into France and their battle cry has been "L'Algerie, cest la France!"—Algeria—it is France. Technically Algeria is France, dating from 1834 when France conquered the Algerians and appointed a governor there. Since then, France has pursued a policy of integrating Algeria into metropolitan France.

One of the biggest factors working against complete assimilation has been the Islam religion prevalent in North Africa since 500 A.D. Islam represents to the Algerian not only a religion, but a way of life. This culture has been firmly implanted by centuries of tradition and France, with her ultimate aim of complete subjugation of the peoples, has been pushing a metropolitan way of life upon Algerians who obviously do not want to accept it.

Cases in point here are the bloody Algerian revolt in May of 1945 taking the lives of 100 Frenchmen and 15,000 Moslems, and the "fellagha" (outlaw) revolt beginning in October, 1954. The spurts of nationalistic anti-French activities since then, and the recent major revolts, are direct descendants of the 1954 outbreak of hostilities.

Colonialism is at bottom a dreadful thing. When slavery was at its height, slaves were often well treated—but this does not keep slavery from being abominable. History has shown that colonialism belongs in a dead era. Cyprus for the British, Kashmir and India, America and England, and the tragedy of Indo-China all point towards the inevitable result—independence.

Bernard Shaw once wrote: "A conquered nation... will listen to no reformer, to no philosopher, to no preacher, until the demand of the nationalists is granted. It will attend to no business, however vital, except the business of liberation." Algeria is set on this path and her people will not rest until they reach their goal of independence.

DONALD DUCK By Walt Disney

UNCA DONALD, IT SAYS HERE: EASTER SEALS HELP CRIPPLED CHILDREN TO A NEW WAY OF LIFE. WE'RE GONNA USE MORE EASTER SEALS THAN EVER.



Washington Plans for Cherry Blossom Festival April 3-8

Letter from Washington
 (By Harris Ellsworth)

The most discussed news here lately was the announcement by President Eisenhower that he will offer himself as a candidate for re-election. I am very glad indeed that this subject goes much deeper than merely being pleased that Ike will be on the Republican ticket in the elections this fall.

For twenty years after 1932 our federal government was operated by one political party which, with the exception of the two years of the 80th congress, controlled both the administration and the congress. President Eisenhower and his administration have begun a reversal of the trend toward statism and federal bureaucracy which was developed during those 20 years. I think the people should have an opportunity in the forthcoming elections to approve or reject this change in philosophy as represented by President Eisenhower himself.

Right now the weather here is not very spring-like. Nevertheless plans for the annual Washington, D.C., Cherry Blossom Festival are being completed. The festival is a colorful event much enjoyed by residents here and by visitors to the capital. This year festival week will be April 3 to April 8. Every state selects a princess and one of the princesses is chosen queen. The selection of the queen is made by spinning a wheel.

Oregon's Cherry Festival princess this year is Miss Janice Irwin of Portland. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Irwin who are residing in Washington now where Mr. Irwin is assistant to the president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

About four years ago congress thought it was doing a good thing when it passed a law changing the uniform size and weight limitations on parcel post packages and setting various size and weight limitations for packages from different classes of post offices. The law has caused considerable irritation and dissatisfaction. Last fall when I was in Oregon I was requested by four different cities through their chambers of commerce and others to introduce special bills in congress to eliminate them from the application of the law. Other members of congress, to get rid of the troublesome law itself. A bill re-establishing course, to get rid of the troublesome law was introduced and now the post office department after attempting to administer the old law has simply asked congress to pass the new bill. I hope we can get it passed in the very near future.

Once again one of the 40 winners in the nationwide Science Talent Search comes from our Fourth Congressional district. Daniel Chen, 2043 Onyx street, Eugene, was selected from 20,828 high school seniors. He will be brought to Washington for the Science Talent Search Institute sessions with the other 39 winners and will have an opportunity to compete for special scholarships or awards.

After many weeks of study and after exploring other ideas I have introduced a bill to authorize the Army Engineers to make a complete study of water uses and flood control in the Rogue River Basin. The recent disastrous Rogue River floods sharply pointed up the necessity for flood control work. There is also a need for the re-vamping of the Talancet irrigation system which uses water from the Rogue. The Talancet irrigation system was authorized by legislation which I introduced in 1954 and will do considerable good. I believe construction will begin on that project this year. Any additional plans for development on the Rogue for flood control and irrigation must, however, take into consideration the fact that the Rogue River Valley is a noted scenic and recreation area and that the Rogue River is a world famous sport fishing stream.

It is apparent that the normal and traditional way of developing flood control and irrigation projects is not the way such works can be planned for the Rogue River. Ordinarily flood control engineers plan the best and most efficient way of storing water and getting it out on the land for the growth of crops. In the case of most projects other values are so minor as to merit little consideration, but the Rogue is different.

A further complication lies in the fact that the Rogue is a relatively small river basin. The various problems of water use and control are so intermingled as to make the usual "departmental" divisions difficult if not impossible. For example, on the Columbia, Grand Coulee and other large dams are navigation projects. On the Rogue such clear and sharp distinctions are not possible.

The best approach is to designate one government agency to head up and be responsible for a complete and comprehensive survey. That agency (in this case the Army Engineers) will then gather together and coordinate the survey work of all other agencies, Federal and State, and weave the whole into a suggested plan of development. At that point local interests can go over the proposals and I think, get together in agreement on what is best for all. The bill I have introduced clearly provides for procedure along that line.

When the appropriation bill which carried the money to operate the Interstate Commerce commission was before the house, I offered an amendment to increase the I.C.C. appropriation enough to permit the employment of 9 or 10 more field men in the car service section. From past experience I know that one of our difficulties is that the commission does not have inspectors enough to enforce regulations which would keep the cars moving faster. When it was necessary to expedite rail shipping during the Korean War they had 120 such men. The staff is now down to 30 field men in the car service section. The appropriations committee vigorously opposed my amendment on the ground that they had allowed an increase in the bill enough to hire 10 additional field men—bringing the total up to 40—and an economy minded house therefore voted my amendment down. All indications point to another disastrous car shortage later this year. I have been looking into another way of attacking this problem and will write more about it next week.

He Just Worked at It

Lamar Ratliff, a 16-year-old Mississippi high school boy, who made agricultural history by raising 304.38 bushels of corn on one acre, has a simple formula to account for his success: "I just worked at it, I reckon."

Reckon he did, all right, but there was more to it than that. There was Lamar's mule, Dolly, for instance, to which the youth acknowledges a debt of gratitude. There was the 43 inches of rain that fell on that corn patch during the growing season. To start off with, there was the plowing and re-plowing, 10 or 11 times, all told. After the plowing, the cultivating and thinning.

Perhaps most important of all, there was a liberal application of fertilizer—15 tons of manure, and nearly a ton of other plant foods. But no, maybe the most important factor was the seed itself, one of the new hybrids that have revolutionized corn farming in the past couple of decades.

The lesson taught by the young corn champion's feat is that diligent application of modern farming methods can lead to tremendous yields. It points up one of the reasons why keeping farm production in line with demand is not so simple as some people suppose.—The Warrensburg (Mo.) Daily Star Journal.

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To the Editor:
 How does a timid woman get active politically is a question on many women's minds today. As vice chairman of my county Democratic committee, I'm probably asked that question more often than the average citizen. I think an answer at this time is particularly timely.

I feel that becoming a precinct committee woman in your own neighborhood, be you Democrat or Republican, is the quickest and easiest way to "get into politics." Most precincts are composed of approximately 300 voters. As precinct committee woman, you perform the service of calling people to your precinct, telling them where and how to register, furnish them with candidates literature and sample ballots. In general, you become the hub around which your voters can revolve.

Timid souls will find the work stimulating, informative and one for which she'll receive "many thanks" from her neighbors as well as candidates running for office.

Filing for precinct work closed March 9, but can become a precinct worker by writing in your own name on the ballot at the May primary under PRECINCT COMMITTEE WOMAN. If you want to make sure that you are elected, ask your neighbors to write your name there, too.

Take the first step, ladies; you'll get lots of help. You will soon be in the "Hasn't everyone said that more women should take an active interest in politics?"

Beulah J. Hand
 Milwaukie, Oregon

To the Editor:
 I have sometimes wondered what would happen if a fire engine approached a railroad crossing in Cottage Grove when it was blocked by a train.

Now I know—it waits with the rest of us!
 On Saturday afternoon, March 17, just before 3 p.m., a fire engine with siren screaming, an ambulance, a wrecker and the usual assortment of other vehicles were held at the Sixth street crossing until the entire train was moved out.

Aileen Barker Rickard

GM Parade of Progress To Exhibit in Eugene

The General Motors Parade of Progress will open in Eugene on March 30. Ray Albree, GM Community Relations Chairman for this area, announced today on behalf of the four General Motors Dealers of Cottage Grove, Albree Pontiac, Cottage Grove Motors, Al Novels and Wicks Electric.

The Parade is a traveling educational exhibit telling of the vital role of research and engineering in American life, he pointed out. There is no admission charge. The Parade will be on Howe Field, University of Oregon Campus, through April 2. Exhibits will be open to the public from 2 to 10 p.m. March 30 and from 2 to 10 p.m. March 31 through April 2.

Visitors will see some two dozen major exhibits. They also will see a special stage show demonstrating the miracles of science presented six to eight times a day in the Parade's own "big top"—the Aerodome, he said.

Now on a nationwide tour, the Parade travels in a caravan of 45 vehicles, including 12 specially-styled Futurizers. The Futurizers are 33 feet long and have 16-foot side panels that open to form stages. Exhibits in the Futurizers are animated and cover subjects ranging from refrigeration to jet power.

In the 40-minute stage show, Parade lecturers put on a dramatic exhibition of modern science in electronics, chemistry and transportation. The Aerodome, seating 1,250 people, is built with an aluminum frame and has no poles to block the view of the stage show. The tent's fireproof canvas is suspended from the frame.

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Assistant to Face Hatfield in Primary



William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state, has filed for the Republican nomination for secretary of state. He will face Mark Hatfield, a state senator and dean of students at Willamette university, in the Republican primary May 18.

Healy has served as assistant secretary of state under Secretary Earl T. Newberry for more than eight years. Prior to that time he was manager of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce and a reporter for a number of Washington newspapers.

President of a Young Republicans group when he was 21, Healy became chairman of a county central committee when he was 26. He was publicity director of Thomas E. Dewey's first campaign for the presidency.

Healy is a native of Massachusetts, and was educated in California and Washington public schools.

In World War II, 88 presidential unit citations were awarded National Guard units while serving in all overseas combat operations.

Extension Course To Be Offered Here

A three-hour extension course in the history of education will be offered in Cottage Grove starting next Wednesday. A fee of \$24 will be charged for the course, which will be held from 7 to 9:45 p.m. each Wednesday at Jefferson elementary school.

Ray Hawk, assistant director of student affairs and an assistant professor of education at the University of Oregon will instruct the course, Ed 440.

The class is a part of the program of adult evening classes offered by the general extension division of the Oregon state system of higher education's department of state-wide services.

The public is invited to attend the first or second session of any class. Registration and payment of fees must be completed by the end of the second week of the term. There are no formal requirements for admission except for those who are working toward degreates available under federal and state laws for work in the general extension division.

Additional night classes are being offered in Springfield include Eugene. Courses available include constructive accounting, natural history of Oregon, flycasting, geography of Asia, parliamentary procedure, fashion illustration, world literature, Oregon history, tramp olive, swimming, sociology of race, ceramics, jewelry, economic mineralogy, biological science survey and a number of education courses.

Most of the instructors are from the University of Oregon, with four from the general extension division and one from Oregon State college. Not all of the courses carry credit. Registration fees are \$8 per credit hour, with a minimum fee of \$16 a term.

Additional information about the program may be obtained from the department of state-wide services, general extension division, Oregon state system of higher education, 1250 Emerald, Eugene.

Church of Christ Class To Entertain With Skits

The Winsome church members of Gibbs Avenue Church of Christ will entertain church members and friends Friday from 7:30 to 8 p.m. with skits in the church basement.

COMPOUNDING The NEWS

By Phil Varley

A recent "smog" survey of citizens in Los Angeles has the local Chamber of Commerce looking about as happy as a man making out his income tax report. It seems that about 50% of the people that would take care of the smog problem all by itself, but a mass exodus isn't the kind of answer the City of Los Angeles is looking for.

All kinds of reasons have been proposed for the smog problem. From auto exhausts to bag cigars. And all kinds of answers have been suggested, even including windmills, the hills, the search for an answer goes on, the eye-smarting smog still rolls in. And the Chamber of Commerce is practically in tears about the whole thing. Literally, that is.

We see where a fellow in South Africa, who is 118 years old, shaved off his beard because it made him "feel too old." There's a bare-faced understatement. Speaking of shaving off the beard, you'll find us completely stocked with blades to push button lathers... or fine shaving brushes for you who like to soap-it-yourself. For men's toiletries it's

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