

For What It's Worth.

By CLIFFORD P. ROWE



As a youngster, I was told repeatedly that every boy in this country had an equal chance of some day being president. Just recently I discovered that this is another one of those "Santa Claus" and "Easter Bunny" fables.

The only fellow who has a half-way decent opportunity of being president is either a lawyer or a general. The record shows that the majority of our chief executives have been attorneys. The next largest group consists of generals. Why?

If the sole duty of our president is to interpret the law, I can see where a legal training would be an absolute necessity. But from information I have received, the nation's capital is bursting at the seams with legal lights already on the government payroll. Also I am told that we have the attorney general and the supreme court whose principal functions are to interpret the law.

If the primary responsibility of the president is to wage war, then a general would be the only qualified candidate. To choose a president on this basis, however, would be to admit that war rather than peace is the goal of our planning and thinking.

From my daily reading, I gather that our chief executive spends most of his time figuring out ways to raise money and to spend it. It seems then that it would be much more logical to put a business man in the White House; one who knows the meaning of economy and who has learned from training and experience that when one spends more than he can possibly earn, he is bound to end up in bankruptcy or in jail.

Of course, this business man would need to have been successful. One who couldn't succeed in his own business would in all probability get us into another economic nightmare such as we are now experiencing.

Joe Taylor Pushes 'Brookings Hour'

Brookings means lots to Joe Taylor, and the Chetco Inn is going to be known from all points of these United States if he is able to make things go as he wishes. In addition to his other advertising for Chetco Inn, Joe now has a "Brookings Hour program" over Radio Station KCRE which seems to be gaining in its popularity, if word of the various homemakers can be taken as indication. Chef Adrian has many recipes which he reads over the air each Monday at 11 a. m. On the program will be some local housewife who will question Adrian about each of his recipes, thus bringing out any doubt a housewife may have.

Last week Mrs. E. S. Aldrich was the lady who questioned the Chef. This week Mrs. Dewey Akers was the one chosen.

In his commercials, Joe Taylor, with a lawyer's thoroughness, is able to graphically portray the other sponsors of the Brookings Hour. His second transcription, telling about the Iron Fireman,

sold by Matot Co., was sent to the head office, so well was it portrayed.

Few realize how much the future of this area, as well as its welfare means to Mr. Taylor. If that is understood, then one will readily see what the goal Mr. Taylor hopes to reach.

Illness Prevalent Over Whole Area

Mumps and chicken-pox, which have been puncturing the attendance records of the local schools, seem to be only part of the epidemics which have been keeping many people at homes with illness. Flu and severe cold have also taken a heavy toll.

Some of the grades in the local schools, on several days had almost half absent because of either mumps or chicken-pox. Mrs. Jennie Carter, first grade teacher, is the only faculty member reported as victim of the diseases.

Perhaps the spring vacation of this week may help alleviate the contagion, and it is hoped a definite drop will be noted by next Monday.

WASHINGTON WEEK

By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

A committee of the senate has been looking into a series of transactions involving the sale of some surplus oil tankers. The committee is a permanent investigating body—not a witch-hunt group. Some angles of the tanker deal appeared to be strange so the senators began seeking facts. Those men do not brush around a bit and issue white-wash reports. They dig, and they sometimes dig tough and hard. In my opinion, that is the only way to unearth facts which clever men attempt to bury.

But who should turn up as an important figure in the tanker deals? A New York lawyer by the name of Newbold Morris. A few months ago that name would have had no importance. It has now. Not long ago Morris was named by President Truman as the man to investigate, root out, and clean up the graft and corruption in the executive department (the administration) of our government. Surely in accepting such an assignment, Newbold Morris must have been convinced that there was a job to do. But his appearances before the senate investigating committee have revealed that his idea of his job is not what we thought it was. He blames congress and sees nothing wrong with the departments! Here is one statement of Newbold Morris to the senators:

"In Washington in the past three years (meaning the senators) have created an atmosphere so vile that the people have lost confidence in their government. The government is not what you tell the people it is. It's a good, decent government."

How about that? That statement was made by the man who was appointed by the president to clean up the graft, corruption and influence peddling in our bureaucracy, the existence of which is admitted by everyone, including the president—except Newbold Morris. If he cannot or will not see the problem, how on earth can he help solve it?

My office has been notified that

the deadline for filing claims under the provisions of the War Claims Act has been extended to March 31. Those prisoners of war entitled to compensation according to the terms of this act are urged to file their claims as soon as possible. The commission processes claims in the numerical order in which they are received. Eligible under the act are American ex-prisoners of war, American civilians interned by the Japanese in certain areas, survivors of deceased prisoners of war and certain religious organizations.

My good friend Congressman Albert Cole of Kansas, thoughtful and statesmanlike member of the house, makes the following observation with which I am compelled to agree:

"Recent congressional investigations have uncovered unbelievable waste in defense purchasing. From light bulb purchasing to Arctic airbase building, the armed forces are spending taxpayers' money irresponsibly. And yet, when the security branches of the government say they want more next year, the president parrots their demands to congress. We cannot afford a 62 billion dollar security budget, and congress must battle that out this year. There are those who maintain that the defense department must have all that it requests, or the defense effort will fail. I believe that we must take that risk in trimming military security costs. True, the defense agencies have never, in times of stress, been forced to tighten their

Scout News Notes

The Girl Scouts held a meeting at Mrs. Stanhurst's last Saturday afternoon. It was called to order by Sharon Bennette. Marjorie Darger read the minutes of the last meeting. There were nine girls present besides Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Stanhurst and Mrs. Mason. Mrs. Mason will become our new leader when Mrs. Stanhurst resigns next month. Mrs. Smith will continue as assistant.

The baby layette for Korea has been completed and will soon be sent through the Lutheran World Relief Society. This is the international Friendship project for the Girl Scouts. Refreshments were served by Carol Rausch. — Ann Breuer, reporter.

Easter Seals Are To Postoffice Boxes

The annual Easter Seal campaign to raise money for crippled children and adults opened in Curry county last week with the mailing of over 1700 letters to Curry county residents. Walter Andrews, of Gold Beach, is the chairman for the county, and addressing stuffing of the letters was done by Mrs. Beryl Bollinger of Brookings, assisted by several local women belonging to Rebekahs and VFW auxiliary.

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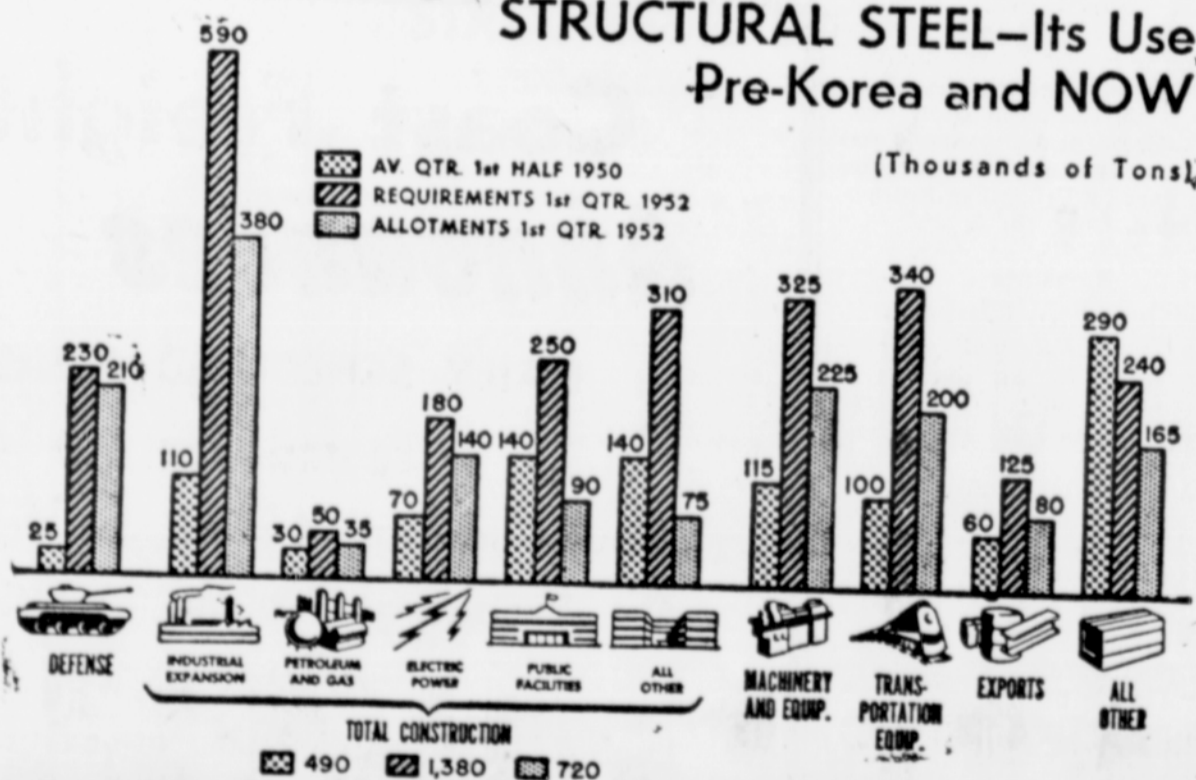
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