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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Professors Must Eat

At some campuses in Oregon it has been a common sight to see a middle-aged professor peddling a stately second-hand bicycle to his classes, while the undergraduates whizz by in new convertibles. Many a professor's wife has worked in canneries and her children picked beans to add their summer pittance to the family piggie bank. And some faculty mothers have picked up things at rummage sales for their youngsters to wear.

These people are not trying to live up to any tradition that demands eccentricity of academicians. They just haven't been able to afford many of the things that the people who pay their wages — Oregon's taxpayers — take for granted. Not that college professors all wear seedy tweeds because they can't buy flashy gabardines... some of them collect royalties or have commercial sidelines. But it is certainly true that men with years of academic training, strings of degrees and a good deal of intelligence, merit, and influence on Oregon's young have been ridiculously underpaid.

It is high time some of the injustices were rectified. Tuesday the state board of higher education approved salary increases for all professional staff members aggregating about 12 per cent. That means the base pay will be \$3,000.

These increases are necessary not only to keep the professors' bodies and minds together. They are necessary to keep the professors.

The state has lost many good men since before the war simply because some of them couldn't hack the salaries. They were lured to other states and bigger pay envelopes.

The people of Oregon, who want to send their children to school in the state institutions of higher education, should remember that it is not enough to have colleges and universities with high priced football teams and big student unions. Unless there is a respected, nationally-accredited and well-selected faculty, these fine buildings and landscaped grounds are just glorified country clubs.

Furthermore, in a country crying for teachers, young people are not going to major in education unless the top positions in the field — professorships — are financially respectable enough to warrant years of study and practice.

The people of Oregon should remember this particularly when further upward salary adjustments are considered in the next biennial legislative budget.

Democrats Lead in Linn

Linn county reports a democratic majority of 61 when its registration books closed for the May primaries, republicans losing their lead for the first time in over 40 years. Since the national party's fortunes have been on the wane since the death of FDR the shift must be due to immigration and the choice of new voters. Certainly there is nothing the condition of the Oregon democratic party to attract a following. In early days, however, Linn was a strong democratic county, settled as it was by many from Missouri and other strong democratic states.

Citizens should not "view with alarm" this increase in democratic registration. If it results in building up a strong party so much the better — a "one-party" system isn't usually healthy. And the probability is that Oregon voters will continue to exercise considerable independence in their voting regardless of party affiliation.

Smaller Acreage per Capita

Despite the loss of fertility through continuous cropping and soil erosion our farm lands continue able to produce enough food and fibers to sustain our population. The number of acres per capita has declined from 3.73 acres in 1900 to 2.42 acres in 1942. More intensive cultivation, greater use of fertilizers, improvement of seed strains have made it possible to feed and clothe our growing population.

There are limits however to these developments. You have to have productive soil to start with; so the case for soil conservation is entirely valid.

Licking Communism

Writes Frank Jenkins in his column in the Klamath Falls Herald & News:

This writer has a notion that if we concentrate sufficiently on making our system work as well as it can work, we won't have a lot to fear from communism here in America. Anybody who would swap what we have for what communism offers ought to have his head examined.

"Ain't it the truth!"

Experiments are under way in several communities in this country and Canada to test whether addition of fluoride to domestic water supplies will result in improved dental health. Swabbing teeth with a solution of sodium fluoride by dentists is an approved practice and credited with greatly reducing caries (tooth decay). If the water doctoring method proves successful protection of teeth can be done at very little expense. But there still will be plenty of work for dentists in keeping people's teeth fit.

The Arabs captured Jerico without marching round and round the city and raising a big shout. The shouting and marching round and round are confined to the United Nations.

It looks as though the skids were greased for the passage of the oleo bill in the house. There is the possibility of course that the senate may throw sand in the oleo however.

Now a rail strike looms. It should be timed for the opening of the fishing season.

Editorial Comment

Contemporaries From Our

UNFAIR CHARGES BY TAYLOR

Senator Glenn Taylor, Idaho democrat who will run with Henry Wallace as a candidate for vice-president on an independent ticket, has dragged out the old contention that present war hysteria is being caused by munitions-making cartels eager to make a profit out of war. Taylor charges that at the close of World War II, "American cartels looked around for the most logical opponent to stir up a war hysteria over, and figured Russia would be the best bet as the power people would fear the most."

The senator is overstraining his imagination in making such wild charges. We have been interested in reading Henry L. Stimson's recently published biography to note the trouble the war department had in the late conflict to secure the services of huge companies, such as DuPont, because they resented and wanted to refuse charges that they were indeed "Merchants of Death." When that company did take on work in creating the atomic bomb, it was for actual cost plus \$1.

American manufacturers are not without political or economic sin—any more than are labor unions or political parties—but to contend that they are actively urging war between the United States and Russia is altogether fanciful. The next war—if that catastrophic event should come—will not spare the territory of the United States. And it will be vastly more destructive of manpower and material than any before waged. We think there will be complete mobilization of industry as well as manpower (which Stimson in his book favors).

Senator Taylor merely sows national discontent with his wild charges. The United States wants peace and has sought at every conference table to conclude rational and fair arrangements with the Soviet power. She cannot consent to Russia overrunning each nation which does not stand up for her. It is unfair and a gross misstatement for Mr. Taylor to pin all the fault on American industrialists who will lose heavily—as will all groups—if war should come.—(Coos Bay Times.)

Politics on Parade...

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates without restriction, and may not necessarily reflect the policy of this newspaper.)

Today's subject: Francis Marsh (r) Candidate for National Delegate

I was born in Decorah, Iowa, on June 17, 1900, and have lived in Oregon since July 1, 1918. I attended the University of Oregon and graduated from the law school of the University of Washington in June, 1923. I have been in Oregon for 2 1/2 years, as assistant district attorney of Jefferson county, and 3 1/2 years as assistant district attorney under George Neuner, the present attorney general of the state of Oregon; have lived in Yamhill county since April 1, 1935, and have taken an active part in the republican party.

I have practiced law in Oregon since June, 1923, and served four years on the board of governors of Oregon state bar, one year serving as president.

I practice law with my twin brother, Eugene E. Marsh, who represents Yamhill county in the state senate. Those of you who know us might have some difficulty in telling us apart.

I was married Nov. 27, 1924 to Elizabeth Stephenson of Portland, Ore., and we have two sons, Roger Marsh, now attending the University of Oregon and who served 2 1/2 years in the navy, and Malcolm Marsh, who served 18 months in the army in Japan.

I am a member of the American Legion, having served in the army in World War I, and belong to the Masonic and Elks lodges and the Episcopal church.

If I am elected delegate to the national convention in Philadelphia, I feel it would be my duty to make every effort to secure the nomination of the people's choice as expressed by Oregon voters in the May primaries.

(Tomorrow: Frank Farmer.)

Hall, Newbry Urge VA Use Camp White

Support of two companion bills now in congress proposing that Camp White hospital in Jackson county be utilized as a domiciliary home by the veterans administration was urged by Gov. John H. Hall and Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry in telegrams sent to Oregon's delegation Wednesday.

"Since the bill in the last Oregon legislature to acquire this camp was vetoed and the state building construction program is nearing completion we do not think any future action can be taken on the camp proposal as far as the state of Oregon is concerned," the telegrams read.

The telegrams suggested it would be advisable for the delegation to view Camp White if necessary and that the project be used by some governmental unit.

The bill of the 1947 legislature proposing that the state take over the Camp White for use as an institution was vetoed by the late Governor Earl Snell based on an adverse report of a special investigating committee which held that the reconstruction cost would be tremendous and that the buildings were not suited for state institution use.

Farm Labor Conclave Set

Members of the State Unemployment Compensation commission and staff men of the state employment services will go to Portland today for a two-day farm labor conference with office manager and farm placement representatives. Nearly 100 persons were expected to attend.

D. F. Kennedy, Independence, representing the state farm advisory council, and A. J. Norton, San Francisco, regional farm placement representative, will be speakers Thursday forenoon.

Other speakers Thursday will include W. H. Baillie, Salem local office manager; Clifford E. Long, Pendleton manager, and Earl R. Lovell, employment service director.

W. E. Kinsey, state labor commissioner, and Paul E. Gurske, chairman of the State Industrial Accident commission, will speak Friday.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

"BRAGGING" ON METERS

To the Editor:

We saw in a Salem paper that the "City of Salem passed the \$100,000 mark with the recent meter parking receipts." Last Dec. 22-'47 a woman stepped toward her car, and just as she was about to pass one of the parking meters on N. High street, she stepped into soft mud that was around the meter, but slightly hidden by new grass. Boy of her feet struck the curbing, throwing her on her back which struck the sidewalk pavement.

Tomorrow she goes under the X-ray—as she has been able to walk but little, and has constant pain. It might be a good idea for meter gatherers to stop bragging. The old saying is: "Brag's a good dog; but hold fast to his tail."

Mrs. F. Allen Portland.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Junior's lost all faith in religion — after praying all week his team lost to the Elm Street Tigers 18 to 7 —"

MATTER OF FACT

Washington, London Speed Work On Non-Soviet World Organization

WASHINGTON, April 28—The numerous and as yet ill-founded rumors of such dramatic events as a Washington meeting between Messrs. Marshall, Bevin and Bidault are froth on the surface of a vitally important tide. The crucial stage has been reached, in fact, in the effort to work out an enduring political and strategic relationship between Europe and this hemisphere.

As usual, the facts are considerably less stirring than the rumors they generate. Two main efforts are now going on: The first effort is to find out what the western Europeans can do to help themselves. The second effort is to find out what congress will do to help the western Europeans.

The first problem is being tackled in London by the permanent military committee of the Western European union, comprising representatives of the states of Britain, France and Benelux countries. From earlier talks, it is already clear that their planning will be aimed at making it eventually possible to hold the line of the Rhine against Soviet attack. But the staffs must now decide how many divisions; how the equipment is to be standardized; how command is to be unified, and what minimum of aid they will need from the United States.

The second problem, of what congress can be induced to do at this time, has been and is being urgently tackled in talks between representatives of the administration and the congressional leadership. The chief men involved are Under Secretary of State Robert A. Lovett and Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

Senator Vandenberg and Under Secretary Lovett constitute one of the most collaborative teams the capital has seen for a long time. It is symptomatic of the way they think alike that they have both reached the same conclusion before their first meeting. Independently and without consultation, each had formed the opinion that what they call the "ERP pattern" ought to be followed. The Europeans have therefore been asked to be pretty precise about their own plans for helping themselves, before starting any discussion of American help in this new political — strategic sphere. What is done here is thus partly dependent on the outcome in London.

There are several issues which could cause really violent disagreement in London. For example, Britain and the Benelux countries have already intimated that France should provide the manpower for more than two-thirds of the 45 to 50 divisions thought necessary to hold the Rhine line. It is hard to see how any but French divisions could be in position on the Rhine in time to repel an attack. The British consequently argue that their contribution should be chiefly in the form of air and naval power. But several factors, such as the corporate interests of the French air force and navy, and French memories of limited RAF participation in the battle of France, are going to make the French fight very hard against acceptance of the British — Benelux concept.

The perils ahead in London are fairly obvious. The desire of the western Europeans for American military guarantees is so strong, however, that the permanent military committee of the Western union is expected to reach rather early agreement, at least in principle. If this agreement is not utterly hollow, the time for American action will then have come. To Be Confirmed by Senate

One point is already clear about our action. The western Europeans have said frankly that in view of the political situation in this country, they would place no reliance on any mere presidential or executive declaration. The state de-

By Lighty

Construction of Speaking Clubs Plan Meeting

New \$50,000 Church to Start

A \$50,000 building program for Salem's Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was announced Wednesday by John E. Salisbury, bishop of the church here.

Construction of a frame church building at 5th and Madison streets is to begin within a month, under the direct supervision of the church, with William Bishop in charge. Lorin Johnson is chairman of the church building committee.

The church has been conducting its services in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall here for several years, while the new building has been in planning stages.

Estimated cost of the entire building program including church furnishings is \$50,000. The church received a city building permit yesterday for the structure itself, estimated to cost \$40,000.

There is no building on the church lot at present. Plans for the church were prepared by Harold W. Burton, Los Angeles church architect who designed, among other churches, the L.D.S. temple at Hill, Hawaii.

The new Salem church will seat 200 in its chapel and will include a Boy Scout room, seven classrooms and a recreation hall with kitchen facilities.

Permits for new houses issued Wednesday went to C. J. McCaleb at 1045 Cedar way, \$6,500, and to John W. Goebel at 970 N. 13th st., \$3,500.

O. M. Painter received permission to finish a duplex at 2849 Brooks ave., \$250, and the Christian Science church to alter a church at 408 Cheneketa st., \$250. A permit to wreck a shed at 306 S. High st. was issued to Ivan Stewart, to cost \$50.

36,250 Await Teen-Age Draft Call in Oregon

In event congress approves the proposed draft legislation approximately 2 1/2 per cent of Oregon's population would be of teen age group called up for training, Elmer V. Wootton, head of the state selective records division here, declared Wednesday.

Oregon's population is around 1,450,000 so the call would reach about 36,250 Oregon youths, Wootton said.

Wootton said he had no idea at that time what length of time would be required to have draftees on their way to training camp if the proposed legislation is enacted. In the last draft, he said, men were inducted within 30 days.

Because draft boards went out of existence with the end of the war, Wootton said, no boards would have to be established to handle a new draft.

10 Bids on State Office Building

Ten contractors, including a number of the most outstanding on the Pacific coast, have submitted bids for construction of Oregon's proposed new \$2,000,000 state office building in Salem.

Bids will be opened by the state board of control at a special meeting here May 14. Several of the contractors interested in the office structure are now engaged in constructing other state buildings in the Salem area.

Board of control members said they hoped to have the office building under construction not later than June 15.

College Students Win Fellowships

Two Willamette university senior students, William Edwards, Albany, and Donald Hunsaker, Klamath Falls, have been awarded teaching fellowships for next year.

Edwards, who is now senior scholar for the economics department, will go to the University of Washington to teach elementary accounting.

Hunsaker, a senior scholar of the tax accounting class, will teach principles of accounting at the University of Oregon. While there he also will work on his master's degree, do research and supervise accounting laboratories.

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Plans for a meeting with Capitol Toastmasters Thursday, May 6, were discussed by Salem Toastmasters club at its meeting Wednesday night at Nohl-gren's restaurant.

Mrs. F. L. Utter was table topics chairman. Mrs. Herbert Simpson was toastmistress for the evening and others taking part were Ada Ross, Amanda Anderson, Mrs. Emerson Teague, Mrs. L. O. Arens and Mrs. James Hartley.

Lutheran Church Host to Meeting

Salem's Central Lutheran church will be host to an Oregon circuit meeting Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with churches of Astoria, Puget Island, Portland and Silverton represented. Convention theme is "Jesus is the Joy of Living."

Speakers will include the Rev. Gudmund Rundstrom of Enumac, Wash.; C. S. Aaron, Oregon youth leader, the Rev. Arthur Reesnes, Astoria, and the

Rev. C. A. Larson, Portland. The women's missionary federation will hold an organization meeting at 1:30 Saturday.

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