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Notes on the Presidential Candidates

We wrote the other day that all the candidates for president except Henry Wallace were apparently running against Uncle Joe Stalin. Another exception is Senator Robert A. Taft. In Ohio he's running against Stassen, pasting the new deal label on the Minnesota ex-governor and hoping to make it stick. Political forecasters however predict that Stassen will pick up a number of delegates in Taft's home state, which would be another blow at the latter's chances.

Actually Taft is a far abler and stronger man than the popularity polls indicate. He has a real philosophy of government and courage enough to adhere to it, often to his own political detriment. While his reactions may be too conservative to meet the temper of the time, one cannot question his intellectual honesty. So refreshing is it to have a man with positive ideas in politics that it is disappointing he attracts in the popularity polls (which is pretty much what the primaries are) so small a percentage of the voters.

Harold Stassen seems to have set both the pattern and the pace for the Oregon competition. Governor Dewey is adopting Stassen's tactic, only more so, in making virtually a doorbell circuit of the state in May. Evidently the New York governor, whose home is on a farm in New York state, plans to leave no corner unturned—and few hands of voters unshaken—in his bid for Oregon's preference.

Henry Wallace is making friends with the Townsendites. He coddled the "senior citizens" in his CBS broadcast Wednesday night. Not as much of a political factor as they were 10 years ago the Townsendites are still loyal to the idea of liberal old age pensions; but most of them are too conservative to have any truck with Henry's communist following.

News from the democratic front is that Gael Sullivan, executive director of the national committee has resigned. He quits to take a \$50,000 a year job—also to get out of trying to run the democratic campaign this year. His has been a sorry task, with his party cracking up under him, and President Truman giving him little or no help. He tells Chairman McGrath that his "heart will be with you." But it is pretty well broken after his harrowing experiences as party manager.

"Roberta" to Close Drama Year

The drama department, which has already presented three fine plays during the year, will close its repertory with the operetta "Roberta", music by Jerome Kern, lyrics by Otto Harbach, at the senior high school auditorium tonight and tomorrow night. Previous offerings have been "State of the Union", Berkeley Square and "Little Minister." All drew high acclaim from critics and audience. This program of actual production of good plays has been developed by Prof. Lloyd Jones, head of the drama department.

The plays have given drama students opportunity to develop their talents and at the same time have given the public the opportunity to see stage plays that have proven successful on Broadway and circuits over the country. Only one thing has been disappointing and that has been the size of the crowds. Though appeals have been made for public patronage, evidently too many people have thought they were of concern only to the university community, which is not true. They are popular plays which should attract the general public.

The tuncful operetta "Roberta" will be a major feature of May day week end, always a high point in the university calendar. Friends of the university and all those who want to enjoy an evening of fine entertainment should attend this presentation tonight or tomorrow night.

Not So Funny

Last year a California school group studied the children's "comic" books and decided they weren't as bad as some reformers had pronounced them. They decided that kids read the superhuman exploits of the crime-don't-pay-strip heroes with a tongue-in-cheek attitude, and that perusing the fast-action panels was a mild and harmless form of recreation for city-bred youngsters.

Judge Daniel A. Roberts of Chicago would say "fie" to that. He just sentenced 13-year-old Howard Lang to 22 years in prison for the murder of his seven-year-old playmate. And the judge indicted horror "comics" and parental irresponsibility in strong terms, as the two influences most responsible for Howard's crime.

True, Howard didn't have a happy homelife. Maybe his father "sold synthetic gin, and his mother didn't care" like the old Bowery song. So the little tow-head took refuge in the comics and from their garish illustrations learned in gruesome detail a multitude of atrocities, from intricate tortures to "clean-cut" slugging and sapping. The stories always have the old "it-don't-pay" moral tacked on, but before the child gets to the end he experiences vicariously so much that is bad that such conditioning renders him unable, finally, to distinguish between right and wrong.

Said the judge: "That these publications are permitted to be sold to the youth of the country is a travesty upon the country's good sense." His 11-page judicial opinion contains enough body blows at the comics to make even Superman look a little green around the gills.

Republicans ought to avoid the mistake they made last year in fighting confirmation of appointments to the atomic energy commission. Holding them up would be pure (or impure) politics. It would quite effectively demoralize the work of developing atomic energy plants and atomic research, and that is too great a price to pay for the spoils of a few offices.

The Portland Oregonian is engaged in a great journalistic battle. No, it isn't taking any hand in the hot presidential primary campaign, or in the race for governor or members of the legislature; nor for mayor (walk wide around that one). But it is opening up its editorial guns on the weatherman. Such courage deserves commendation, even if the campaign is bootless.

Though Queen Elizabeth is Scotch there was no bagpipe music when she and King George celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Some one had poured hot coffee into the bagpipes. What saxophones are to the USA bagpipes are to the English.

No political defection in Marion and Polk counties. Primary registrations show republicans still strongly entrenched in these counties, though in spite of registration they wavered sadly in the campaigns of the late FDR.

Construction of a railroad into Alaska is now being urged. Recalling the Alcan highway and the Canol oil project one would think the U.S. had sunk enough money in the north for this generation.

SEEMS TO ME

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bonds issued for the lands purchased and to accumulate funds for forest development. The lands will be held permanently though probably exchanges will be made to permit blocking of tracts.

Under this policy counties will have a continuous income which in course of time will be greatly in excess of the taxes formerly derived from the lands. Also the state forests will be a reservoir of timber to support industry and community life. They will also help avert too great monopoly in forest industries. That tendency is apparent in Oregon.

Long-Bell for example has just bought out another Oregon timber concern. The great need now is a vigorous attack on the deforested lands which have been burned over so often they do not re-stock themselves. The Tillamook burn is the big desert and if voters approve a bond issue proposal which has been submitted by the legislature this attack can be made. Eventually state forests will be great asset for the state, for the local taxing districts and for the industries and institutions in the area where they are located.

Richard Eoff To File Today For New Trial

Application for a new trial is to be filed this morning on behalf of Richard Eoff, convicted April 21 on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Eoff's attorney said Thursday the petition will come before Circuit Judge George R. Duncan, who had delayed sentencing Eoff pending the application.

The attorney, E. R. Ringo, said Thursday night he would base the petition on three alleged points—the court's refusal to give to the jury more than three of the eight instructions requested by the defense; the court's instruction that the jury might find Eoff guilty on the original charge or a lesser one, namely assault with a dangerous weapon; the absence of the defendant from the courtroom at the time the jury originally submitted its verdict.

Sentencing of Eoff had been set for last Saturday but was continued for one week. He was convicted of assaulting Mrs. Lillian Gardner, elderly Salem woman, with a flashlight in her home last February.

Army Seeks Enlistee for Post in Salem

Salem's U.S. army recruiters are looking for an enlistee to serve, on all places, right here in Salem.

This de luxe assignment, and a similar one in Corvallis, calls for an administrative specialist to assist on a regular duty status in the organized reserve instruction group. Salem already has on duty as instruction officer for army reserve components, Capt. Richard Reynolds.

Applicants must be World War II veterans who were discharged in staff sergeant or higher grade, with occupational specialty number of 502, after at least two years' overseas duty. They can be accepted only for three-year enlistment.

Applicants are advised to bring their qualification record (form 100) to the army recruit office in Salem postoffice.

Pay for a man qualified for this assignment would total well over \$300 per month, recruiters said.

Renovation of Home Granted

A \$6,000 addition more than doubling the size of his house was approved Thursday by the city building inspection department for H. P. Anderson at 2015 N. 17th st.

The project will add a living room, three bedrooms and bathroom to the present 22 by 24 foot building which is to be converted into kitchen and utility space.

Other city building permits issued Thursday authorize three new houses for Lawrence Brown, at 2655 Skopli st., estimated to cost \$6,000; L. W. Schunk, 1030 N. 22nd st., \$4,000, and Wayne H. Kuhl, 2835 Sunrise ave., \$9,000.

A \$1,000 house alteration at 268 N. 17th st., was approved for P. H. Hilmoe, a \$800 house relocation at 1860 Maple st., for Cecil Howe and a \$255 remodeling project for Julia T. Olson at 2224 N. Liberty st.

Betas Form Alumni Club

A Central Willamette Valley chapter of Beta Theta Pi fraternity alumni association was formed Thursday noon with George Todd of Salem elected president.

Other officers are Willard Marshall, vice president, and J. Howard Schubert, secretary-treasurer.

Twelve alumni attended the meeting in Golden Pheasant restaurant, conducted by Dr. G. Herbert Smith, president of Willamette university and of the national fraternity. Future meetings were set for the third Thursday of each month.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"If there's a draft, I'll go into some outfit like the infantry—none of this Atom bomb combat duty for me!"

Nominees for WU Student Posts Revealed

Candidates for student body offices at Willamette university for the next school year were announced yesterday from student body president Stuart Compton's office.

All candidates received nominations after presenting a petition bearing names of 25 students to the student manager, Dr. Daniel Shulze, last Wednesday. Voting for the officers will take place Tuesday and Wednesday.

Candidates for student body president are George Hurt, Warrenton; Charles Cloudy, Ketchikan, Alaska; and Stanley Ryals, Salem. First vice president, William Harris, Seattle; Wash; Patricia Holtz, Portland; and Ray McCoy, Turner. Second vice president, Betty Ferguson, Richland, Wash.; Albert McMullen, Taft; Gordon Murdock, Salem; and Robert Sayre, Beaverton.

Joan Cloudy, Ketchikan, Alaska; Carol Diamond, Portland; Edith Fairham, Salem; and Joan Thomas, Port Orford, are on the ballot for secretary.

Candidates for class representatives to the student council are seniors, George Gottfried, Salem; Cecil Johnson, Pendleton; and Jesse Jones, Hood River; Juniors, Rex Edmonson, Portland; Ray Carl Krause, Portland, and the Atkinson, San Mateo, Calif., and Russell Tripp, Albany; sophomores, Jack Eby, Astoria; William Ross, Salem; and Frank Washburn, Portland, only candidate for yell king.

Status of Hillcrest, Training School Charges Defined

Children committed to Oregon's training schools cannot be classed as criminals, Attorney General George Neuner ruled Thursday in an opinion for the state board of control.

Neuner stated that the state training school for boys at Woodburn and the Hillcrest school for girls in Salem are not penal institutions. He said the school's function is to protect the children rather than punish them. The inmates, he said, are classed as delinquent or dependent children, not criminals.

Stocks End on High Ground

NEW YORK, April 29 (AP)—Fast demand for oil and railway shares had small effect on a generally bullish stock market today.

Oil and rails closed fractions to more than 2 points higher. Most other issues changed very little.

Gains finally outweighed losses but it was a close shave — 425 issues higher, 382 lower. Volume of 1,480,000 shares compared with 1,400,000 Wednesday.

On the average, the market was up 1.1 of a point at 67.4, as measured by the Associated Press index of 60 stocks.

Socoxy-Vacuum Oil Co. reported net earnings of about \$33,000,000 for the first quarter, against \$19,000,000 in the like 1947 quarter.

Evidently Wall Streeters figured the oil producers would do all right for themselves in the months to come. Domestic demand has soared to new peaks and the industry has tried to keep up not too successfully in some cases — by expanding output to the limit of its facilities.

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Politics on Parade . . .

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

Today's subject: **Frank M. Farmer (r)** Candidate for National Delegate

Frank M. Farmer of Rickreall, Polk county, is actively engaged in his campaign for delegate to the republican national convention at Philadelphia next June from the first congressional district of Oregon. Delegates are elected at the May 21 primaries, and there are two to be chosen from this district.

Farmer was born in East Tennessee in 1888, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1892. He has resided in Polk and Yamhill counties since that time, where he is engaged in general farming, fruit and nut growing, and in the warehouse business. He is very successful and has large holdings in Polk county.

He was Polk county commissioner from 1926 to 1934, and during World War II he was a member of the Polk county selective service board, serving under appointment of the then Gov. Charles A. Sprague.

Farmer is a member of the board of directors of the Oregon Farmers Union cooperative, and is a charter member of the Willamette Valley Cherry Growers association formed in 1932, and has been a member of that board ever since.

He married Blanche Fawk and they have two children, Robert and Ruth, who have attended Willamette university and Oregon State college. Farmer is a member of the Methodist church, Masonic lodge and the Salem and Independence Gun clubs.

His slogan on the ballot is — "If elected, I shall vote as directed by the republican voters of Oregon."

(Sunday: Fred S. Lampert.)

Improvement of South River Road Slated

Shoulder repair and grading will be provided for South River road, Marion county court decided Thursday following a request by a local delegation and inspection by Commissioners Ed Rogers and Roy Rice.

A county crew Thursday did considerable patching of the road as far south as it is oiled, said Rogers.

The delegation comprised the Salem Chamber of Commerce roads and highways committee, headed by A. C. Haag, and several residents along South River road, including representatives of Salem Saddle club. They urged a program of maintenance to keep the road in proper shape for its heavy traffic until it is improved as the highway to the projected Willamette river bridge at Independence, which is expected to be completed within about two years.

The road is included on the schedule for federal aid and has a priority only second to Salem-Silverton highway, according to the court.

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Sears Elected By Hereford Association

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman
R. B. Sears, route 3 Salem, was elected first president of the Oregon Polled Hereford association, organized at a called meeting Thursday night at Marion hotel.

Don Chittendon, secretary of the national Hereford association, Kansas City, Mo., served as chairman.

Assisting Sears will be Dick Ward of Halsey, vice president; Ben A. Newell, Salem, secretary-treasurer, with directors including Paul Townsend, Gervais; Roy Newport, Detroit; Frank Studnik, Scio; B. O. Tom, Alsea, and C. E. Newton, Corvallis.

The group voted to hold a tour following the state fair this autumn and its first sale here in February. Interest in Polled Hereford entries in the state fair itself will be encouraged, and the next meeting will be held in late May or early June, the exact date to be set by the newly elected president and secretary.

Chittendon, speaker, told that at the first Polled Hereford meeting held in 1901 a total of 11 head were represented while today there are 350,000 Polled Herefords registered in the United States. In 1947 alone 32,000 head were added, and 1948 is running about 10 per cent higher than last year, the speaker said. Shows, sales and tours were the three projects, Chittendon said, which would keep cattle organizations alive, and he urged the newly formed group to work toward these as annual affairs. He closed with the statement that the Willamette valley seems ripe for additional beef cattle. In order to raise cattle successfully you have to have water, shade and grass, and you certainly have all three here.

Concert Series Approved by Local Group

By Maxine Buren
Statesman Music Editor

Five first-rate performances are promised Salem Community Concert association members in next winter's series selected at a meeting of the board of directors Thursday afternoon.

Leonard Warren, baritone from the Metropolitan, Chicago, San Francisco and Latin-American opera companies was selected to open the series in October. Warren has become known as one of the greatest singer-actors of the day, and was given high praise by critics in cities where he sang last year.

Tosny Spivakovsky, Russian born violinist with a steadily mounting popularity will appear here in December. A naturalized citizen of the United States, he has appeared as soloist with several of the country's leading orchestras. All critics in San Francisco, following his initial performance there in January, went "all out" for his playing.

Third in the series will be Eleanor Steben, soprano of Metropolitan and radio fame. Featured singer on the Firestone hour for several years, Miss Steben is one of the most popular of sopranos of our day. She will be in Salem in April.

Vronsky and Babin, best known of the duo pianists were selected by popular acclaim. They are recognized as top in their field. The series has had, to other duo piano teams, both of which proved highly popular. Theirs will be a March concert.

The final program in March is one which should be looked forward to with anticipation. Ruth Mata and Eugene Hart, a pair of satirists and mimes who come with four assisting artists. Their programs are said to be delightful, with entertainment for the eye, ear and imagination—a "pure case of nonsense translated into real art."

Selections of artists were made by the board, on the strength of many telephone calls from members, and a suggested list given by those attending the workers meeting this week.

Iron Fireman Plans Agency

Opening of a Marion-Polk county agency for Iron Fireman equipment was announced Thursday by C. J. Hansen, whose firm will open Monday at 2303 Fairgrounds

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vd. The business will retail stoves, furnaces, conversion units and boilers. Hansen, who has been connected with the heating and automobile business in Portland, has purchased a home on McCain avenue for his wife and 8-year-old son.

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