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Hardy Perennial

Socialists have just nominated Norman Thomas for president a sixth time. He's one time ahead of the late Eugene V. Debs, a five-time loser. No one expects Thomas to win, but the gallant old fighter for socialism will carry the party banner as he has in presidential campaigns and in between for over a score of years. Thomas is a man of different stamp from Debs, who belonged to the older era of the socialist party, when most of its members were tough mugs who would urge: "De bombs, dem's de things." Thomas is an intellectual, who was once a Presbyterian minister. He remains one who is sensitive to social evils but a bitter foe of those who would impose the communist totalitarian order and call it socialism.

Always a minority party, the socialists got less than 90,000 votes in 1944—only a tenth of what they polled in 1932. Theirs is largely a protest vote, and many were jobless and hungry in 1932. In later elections many found haven under the banner of Franklin Roosevelt.

Although the principal thesis of socialism is state ownership of the tools of production, its platform includes other planks, many of which have merit. Its socialist program does not call for violence, but use of democratic methods, and presumably it would be put into effect gradually, as the labor party is doing in Britain.

The convention which nominated Thomas for president endorsed the plan for European recovery and favored its extension. Thus it differs from the communists who, following the Moscow line, are hostile to the Marshall plan. The party platform also favored abolishing the U.N. right of veto, partition in Palestine, civil rights legislation.

Minority parties play a part in a democratic society. They often spearhead drives for reforms which the larger and more conservative parties later may adopt and write into law. If one re-reads the platform of the old Populist party of the 1890s he would find many of its proposals have since become law through the party never won a national election.

Norman Thomas himself is an able man and an interesting personality. He has few equals as a platform propagandist; and is one of the most popular members of Town Hall's forums. While a staunch advocate of the socialist cause, he tempers his ardor with a good sense of humor. He is particularly skilled at spraying the leaders of the older parties with his shafts of wit and ridicule.

Unlike the brook Thomas will not go forever, and the socialist cause will lose an eloquent and highly respected champion when he yields his place and the political scene will miss one who was always ready with horse and lance for a jousting in the cause of social justice whenever heralds sounded the trumpets.

Propaganda—or Good Movies?

Hollywood motion picture producers are in the market for an expensive steak to soothe their collective black eye. They're embarking on an epic publicity program to keep friends and influence film-goers.

The Motion Picture Association of America with Eric Johnston, the Theatre Owners of America with Gael Sullivan (late of the democratic national committee) and other plucky organizations want to lure people back to the movie houses because the public has not responded favorably to the latest batch of tripe on the screens. A long article in the Wall Street Journal tells how.

First, Hollywood wants to convince people that Donald Duck, Ingrid Bergman and friends are not communist agents. Cinema's role as a "bulwark of democratic capitalism" will be underlined with direct anti-communist propaganda pictures like "Iron Curtain" and "Vespers in Vienna."

Second, Hollywood wants to advertise itself as just another American community of clean-cut, hard-working, home-loving boys and girls. Presumably, this would mean fewer fiascos like the Turner-Topping wedding. Thirdly, a subtle campaign is under way to overcome the bad publicity over films that have gone little but glorify criminals and ladies of light repute. That would indicate a moratorium on pictures like "Forever Amber" and "Al Capone."

The whole public relations job is a press agent's dream. Speeches, public opinion polls, releases, special shorts and trailers and other gimmicks of the drum beaters' trade will be employed. Educators, women's clubs and other self-styled guardians of public morals will be notified that H'wood and its products are wholesome and true to the American way of life. Stogees everywhere will be busy spreading goodwill and sweetness and light.

All of which seems to be just a merry race around the mulberry bush. It misses the point completely. Seems as though the best way to convince the public that Hollywood deserves the millions of dollars it gets every year and the movies are worth sitting through would be direct action. The plan outlined, so far, consists mainly of an elaborate scheme to salvage Hollywood's own conscience by telling everyone how innocent and good Hollywood is.

Undoubtedly, the public would be much more impressed if the film people quit looking at mirrors and went to work on some really excellent motion pictures. Well-written, decent and honest films that make good use of the great opportunities for expression and influence that the motion picture has, will give Hollywood the good name it is trying to buy with propaganda.

A Lebanon housewife whose husband is a war veteran struggling to get a start won a \$20,000 radio contest last week, with the aid of B. Mike. One doesn't begrudge her and her husband the good fortune, but these king-size radio competitions are banal. The rewards are out of all proportion to the effort or intelligence used in winning. It's pretty much a case of nothing for something.

Mr. U Saw, former premier of Burma, got his last wish: he was hanged privately in a jail near Rangoon. Evidently he didn't want to have others see Saw swing.

Coos Bay fishermen are first in this season with reports of a sea monster, one noted on a reef offshore. The queer animal rises near a fishing smack, rolls his eyes, smacks his mouth, then submerges. His habitat is reported as near Whisky Run reef. His name must be "bottoms up."

V-E day passed without special note in this country. Lawmakers are too busy making appropriations anticipating another war to pay much attention to the one concluded three years ago.

Removal of the Guardian building is changing Salem's business-district skyline more than a little. A member of the Chamber of Commerce emerging to the street from Monday's luncheon commented that "for a split second I couldn't recognize just where I was."

If this would-be-president pressure gets any more intense in Oregon, candidates for state offices might feel impelled to sue Dewey, Stassen et al for alienation of publicity space.

If that Goodyear blimp was responsible for the sudden break in the weather Sunday, we'll vote to keep the big bag around for a considerable spell.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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does the employment of millions of other workers and the health and security of the people.

When Johnson says "We have done all the giving" he doesn't mean that they have "given" any benefit they now have, but rather that they have reduced the nature or extent of their demands for higher wages and better working conditions. The railroads feel that they have done as much "giving" as they should be expected to when they agreed to the recommendations of the government board. The brotherhoods, dissatisfied with that award, press for larger concessions. That is the gist of the controversy.

So here we are again where we were two years ago, with the army running the railroads; and there we were once before with the navy running the coal mines. This form of government interference is highly undesirable. It doesn't settle the issues. What solution is there other than compulsory arbitration for such essential operations as running the railroads, digging the coal and such? Both in theory and in practice much argument may be found against compulsory arbitration; but again one is forced, in the face of these periodic strike threats, to inquire: What other solution is there to this critical problem in our national life?

This question of stoppage of essential industries because of breakdown of negotiations between management and labor is the critical one of the national life. A coal strike next summer on top of a rail strike now would just about elect a ticket composed of Senator Taft for president and Congressman Hartley for vice president!

Ballot Favors Union Shop

A union shop was favored 23 to 2 in a machinist union election last week at Salem Iron Works, Marcus Schmele, business agent for machinist lodge district 163, said Monday.

The election was held Friday under provisions of the Taft-Hartley labor act which call for such an election of employees when a union shop clause is inserted in a work contract.

Another such machinist union election will probably be held this week in Dallas at Gerlinger Implement company, Schmele said. Schmele and Stanley Quamme, president of the Salem machinist local, attended a monthly conference of the state machinist council at Klamath Falls over the weekend.

Schmele said Monday that the 450 machinists in the Willamette valley area are watching with interest the progress of the Boeing aircraft plant strike in Seattle, Wash. Outcome of negotiations is expected to influence future actions of locals in this area, he stated. The Boeing plant was struck by the machinist union in mid-April after 15 months of negotiations.

Campus Loses Young 'Pledge'

A pledge, seven weeks old, of Phi Delta Theta fraternity on the Willamette university campus is lost, strayed or stolen, report members of the fraternity. After paying several dollars in initiatory immunization and distemper shot fees, Phi Delta Theta members were much chagrined Monday to find that their newest pledge, a male Shepherd puppy, was missing from the Baxter hall dormitory.

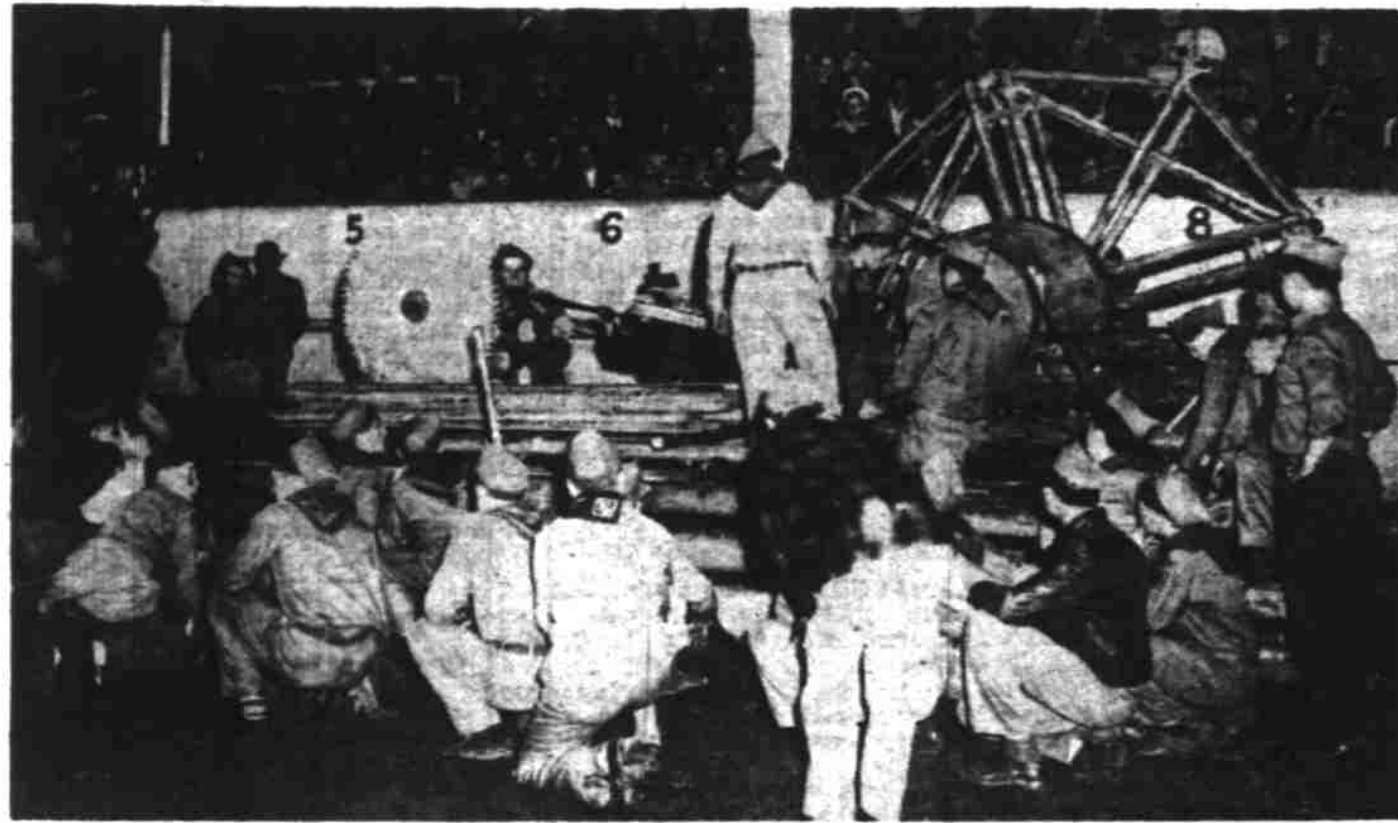
Phi Deltas report that the little pledge, whose pledge period consists of becoming housebroken, has no name but may be recognized by its brown and black markings. He might answer, they said, to "Phi Delt" but would growl if any other fraternity was mentioned.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



—Your work has sunk to a treasurable depth, Comrade!—Word arrives that one of your compositions has reached the top of the Capitalist III Parade!

Scouts Erect Sawmill, Bridge at Circus



Dan Jarman Rites Slated Wednesday Afternoon Here

Funeral services for Dan B. Jarman, Salem business man who died at Santa Monica, Calif., last Wednesday, will be held from Clough-Barrick chapel Wednesday at 2 p.m., with the Christian Science church in charge.

Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial park. Active pallbearers will be Carl Hogg, E. C. Charlton, Henry Hanzen, Mal Rudd, Miller B. Hayden, Linn C. Smith, Sol Schlesinger and Loyal Warner.

Honorary pallbearers will be J. N. Chambers, Dr. Fred Thompson, Homer Gouley, Guy Hickok, Homer H. Smith, Douglas McKay, A. C. Haag, Robert L. Elstrom, George Putnam, L. W. Ray, S. Alton, Clay Cochran, Frederick S. Lampert, David W. Eyre, Paul Wallace, Charles A. Sprague, Lowell Kern, G. McKie, Harry Collins, Carl Gerlinger, sr., George Rossman, Jesse Gard and George Grabenhorst.

Jarman, founder of J. C. Penney company stores in Dallas and Salem, died of a heart ailment in his Santa Monica summer home. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Edith M. Jarman of Santa Monica; three daughters, Mrs. Bayard Flindley of Rickreall, Mrs. F. A. Burg of Santa Barbara, Calif., and Mrs. E. O. Reynolds of Everett, Wash.; five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; two nieces and two nephews.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

Can You Imagine?

To the Editor: Can you imagine Wallace in the White House and Taylor presiding in the senate, "with his banjo on his knee," calming unruly senators with his cowboy songs? Marcantonio, secretary of the interior, Joe Latta, secretary of war, Harry Bridges secretary of navy, etc., etc. A real "people's cabinet." Hens receive a bonus for extra eggs. If good crops threaten plow them under. If meat gets down so that a poor man can afford it, kill little pigs and calves along lines he put into effect when secretary of agriculture. Russia the most favored nation, white and negro marriage demanded, Stalin chief presidential adviser, etc., etc. J. E. Putnam, Salem, Oregon.

Silverton Woman's Club Plans for Installation

SILVERTON — Officers for 1948-49 will be installed at the Monday luncheon meeting of Silverton Women's club at Silver Falls lodge when past presidents will be special guests. To be installed are President, Mrs. Tom A. Anderson; vice president, Mrs. Glenn Briedwell; secretary, Mrs. Hazel Riches; treasurer, Mrs. P. L. Brown; corresponding secretary, Mrs. P. A. Loar. It will be the final meeting, and the club will resume meetings in October.



Shown above are two of the main projects constructed at the Cascade area council Boy Scout circus in the state fairgrounds horse-show pavilion Saturday night. A model sawmill with big water wheel and saw blade is being hastily constructed (top photo) by Sweet Home troop 31, which won the circus grand prize for its construction. Another construction work which caught the spectators' eyes is the huge 100-foot-long tangle bridge shown being put up by scouts of Salem troop 10. Troop 10 is sponsored by Salem Kiwanis club and led by Col. Philip Allison. The Sweet Home troop is led by Sam R. Cairnes and sponsored by the Scouters association. The fourth annual circus drew 2,000 scouts, about 4,000 spectators and was sponsored by the Salem Lions club. (Statesman-McEwan photos.)

Parrish Gives Musical Day For Chamber

Parrish junior high school students presented a program of vocal and instrumental numbers at Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon, under the direction of Gretchen Kreamer, music director.

A chorus of 85 boys and girls sang several numbers with Mrs. Madeline Suko as accompanist. The girls later sang separately and the boys presented a Russian

dance song and "Kentucky Babe." A Norwegian folk song was sung, in costume, by Herdis Michelson, Norma Stewart, Dolly O'Neil, Esther Griffin, Sue Conrad, Sonja Anderson, Viola Wilcox, Barbara Young and Phyllis Ahalt.

Flute numbers were presented by Marilyn Broer, Dorothy McGregor and David Weeks. A brass quartet included Bob McCordille, Bob Hazel, Glen Benner and Robert Doughton.

Alice Rauser played first violin in a string sextet which also included Marcelene Kelley, Laurence Monk, Cecelia Weaver, Donna Lee Lange and Diane King. Carl Aschenbrenner, Parrish principal, introduced the leaders and Karl Thelen, school band director.

Eoff to Appeal 10-Year Term To High Court

Richard Eoff filed notice of appeal Monday to the state supreme court from a sentence of 10 years in prison on a conviction of assault with intent to kill.

In passing sentence Monday, Marion County Circuit Judge George Duncan also denied Eoff's petition for a new trial. Eoff was convicted by a circuit court jury April 21 of attacking a Salem housewife with a flashlight last February.

Eoff's attorneys asked for a new trial on their contention that the original indictment and the manner of returning the verdict by the jury were faulty. They assert that when the jury returned the verdict late at night, Eoff was not present, and that the jury had been dismissed but hastily reassembled when the verdict was read a second time in Eoff's presence.

Judge Duncan held Monday that the defendant was not prejudiced in any way by the jury mistake. He further held that Eoff's charges of a faulty indictment had already been passed on during the trial.

Maximum penalty for the charge is life in prison. Judge Duncan said he did not impose the maximum because of the jury's recommendation of leniency and "other factors."

Meanwhile disposition of Eoff, who is paroled from a Missouri prison on a life sentence for second degree murder, had not been settled Monday night, the district attorney's office said.

He is confined in Marion county jail until the district attorney and the Oregon state parole board reach a decision on whether to revoke Eoff's parole now and return him to Missouri or to wait until after the appeal is acted on by the high court.

Lebanon Scout In Honor Post

Rayce Howard, Eagle Boy Scout of Lebanon Explorer post 51, will represent Cascade area council in an honor troop at the 38th annual scout convention in Seattle May 19 and 20.

The convention is for about 1,500 adult scouts from over the nation. Salem Executive Gordon Gilmore will attend from Cascade council.

This is the first time the convention has been held in the Pacific northwest, Gilmore said. The honor troop will be used for escorting scouting dignitaries and will participate in pageants, dinners and meetings as special messengers.

Howard, one of 25 scouts from the councils in the northwest region, was named recently by the council selection committee.

Mrs. George Adams New Pringle Club President

PRINGLE — Officers elected by Pringle Women's club Wednesday for the coming year are Mrs. George Adams, president; Mrs. E. B. Kottek, vice president; Mrs. A. W. Kendrick, secretary-treasurer.

Members also drew names for next year's secret pal. It was decided to reveal this year's names at the meeting May 19. Two new members, Mrs. C. R. Moyer and Mrs. Shirley Roy were taken into the club. Other guests were Mrs. Eugene Grabenhorst and Mrs. Donald Huey.

Mother Enroute Here from Ireland

Mrs. Letty Rogers, 1449 S. Liberty st., employed in Miller's Mercantile Co., has received word that her mother, Mrs. Sarah Goggins, sailed Monday from Cork, Ireland, on the USS Washington and is due to arrive in Salem about May 21.

Mrs. Goggins is accompanied by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goggins, and their baby son, Jack. Mrs. Rogers has been in Salem for two years. Her husband is Vincent Rogers of the Salem fire department.

Requiem Mass Set This Morning for Geraldine Bales

Requiem mass will be read in St. Joseph's Catholic church at 9 o'clock this morning for Geraldine Bales, 15, Sacred Heart academy freshman, who drowned while swimming during a school picnic at Wecoma last Thursday.

The Sacred Heart choir will sing for the mass.

Miss Bales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Bales, of Salem route 8, in the Swegle district, went into the ocean on an outgoing tide during a freshman picnic and was swept out by the surf. Three other students who were in the water with the girl saw her sink beneath the surface.

She was a member of the Junior Catholic Daughters and society members will attend the services in uniform.

Surviving besides the parents is a younger sister, Patricia Bales.

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Frank A. Doerfler was born in 1888 near Silverton. His father, Joseph Doerfler, came to Oregon in the 1870's. Mr. Doerfler was for seven years Agricultural Director, Salem Chamber of Commerce, and for eight years Farm Advisor, Salem First National Bank. This gave him the opportunity of visiting most all the farms of Marion County and he knows all types of soil and crops grown. Therefore he should be of great assistance to the farmers.

During and after the war Mr. Doerfler served as Rural Chairman for Red Cross, War Chest, and Bond drives giving half his time to civic work. He is past director of Marion County War Chest, school boards, and Salem Chamber of Commerce; past president of Salem Parent Teachers Association, Garden Club, and Oregon Nurserymen Association. Mr. Doerfler is director of Oregon Reclamation Project, Norblad's District, having attended three National Conventions. He recently inspected most of Oregon's dam sites, bank erosion, etc., with U. S. Army Engineers.

Mr. Doerfler has for many years sponsored 4H Livestock Clubs, works with Boy Scouts, and is member of Isaac Walton League, Farmers Union, Grange, Elks, Eagles, Kiwanis, having been King King of Salem Cherrians in 1941.

In the 1947 Legislature Mr. Doerfler served on Social Welfare, Food, Agriculture and Livestock Committees. He is interested in advancement of education, State Institution improvement, better and safer highways, assistance to underpaid workers, and, having spent his life working in agriculture and livestock, realizes farmers' difficulties and needs. He is a man who can not be bought off.

Mr. Doerfler is for repeal of the Withholding Tax. His main object in the Legislature is to do good for the State of Oregon and to build an honest reputation that will be helpful to his children and grandchildren.

Pd. Adv. by Frank Doerfler for Representative Committee.

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