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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Wooing the Labor Vote

At the election time at least political parties and candidates become aware of the existence of a "labor vote," and they start wooing the same. Also the labor unions may start a little flirtation of their own so they will not be left as wallflowers when the dancing starts.

After the republicans nominated the Dewey-Warren ticket William Green, president of AFL, declared they were not satisfactory; but old Dan Tobin of the teamsters' union promptly said that Green wasn't voting the teamsters. Previously he had said kind words about Governor Warren, so the inference was plain that maybe Dan would desert the democrats and switch his support to the republicans. This would be a minor revolution — remember the famous teamsters' union banquet in Washington in 1944 when Dan spoke and then FDR? But FDR isn't a candidate this year.

Dave Beck, executive vice president of the teamsters' union took occasion during the convention to wire Warren that "no man who seeks the republican nomination would have the preferential position over yourself." The Oregon Teamster however makes it clear that only the executive board will speak for the teamsters and that not until after all parties have made their nominations.

Another large group which may be cultivated by republicans is the United Mine Workers. As usual Lewis is at outs with the administration. He may feel somewhat friendly to Joe Martin for his aid in settling the last walkout, and in the past a Dewey-Lewis underground was reported. So some overtures may be made by republicans to capture a large chunk of miners' votes. The moves will be discreet; after all the Lewis endorsement didn't help Willie in 1940.

Most political observers will tell you that union endorsements or opposition are not very effective. Workers are citizens who vote their own judgments and prejudices the same as other classes. They listen to what their leaders say, then generally vote as they please. But that doesn't stop campaign managers from trying to make deals for support from organized labor. And we may see some strange bedfellows before the 1948 campaign is over.

Hard Choice for Tito

When Russian communists say that Marshall Tito and his Yugoslav followers have put themselves "outside the family of communist parties" that is something right out of the horse's mouth. It means that Yugoslav partisans have lost their appeal to Moscow and Stalin, that the previous outburst of Cominform published in Prague was authentic. The party line is defined. Tito will conform or be kicked out.

This leaves Tito and his adherents in a difficult position. They have been accused of crimes that are most serious in the communist catalog: Trotskyism, conniving with western imperialists. Not only accused but condemned, after the usual communist style. To yield to Moscow's command would mean Tito's disgrace and a succession of executions or "house arrests." It would mean also that Yugoslav nationalism, always strong, would be sapped by the claims of the USSR for loyalty.

To resist means isolation for Yugoslavia. To turn to the west for succor means a serious breach from the communist group of states, difficult ideologically and risky militarily. Tito's choice is not an easy one.

There is one other course which Tito might pursue but will not. He might emulate Julius Caesar who while in Gaul heard of the machinations of his enemies in Rome and proceeded to "cross the Rubicon" for a showdown. Were Russia weaker, and Tito and Yugoslavia stronger, were other satellite powers rebellious Tito might throw down the gauntlet to the Cominform and the Kremlin. He dare not do that. The world awaits his move.

American Agriculture Scores Again

With wheat yields in the great breadbasket of America, the southwest, exceeding estimates, and the first prediction for the corn crop set at over three billion bushels the food outlook for the USA and the countries leaning on it is good. The wheat crop promises to be second only to the 1947 record yield and corn just under the record crop of 1946.

This means an abundance of wheat for domestic use and perhaps 400 million bushels for export. It means also large supplies of grain for animal feed — corn and millfeed, the byproducts of flour manufacture. It will encourage fattening of livestock and raising more poultry. Increase of supplies will have an effect on price levels, even with government price support, for current prices are well above parity levels.

The output of American agriculture during the 1940's has truly been enormous. Generally the weather has been favorable; but the farmers deserve great credit for what they have accomplished. With a small labor force, especially in war years, they have maintained or increased production. We cannot measure the importance of the contribution of American farms and farmers to the winning of the war and the saving of the peace.

Sen. Arthur Vandenberg has received the 1948 "freedom award." After being freed from the embarrassment as a possible presidential candidate and the burdens of a nominee and the possible responsibilities as a president the award is anti-climax. But the senator well merits distinction as "leading the united American people in the service of a free world."

A vitamin plant in Seattle blew up and killed two men. Just what letter of the alphabet was it working on that gave such explosive results?

Delay on Welfare Checks

Wage checks whether issued weekly or monthly have the virtue of regularity. Those who receive them plan their personal and home financing accordingly. When they are delayed, inconvenience follows. When the checks are the monthly allowance for the aged, the blind, and dependent children delay may be serious, because many depend entirely on these relatively small grants for their living.

It is most unfortunate therefore that Multnomah county's budgetary difficulties have caused a full week's delay in sending out public welfare checks for July. When the law is revised, as it should be at the next legislature, its provisions ought to be made more elastic so that one county's troubles will not hold up relief for the rest of the state, if that would not throw us out of conformity with federal law.

The tactics of the self-styled Vanport citizens disaster committee followed so closely the standard practice of commie groups that it was under suspicion from the time it sounded off. The extravagant nature of its bill of demands, its noisy demonstration in the city council chambers at Portland, its picketing, and its caravan "March on Salem", were part of a now readily recognized pattern. The mass appeal to Governor Hall was largely a promotional enterprise without expectation of result. The governor in cancelling the appointment neatly deflated the publicity value of the stunt.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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of labor, so does it have authority for its own preservation to set limits to the exercise of rights of labor organizations. Government, which is the political agency of social organization, cannot sit supinely by and watch society disintegrate.

This principle is pretty well recognized, although the machinery for applying it is not always readily at hand in a democratic society. Even in Great Britain the labor government had to invoke extreme powers to end a strike on the docks of London and Liverpool a few days ago. A "state of emergency" was proclaimed and soldiers were moved to the docks to take over if need be.

Yet it was the labor government, on its rise to power in 1945, which moved to repeal the law passed in 1926 after the general strike of that year which threatened to demoralize life on the island. The labor party leaders then denounced the government for use of its extraordinary powers to make slaves of the workers. Faced with a similar situation with ships laden with food riding at anchor in the Thames and the Mersey, the cabinet this year resorted to exercise of similar powers conveyed in the 1926 emergency act.

Calvin Coolidge rose to fame when he wrote in a letter to Samuel Gompers with reference to a police strike in Boston in 1919:

"There is no right to strike against the public safety by anybody, anywhere, anytime."

That was simply another way of stating the idea which Judge Goldsborough has set forth in denying to labor organizations the right or privilege of "adopting a process which will disintegrate society itself."

Laying down this principle is one thing, but determining the point at which exercise of the normal right to strike will produce social disintegration is something else. If injunctions are written out as easily as a traffic ticket then the right to strike would soon become a myth. Clearly the danger must be imminent and grave to justify injunctions on this ground.

Again enjoining a union against striking does not settle a dispute, as we are observing in this instance. The three brotherhoods and the railway managers have been at loggerheads for months. The managers take the position they cannot go beyond the recommendation of the government's mediation board and the brotherhood executives refuse to settle on that basis. John Steelman, the president's assistant, has tried hard but without avail to get the parties to come to an agreement. We need not assess blame at the moment; the fact obtrudes that the anti-strike injunction settles nothing.

Judge Goldsborough's opinion states a sound principle but it is merely a negative. We yet have hit on no formula that will insure industrial peace.

Jurors Called To Fill Panel

Twelve more names were added to the jury list of Marion county circuit court Wednesday by Marion County Clerk Harlan Judd. The new jurors reported at the courthouse Wednesday afternoon. Names included those of Gladys V. Woodruff, Edwin D. Buell, Effie C. Ulrich, Hester E. Fleener, Leone U. Henderson, George W. Bagnall, William J. Bishop, Minnie L. Utter, Laura M. Barham, John S. Coomer and Merritt W. Truax, all of Salem, and Maude A. Epley, Jefferson.

The additional jurors were called to fill a panel on an accident case started in court Wednesday morning. Ernesta Buck of Corvallis is bringing the suit against B. L. Wilson of Portland. The plaintiff is seeking \$32,000 damages for injuries allegedly received in an auto-pedestrian accident at Portland in 1940.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



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A law, forbidding fireworks within the city limits, and permitting them outside is a crazy one if I ever saw one because it simply dumps this infernal nuisance into the laps of the country folks, and if you did not like it, you could go somewhere where there was no noise. If you could find such a place and had the means to stay there about 6 weeks or so, because it all started more than a month ago, and will probably last for 2 or 3 weeks more.

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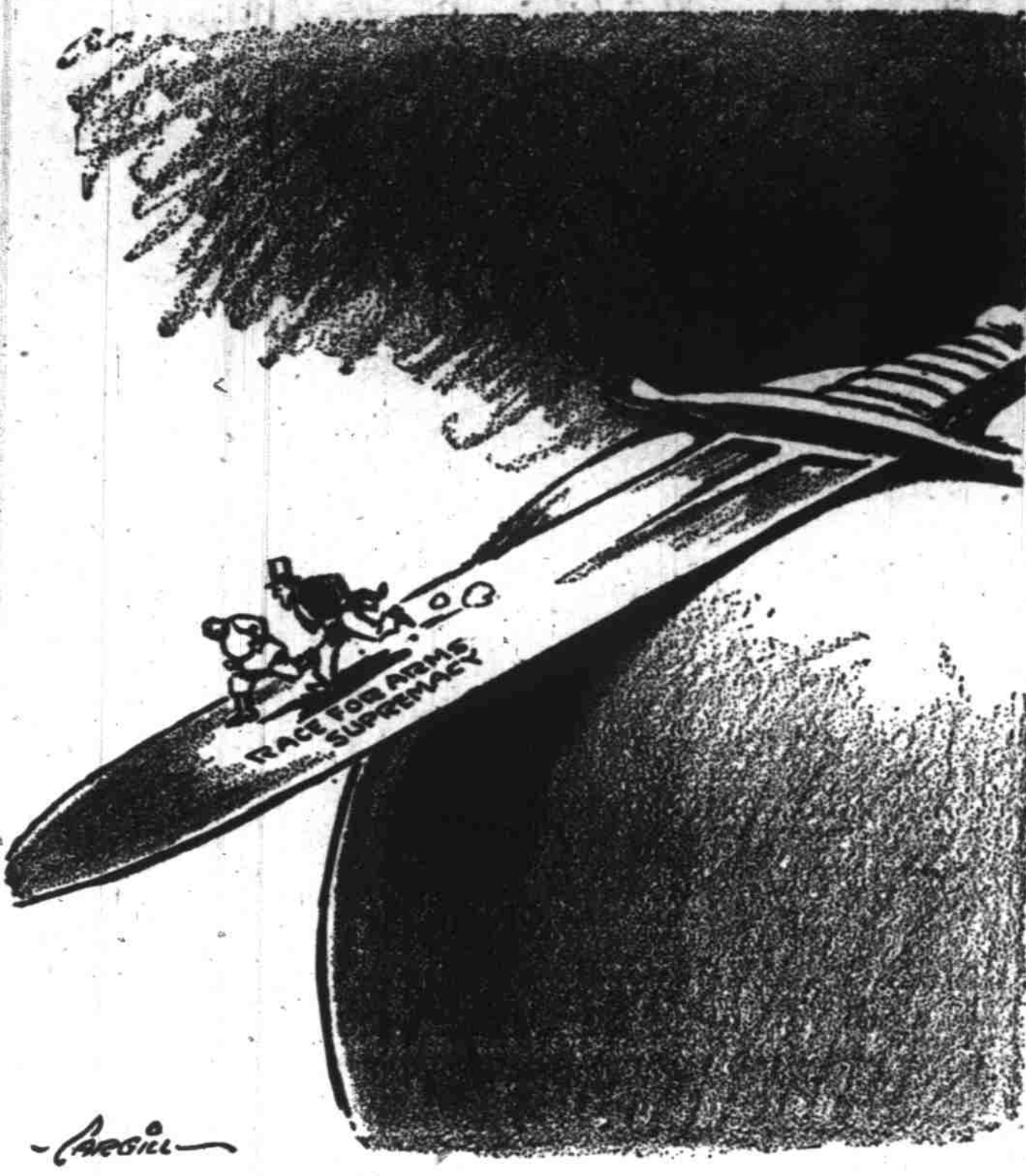
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Playground Director Lists City Recreation Needs at Luncheon

More playing fields, especially baseball diamonds, are the most pressing of four needs of the Salem city-school recreation program, Vernon Gilmore, city playground director, told Salem Rotary club at its Wednesday luncheon meeting in the Marion hotel.

Other needs in order he listed, are another swimming pool, at least seven neighborhood playgrounds for small children, and at least five community houses which will provide facilities now furnished by district schools in outlying areas. Facilities mentioned by Gilmore include kitchens, dining rooms, game tables and similar equipment.

Traces History

Gilmore traced the history of the Salem recreation program from its start with \$125 each given by Kiwanis and Rotary clubs to back it in 1922.

Thirty-four men and women are directing the playground work this summer which is sponsored jointly by the school district and the city of Salem. West Salem was added to the project last year.

Compared with the \$250 contributions of the Salem service clubs in 1922, the program cost \$26,626 in 1947 of which \$21,000 was for salaries and supervision. West Salem pays \$1,280 for its share, half provided by school district 24 and the balance in West Salem city funds.

Answers Complaint

Answering the complaint that many of those at the playgrounds should be aiding with the harvest, Gilmore said a survey was made at Olinger pool the hottest day last week. Most of the children were in the six or seven year age group and in many cases their parents were in the harvest fields. The other large group was of 15-year-olds, all but a few of whom were cannery workers off shift.

Many parents leave their young children at the playground for the day while they are in the harvest field and it is in this way the playground has made a contribution to the harvest problem, Gilmore said.

Farm Planning Is Sound Business

Planning the farm business with the aid of the county agricultural agent and economist from Purdue university has become one of the more popular projects of the Indiana farmers. It proves of interest elsewhere too.

No less than 3,500 farmers in 72 counties took steps the past winter to put their farming on a planned basis and went to considerable trouble to revise their systems. The program emphasizes that profitable livestock programs are built around the feed supply, produced by a sound land use and cropping system.

Although higher returns from labor can usually be obtained from crop production, livestock utilize labor that cannot be applied to growing crops. They provide for better distribution of this labor supply and make possible a larger volume of business on a given acreage. It is also easier to maintain soil fertility with livestock. Good efficient management of livestock is one of the most important single factors influencing livestock profits.

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Pamphlet Tells Veterans' State School Benefits

Oregon's state educational benefits of \$35 a month for World War II veterans are explained on a four-page folder now available to service officers, schools and individual veterans, the state veterans affairs department announced Wednesday.

The state benefits, provided by the 1945 legislature, are available to honorably discharged veterans who had six months active duty and who were residents of Oregon for one year immediately prior to entering service.

They are paid on the basis of 40 hours of academic or vocational school attendance per month, for as many months as the veteran spent in active service, to a maximum of 36 months. Active service must have been between Sept. 15, 1940, and Dec. 31, 1946. State and federal GI benefits may not be received concurrently.

Urban Elwood Rites, Portland

Funeral services will be held in Portland today for Urban H. Elwood, former Salem resident, who died Monday in a Santa Rosa, Calif., hospital where he had been ill with a heart ailment recently. He had previously been at the Bonville, Calif., residence of a daughter, Mrs. Doris Wilkin.

Surviving besides the daughter are his mother, Mrs. Belle Oxendyke, Coos Bay; two brothers, Ross Elwood of Coos Bay and Ellis Elwood of Salem; two sisters, Mrs. Claude Endicott, Eugene, and Mrs. Edward Filtrout, Coos Bay, and one grandson.

The funeral will be at 2 p. m. today in Holman & Lutz funeral home, Portland, with interment following in Rose City cemetery.

McKay Cites Need For State Roads

Despite the "staggering financial sum" it requires, a considerably improved state highway system is one of Oregon's immediate needs, State Sen. Douglas McKay of Salem told members of the Salem Exchange club Wednesday noon at a Salem hotel luncheon.

The republican candidate for governor asserted that Oregon shows every prospect of a bright future, with continuing growth in population, industry and tourist business.



Vacation Waits While Jurists Form Verdicts

Action on a tax surplus suit and a Gladys Broadhurst appeal from life prison sentence was still pending Wednesday when the state supreme court put off its scheduled summer recess day until later in the week