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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Pacific States' Growth

The astonishing thing in the report of the census bureau giving population estimates for 1947 is California's 9,812,000 population. All knew the state was growing, but that near-ten million figure puts it ahead of Ohio and Illinois and less than a million behind Pennsylvania. New York still leads with over 14,000,000.

Oregon in percentage gain ran a close second to California, with 41.8 per cent increase over 1940 against California's 42.1. Washington had a gain of 35.8 per cent to bring its population to 2,357,000. Oregon had 1,545,000. This brings the total for the Pacific states to 13,714,000. Still ahead of it are the middle Atlantic group of states, the north central, the south Atlantic, and the west south central.

The gain in the west is due to more births than deaths and to migration from other states. In general the high plains states lost population: Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Montana. Also losers were Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Oklahoma and West Virginia. The trend clearly continues to be from the rural states to the industrial states.

The figures confirm what we already know as to local growth (though the postoffice estimate of over 50,000 for Salem still seems high.) We know too what this growth means in the way of new homes and businesses: the evidences are in plain sight. What has happened is that the westward migration which was pretty well stopped by the first world war has got under way again with greater volume, as though to catch up for the delayed movement of the past quarter century.

One may ask: What will all these people do? From appearance they seem to be doing very well by themselves. Actually they are doing what their forerunners did from 1842 onward: settling in the region and finding occupation. Many are bringing a nest-egg of capital with them. They are buying homes, farms, tracts. They are setting up or buying out businesses. They are finding employment. Growth nourishes growth.

With this enlarged population which gives every promise of further increase the west will steadily emerge from a colonial status. Lack of market was always the complaint of the manufacturer who was urged to locate in the west. The ratio of population to area is still low in the west; but a population of 13¾ million people with relatively high incomes is a sizeable market in itself. It puts a diminuendo on the old complaint of lack of market.

There will be a growing self-sufficiency in the west, not only as to goods but as to services and brains and institutions. We'll still ship in quantities of manufactures; but we'll be shipping out more all the time. And there will be less dependence on eastern universities and medical centers and money markets. The west will supply a larger proportion of its cultural as well as economic needs. There is no ground for early fear however that it will become provincial.

Already the west has felt growing pains — in schools, housing, transportation, power. But it is moving to expand its facilities to care for the newcomers and those who are destined to follow. We must synchronize our plant expansion to keep up with this growth. But that does not mean we should telescope in a few years work that safely may be spread over a longer term. And yielding to the temptation to overbuild will bring disaster in the future as it always has in the past.

Quo Video

Living in Oregon in 1948, A. T. (After Television), is like living here a hundred years ago (before railroads). Then the settlers were isolated from civilization and talked wistfully about the iron tracks. Now the natives talk as hopefully about video.

This marvelous new toy is suitable alike for children (story hours and "Small Fry Club") and adults (sports: wrestling, boxing, baseball, political conventions; culture: concerts, operas, the theatre entertainment: vaudeville with different colored facepaint). By January 1, 1949, A. T., there will be 65 television stations in 42 cities in 28 states sending pictures to 910,000 vido sets watched by 66,868,100 enchanted people and some bored dogs.

The cheapest television receiving set costs $100 plus installation and repair charges but Mr. Jones, the fellow you have to keep up with, usually has the $2,500 variety. Gold-plating is extra, we suppose. Television, unlike bouncy AM radio waves, travels a straight line, believing that to be the shortest distance between two points. Mr. Einstein knows better, but then, he probably lives on a curve and doesn't have $2,500.

The average station can send pictures for 60 miles, but not over hill and dale. That requires airplanes which pick up a program and shower it down on an area 525 miles in diameter. They say eight Stratovision planes could provide a coast-to-coast network — something to impress the fellow still awed when he gets a Portland station clearly on his crystal set. Anyway, the nationwide network won't be here until 1955, at least.

All sour grapes aside, it must be pointed out that video doesn't come in color yet — just plain black and white like newspapers. Furthermore, television has "ghosts" and "bobbles" and other accidental devices to produce eye-strain. In addition, once you get a television set, the whole neighborhood beats a path to your living room and sprinkles ashes on the rug and keeps the kids awake.

Besides, Irving Kolodin in the Saturday Review of Literature said, "Television today is a fascinating study for anyone with the kind of curiosity that includes, say, reading the Congressional Record from cover to cover. It combines the same promise of better things with a rather hopeless kind of discontent for what exists at the moment."

Whatever its faults, television is progress, they say, and we feel its hot breath on our necks already. In a few months Oregon, too, will be bathed in the flickering light of the video screen. But while we may, let's get our kicks out of such utterly obsolete amusements as technicolor motion pictures, newsreels, self-changing phonographs and simple old static-ridden radio. After the railroads came, the pioneers probably got pretty nostalgic about the old-fashioned covered wagon.

Contracts are being let for building McNary dam. One calls for the supply of 1,320,000 tons of aggregate. It will take a lot of cement to bind that much sand and gravel together; so the local shortage may be longer than shorter.

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas reminded congressmen that the people cannot eat campaign speeches. But that will not reduce the mailing of canned speeches under the congressional frank.

"City Will Assess Vacation Benefits" runs a headline in the CJ. How do they weigh sunburn, mosquito bites, stiff muscles and a tremendous appetite?

Maybe it would help if we had a 30-day "cooling off" period on price increases.

If Premier Stalin really makes a deal with the western powers where will that leave the Wallace-Taylor peace ticket?

Democrats May Win Majority in Coming Senate

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9—Republican strategists have been surprised, and by no means delighted, by the results of a survey which has been quietly undertaken by the republican senatorial campaign committee. For the survey shows that a democratic senate next year is a perfectly serious possibility. A switch of four senate seats will throw the senate to the democrats. And the survey indicates that at least six republican seats in the senate are exceedingly shaky.

Stewart Alsop

One threatened senator is John Sherman Cooper of Kentucky. Kentucky is normally a democratic state, and Cooper has been hurt by the nomination for the vice-presidency of Sen. Alben Barkley, since Barkley is extremely popular in his native Kentucky. Thus Cooper is certain to have an uphill fight for re-election. His defeat would be a loss to the senate, for he has been a highly valuable member of that body.

Joseph Alsop

Only admirers of "The Chicago Tribune" and Col. Robert R. McCormick could say as much of Illinois' Sen. C. Wayland (Curly) Brooks, one of the colonel's most obedient creatures. The survey paints a dark picture of the Brooks political future. Paul Douglas, Brooks' democratic opponent, is popular and an effective campaigner. But the real reason why Brooks is in trouble is believed to be a growing weariness in Illinois with the postures, the policies and the politicians of the self-assured colonel.

Ball No Zig-Zagger

Sen. Joseph Ball of Minnesota is in like case. Ball also has a strong opponent in Minneapolis Mayor Hubert Humphrey. But Ball's major weakness is the fact that he has consistently zigged when he should have zagged. He zigged when he supported Franklin Roosevelt in 1944, thus alienating every regular republican in his home state. Having built up a reputation as a liberal, he then zagged violently, making one of the most reactionary records in the senate. He has thus shaken off both liberal and conservative support, as a dog shakes water off its back. And both the republican survey and local polls show that he is in bad political trouble.

The Brooks and Ball cases are of course complicated by the Wallace third party. The egregious Elmer Benson has been propelled forward to run against Humphrey, and Douglas will also have Wallace opposition, although both men have virtually spotless liberal records. However, it is interesting that the strategists in the camp of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who are far from political nincompoops, are inclined largely to discount the Wallace vote in the coming campaign, except in a few local situations.

Other Shaky Senators

Other shaky republicans are Sen. Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia, Sen. Edward V. Robertson of Wyoming and Rep. Ross Rizley of Oklahoma, who is bidding for a senate seat. The pompous Revercomb is opposed by former Sen. Matthew Mansfield Nealy, an oratorical left-wing hack. In defending Harry Hopkins in the New Deal days, Nealy described him as "chaste as the icicles on Diana's brow," a meaningless but pleasing phrase typical of the Nealy oratorical style. At any rate, Nealy's oratory must gratify the West Virginia electorate, for he is considered a very good bet to win.

Rizley, one of the Old Guard in the house, is given little chance against popular Gov. Robert Kerr of Oklahoma. And Sen. Robertson, chiefly remarkable for his long and passionate love affair with the navy, is equally weak against Wyoming's Lester C. Hunt, according to the republican survey.

The democrats, of course, have their weak spots too, chiefly in Montana and New Mexico. The republican survey also indicates surprising republican strength in North Carolina, of all places. And now that Estes Kefauver, who has been one of the most useful members of the house, has won the senatorial nomination in Tennessee, he might be defeated by the fatuous Carroll Reece, former republican national chairman. This is because Kefauver has so enraged the aging Boss Crump by his independence that Crump has castigated him as "a pet coon," among other epithets. With Kefauver nominated, Crump will sit on his hands, thus giving Reece a good chance.

Demo Senate Possible

Yet despite these compensating democratic weaknesses, the republican survey suggests that a democratic senate next year is a real possibility, provided Dewey does not win by a landslide. A very large majority for Dewey would almost certainly save the political skins of most of the six shaky republicans, since only a small proportion of the voters split their ballots. But what is chiefly interesting is that, of the six, all except Cooper are of the Old Guard faction which still rules the roost in the house, but which was soundly trounced at the republican convention in June. A great deal has been written of the vast upheavals in the democratic party. But the fact is that the republican party, too, slowly and soberly, is changing too.

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Dog Days!

Church, Wolcott, Fantz Backed For Progressive Party Ballot

(Story also on page 1)

Salem area men backed by the new progressive party in Oregon include A. M. Church of Salem, for presidential elector, Theodore Wolcott of Yamhill county for first district representative in congress and Charles M. Fantz of Silverton, a democrat candidate for Marion county representative in the state legislature.

These were among the progressive filings made by the deadline Monday at the statehouse. Those nominated will be designated under "progressive party" on the November general election ballots and those of other parties endorsed by the progressives will appear on the ballot as, for example, "democrat-progressive."

Still undecided by David O'Hara, chief of the state elections bureau, is validity of the nomination of Mrs. Peggy Carlson, widow of the late marine raider Evans Carlson. She is a resident of the first congressional district (Brightwood) but filed for congress from the third district.

Presidential electors, besides Church, who are pledged to support Henry A. Wallace for president and Glen Taylor for vice president, are Nick Chaivoe, James S. Fantz, Thomas G. Moore, Vaughn S. Albertson and Nels Peterson, all of Portland.

James R. Canon, Portland democrat, was endorsed for state senator, 13th district, Multnomah county.

Nominees for state representative, 5th district, Multnomah county, includes Estus H. Curry, Dorothy V. Drake, Paul Lehmann, Thomas G. Moore and Francis J. Murnane, all of Portland. Endorsements for state representatives from the 5th district are Robert W. Canon, Michael Loring and Homer L. Owen, Portland, all democratic nominees.

Another state representative nominee is Shirley M. Haskins, Milwaukie, 6th district, Multnomah and Clackamas counties.

Endorsed for state representative outside of Marion and Multnomah county are G. L. Ginther and John R. McKenzie, Milwaukie, 7th district, Clackamas county: Blane N. Fisher and Keith W. Bacon, Springfield, 14th district, Lane county; Marvin Berge, North Bend, 16th district, Coos county, and Mrs. Valerie Lee Taylor, North Bend, 17th district, Coos and Curry counties. These are all democratic nominees.

Voters' Okeh Clears Board On Extra Levy

Where a school district budget has been approved by the voters of the district, the school board directors are not personally liable if the levy is made thereon and it is subsequently discovered that statutory or constitutional limitations have been exceeded, Attorney General George Neuner held Monday.

Neuner ruled that, in general, a school official is only personally liable for loss or injury which ensues from the performance by him of any act not within the power conferred upon him by statute but is not liable for any loss or injury resulting from an act within the line of his duty. A mere mistake in judgment, Neuner held, does not impose personal liability.

Neither are school officials personally liable for contracts in excess of the debt limit where the taxpayers acquiesced in the performance of the contracts and the school district retains the benefits thereof, Neuner said.

Four Salem Police Fliers Entertained By Reno Officials

Four members of the Salem police aerial patrol returned to Salem from Reno, Nev., over the week end, after a three-day good will plane trip to the Nevada city, where they were greeted by the mayor, city manager and chief of police.

The four Salem officers, Leonard Skinner, Joseph Schuetz, Orrin White and Vernard Schmidt were greeted at the Reno airport by the city officials and given a police escort around the city.

While there they presented city officials greetings from Gov. John Hall, City Manager J. L. Franzen and Chief of Police Frank Minto. They also presented city officials with gifts from the Oregon state fair commission and the police chief with a rug, a present of Oregon Flax Textiles, Inc.

The officers were escorted about the city on the first day by U. S. Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada.

$3 Million Bond Sale Set for Loan

Sale of another $3,000,000 of bonds, to cope with the increasing demand for veterans' farm and home loans, will be advertised by the state veterans department within the next two weeks.

These loans are now being approved at the rate of approximately $600,000 a month. Bonds sold up to this time aggregate $6,000,000. The loans are being made on the basis of a 75 per cent maximum appraisal of the property to be purchased by the veteran.

Roger Kellogg Body Returned Here for Rites

The body of 2nd Lt. Roger William Kellogg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Kellogg, Salem returned to the U. S. from Europe on the Army Transport Lawrence Victory, June 24, will arrive in Salem Wednesday evening from Oakland, Calif.

Roger Kellogg was born in Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, Dec. 4, 1916, and came to Salem at the age of seven. He attended grade school, high school and Willamette university here and in February, 1935, entered the employ of the First National bank, where he was employed until he entered the army.

Lt. Kellogg was a member of the Oregon national guard, company B of the 162nd infantry, for several years prior to the war, but enlisted in the air corps in September, 1942, leaving Salem for training on Feb. 4, 1943.

He was graduated at San Marcos, Texas, and received his commission as a navigator on Feb. 5, 1944. He was assigned for duty at Rapid City, S. D. In April, 1944, his crew flew from Kearney, Neb., to England in B-17 bombers. Their first mission over the continent was made two days after D-day, and on their 18th mission, while bombing an oil plant at Merseburg, Germany, the plane was damaged by having two engines and other equipment put out of commission by enemy fire. While they flew back to England, they crashed in landing, killing three of the crew of ten, all 8th Air force members.

Survivors besides the father and mother are a brother, George H. Kellogg, and sisters, Ruth E. Kellogg and Dorothy L. Pugh, all of Salem.

Graveside military services will be conducted by the American Legion, Saturday at 10:30 a. m. at Belcrest Memorial park, in charge of W. T. Rigdon company.

The annual U. S. death rate from tuberculosis has been reduced from 100 to 35 per 100,000 in the past 20 years.

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"This goes to Mrs. Snodgrass, collect $3.60 and agree with her that things are too high . . . this goes to Mrs. Smood, collect $12.14 and blame everything on the administration . . . this goes . . ."

The Safety Valve

Professors, like Gaul Divide Into Three Parts

To the Editor:

In response to the article labeling Dr. Lovell as a "parlor pink," a bit of free verse evidencing a far greater familiarity with descriptive adjectives than with facts, I, a student of some free sampling in history and political science from some four universities have found that for the most part, lecturers group themselves into three classes in reference to the question of communism.

The first class ignores the very existence of any such ideology by by-passing any period in modern history which even hints of communism and as a result, the student has a number of international conclusions with no valid explanation.

The second group, of which I have had the displeasure of only hearing about, do, in fact support the communist party by advocating communism as a solution to all problems, economic, social, and religious. This class of lecturers make great gains with that dying race of sponge-like students who accept any word from the podium as a shining truth to be immediately absorbed by some mystic scholastic osmosis.

The third group, of which Dr. Lovell is a member, is composed of the intellectual Americans who realize, like any good football coach, that a good fight can't be waged against the opposition unless a study is made of its form of attack, its plays, and what makes it a team.

Young people who spend time and energy combating fascism, for the most part, did not have the opportunity to learn the structure and practice of the fascist state until the end of the war and their return to college. It is now good policy to show the evils of the Nazi and Fascist parties. Why then is it not good policy for students, who are mostly GI's, to learn the facts about the latest threat, communism. Since most of us are in line to be two-time losers, we would just as soon be allowed the democratic privilege of giving communism the same scientific analysis as the doctors and technicians are now giving cancer.

It all reduces to the common denominator that the quick critics commit the fallacy of grouping into a single class, both those who try to explain communism as a coach would explain the plays of a possible opponent, and those who do actually support and foster communism.

Paul M. Stocker
Salem, Oregon.

Salem Youth Selected To Attend Army School

Frank Lockman

PFC Frank M. Lockman jr., of Salem, was recently selected to attend the army signal school at Ft. Monmouth, N. J., it was announced by the school this week. Lockman is the son of Frank M. Lockman, 1525 D St. (U. S. army photo.)

Pay Deduction Plan Sought By '48 Chest

Contributions by payroll deductions will be encouraged by the Salem Community chest this year, it was agreed by chest board members at a luncheon meeting Monday in the YMCA.

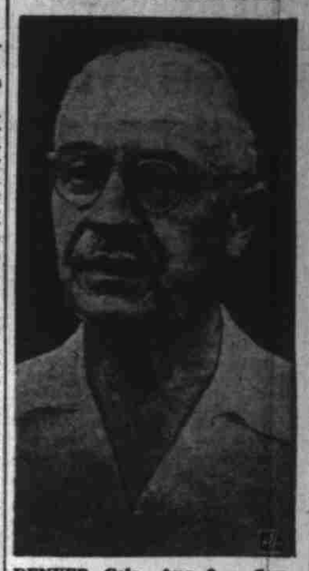
Campaign Chairman Al Loucks told the board he had interviewed employers and employes of 14 Salem firms and had found all of them in favor of a deduction plan.

Loucks' plan calls for deduction of one hour's pay from each of five consecutive pay checks, wherever a Salem citizen wihses to make his contribution in that manner.

Loucks and other board members stressed the deduction plan would be offered on a strictly voluntary basis. Division chairmen and their solicitors will suggest the plan in local business houses and industries.

Sitting in on the chest board luncheon Monday was a delegation from Silverton's chest, including Chairman Wren Metheny, Alf O. Nelson and O. E. Royer.

Sold Uranium



DENVER, Colo., Aug. 9 — Seward Potter (above) at Denver, Colo., confirmed a Washington revelation that Shattuck Chemical Co., of Denver, which he heads, sold several hundred pounds of uranium oxide and nitrate to the Russians during the war. Potter said the shipments were made with the knowledge of the U. S. government which made no effort to stop them. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

28 Candidates Augment Party Precinct List

A total of 28 candidates for precinct committeemen throughout Marion county filed Monday with the county clerk's office in Salem before the 5 p. m. deadline.

Twenty-two of the candidates were republicans and six democrats. They will vie for office in November's general election.

Republican candidates filing Monday were William Bliven, Salem route 3, Croisan precinct; Maude E. Williams, 441 N. 24th st., Salem precinct 6; P. J. Gilles, Woodburn, McKee; H. Grace Kowitz, 1961 Center st. 19; Earl DeSart, Silverton, Central Howell; John Warren Hakanson, 980 Locust st., 36; R. W. Land, 195 S. 23rd st., 30; J. Cal Schlador, Detroit, Breitenbush; Elsie Driever, Aurora, Donald; Karl Steiwer, Jefferson, Jefferson precinct; Mary L. Ashby, 230 S. 19th st., 30; Emory J. Lebold, 250 S. 16th st., 4; H. E. Saalfeld, 660 Edina lane, Auburn; Fred C. Klaus, 1045 N. 19th st., 25; Al Loucks, 255 E. Wilson st., 18; Charles E. Oggle, 640 S. Summer st., 12; John L. Stortz, 2376 Fairgrounds rd., 32; H. W. Lewis, 1045 N. 5th st., 9; F. F. Bodmer, 1157 Madison st., 7; Arthur A. Fisher, 690 Electric st., 34; Steve Anderson, 1587 N. Winter st., 8; Marjorie Waters Hamilton, 2060 S. Cottage st., 34.

Democrats filing were M. Agnes Schuneman, Marion hotel, 17; Kenneth W. Bayne, Salem route 7, Fairgrounds; Roy R. Hewitt, 630 N. Commercial st., 15; Lena M. Hewitt, 630 N. Commercial st., Salem, 15; John A. Rademaker, 453 Tryon st., 35; Edna M. Bishop, 1196 Chemeketa st., 11.

Three Charges Face Motorist; Jailed Here

Glover Sain, 140 N. 23rd st., posted a total of $55 bail in municipal court Monday on charges of reckless driving, liquor involved, and having no driver's license and was rearrested later by city police on a Marion county district court warrant charging larceny of an automobile.

Sain was arrested on the first charges Sunday morning at Bush and South Commercial streets and later the car was reported stolen by owner William Beatty, 4180 Hudson ave., police reported. Sain is held in the city jail on the larceny charge.

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