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### Salem Schools a Big Enterprise

Salem schools are indeed big business. They have increased in every respect particularly in the past few years. The number of pupils has increased. Consolidation has expanded the size of the district. New schoolhouses and additions have had to be built. Costs have risen. So the whole enterprise is one of large pro-

To give the voters a better understanding of the business side of SD 24's affairs we have gotten certain statistics from the school clerk. Here for example are figures on the costs for the past five years, with the estimate for the

	Operation	Outlay	Service	Total
1944-45	\$ 608,351	\$ 43,286	\$ 63,364	\$ 715,002
1945-46	723,080	74,836	61,702	859,619
1945-47	812,651	253,616	59,987	1,126,255
1947-48	1,269,030	347,998	57,907	1,674,936
1948-49	1,465,945	154,905	103,752	1,724,582
1949-50	1,675,174	256,796	111,157	2,043,127
For th	ne same ye	ars asses	sed valua	tions, tax
rates and	d costs per	pupil ha	ve risen a	s follows:
			Tax rate	Cost

Valuation 1944-45 \$18,394,720 116.08 1945-46 18,743,268 23.8 136.94 1948-47 20,730,085 25.1 1947-48 25,839,956 181.99 1948-49 27.338.638 207 1949-50(est.) 31,800,000 225. With more children to be cared for in the immediate future the prospect of any reduc-

tion in the total cost is slim indeed. However costs may level off and the rise in valuation help to hold down the millage. The school administration and the schoolboard must be observant of economic conditions and do their utmost to "temper the wind to the shorn lamb" Salem people want good schools and are will-

ing to pay for them. But costs being what they are conservative policies are called for in the years shead, lest in some period of tight pinch the voters reject the budget and put the schools in a difficult situation.

is with this warning that The Statesman is willing to recommend that the voters in SD 24 vote to approve the budget at the school election next Friday, with its levy of \$717.475 in excess of the six per cent limitation.

### Civil Rights in Oregon

The prediction by Portland's Urban League that putting fair employment practice principles into action in Oregon will not be too difficult appears to be borne out by a recent report on discrimination called "How Secure These Rights" by Ruth G. Weintraub.

 Oregon's law to lessen discrimination against minority groups was passed by the 1949 legislature and will go into effect in July, and, if the data in the Weintraub book is any indication, the transition ought to be painless. This is one of the states commended by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, publishers of the report, for its progress toward equal rights for individuals, regardless of race or

Elimination of all potentially discriminating questions from the joint application blank used for admission to Oregon colleges is cited as an example of anti-discriminatory action. However. Oregon is listed in the appendix as one the states which still has unfair questions on application blanks for admission to the practice of certain professions.

In the number of organizations dedicated to rabble-rousing, Oregon rates low. The report lists the Anglo-Saxon Christian association in Portland as the only bigoted group active in the state. The "Free Press" of Redmond is

given as the only anti-semitic publication in

The book does not discuss the status of discrimination in housing, public accomodations, credit associations and insurance companies in Oregon, although it cites instances of flagrant injustice in many other states. There are, for instance, 45 organizations which carry on outright anti-semitic or anti-negro propaganda throughout the United States. Restrictive covenants are still widely used by resorts and real estate groups. It's still hard for a Jew or a negro to get a college education, enter the professions, join a fraternal group or get proper insurance coverage in some parts of the country.

On the other hand, the balance sheet for 1948 shows that great strides against discrimination were made. The United Nations declaration on human rights, the president's committee on civil rights report, supreme court decisions on restrictive covenants and college admissions are all milestones of progress. Increase of states with FEPC laws, widespread publicity for intergroup tolerance, the statements on human and civil rights by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America and the United Council of Church Women are evidence that people are taking democracy more seriously.

## Stretching Freedom of Speech

The supreme court, all of whose members but one, Chief Justice Vinson, were appointed by President Roosevelt, turned in another of its no-frequent five-to-four decisions Monday. The court radicals supported Justice Douglas's opinion that the fine imposed by a Chicago court on a Gerald Smith type of rabble-rouser was void because the ordinance was invalid. The ordinance forebade speech stirring the public to anger an unrest or creating a disturbance. A minority of four had three separate dissenting opinions.

The ordinance may have been too inclusive, but the kind of speech the defendant was making was certainly one to inflame the public and create disorder, a typical anti-Semitic, anti-Russian diatribe. Douglas wrote that "a function of free speech under our system of government is to invite dispute." That may be true; but hardly to invite disorder. The government itself is trying communists in New York on charges of conspiracy to incite revolu-

Justice Jackson said the opinion laid down a "dogma of absolute freedom for irresponsible and provocative utterance." He added:

"There is danger that if the court does not temper its doctrinaire logic with a little practiical wisdom it will convert the constitutional bill of rights into a suicide pact."

Previously Justice Holmes had written that the guarantee of free speech doesn't give anyone the right to crp "Fire" in a crowded theatre. The Douglas opinion comes perilously close to overruling the Holmes interpretation. Like the Murphy opinion giving carte blanche to all picketing as a form of free speech this goes too far. We can drown in our own freedoms. Organized society has the fundamental right to maintain order and freedom of speech must come within the limits of order.

Ex-Governor Mon Wallgren can give all his time to shooting billiards now. President Truman has withdrawn his nomination for a \$14,-000 federal post. Another setback for government-by-crony.

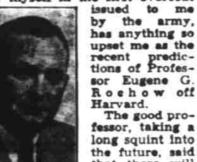
Roseburg city council has voted to follow Eugene's lead on DST. Chain reaction-Portland to Salem to Albany to . . . .

# PIZEDICTED BILLION BUSHEL

ANOTHER TWISTER FROM OKLAHOMA

# Would Wood Make a Diet? Mac Says No

By Henry McLemore DAYTONA BEACH - Not since I looked in a mirror and saw myself in the first overcoat issued to me



the future, said that there will come a time when there will McLemore be no such things as meat and eggs on man's diet - his chief food will be derived from trees. that man's clothes will eventually be made of synthetic materials which can be turn-

ed into sugar and eaten. He prophesied, did the profesthat in the not too distant future a man would get up in the morning and breakfast off his pajamas.

I hope I am not around when Professor Rochow's predictions come true, because if I am, I am surely going to be hungry. You see, I am what is known as a half pajama wearer. I sleep in the bottoms only. That means I'll have to go to work half-starved. Not only that, but in cold weather I am a nightgown

# Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Everyone has their faults."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "xylophone"? 3. Which one of these words is

misspelled? Backteria, backgammon, baptism, bauble. 4. What does the word "permean?

5. What is a word beginning with com that means "to call to remembrance"? ANSWERS

1. Say, "Every one has his faults." 2. Pronounce zi-lo-fon, i as in ice, both o's as in no. accent first syllable. 3. Bacteria. 4. Act of reading carefully. "He made a perusal of many biographies." 5. Commemorate.

man and the professor doesn' even so much as hint that night-gowns are going to be edible. I'll drop to a living skeleton in the winter months.

And what about the ladies? Most of them (so I hear from friends) sleep in nightgowns. Professor, do you mean that in the world to come our women folk will have to go hungry until noontime when they will be able to get a little nourishment from their boudoir caps, camisoles, and petticoats?

While the professor was mak-ing his predictions it seems to me that he might have told us what to serve with pajamas. Are they best with strawberries and cream, or should they be toasted for a few minutes to bring out their full flavor? And is there as much nourishment in flannel pajamas as in a pair of silk or broadcloth ones?

It will seem strange to go to a ball game and instead of ordering a hot dog about the sixth inning, to ask for a pajama sleeve with plenty of mustard but no onions.

Eating trees is something else again. Heads of homes will not be known as bread-winners but as tree-winners. Children of the rich will brag that they had redwood or mahogany two or three times a week, while the children of the less fortunate will have to admit that they have redwood only on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and are lucky to have scrub oak once a week.

I can see the menu of "21" in New York when the profes-sor's predictions come true. There will be teak wood soup, hearts of cypress, ebony steaks,

spruce patties, hemlock ham-burgers, birch biscuits, poplar popovers, hickory hash, and persimmon pie. There is bound to come a change in our table manners.

Knives and forks will be discarded for hatchets and axes, and servants will not announce dinner but will walk into the drawing room and yell "Tim-

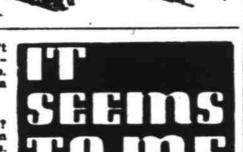
There will be no more bread lines. In years of depression a man will be able to eat the mantelpiece, the chair rungs, and the garden gate. I won't really believe that

such a diet for man has arrived until I see Prof. Rochow, comfortably stretched out under a Harvard elm, gnawing on a pajama sandwich and chasing it down with a swallow or two of baseball bat. McNaught Syndicate, Inc.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty

"Television saved our marriage . . . we used to be bored stiff with each other . . . now we hardly realize the other exists . . ."



(Continued from page 1)

Senator Tom Mahoney for president of the state senate, come 1951. It is also recalled that at the party Mike De Cicco gave to democrat legislators to honor Treasurer Pearson, Mahoney was put forward as the democratic for president of the next

Republicans do well not to be sucked into any bipartisan alliance or any by-partying, either. Mac Epley reports in the Klam-ath Falls Herald & News that Monroe Sweetland, democratic national committeeman, breezed into KF predicting victory for his party in state elections next

for governor Judge Donald Long, HONOLULU, May 17—(AP)

considerable group of democrat was en route from Guam to Halegislators, but they are afraid waii. now he is hexed as chairman of the subcommittee which reported out HB 436, the bill for old age assistance. This is the bill which Pearson, in a political play, called on McKay to veto.

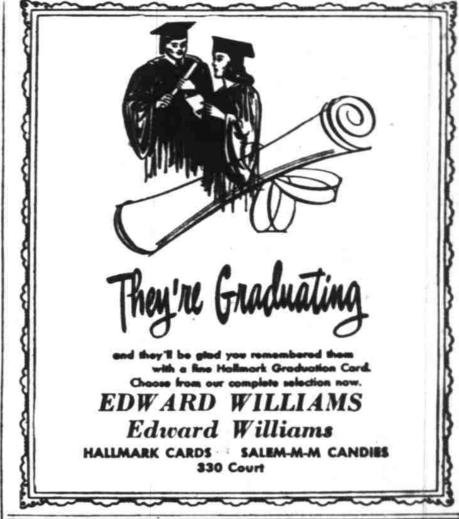
To this observer it looks as though Johnny Hall had both Pearson and Newbry "on their marks" ready to start whichever one gives better promise of beating Governor McKay.

But what I haven't found out

Sen. Austin Flegel, Sen. Richard An eight-month-old girl was being Neuberger, Treasurer Walter flown 3,000 miles across the Pa-Pearson of Portland, Sen. cific today to Honolulu's Tripler Orval Thompson of Albany and hospital for treatment of a blood Editor Ed B. Aldrich of Pen- vessel ailment. The infant, Janice Spina, was stricken aboard the Flegel was a white hope of a transport Gen. E. D. Patrick as it

> yet is what payroll Monroe Sweetland is on. He turned over the Newport paper which he was publishing to Bud Forrester, came to Salem for the legislature and has been devoting all his time to politics - democratic politics that is.

Is he on the federal government payroll? Or on the payrool of the democratic national committee? Or on the payroll of CIO-PAC? The public ought to know.



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AP Foreign Affairs Analyst A lot of Germans in the Soviet occupation zone apparently have learned the Communist definitlone for unity and justice and

want no part of them. Trying to rush through a "peoples congress" for an "all-German government" to counter the western German government sponsored by the Allies, the Communists called an election, handpicked a list of delegates for a single ticket, labeled it "for the unity of Germany and a just peare treaty" and asked a yes or

They bragged that at least 10,-600,000 of the 12,000,000 eligibles would vote yes, and handed back the right to vote to former Nazis in order to take advantage of all the available German nationall sentiment. They used the election tricks which have so often given the dictators 90 per cent or more of the vote. Berlin dispatches said that invalidated ballots had been counted "yes."

Announcement of the returns, after first scatterings showed the Communists were in trouble, was held up for 20 hours, an old political trick which allows for many "adjustments.

Still 33.9 per cent of the Germans were shown to have said

Taken in connection with the anti-Communist sentiment displayed by the Germans in the western zone since the war, the vote just about scuttled any Russian idea that they could produce a regime in the east which would obtain any serious consi feration as an "all-German" government. On-the-spot interpretation was that they might be compelled to scrap their carefully planned strategy for the foreign ministers meeting in

Paris next week. A few hours before the returns were announced the national senting the Nazis whose aid had been recruited by the Communistse came out with victory claims. But soon the Soviet military press changed the tune to cries of "doublecross" directed at splinter parties who refused

his comedy. But this account of

his life, significantly enough, will

give more pleasure to more peo-

ple than most biographies, and

perhaps the fond author's claim

Dickens' childhood was any-

thing but pleasurable. His im-

provident father taught him

what a debtors' prison was like;

his formal schooling ended in his

15th year: the jobs he had to take should have brutalized him in-

stead of shaping and refining a

comic spirit. Finally, he learned

shorthand, made his way success-

fully as a reporter, and "Boz"

appeared in print for the first

time at the age of 21. Married.

and with a sure hit in "Pick-

wick," he was launched upon a

impossible for him to fail. But

a big part of his equipment as a

writer lay in his phenomenal

ability to see and bear. He was

As a writer it was apparently

spectacular career.

is justified.

to go along. "Lying propaganda"

German Vote Rebukes Soviet Ticket

These alibis are not likely to

prove of much help to the Gerproduce, even though they did get a majority. If usual practice is followed, there will be a purge of Communist officials in Germany and a reorganization of the Social Unity party, formed under Communist compulsion soon after the war.

democratic party paper, repre- man Communists who falled to

Literary Guidepost

a sort of sublimated copycat; his By W. G. Rogers DICKENS: HIS CHARACTER. friends, acquaintances, enemies, COMEDY AND CAREER, by family, loves and the girls who Hesketh Pearson (Harper; \$4) didn't love him, too, were all At work and play. Dickens was caught on the wing and pinned able, says Pearson, "to give more to his pages. He himself was pleasure to more people than anybody else in history." That there: a daughter heard him seems like a stupendous amount mumble speeches before he wrote of pleasure, even for a writer them down, and saw him jump whose "outstanding virtue" was up to grimmace in the mirror

> for his fiction. Thanks to his talent for mimiery, and also to his acting ability, his good looks, his weakness for practical jokes, his boisterousness and joviality, he was the life of the party. His interest in a stage career led in the final years to those readings in both England and America which were the platform sensation of the century, with mobs storming the doors, women fainting, crowds cheering themselves hoarse. It was this, says "earson, which helped to shorten his life: in one reading of the murder of Nancy, from "Oliver Twist," his

to study the expressions needed

pulse could jump from 72 to 124. In a way he was his own best book. Lovable, generous, forgiving, independent, individualistic, he was a Dickens of a man, a superb subject for a biographer, and Pearson makes the most