

"No Favor Swags Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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### Still Discussing the Commission's Move

Discussing the imbroglia of the state highway commission and the city council over bridge and street matters the Capital Journal says in part:

Oregon's highway commission is being punished verbally for "delaying" action on a new bridge across the Willamette at Salem.

Some local blasts have been aimed at the commission for trying to "force" the city council into accepting the Baldoock traffic plan. According to these vocal blasters, the commission is supposedly using the bridge construction as a weapon to "force" the Baldoock plan.

This kind of talk is ridiculous. It has no basis in fact.

At the May meeting of the highway commission, it became obvious that the exact location of the new bridge was a matter for the highway commission and engineer to decide. It was a state consideration because of the highway routes. That was correct.

However, the state can't go ahead with one-way bridges until Salem cooperates and designates the respective streets in the necessary area as one-way streets.

As in such cases, cooperation between the state and city is essential. The state can't act without the cooperation and agreement of the city.

Our esteemed contemporary may be looking our way because of certain comments in the editor's column to the effect that as far as the bridge was concerned it was the commission's move, not the city council's, that the city council had already acted.

To confirm this let us quote Paragraph 2 of Section I of the resolution adopted by the city council on May 9 to give general approval of the Baldoock report:

"For the reconstruction and maintenance of the Center street bridge across the Willamette river and for the construction and maintenance of a new and additional bridge across such river at such point north of Center street as the state highway commission and public roads administration of the U. S. government may select, the cost of such reconstruction and new construction and necessary rights of way therefor to be borne by the highway commission.

"On completion of the new bridge the city council agrees to accept the recommendation of the highway commission on the direction of travel to and from each bridge." (Emphasis supplied.)

There it is. We ask the C-J what more the city council can do on the bridge matter to expedite its construction. It can't pass an ordinance establishing one-way traffic on bridge streets until the new bridge is built.

The state highway commission can start the new bridge just as soon as it is ready to move. The Salem city council isn't holding up the project.

### GOP Gets New Chairman

Republicans have named a new national chairman Rep. Hugh Scott, who served for just over a year, joined the not inconsiderable company of past chairmen, men who have been put in the box and who failed uniformly (except in 1946) to "retire" the opposing team.

The choice this time fell to Guy George Gabrielson, a lawyer-industrialist of New Jersey.

The chairmanship has been the shuttlecock of contenders for the presidential nomination.

Carroll Reece of Tennessee was a "Taft" man. Scott was installed by the Dewey team after his nomination. Now Gabrielson is tagged as a Taft man because he supported Taft last year.

It is time the party stopped engaging in "intra-party" politics and organized its campaign against its real opposition. If Gabrielson can do that job, keeping free from the stinging bees

of presidential aspirants, maybe he can turn up a winner.

Some say that the republican party is foreclosing on its adventure in "me tooism." No longer will it chant the tune "But I can do it better than you" but chart a policy of its own.

And that policy would be tougher than what Dewey advanced and quite different from that of the Willie era. However there are plenty of party diehards who think Taft is a bit on the pinkish side (public housing, federal aid to education).

Actually Taft is coming into a clearer focus among republicans and citizens generally. His knowledge of government affairs is being recognized and respected, also his own intellectual force and his courage to take a stand on issues.

As with any positive mind (Wayne Morse for instance at the other side of the republican spectrum) he provokes a great deal of disagreement; but by sheer force he has proven the leader of the senate even of the 81st congress, winning the knock-down and drag-out fight over the new labor law.

In 1952 new issues may arise and new figures. By that time Dewey and Taft may both be regarded as shelfworn, and even Stassen.

No time now to be jockeying for position in 1952 — the 1950 campaign is the first order of business. Mr. Gabrielson must address himself to that task, and undoubtedly he will.

Primarily a chairman is an organizer and a money-raiser — Gabrielson seems to have capacity for both jobs. The candidates are the ones who lay out policies, and the party conventions adopt platforms. And it is quite in order now for the party factions to pipe down and give the new chairman a chance.

### Korean Women Assert Rights

Korean women are putting their new liberties to work; and using them to protect the position of women in their country.

Their women's associations are united in a federation and recently 700 members of the federation descended on the chairman of the national assembly and demanded that the assembly end the "shameful practice" of concubinage.

Previously the assembly had defeated a bill to bar from public office men who maintained concubines. This stirred up the women and prompted their protests.

In Korea the practice of maintaining a wife and a mistress has been fairly common, particularly among the more prosperous classes; and has been openly recognized.

But the women of Korea are throwing off the shackles of the past and demanding equal rights. They say, "If women's chastity is dear, man also must keep his." It may take considerable campaigning but the women of Korea evidently mean business.

Besides, if the cost of living goes up the male may find it keeps him humping to support one woman, his wife.

Government workers in Greece threaten to walk out unless their demands for a 60 per cent increase are met. Evidently we are meeting with more success in getting Greece to adopt American ways than we had realized.

The congress is getting economy-minded. The senate clipped \$5,000,000 off the \$7,600,000,000 appropriation bill for independent offices — after granting increases of \$32,000,000.

In Florida last Sunday three baseball players were struck by lightning and killed. Some fans will say there's no justice—it should have been umpires.

## Nehru to Seek American Aid for India

By Stewart Alsop  
NEW DELHI, India, Aug. 5— In a few weeks the most remarkable and probably the most important political leader in Asia will for the first time visit the United States.

The prospective visitor is Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, India's prime minister.

Nehru's visit will be an event of great importance in the relationship between the United States and this enormous country which in large part determine the outcome of the Soviet Union's ruthless power drive in Asia.

The visit should also be more interesting than most such occasions of state, simply because Nehru is an extraordinarily interesting man.

He is a man of many contradictions. More than any other man except Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru forced the British to relinquish power in India. Yet his most striking surface characteristic is his Englishness.

His charm consciously employed as an enormously effective weapon of persuasion. Yet essentially no two men could be more different. Roosevelt was a born politician — Nehru is a politician only by the accident of history.

He is an intellectual, an idealist, primarily interested, not in the dull business of government, but in ideas.

When this reporter interviewed him, for example, Nehru was obviously bored by questions about the immediate issues of policy. Yet in response to a question about the general relationship between nationalism and communism in Asia, he launched into a long and brilliant abstract discussion.

Briefly, he believes that when the communists last year took up arms against the nationalist government here, in Burma and in Indonesia, they divorced themselves from Asiatic nationalism, and thus lost their supreme opportunity in Asia.

Nehru suffers from the old dilemma of the idealist intellectual: the conflict between the ideal and the real. He is, for example, a convinced socialist. Like many other socialists, he sympathized for a long time with the Soviet Union's "socialist experiment."

Yet it is also true that if Nehru were to die (or be killed, which is more likely) the heart would go out of the new Indian state. For since Gandhi's death, Nehru has become a symbol, a rallying point, a focus for India's threatened and precarious unity.

This may be because, whether or not he is an authentic great man, he has at least one characteristic of greatness — as sensitively as a finely regulated barometer records the weather, Nehru reflects the mood of the Indian people.

That mood, like Nehru's, is now one of inner conflict, of disillusion. The disillusion springs from the fact that since the British quit India, the lot of the Indian masses has become, if anything, worse than it was, simply because there is not enough food.

That is one reason why Nehru is going to the United States. For a little help, some surplus wheat, some irrigation equipment, could reverse the process of creeping disillusion which is playing into communist hands.

And this help should be forthcoming, unless the United States is prepared ultimately to see India go the way of China.

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### The Safety Valve

Should Count Blessings!  
To the Editor:

I liked W. H. Merrill's letter in Sunday's Safety Valve. He evidently has learned the lesson Mrs. Creighton hasn't mastered, thankfulness. Now she could be a lot worse off if she really had to live in a slum and she should feel grateful for what she does have to live in. Maybe she had better do the visiting herself.

There are so many having less than she does that she may get a different viewpoint.

A wood stove isn't everything to be desired in a range but most farm folk and many humble city dwellers are thankful for wood to use in it most any morning in the year.

Mrs. Creighton's stove pipe might need cleaning, maybe the chimney isn't high enough. Inadequate wood box? What a trifle! Get a bigger one. I made mine like I wanted it. Ice box stinks? Well, I've found no matter whether it's an ice box or refrigerator, it'll sure get stinky if it isn't kept clean.

Whether it's her own home or her own house and mower? That's personal property and she could take it to this home she's hoping for. She'd surely need those items there as well. Nothing like collecting a little stuff of your own so you'd have something to move. Maybe when Mrs. Creighton buys her home she'll get free hose and mower. Power to her, yes, I guess that's what she'd want then, power to run the mower.

I'm applauding Mr. Merrill's attitude, it's more healthful. Marie Wealdon  
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### Better English

By D. C. Williams

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The men ascended up the hill."
- 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "numerous"?
- 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Bugle, buffalo, bureaucracy.
- 4. What does the word "speculative" mean?
- 5. What is a word beginning with po that means "drinkable"?

- ANSWERS
- 1. Omit up. Ascend means to rise. 2. Pronounce the u as in unit, not as oo in soon. 3. Buffalo. 4. Given to meditation; contemplative. "The mind of man being by nature speculative." —Hooker. 5. Potable.

### GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"If you couldn't be pleasant about their new baby, you should have kept quiet... instead of saying, 'Well, such things will happen!'"

### DOG DAYS

### Amity Man Loses Fingers in Accident

AMITY — Two accidents occurred here this week with Glenn Patty suffering the loss of three fingers, while working in his shop with a power saw. He is being taken care of by a daughter home, who is a nurse. Lyle Kirkwood suffered a foot injury. Ralph Wood is recuperating from an emergency appendectomy.

### 'Little Hoover Board' Meets

Members of the so-called "little Hoover commission" created by the 1948 legislature to study reorganization of the state government with a view of economies and efficiency, met here Friday.

### Marion County Health Educator Position Changes

A change in the position of health educator at the Marion county department of health is due soon when Francis Reiser, present health educator, takes a one year leave of absence beginning next month.

Howard Pyfer, formerly of Seattle, Wash., will substitute for Reiser. Pyfer is in Salem now accompanying himself with Reiser's duties.

Mrs. Pyfer, his wife, already has started working for the health department here as a receptionist. Reiser will leave September 2 for Berkeley, Calif., where he is to enter the University of California. He will study for his master's degree in public health.

Pyfer is a native of Tacoma, Wash., having graduated from the University of Washington. He taught last year in Seattle schools. He and his wife live at 1399 D St.

### Man Found With Stolen Salem Auto

Edward C. McEwan, who gave his address as Lodi, Calif., was arrested in McMinnville Thursday when he was found driving an auto which had been reported stolen in Salem early Wednesday morning.

McEwan, arrested by state police, was brought to Salem by a Marion county deputy sheriff on a district court warrant charging him with larceny. He is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

The auto McEwan was driving was stolen from Charles M. Greene, 2370 Adams st., about the same time and in the vicinity where the W. T. Rigdon hearse was stolen and later wrecked Wednesday.

McEwan is scheduled for questioning today to see if there might be a connection between the two thefts.

### Oregon Leads Coast's Traffic Toll Reduction

Oregon continues to pace the Pacific coast states in traffic death reduction last month as a tentative count of July fatalities totaled 21.

The month's toll brings deaths for the year to 147, a 96 per cent drop from 232 deaths in the first seven months of 1948. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reported.

National figures for the first five months show only Idaho and Maine leading Oregon in percentage of traffic death decreases.

Thirteen of the July fatalities were on rural highways and eight on city streets.

### Man Admits Taking Hearse

Theft of a hearse owned by the W. T. Rigdon company was admitted Friday in a signed statement by Edward Charles McEwan, 32, transient, city police reported.

In his statement McEwan said he had been picking beans north

of Salem and came to Town Tuesday night to visit some taverns.

"The next thing I remember I climbed into a large car in a garage and drove off... after driving some distance I noticed a large tree in front of me," his statement continued.

The hearse was found wrecked at Chenekets and 24th streets Wednesday. McEwan was arrested near Dayton junction Thursday and returned here.

### County Buys Land for New Garbage Dump

Land for a second county-owned garbage disposal area was purchased Thursday for \$7,500 by the Marion county court.

The land, secured from Oscar, Evan, Eleanor, Roger, Allan and Virginia Baker, includes about 45 acres just north of the Madgey cemetery on county road 851.

The disposal unit will serve the south end of Marion county, the court said, just as the present plant near Woodburn serves the north end. A third plant may be purchased near Jefferson or Talbot to serve that area.

Good roads serve the new garbage disposal site, which is not visible from the highway and is not close to any homes.

Plans for the new land include possible sale of about half the property which the court deems too large and the hiring of a caretaker for the unit.

### Peach Supply Said on Rise

The supply of peaches from northwestern orchards is reported increasing but still insufficient to meet requirements.

Thirty-pound lugs of Washington Rochesters wholesaled this week at \$2 and \$2.50. This is 50 to 75 cents a lug under last season.

Hales from California also began arriving and moved at \$2.65 to \$2.75 a packed lug. This is around 35 cents under a year ago. Peaches in local orchards in the Salem area were bringing \$2.75 in the orchards with the customers furnishing the boxes or paying from 25 to 30 cents extra for the box. Some orchard-run peaches (second grades) could be had for \$2.50 a box.

There's a Good Reason THIS SEASON for the thrifty housewife to shop that convenient location

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRESS by WEAREVER	\$2.15
COLANDERS	49¢
CANNING FUNNEL, ALUMINUM	15¢
COLD-PACK CANNER, Large, Enamel	\$2.15

FOR CANNING

DUST MOPS Your choice, assorted sizes	79¢
STEEL CLOTHESLINE POSTS — All welded joints, 8 1/2" high, 4 1/2" cross-arm, drilled to hold wire. Easy to install with rod at bottom to prevent post from twisting. Complete pair	\$12.00
CLOTHESLINE WIRE, No. 20 Stranded, 50' lengths	35¢
CLOTHESPINS, Spring Type. First quality, 3 dozen	39¢

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