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## Winter Vacations

Vacation spots in many parts of the nation are reporting an unprecedented boom and the only surprising part of it is that it hasn't happened before. Why not winter vacations?

There's a good answer for families with children, of course. The young folks are in school. But for the oldsters there's no better time. Not that it makes too much difference here in our valley, albeit a few folk like to duck out of the late-winter rains a week or so. But it would make a tremendous difference in sterner climes.

Latest information from the American Automobile Association reports that 15 to 20 per cent of vacationists are now taking their time off in the winter. We don't know just why the auto association should favor that idea too much, since in many an area winter travelling is pretty well confined to the rails. But it's an interesting bit of statistical matter. And it follows the post-war trend.

Major reason for it probably rests with prices and accommodations. It's true that in Florida, for instance, it costs about half as much for food and lodging in the winter as it does in the tourist-jammed summertime. And that's quite a factor. Other reasons lie in with the elements—whether the potential vacationist lives in a climate worse in winter than in summer or vice versa. In some of the sun-stricken midwest states, it seems fairly well agreed that it's better to endure the snow in winter than the 100-degree-plus nights of summer.

Certainly many businesses must welcome the new trend—it scatters the peak load of absenteeism. And the Northwest would welcome a winter influx of vacationists, too. Mt. Hood isn't the only thing Oregon has to offer in the "off" months. With major roads nearly always open and practically every scenic point always available, there seems little reason why tourist travel shouldn't be continuous and interesting the year around.

## Greetings to Our Namesakes

Always interested in other cities of like names, we find from the new and invaluable World Almanac that 10 out of the 11 Salems of more than 2500 population showed census gains for the 1940-50 decade, and our own Salem most of all.

Only the Salem in Illinois showed a loss—from 7419 to 6159. Wisconsin's Salem (2867) was in the above-2500 bracket for the first time.

Oregon's Salem (43,140), as was shown in preliminary figures, now tops the list, followed by Massachusetts (41,880), Ohio (12,754), and New Jersey, Virginia, Illinois, New Hampshire, Missouri, Indiana, Wisconsin and West Virginia, in that order. All the latter are below 10,000.

Having now arrived at the pinnacle ourselves for the first time, we can, without presumptuousness, congratulate our namesakes on their progress and extend best wishes for a most prosperous future. And that also goes for the other 25 Salems which have not yet reached World Almanac prominence.

## Coalition of Southern Democrats, Republicans Controlled Majority of House Roll-Call Votes

WASHINGTON (CQ) — The Coalition of Southern Democrats and Republicans rode to victory over the Democratic "majority" on half of the controversial roll-call votes in the House last year, a study by Congressional Quarterly has revealed.

Democrats outnumbered Republicans in the House about 234-224 throughout the year (despite resignations and special elections caused the margin to vary slightly). Yet when the parties clashed the Democratic majority was on the losing side on half of the controversial issues.

Membership of the House will be almost identical during the current session of Congress.

There were 109 record votes in the House in 1951. Only 65 of these votes were so controversial along party lines that a majority of the Democrats lined up against a majority of Republicans. The rest of the issues brought to a roll-call vote were supported by bipartisan majorities.

The Democrats would have won all of the 65 party-line battles if they had stuck together and if absenteeism had not been high. However, the Democratic majority lost 33 of the 65 votes to the Coalition of Republicans and dissenting Democrats. The Democrats lost one additional vote through absenteeism and one when a two-thirds majority was necessary.

The "Ebelicans," as the combine of Southern dissenters and Republicans sometimes has been called, won half of their victories on appropriation votes. Most of these were, in effect, "economic" votes. Seven Coalition wins were on economic controls, mostly to deny the President control authority he had requested.

There was one Coalition victory on farm policy, one on a housing bill, two on foreign policy and four on miscellaneous and administrative matters.

Individual votes on 17 significant roll calls showed that Representatives who usually joined the Coalition outnumbered the opponents of the Coalition 234-157. Another 44 did not vote on enough of the 17 significant issues to be counted either for or against the Coalition.

Democratic floor leaders

## Harmless Silliness

Who has more fun than people? Well, other people. Right now they are the folks along the Northeastern California border and a few in Oregon's Lake County. They want to be annexed to Nevada.

We don't know for certain how serious they are, or think they are, but we have an idea they're not much more so than were the inhabitants of Southwestern Oregon and Northwestern California who were involved in some sort of a secessionist scheme a decade ago. At that time, the argument grew out of a peeve regarding allocation of highway improvement.

Half of Lake County borders California, the other half borders Nevada. If Northeastern California became a part of Nevada, all of Lake County would border the so-called wide-open state.

There's just about as much change of changing state lines as there is that Stalin will say please. But spring is the silly season anyway, and paper work on the map is a harmless sort of silliness, at least.

## Japan Has Seen Everything

Japan must feel it has seen everything now—a Japanese woman beat up her husband. Not that he probably didn't deserve it—the court said he was philandering and that his wife was justified. But the very idea of the little woman objecting to anything was undreamed-of and beyond imagination until democracy came along. We're not so sure that male Japanese are going to see many blessings in their women's new prerogatives. But the democratic way of life should sit pretty well with the fair sex, at least.

Between the noisy shenanigans of the Coos Bay Pirates and the appearance of that weather balloon over Salem Thursday, The Statesman had enough inquiries to reach from here to there and half way back. We hope, though, that it's always as easy to find the answers to reported "bombings" and "guided missiles." And that they're that simple.

The answer as to whether colored margarine in Oregon would ruin the dairy industry apparently is very much in the negative. F. A. Kesey of Eugene, president of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturers' Association, says the demand for dairy products is at an all-time high and advised dairymen to increase production. There is always room for quality products.

Our Alsop Brothers columnists make no pretense of covering "spot" news, relying for their wide readership on expert backgrounding and analysis. It is therefore interesting that they should whip the wire services in the disclosure of "flying discs" reported over Korea. Maybe they've an informant on Mars.

The papers report that Tibet is now a military district of Communist China. That is one country which even the Reds can't hurt.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"Smells like a new racket, sarge! ... it's called the Utopia Peace Society, with dues of a dollar down and 10 cents a month till the human race is perfect ..."

## Comes the Dawn by Conrad Franke

Today is the anniversary of the birthday of George Washington. And politicians will probably beat each other over the head in the name of things which George was supposed to have stood for. Democrats are certain to claim him as their own, pointing out he was the first politician ever to throw a dollar across the Potomac. Republicans will probably throw their arms around the Washington figure noting that the great man led an army which knew where it wanted to go but didn't know how to get there.

And today is not a legal holiday in Nevada—a state where the sight of three cherries often cause people to yell: "By George, I've hit it again!"

Jim Collins, ex-Salem student-politico and now assistant district attorney in Multnomah County, will be married here later this month. And tying the knot will be District Judge Val Sloper. Collins and Sloper were graduating classmates at Willamette Law School... Looks like maybe Mrs. Agnes Booth, Marion County School Superintendent, might have opposition at the polls in May. Anyway a man inquired about qualifications for the office and left the County Clerk with a candidate blank.

Englewood School kids ran into a snag when they were preparing their prize-winning entry in the Freedom Foundations contest. For background music they needed a recording of "America The Beautiful," without the words. Couldn't find anything in local record shops. So they finally got next to Prof. T. S. Roberts, who played them a dandy pipe-organ rendition, which they recorded in his home.

Who sez the Marion County welfare department is hard-hearted? A reporter sneaked in on Miss Marion Bowen the other day and found her coddling a foot-long puppy she had rounded up for a couple of kids in a foster home... Prof. Ebbinghausen of University of Oregon caused no end of excitement the other night when he showed up at an alumni-anybody U. of O. affair at the Marion with a real atomic pile... The Coos Bay pirates left the Jolly Roger, traditional pirate flag, flying on the State Capitol grounds Tuesday. And some taxpayers probably feel there's a moral there someplace.

## Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Despite all I can say, he seems bound to go."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "comptroller"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Tatoo, tautology, tarpaulin, tantamount.
4. What does the word "conjecture" mean?
5. What is a word beginning

with aeq that means "to agree"?

- ANSWERS
1. Say, "he seems resolved (or determined) to go." 2. Pronounce as though spelled controller, accent second syllable. 3. Tatoo. 4. A surmise; a guess. "This is merely a matter of conjecture." 5. Acquisiere.

## Quote for the Day

The path of the just is as a dawning light that shineth more and more until the perfect day. —Prov. 4:18-8

## Eisenhower Petitions Filed at Statehouse



A sheaf of petitions to place Gen. Dwight Eisenhower on the Oregon Republican presidential primary ballot was delivered Thursday at the Statehouse by Mark Hatfield (left) and William L. Phillips (center). David O'Keefe (right), head of the petition drive, stands at right.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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with Italy to get that country to join in the war against the Central Powers in the First World War, Wilson declared, in reply to a question by Sen. Hir. J. Johnson of the Foreign Relations Committee that he had never heard of those agreements. Some were inclined to question Wilson's veracity on this point because it seemed incredible that he would not know what was cooking between those powers. Nothing came of the incident. But the Wilsonian phrase lives on: Open covenants openly arrived at, only to be violated when it seems policy to do so on the part of the executive.

Symptomatic of this suspicion that Congress has of the Executive are recent proposals for constitutional amendments to restrict the power of the President in the making of agreements and to limit the scope of treaties entered into by the United States. Senator Bricker introduced one resolution, with some 55 co-signers which would deny to treaties any legal status in the way of overriding domestic legislation. Congressman Ellsworth of Oregon introduced a resolution for a constitutional amendment to spell out with great definiteness the treaty-making power. Both are aimed at shearing off the practice of substituting "Executive Agreements" for treaties which require assent of two-thirds of the Senate.

These are questions of great importance which I hope to discuss in a future column. What sticks out now is the difficulty an executive has in a democratic government to manage foreign affairs and at the same time to satisfy the legislative branch and the people. This business is handled so much easier in dictatorships and monarchies. The initials of the executive or his minister clinches the deal. This is not new. Back in 1889 when Halzfeld was German Ambassador to Britain, he told Lord Salisbury that peace could best be secured by an Anglo-German alliance AGAINST France. Salisbury replied:

"We unfortunately no longer live in Pitt's time, when the aristocracy ruled and we could conduct an active policy. Now the democracy rules and with it personal and party government, which has made every English government absolutely dependent on the 'aura popularis' (popular ear)."

Sure, it was easy to conduct foreign relations in the "good old days"; but then the people didn't count anyway. We much prefer Wilson's dictum: Open covenants... But it must be admitted it is difficult to manage foreign affairs on television for the world (including Russia) to see each move.

## Salem's Sixth Hi-Y Club to Be Organized

Salem's sixth Hi-Y Club, named the J. B. Mott Chapter, will be inducted soon, the Hi-Y council announced Thursday.

Now numbering 15 members, the club is led by Gary Gortmaker, president, and William Byers, adviser. The chapter name was chosen to honor John R. Mott, world-wide leader in the YMCA and student movements for a half century. The Hi-Y council has elected Joan Travis as Hi-Y candidate for queen of Salem High School's Interclub Carnival. Mike Deeney, John Bone and Bill Cook were appointed to write a Hi-Y constitution.

## Mrs. Theodosia Fitzpatrick Dies; Final Rites Set Saturday

The rosary will be recited at 8 o'clock this morning in the Clough-Barrick Chapel for Mrs. Theodosia Fitzpatrick, Salem resident for 49 years, who died in a local hospital Thursday after a short illness.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Joseph's Church, with interment in St. Barbara's Cemetery.

Mrs. Fitzpatrick, who would have been 72 July 23, had been active up until a week ago when she was taken to the hospital.

She came to Salem in 1909 from her home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho to join her husband. They owned a farm south of Four Corners during most of her lifetime.

Born in Winnemucca, Nev., in 1880, she left there as a small child, living for awhile in Dayton, Wash., and for most of her early life in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Her father, a veteran of the Confederate Army, was a banker in Idaho and owner of the water works in Coeur d'Alene.

During World War II, Mrs. Fitzpatrick worked for the Red Cross. She was a member of St. Joseph's Church, the Catholic Daughters of America and the Altar Society.

She is survived by her widower, Frank, of Salem; daughters, Sister Theodosia of Maryhurst School in Portland, Miss Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Kathleen Hale and Mrs. Patricia Swigart, all of Salem; Margaret, Pietrok of Stayton; son, Michael of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Caroline Sodemam, Salem; Mrs. Dorothy Meade, Grants Pass, Mrs. Naomi Shuttleworth of Mornence, Ill.; brothers, C. A. De Saussure of Polson, Mont.; George and Emmett De Saussure, both of San Francisco, Calif.; Leo De Saussure of Oakland, and 15 grandchildren.

## Eight Cats Just Slow Month for Route 9 Hunter

Eight bobcats have gone to their reward and their executors, A. C. Boyle, Salem Route 9, brought the hides to Marion County clerk's office Thursday to file for his reward.

"Eight cats is nothin' at all," Boyle reported. They abound all around the mountain country. The only thing that determines how many you get is "how long you hunt." Thursday's eight represented about one month of hunting.

Boyle, a paper mill employe, said "there will be more later." Bounty on bobcats is \$2.50 from the county and \$2.50 from the state.

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