

Arguments Pre-Prepared For Big Election Campaign

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WASHINGTON — With a presidential election on the national horizon, thinking citizens are sharpening their rhetoric for or against Truman, Taft, Eisenhower et al. For the newcomer to this great American pastime, we wish to cite certain maxims which should be committed to memory before engaging the experienced armchair pundit.

First, always be very positive in defending your candidate and attacking your opponent's man. Nothing, of course, is positive until the votes are in (and then who cares) so you've as much right to appear absolutely certain as anyone.

Second, never allow your opponent to lead you into a vulnerable position. You will be aided in this maneuver by suggestions listed in the latest Primer of Political Gamesmanship by Mr. James Reston of the New York Times, as follows:

For Taft Supporters Only
1. Don't talk about Gen. Eisenhower directly. Instead, talk a lot about Gen. Grant. Nobody remembers much specific information about Grant except that he was a military man, he became president, and he was a bust.

2. Don't mention anything about Ohio being the Mother of Presidents. This offends non-Ohioans. Besides, someone might remember it gave birth to Harding.

3. Stress Sen. Taft's integrity. This is one of those things, like pre-war booze, which everybody swallows without testing.

4. Ask your Eisenhower opponents if they want to nominate a man solely on the basis of hero-worship, sex-appeal and glamor. If they answer yes, change the subject.

5. Boldly refute any charge made against the Senator's record. No matter what they say he's for or against, you can find somewhere in his record a contradictory statement.

For Truman Supporters Only
1. Keep demanding to know what the Republican Party stands for. Nobody can possibly answer this one.

2. Don't mention anything even vaguely connected with the Internal Revenue Bureau, R.F.C., deep freezes or natural royal pastel mink coats.

3. Overwhelm them with statistics, such as when Hoover was President the average weekly earnings in manufacturing industries was \$17, now it is \$65. Don't let this discussion lead to comparative prices.

4. Don't say anything about inflation or the national debt.

5. If anybody boasts of Taft's great Ohio victory in 1950, ask if they ever saw "Jumpin' Joe" Ferguson, Taft's opponent.

6. If anybody mentions Alger Hiss, turn your back on him.

For Eisenhower Supporters Only
1. Point out that Ike is neither Taft nor Truman. This is generally enough.

2. Ask those who oppose a military man in the Presidency what was wrong with Gen. George Washington. (This isn't a very good point but you will often be

surprised how little it takes to win a political argument.)

3. Keep saying Taft can't win. Point out that the solid Democratic vote is now 22 million and the solid Republican vote is 18 million. Nobody knows how such a neat calculation was made, but it was printed in Fortune magazine and many Taft supporters swear by Fortune.

5. Make the point that Ike isn't a politician. This may prove a great embarrassment to him at Chicago in July, but for the moment nobody likes politicians.

6. Finally, emphasize that victory is better than defeat. Nobody knows this better than a good Republican.

Mrs. George Beane Winner in Oratory

Mrs. George Beane, 490 E. Browning Ave., Thursday won first place in the Toastmistress area oratorical contest at Albany.

Mrs. Beane represented the Salem Toastmistress club. Her subject was "It Ought to Be Fine: I Live Here."

As first place winner, Mrs.

Former Salem Resident Dies

Mrs. Philaine Vera Digerness, late resident of Beaverton, died at a local hospital in Salem Thursday.

Mrs. Digerness is survived by husband, Vernon Digerness, Beaverton; son, Robin R., Beaverton; parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Iverson, Salem; sisters, Mrs. Irene Nettleton, Salem; Mrs. Teary Muir, Mill City; brothers, Telmer Iverson, Salem; Orlean Iverson, Tillamook; Lester Iverson, Oakland, Calif.; and Eugene Iverson, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Digerness was born July 2, 1921, at Wild Rose, N. D. She attended school in Williston, N. D. She married Vernon Digerness Jan. 16, 1942, at Miles City, Mont. They came to Oregon in 1943 where they have lived in Eugene, Salem, and lastly Beaverton. She was active in the P-T-A in Beaverton and a member of the Lutheran Church.

She had been ill for the past several months.

Beane will travel to Eugene March 30 to represent the district which includes Salem, Albany, Corvallis and Lebanon.

Farm Bureau Unit For Hazel Green Area Proposed

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HAZEL GREEN — Interest was shown in organizing a Farm Bureau unit at Hazel Green in a meeting at the schoolhouse Tuesday night.

The aims and benefits of the organization were discussed by Lloyd Mason of Salem. The structure of the Farm Bureau was described by George Dewey of the Farm Bureau office. Ed Ahrens of Turner and Gilbert Austin, a Clackamas County farmer, told how their units functioned and of the benefits derived.

Another meeting will be called later if there is sufficient interest.

Forrest Soth Assigned to Naval Center

Forrest C. Soth, YNC-USNR, reported for duty recently with the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center in Salem.

Soth was called back to duty July 31, 1950. He was formerly attached to the destroyer escort USS Gilligan at Swan Island, Portland. The chief has spent 12 years in the Navy.

A loss at the training center today will be Andrew Glick Jr. QM2 who had been at this office since the summer of 1947. Glick has been assigned duty on the USS Romback at Seattle.

Robert Cook, Elfstrom File For House Seat

A Silverton teacher, Robert F. Cook, and State Liquor Commissioner Robert L. Elfstrom Thursday filed for election for Marion County Representative.

Elfstrom, former mayor of Salem, had already announced his intention to be a candidate.

Cook, 52, who lives on a 75-acre farm between Silverton and Scotts Mills, is a newcomer to local politics. Both he and his wife teach at Scotts Mills, and have lived in the Silverton district for five years.

He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska, a veteran of the U. S. Navy during World War I, and was in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

He gave as his slogan, "Relief from excessive property taxes

through exemption of modest homes and farms."

Another filing Thursday with the State Election Division was that of Walter W. Foster, West Salem Republican, for district attorney of Polk County. He will oppose incumbent Republican Robert S. Kreason. Foster works in the veterans bonus division of the State Attorney General's office, and lives at 1061 Edgewater Dr.

Collision Upsets Ford Panel Truck

A collision at the intersection of Church and Market Streets resulted in the up-ending of an English style 1946 Ford panel truck owned by Lester Wayne Houck, 730 N. Liberty St.

The other auto, a 1941 Buick owned by Victor B. Meier, Salem Route 4, and Houck's car collided at about 2:49 p.m. Friday afternoon, accident reports revealed.

There were no reported injuries although the report stated Houck was "shaken up" and taken to local hospital for a check.

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MacArthur's Backer Buys Booklet Space

F. E. Epton, the Portlander who distributed the petitions to put Gen. MacArthur's name on Oregon's presidential ballot, wouldn't

talk Thursday when asked if he would withdraw Gen. MacArthur's name.

But Epton paid \$100 to the State Elections Division to put a full-page picture of the general in Oregon's Voter's Pamphlet, the campaign document distributed by the state to every voter.

Epton came here to put the material in the pamphlet.

He said he got a telegram early this week from MacArthur asking that his name be withdrawn.

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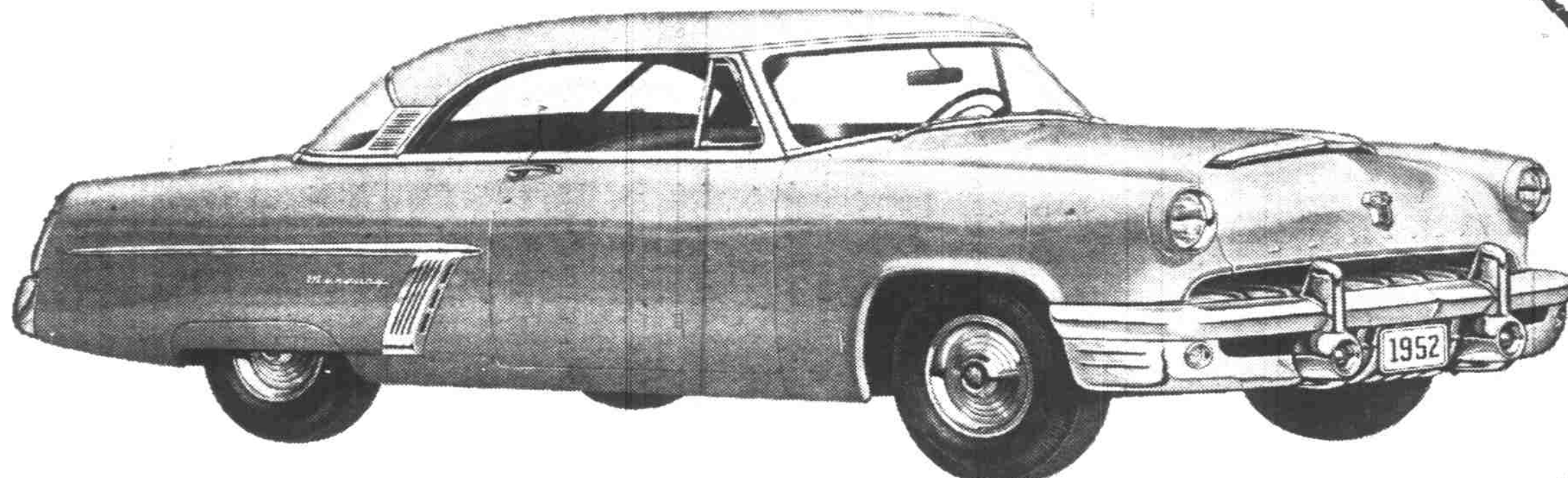
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