"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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### Angus Gibson to Retire From Senate

Another veteran legislator will be missed when the Oregon Senate convenes next January. Angus Gibson, the doughty Scotsman of Junction City, has announced his retirement at the end of his present term. Gibson was elected three times as joint senator for Lane and Linn Counties.

Don Husband, Eugene attorney and present Lane County representative, announces he will be a candidate for the Senate. He will not be running for the Gibson seat, since that was abolished in the reapportionment. However. Lane County was given two senatorial seats and he aspires to one of those. Truman Chase, present Lane County member of the Senate, is expected to file for re-election.

Gibson's retirement removes one of the strong men of the Senate, who worked very hard on the ways and means committee. His thrifty instincts made him conservative in spending state money, though when convinced of need he has been ready to respond with appropriations.

The complexion of the next Senate will be changed considerably. Missing will be Walker (deceased), Patterson (now governor) and Ben Day, Gibson, Lamport who have declined to run again.

# Hostages to Nationalist China

The 14,000 repatriated Chinese prisoners of war were warmly welcomed when they reached Formosa on transports provided by the USA. When they stepped off the boats they were free men again, for the terminal date of their detention occurred while they were on shipboard.

But what happens to them now? Presumably they will rate as other Chinese refugees from the mainland who escaped to Formosa. It seems probable most of them will join Chiang's army. After all that will provide them with rice, and probably jobs are scarce in Formosa now.

The accession of 14,000 Chinese to Formosa who violently denounced Communist rule in China adds to the U.S. burden in keeping Formosa out of the hands of Red China. Having insisted for months on the right of POW self-determination the U.S. can't very well expose their defiant anti-Communists to the untender mercies of Mao Tse-tung's corrective squads. By transporting the Chinese to Formosa the U.S. gives fresh hostages to Nationalist China's security.

Senator Bricker refuses to make any deal with the administration or with other Republican senators on a compromise for his amendment to alter the treaty-making process. He wants his version with the now famous "which" clause. Very well; let's fight the battle down the line. | Senator Wiley of Wisconsin is optimistic over the prospect of beating the Bricker amendment. That would be much better than framing some face-saving

By JOSEPH and STEWART

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gram for 1954 is due to set some

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may be worth describing how

As might be expected from his

past training, the President re-

lied on his staff to do the day-to-

day work. By the beginning of last October, when the wheels began to turn Eisenhower him-

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Administration's Messages to Congress

Result of Prolonged, Painstaking Effort

WASHINGTON-President Ei- budget bureau, was added to the policy - the really hot ones. In

senhower has by no means finish- group from outside. To this other cases, decisions were pro-

ed presenting his massive legis- group, all cabinet departments posed to him. During all this per-

lation program to the Congress and agencies were ordered to iod, the White House was the tar-

The character and past history

of these projects varied enor-

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ald Morgan and Jack Martin. that formulated the decisions on

Roger Jones, representing the foreign, defense and agricultural

submit their legislative propos- get of a thousand conflicting

als. By November 1, the White pressures, such as the pressure

House Staff Committee had be- from the industrialists of the

fore it some 276 different pro- Business Advisory Council, who

ment department to organize, lines of the whole legislative pro-Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby had not gram had been roughed out and

made really final decisions on the many of the details had been co-

health program. This one, in the ordinated. It was time to think

end, was largely worked out at of the method of presentation.

By contrast, the Treasury's tax control under the President and

reform program had been pre- Governor Adams, but individuals

pared with unprecedented pains were now chosen to handle differ-

and completeness. Under Secre- ent sections of the message on

tary Marion Folsom had named the State-of-the-Union. Robert

no less than 51 working parties, Cutler was responsible for de-

each composed of a treasury staff fense maters, C. D. Jackson for

member, a member of the staff foreign affairs, and Counsel of the Congressional Tax Expert Shanley for most matters of dom-

otherwise improving the cumber- to 21,000 words. When delivered

legislative action. With the Pre- charged with explaining each

sident's guidance, the list was section of the enormous whole first reduced from 276 to 75, were actually put through dry-Then the departments and agen-runs by the White House Staff

Wilbur Stamm, and sometimes an estic policy.

outside tax expert. Each of these

working parties had studied an

important plan for simplifying or

some American tax structure.

From these studies, emerged the final program that was finally

laid before the White House. This tax program alone represented

thousands of man hours of work,

and a consensus of treasury, con-gressional and outside experts.

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Then the departments and agen-cies were consulted and the list

was again reduced to the low forties. The President's own pro-

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Staff Chief Sherman Adams of citizenship and giving the vote named a sort of staff committee to 18-year-olds, were added. The

to lay out the campaign in detail. final total was forty-three, with

Harlow, and staff members Ger- dent personally led the groups

The principal members of this energy act still to come.

sponsored the famous and bitter-

ly controversial strike vote pro-

By early December, the out-

The original White House Staff

Committee remained in general

The original draft of the State-

of-the-Union message alone ran

it comprised 5,000 words. Most of the subordinate messages, which

were prepared somewhat later,

were equally over-long on the

first try. While pruning and re-

writing were going forward under

sional leaders also had to be pre

pared for. This was done with such care that the persons

enhower's close supervision, explanation of the program

the cabinet and the congres-

After that came the fruits of

all this work—the extra cabinet

meetings, the three day congres-sional leaders' meeting at the

White House, and finally the

flow of messages to the Hill. And now, with this vast task not yet

completed, the White House is

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vision of the labor program.

# Ben Hur Lampman

Illness had stayed the writing hand of Ben Hur Lampman the past several years and now death has ended his prolonged illness. But the writings of Ben Hur Lampman assure him of the immortality which attends literature. Lampman was one who combined a very accurate knowledge of nature (including human nature) with the feeling of a poet which gave his writings rare literary quality. His fictional characters, "the little old lady at the end of the carline," "him and her" and others were sketched so true to life that their pictures still hang on the walls or readers' memories. No one has replaced Ben Hur Lampman on the Oregonian or other of the state's publications. And no one will; for he was unique. Those who follow the writing occupation he so greatly distinguished join with the great company of his admiring readers to pay a tribute to him who in life was honored by designation as the Poet Laureate of Oregon.

## Dickenson Court Martial

Some surprise was expressed over the filing of charges against Cpl. Edward S. Dickenson, late repatriate from the group of recusant POWs in Korea. He is charged with dealing illegally with his captors in hope of getting better treatment. Another action has been started against a Marine Corps colonel who made broadcasts and signed confessions of participating in germ warfare in Korea.

Filing of charges against these men should occasion no surprise. Charitable though we be because of their later repudiation of Communist attachments, the fact remains that they did give "aid and comfort" to the enemy. To hail them as heroes would be a grave mistake, and to overlook their defaults would likewise be wrong. Their explanations and their subsequent conduct may be admitted and considered "in mitigation of punishment," but the military cannot ignore their miscon-

It should be remembered that thousands of other prisoners suffered maltreatment; that many were subjected to physical or mental torture or were subjected to indoctrination courses in Communism, yet they remained true and loyal soldiers and marines. If our government just shrugged its shoulders at Dickenson and others who yielded to Communist torture or blandishment where would military discipline go? And where would loyalty go if it is to be worn or discarded at will by the man in military service of his country?

The ends of justice may be served by some lightening of the penalty for what was desertion if not actual treason; but the court martial proceedings are quite in order.

So many cases of wrongful conviction of persons accused of crimes they did not commit have been reported that one wonders just what is wrong with our system of justice. Latest is that of a 19-year-old youth in Seattle who has been doing time at Monroe on conviction for the holdup of a bus-driver. After another chap confessed the crime Gov. Arthur Langlie promptly issued an unconditional pardon to the victim of miscarriage of justice. Usually the error is due to mistaken identity; but that is often compounded by excess zeal on the part of police and prosecutors. Some of the periodic studies of crime and its prevention and cure might well embrace a study of the cases where the wrong man was punished.

Willamina reported a total fire loss of \$55 in 1953. It is loss records like that which enable insurance companies to stay in business.

# BIG 4

Who says Salem doesn't produce big shots in the movie field? The Three key men in producing educational films for the State Bd. of Higher Education are Salem Hi grads and their folks still live here - unspoiled

by fame . . . The men are Dr. Curtis Reid. head of the visual instruction dept., his photographer Bill Rush and Travis Cross, assistant to the chancellor . . . These stateowned movie moguls have already taken footage of Jim McGilchrist directing a tour of the State Capitol here . . . If this is a hit, they could go to the top — which might mean the most exciting assignment in the state . . . Namely an on-the-scene movie of Salem's

Well, Rep. Mark Hatfield is ready for the senate, alright . . . He dropped a letter to the state board of control the other day . . . And his signature, as befits all important persons, was practically illegible . . .

Statesman newsmen to a man were glad to see fellowreporter Jim Miller land the Big Story. . . But things were a little cool when a couple reporters confessed Monday that relations are strained in their family circles . . . Seems their kiddies are asking questions like, "How come YOU don't write something and get YOUR name on the radio, Daddy?" Another reporter said his wife wouldn't speak to him the rest of the evening when she found out Jim nabbed a \$500 award for his effort . . . And Statesman fotog, John Ericksen, usually a cool customer, got so excited Friday night taking pictures of all those pretty drum majorettes after their contest, he snapped off a coupla his flash bulbs prematurely . . .

The local Forty et Eight, honor and fun organization of the American Legion, does its good deeds the hard way . . . It was reported at a recent meeting that the organization recently purchased a hearing aid for a child at the State School for the Blind and a pair of glasses for a student at the State School for the Deaf . . . Turned out that's the way it was, too . . .

Well, at least no one can accuse Salem theatres of ignoring religion . . . First we had the prominent movie "Martin Luther." . . It is followed by "Sins of Jezebel." . . . We understand, though, that each approaches its subject matter along different lines . . . Vigilance to protect the public interest plays quite a part in newspaper advertising depts. . . . A few weeks ago the Statesman received copy for an ad, with a check in payment, from an order-by-mail advertiser in a southeastern state . . . Something didn't sound quite right. .. And investigation brought word that the advertiser was "not properly mentally adjusted," and the suggestion that the Statesman "disregard the whole thing." . . It did, returned the check . . Some days, ad men say, you can't turn a

# GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"I think a fund raising luncheon is much more practical than a Bazoar . . .
then, if we don't make any money we can at least out . . ."

(Continued from Page 1.)

debtor to a creditor position helped to precipitate or to deepen and prolong the de-pression. If the Randall commission report serves to head this postwar period it will prove

As a matter of fact the people of the country have a much clearer understanding of the economics of foreign trade than before. Sentiment favorable to the loosening of barriers has spread. Even interests which are sensitive to foreign compe tition in their own fields admit the general desirability of the lowering of tariffs to encourage the freer flow of trade.

The most important recommendations of the Randall commission are: giving the President power to cut tariffs by 5 per cent each year for three years to a total of 15 per cent; encouraging the convertibility of foreign currencies; stimulating private investments overseas: discontinuing domestic policy of high and rigid price supports; ending economic aid to foreign countries; reducing or eliminating regulatory restrictions on foreign trade.

One thing the report does is to reveal the great complexity of the foreign trade problem. It is not just a matter of cutting American tariffs. Our tariffs have been cut over the years. Many other countries have worse trade restrictions than do we in the way of tariffs and quotas.

The value of the Randall commission's report lies in the act that it is a syllabus on the nation's prime economic problems, the management of its foreign trade. Even the dissenters will find it hard to argue logically against its thesis, which is that world trade should be encouraged, and that the United States should be ready make concessions which give promise of stimulating that trade. The stair-step method proposed for tariff cuts is mild, and even then the present administration certainly would exercise caution in applying such reductions.

We must just wait awhile longer for the public and the politicians to inform themselves on the facts of economic life which the majority of the Randall commission recognize and hope that the waiting is not so long that it precipitates a business recession.

# Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "He searched everyplace for his watch, and at long 2. What is the correct pro nunciation of "vegetable"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Chiffionere, chinchilla, chivalrous, chicanery. 4. What does the word firm posture" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with imp that means "threatening to occur soon"? Answers

1. Say, "He searched every-where for his watch, and fin-ally found it." 2. Pronounce vej-e-tab'l, four syllables, and not vej-ta-b'l. 3. Chiffonier. 4. A fraud; deception. "His imposture was revealed at the trial." 5. Impending.

# City Hardware Tariff Report Men to Attend Said 'Middle Of the Road' Convention

Portland Jan. 31.

Multnomah Hotel.

about 450 stores in Oregon,

Washington and Alaska are

members of the association. The

convention is scheduled at the

banquet and the installation of

will be welcome, he added.

Audio-Visual Meeting

Dr. Walter E. Snyder, superin-

endent of public schools, is sched-

uled to speak at a luncheon meet-

ing Friday at the winter confer-

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Jan. 26, 1944

estates valued at \$1,000,000.

of Oregon.

Wayne L. Morse, public mem-

ber of the war labor board.

Jan. 26, 1928

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40 Years Ago

Jan. 26, 1914

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John Webber, a resident of

North Salem, was run into by a

team of horses at the inter-

section of State and Commercial

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At Stores, Utah, heard for

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To Hear Dr. Snyder

grams in his country.

By J. M. ROBERTS JR. An estimated 30 hardware Associated Press News Analyst dealers from the Salem area will attend the three-day convention

The President's Foreign Economic Policy Commission has pro-duced about as near a middle of of the North Coast Retail Hardware Association starting in the road report as it could with-A past president of the asso- out recommending "no change" ciation, Reynolds Allen of the or, flying in the face of world trends, higher tariffs. Allen Hardware in Salem, said

The recommended limits within which it suggests the administration be authorized to lower tariffs fall considerably short of opening up the whole field to negotia-The convention program will had hoped. tion, as the European countries

include a merchandising exposi- Aside from continuing the retion, panel discussions on the ciprocal trade system, there is no problems of merchandising a great positive emphasis on increasing American imports as a new officers, Allen said. All strategic effort to help friendly hardware dealers and employes nations.

is a recommendation, There however, for dropping the "Buy American" clause in dealings with countries which are willing to go strictly even Stephen in trade pol-

The underlying principle that foreign countries shall get trade concessions only to the extent to which they grant them remains ence of the Oregon Audio-Visual untouched.

Association. The conference will The principle concessions to the be held at Oregon State College. freer trade advocated in the re-On Saturday Albert Ziegler, port, which is intended to become headmaster of the Richmond a guide for congressional action, School at Nelson, New Zealand, are: will explain audio-visual aid pro-

1-That the president shall have power under certain circumstances to gradually reduce, up to 15 per cent over three years, rates which have already been reduced the legal limit.

2-That the President shall have the power, "whenever he finds the national interest requires it," to ignore present legal protections against any cuts which place domestic industries in real danger.

This is a vast power. It probab-Sir Richard Acland, leader of ly accounts in large part for the Britain's newest political party, mildly favorable reaction of the the Commonwealth, formally British, who had hoped for congave to the nation his two big siderable concessions without having to give up their own and some British commonwealth controls on imports.

cleared the way for his entrance It will also probably account for into the Republican senatorial great deal of opposition to the race in Oregon by resigning whole program in Congress. from both the WLB and the law What Europe was really trying

school faculty at the University to do was get a new American trade policy which would have Lucille Pierstorff, senior from been a recognized grant-in-aid, let-Lewiston, Idaho, was named ting them earn dollars in the Unitsenior scholar in the Willamette ed States to partially offset reducmathematics department. tions in the foreign aid program. "Trade Not Aid" was their mot-25 Years Ago

They are supported by a good many American business men who Although she gave away nearfeel that America's transition from ly \$30,000,000 during the last a debtor to a creditor nation over six years of her life, Mrs. Anna the past 40 years has completely M. Harkness, widow of one of changed the conditions under the founders of the Standard Oil which the protective tariff policy was built up.

company, left a net estate of They are opposed by a host of interests which fear specific dam-Encouragemnet that Salem age - and the Commission ruled will yet have a radio station was given by K. B. Aldrich of the out one suggestion, that specific damage be covered by government Capitol Broadcasting company. subsidy

With the huge sign "Cap-They are also opposed by iso itol" in blue, and the dome a lationists. miniature of that on the State | On one thing there seemed to be Capitol, outlined in red, the little room for argument; that a largest neon sign in Oregon was mountain of conflicting tariff clasablaze in front of Bligh's Cap- sifications and customs arrange-

> and above the general rates. needs to be revised. Almost every other point in the program promises its own major

ments which hamper trade, over

# State Constitution splinters. The slide descended Committee to Meet

The state constitution committee, created in 1953 to study the possibility of amending or rewriting the state constitution, will meet in Salem Thursday to discuss provisions of the current constitution relating to the executive de-A recent wind storm ripped partment, administrative departseveral rods of roofing off the ment, education, school lands and State Hospital main building state printing.

The committee is scheduled to and at the state farm a trestle of considerable length was over- report its findings to the 1955 legislature.



Ample parking facilities at both banking offices.