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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"

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## Student Field Trips

Superintendent J. W. Edwards of the Portland schools has been making a probe of student field trips. These are the expeditions made by pupils accompanied by a teacher to various points where it is presumed matters of educational value may be seen. Edwards found that in the last school year there were 1949 field trips by grade school pupils and 130 by high school groups.

It would be easy to condemn these out of hand as a waste of time and money. And as we have seen some tours of school youngsters racing around the state capitol such a conclusion might seem valid. In the great majority of cases however the groups are well behaved, quite observing and anxious to learn. It is unsafe to lay down a rule except the general one that the number of such trips should be restricted and the purposes very definite and worthy.

Portland has certain resources of great value in education; the art museum, science museum, historical museum. Classes working in these special fields can derive great good from guided tours of these institutions or study of particular collections which they house.

No doubt the possession of school buses adds to the ease of making such trips; and schoolboards seem quite lenient in their use. The writer recalls seeing in Washington in Easter week a school bus with the sign, "Limestone Co. Schools." Counties of that name are in Alabama and Texas, and if from either the pupils had a good long ride to and from the national capital, Portland requires the riders to pay a fee to cover the cost; but we doubt if that is universal.

The responsibility rests with school administrators to keep these trips from becoming "hokey junkets." The center of student activity should be right in the school, and many of these educational trips can be made with parents on family vacations.

## Distress Among French Vintners

While dairymen in the United States suffer because of an overproduction of milk and rely on government aid to help them out, winegrowers in France are plagued with the same trouble. For France is flooded with wine, the excess production being estimated at 160 million quarts a year. The government does what it can but still the flood continues and ancient wine-growing sections like the Languedoc in Southern France languish from economic debility.

Internal expansion of vineyards and competition from Algerian vines have brought woe to the older wine-producing sections. A hybrid vine was developed which is resistant to frost and hail and disease. It grows well in Northern France and in the cool Ardennes region, and wines produced from

its grapes add to the flood from the South. Imported wines from Algeria, part of the French Union, were sold in Paris for less than wines from Carcassonne.

A correspondent for the North American Newspaper Alliance writing from the Languedoc region reports:

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## Unanimous

On arriving at Geneva Foreign Minister Molotov said the Soviet delegation hopes the conference will bring peace to Indochina "by giving liberty, freedom and national rights to the people of Indochina." (When will the USSR give the same rights to Czechoslovakia for example?)

And Chou En-lai, foreign minister for Red China said the peoples of the world hope for the success of the conference in settling issues in Asia.

Britain, France and the United States all are eager to secure peace in Asia through unification of Korea and ending the fighting in Indochina.

The great powers are thus unanimous as far as the objective is concerned. We shall see how long their unanimity lasts when methods of reaching that objective are proposed.

Ft. Lewis and the Seattle Port of Embarkation will profit at the expense of the Bay area of California as the Army concentrates its base for Korean transhipments at those points. Ft. Lewis will be the staging area for personnel assigned to Korea and Seattle the port of embarkation. Camp Stoneman, California, will be put out of commission this summer. The shift is made in the interest of economy, the Pacific crossing being several hundred miles shorter from Puget Sound than San Francisco. Just another example of "more defense per dollar."

The Willamette Valley has had an almost perfect blossom week. Clear, bright sunny days, a bit on the coolish side, but still pleasant weather. With orchards in full bloom pollinating conditions seemed very favorable, and presumably the bees lived up to their reputation for being busy, all of which gives a forecast for a good fruit crop.

Swallows deserted the scabrock around McNary Dam to build nests on the sheer walls of the dam, much to the disgust of the engineers who have had the chore of clearing off the walls. The engineers, who are great builders themselves, can't understand why the swallows have deserted their homes on the rock cliffs. That's easy to understand—they want electrified homes too.

After so many domestic and court difficulties Rita Hayworth's glamor must be wearing off. When it shows at the box office it is fatal.

## Polls, Municipal Elections Show Demos Getting Increased Support Across U. S.

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON—How do you recognize a political trend when you see one? This question is raised because the Democrats in Congress are claiming to discern a very strong trend in their favor. They say that this trend first became visible with the autumn election upsets in Wisconsin and New Jersey, and that it has steadily gathered momentum ever since.

House minority whip John McCormack, for example, stoutly maintains that the Democrats today could easily win the House by a majority of 40 to 60 seats. There is also increasing talk among the Democrats of capturing the Senate—a much more difficult feat.

The Republicans, for their part, maintain just as stoutly that the alleged trend is a figment of the Democratic imagination, heavily tinged with political propaganda. What follows, then, is the evidence which the Democrats advance to support their claim. Whether or not this evidence is substantially valid, the reader may be allowed to judge for himself.

First, there are the polls, for whatever they are worth. The Democrats point with pride to the following recent polls:

A Minnesota poll showing Sen. Hubert Humphrey, who was once thought to be in danger, with an amazingly comfortable lead over his opponent.

In the County of York, Pennsylvania, registration of new voters took place between March 1 and March 31. In 1952, York County, admittedly nor-

mally Democratic, went for Eisenhower by a fat majority of about 5,000. But the Democrats claim York is heavily Democratic again—new voters registered Democratic by a proportion of two-to-one, and switched registrations were in the same proportion.

Finally—or so the Democrats claim—the response at Democratic rallies proves that a new Democratic spirit is abroad in the land. According to the Democrats, people fight for the privilege of paying their hard-earned money in order to eat tough chicken and hear the Republicans lambasted.

Second, there was the recent rally in Tucson, Ariz., Santa Fe, N. Mex., and in certain small and medium-sized Massachusetts towns; and the registration in the County of York, Pennsylvania.

In the last two elections, in 1952 and 1953, Tucson elected six Republican members of the city council and a Republican mayor, by handsome majorities. In the election held on April 6, three seats on the city council were disputed and all three were handily won by the Democrats.

As always, there were local factors—for one thing, the influential "Arizona Daily Star," which supported the Republicans in 1952, backed the Democrats on this go-round. But William Matthews, highly knowledgeable editor and publisher of the "Star," himself believes that the Tucson vote had real national significance. Moreover, exactly the same pattern held in the municipal election in Santa Fe, held on the same day.

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## BETWEEN THE CROSSES, ROW ON ROW



## Inside TV . . .

## TV Show Combines Education, Interest

By EVE STARR

HOLLYWOOD—TELEITORAL REVIEW: Guys and gals in this business often pan a show and turn around to find it zooming high in public favor. We'll praise another and soon it drops off the screen. Very disconcerting.

We do it because after all we're only practically human. So it was very gratifying to find that CBS had stretched "Adventure" to a full hour at last, an indication of increasing public acceptance.

"It is rumored in remote areas that the average American has a strange aversion to anything smacking of education or culture after he gets past the seventh grade. It's hard to get him even to look at something which might make him think. After he does he's sometimes pleasantly surprised.

We've praised this show for its ability to give us something worth filing in our grey drawer upstairs and to charge it with sparkling interest. You don't have to be a highbrow to enjoy this show. Us lowbrows have been elbowing ourselves room for a look for quite some time.

Science, history and kindred matters tend to be dehydrated subjects, but "Adventure" and producer Perry Wolff know how to project them with interest frequently bordering on excitement. That's because both he and narrator Charles Collingwood are showmen and balance off the high-foreheaded gentlemen who contribute the facts.

It's good for us all to learn a little more about this old world of ours, past and present. It tends to shrink our own personal problems down to normal size. Steer your older kids into this show and they'll learn something to benefit the rest of their days—there are two ways to peddle deeper learning, the dry textbook method and the manner in which this enlightened show operates.

TELEITORAL: We often marvel at the way actors suddenly turn off the heat and become calm and placid again. More so at the ladies, who are usually called upon for more emotion, more tears, more ranting and raving than the male. There they are, closing a scene with a jilting lover, weeping like April showers, the curtain falls—and suddenly it's May.

They step forth well poised with a smile and a word for their sponsoring product. It beats us how even the dramatic stars can so quickly compose themselves and remember a sponsor's name. Most women would go on sniffing and sobbing all night.

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The dramatics we see on "Lux" go on torturing and beating up the women year in and year out, but every one of them emerges from the ordeal abruptly, with a charming if not always convincing testimonial for soap.

The men have it a little easier, depending upon how deep the dramatics have to be dug. Lucky is the fellow in the strong, silent role, for he hardly has to alter a facial muscle when he switches to the commercial pitch. But we recall many cases like Robert Montgomery's when he took the lead in his own show and "Appointment in Samarra."

As a pretty unhappy salesman as well as a downright cad, he had a very rough time of it all the way through. But when the curtain fell, there was the poised and polished Robert, selling cigarettes again.

Of course there's nothing to it for guys like Milton Berle or ladies like Lucille Ball. They burn up a lot of energy. Laugh and cry with the script. But it's all in fun and everyone knows it. You can brush off such emotions as quick as Lucy's wink, and calmly sell your product with your very next breath. Not so with heavy dramatics. It takes a special talent here to put over a genuine performance and not be a wreck when the commercial falls due.

The Republicans, in moments of frankness, do concede some drop-off from the post-election high point of Republican popularity, but they contend, reasonably enough, that this was inevitable in the normal course of events. On balance, it does seem fair to say that the Democrats have been gaining, and gaining fairly heavily in some areas. But no one claims to know how decisive this trend is—or how it might be affected by the McCarthy circus, the economic situation, or the growing crisis in the Far East.

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## Educational TV Meeting Set May 9

A conference on educational television in Oregon will be held in Salem May 9. Charles D. Byrne, chancellor of the state higher education system, announced yesterday.

Paul A. Walker, ex-chairman of the Federal Communications Commission; C. M. Braun, engineering consultant for the joint committee on educational television; Harrison T. McClurg, member of the National Citizens Committee for Educational Television, and Gov. Paul L. Patterson will be among the speakers.

"The conference has no program to sell," Chancellor Byrne said. "It is entirely for purposes of education."

Byrne said many education leaders, legislators and civic leaders have been invited to attend.

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## IT SEEKS TO ME

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is a protector of the basic equities, with a compassionate eye and a strong arm to see that each individual, no matter how weak or unappealing, is dealt with fairly and justly."

When such a sense of governmental justness pervades a society, then its government is firmly entrenched. It has for its bulwark the support of its constituents. When that sense is lacking, when people refer to its officials in the third person: "They" in Washington or Salem, then a gulf yawns between the governors and the governed.

One of the distressing things in these latter days is the tendency to "run down" government to demean it, to condemn it, often where the purpose is merely partisan advantage. In New Deal days "Washington" was constantly pilloried as a grim ogre sucking the lifeblood of the people. (The New Deal administration was seriously defective, but the motives of many of its critics were bad.) The continuous probe for "communists in government" sometimes of circus character and dimension, is too often a race for personal publicity at the expense of the government's reputation, and to the ruin of the reputation of individuals.

Stevenson puts down as the "short of the matter" that "the survival of our freedoms, individual and collective, is closely linked to the good name, the private reputation of our government." This will be preserved as the government itself deals justly with the citizens, and as the citizens in their turn deal fairly and honestly with government.

**MARRIAGE SIDE ISSUE**

CORUNNA, Mich.—The couple got married free by Justice of the Peace Homer Bush.

But the judge also ordered a \$65 fine and three days in jail for drunken driving.

The Justice, however, gave the man a reprieve of 36 hours on the starting of his jail term.

The man explained he'd been celebrating his impending marriage.

Ninety librarians have registered for the annual session of the Oregon State Library association to be held in Salem in May.

Wayne Morse, Republican candidate for U. S. senator at the May primaries, discussed plans for the coming election with a group of Marion county leaders at a dinner meeting.

Marion county girls can spell all over the boys, if results of the annual Marion County Spelling Contest are indicative. Five girls won first places and gold medals and five girls won second places and silver medals. One boy took a gold medal and one a silver award.

The Bible class at the Calvary Baptist church is again being instructed by Miss Nina McNary, who has returned from a trip to Washington, D. C., where she visited her brother, Sen. Charles McNary.

Approval of the American disarmament proposals made at Geneva during the week was indicated by Sir Austin Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary.

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The work that the automobile is doing in the civil war in Mexico is attracting attention of military engineers the world over. Generals Carranza and Villa both use motor cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin L. Baker and Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Locke entertained with a card and dancing party at the Marion hotel. Mrs. W. H. Dancy and Homer Smith won high honors.

Three thousand American refugees arrived at Galveston, Texas, from Vera Cruz, Tampico, where the entire American oil field has been abandoned.