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Legislative Candidates: The Senate

Under the new apportionment of the Legislative Assembly Marion County elects the same number of Senators—two—and representatives—four—as before. Three representatives aspire for the Republican nomination for Senator: Douglas R. Yeater, incumbent, Mark Hatfield and Lee Ohmart, presently Representatives. The Democrats have only one aspirant for the post: Cecil J. Farnes of Salem. The competition in the primary is therefore among Yeater, Hatfield and Ohmart.

The Statesman recommends the election of Lee Ohmart and Mark Hatfield. Both have been seasoned by two terms of service in the House and are ready for advancement to the Senate. Yeater has served one term in the House and one in the Senate. As this paper measures performance in the Assembly, however, it gives its endorsement to Ohmart and Hatfield.

Ohmart moved quickly into a position of leadership in the House, strictly on the basis of his sound, conservative judgment and his practical knowledge. His special field was taxation.

Hatfield was young and rather green, his first session; but developed well in the second session. An educator, whose special field is political science and with a personal interest in politics, he has a good potential in making a career out of politics. He needs seasoning and a little more sturdiness, but they can come with experience.

We do not mean to ignore Yeater who has quite a zest for politics, and has served three legislative sessions. Our choices, however, in this three-some falls to Ohmart and Hatfield.

Legislative Candidates: For the House

Seven good men came to the aid of the Republican Party in Marion County to stand as candidates for State Representative—four to be elected; and one, Guy W. Jonas of Salem, is running as a Democrat. Here again the competition is on the Republican side where the candidates are:

Eddie Ahrens, Turner, sheepgrower and farmer.

W. W. Chadwick, Salem, hotel proprietor.

Robert F. Cook, Silverton, farmer.

Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem, roofing and painting contractor.

William E. Kimsey, Salem, present State Labor Commissioner.

Jason Lee, Salem, attorney at law.

Al. W. Loucks, Salem, petroleum products, motor cars, present mayor of Salem.

Not within our recollection have the candidates for this office been as uniformly worthy and well qualified as is true this year. We would rate all of them as competent and trustworthy. Hence making a choice of four from the seven is not easy. The Statesman in making its recommendations has given consideration to a balance-

Plenty of Bad News Lies Ahead, So Let's Take a Look at Hopeful Current Events

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — In these next days and weeks and months, there is going to be plenty of bad news — about the attempt to arrange a new Munich in Indochina, for instance. If only for the sake of contrast, a look at the hopeful side of current events is now in order.

For there is a hopeful side, although few people see it. Both to the grim crisis in Indochina and to the domestic political crisis that is currently spilling over in the McCarthy-Army hearings.

The leaders of the Administration and almost all other Republicans are plunged in darkest gloom by these two developments. Yet what matters is not where you are, but where you are going. And important and healthy changes of direction are already resulting from both the two crises that are now causing such unrelieved pessimism.

If it is permissible to speak personally, the gloomiest moment for these reporters was last January, when one of them returned from an extensive journey of the on-the-spot observation in the Far East.

At that time, all the signs at home pointed to the conclusion that the Administration must stand up to Sen. McCarthy or surrender to him utterly. And at that time, all the signs pointed to the conclusion that Indochina would be lost to free world without more active American intervention.

But at that time, the Eisenhower administration was still

refusing to face up to these great and painful choices. Too many people forget all new American administrations must always learn by doing. The new team had only finished the first phase of this learning process.

Broadly speaking, the Administration had got thoroughly into the top of the ordinary business of government. When it confronted the Congress, it was ready with a highly impressive, admirably well-knit moderate conservative program. In itself, this was great progress from the disorders of the take-over by the Democrats the year before.

But in January and for some time thereafter, the Eisenhower administration was like a general who had organized his front wisely and efficiently, but had left his flanks perfectly unguarded. The ordinary business of government was well in hand, but the critical business was not in hand at all. No protection was being provided against the two great dangers, of the increasing arrogance of the McCarthy-style neo-Fascism at home, and the increasing power of Communist imperialism abroad.

Trying to luck through these domestic-political and foreign-political difficulties has now cost the Administration and the country a very heavy price. The McCarthy-Army hearings have to be endured because the White House kept hoping that "Joe would be good" until it was too late to prevent a major explosion. In the same way, the White House kept hoping Indochina would somehow save itself; so now it will take a miracle to save Indochina, and that miracle must certainly involve the use of American troops if it occurs at all.

That is the dark side. The hopeful side is the way the White House and the Eisenhower administration reacted when they learned the truth about every new Administration must learn, that somehow you never

ing of the legislative team from the standpoint of geography and occupation. Salem ought not to have all four of the county's representatives (plus the two senators). Our recommendations:

Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem businessman, former mayor, who has served one term in the House. Progressive, civic-minded, Elfstrom gives intelligent, responsible representation.

Eddie Ahrens, farmer and livestock circles, recognized as a community leader. Let's give representation to agriculture, the backbone of Marion County's prosperity.

Jason Lee, lawyer. On the younger side, but with experience in state affairs (with State Tax Commission and as Deputy District Attorney); high-principled, industrious.

This leaves us only one more choice, but we can't avoid commending both W. W. Chadwick and Al Loucks. The former is a veteran legislator, with a good record of steady work, well respected by his fellow members, with the growing influence which comes with seniority. Loucks is a dynamic and magnetic personality, able on the platform, public spirited, who may with good cause entertain higher political ambitions. Between the two we make no specific recommendation. The reason we do not endorse both of them is that we think three Salem businessmen are one too many for our legislative team.

This leaves out, to our regret, Bill Kimsey, labor commissioner and Robert Cook, farmer. Kimsey would make a very fine legislator and give a deserved place to labor because of his long association with organized labor. He suffers from the handicap of being little identified with Marion County. Cook, who was a candidate two years ago, lacks acquaintance over the county to make him a formidable candidate though he appears to be well qualified.

Adverse Report on Natural Gas Service

Hopes of residents of the Pacific Northwest for an additional source of fuel in natural gas were dashed, temporarily at least, when the staff counsel of the Federal Power Commission, Alvin A. Kurtz, recommended that none of the pending applications for pipeline rights to the region be approved. While final decision rests with the Commission itself the conclusion of the counsel presents a roadblock to plans for bringing natural gas to the Northwest.

Hearings on rival applications have been in progress for nearly two years, and volumes of testimony have been heard and recorded. The chief rivals are West Coast Transmission Pipeline Co. which proposed to import gas from Canada, and Pacific Northwest Pipeline Co. which planned to build a pipeline from a tri-state basin centering in northwestern New Mexico to the Northwest.

Kurtz based his recommendation on a study of the record. He recognized the existence of a need for natural gas in this part of the country but said none of the proposals offered was "sufficient, proper or complete." The proposed rate, he said, was higher than the Atomic Energy Commission would pay at its Hanford works, which would curtail the market.

That this report comes as a surprise is indicated by the fact that Portland Gas and Coke has just announced its engagement of special engineering advisors for studying a changeover from manufactured to natural gas. It is safe to assume that the Kurtz recommendation will be vigorously contested before the Commission which has set June 1st as the day for start of arguments of the applicants.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Is phase comrade Junior is going through, according to child psychology book . . . refusing to confess something he didn't do!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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nuclear weapons to be delivered by air. The old "balance of forces" (among Army, Navy and Air Force) gave way to greater emphasis on Air and A-1 bombs. Recent developments however, with a threat of involvement in war in Southeast Asia where "massive retaliation" does not fit, have forced the Defense Department to make what Secretary Wilson calls a "soul-searching review," — which is parallel to what Secretary

Dulles described as an "agonizing reappraisal" of our national policy if the European army plan were abandoned.

We are in a sort of twilight zone between peace and war; and in another twilight zone of change in the tools and techniques of warfare. It would be folly to put all of our reliance on air power whose limitations were revealed in Korea and in Indochina, or in nuclear weapons which were admittedly ill-adapted to fighting there. Not knowing just what kind of war our armed forces may be called on to fight, or where, those charged with responsibility for national defense feel we must be reasonably strong in all branches of the service. In this dilemma surely we dare not overlook the need for maintaining sea power, though now it is best housed in craft other than heavy battleships. In any war of survival our ultimate security would rest in prevention of armed invasion which could come in force only overseas. The Navy then is the first line of defense, just as it is the indispensable arm of control of sea communications.

Much as we long for and work for peace, in the present state of world tension we do not dare relax our vigilance. World Communism, Soviet model, is aggressive and determined, and conscienceless as regards the capitalist world. We ought not to invite conflict; but if it comes we must be prepared to fight it through to victory. Armed Forces day offers an opportunity for a "searching review" by the public of our military resources and needs.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

May 13, 1944

Lee N. Rudin, Salem, was named honor man of his company upon completion of recruit training at the U. S. naval training station at Farragut, Idaho. He graduated from Willamette university.

"Five Grand," the 500th Flying Fortress to be completed at the Boeing Aircraft company plants in Seattle since Pearl Harbor, rolled off the production line.

Oregon's state department of education—usually on the giving end of diplomas, awards, etc.—found the tables reversed this week when it was the recipient of a certificate of merit for patriotic endeavor in the war effort.

25 Years Ago

May 13, 1929

Approval of the proposed vacation of two short sections of streets, platted but never improved, and now occupied by the King Food Products, was given by the city planning and zoning commission.

The Navy Department went on record as approving a proposed bridge across the Columbia river at Astoria providing the minimum clearances are no less than those prescribed by the secretaries of war.

C. A. Lonergan, Portland, was elected state deputy of the Oregon State Council of Knights of Columbus at the 21st annual convention held in Portland.

40 Years Ago

May 13, 1914

A freight barge line through the Panama Canal will be inaugurated when five empty Colons will be towed from Colon to Balboa. Several vessels are waiting to cross in the Atlantic.

At a recent election at the University of Oregon, Leland Jendricks, Salem, now editor of The Emerald, Leslie Toozie of Salem was elected a member of the student council.

The people of Salem had an opportunity to see the real war at Vera Cruz (in moving pictures) at the Globe theater. The reel showed the actual fighting in Mexico.

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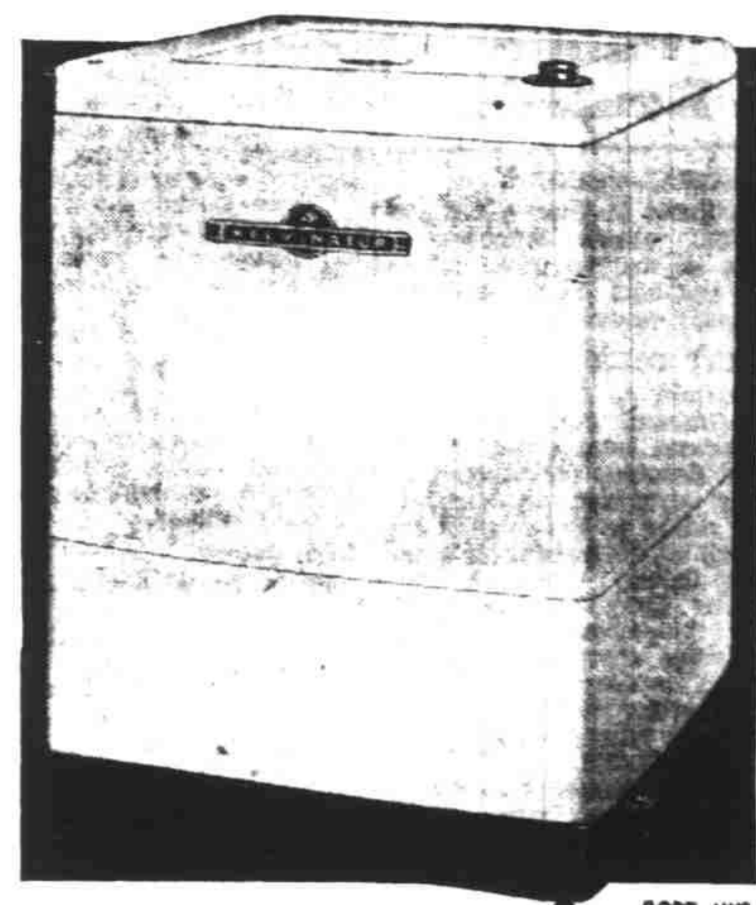
By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We have read into your manuscript and we are returning same to you herewith."
 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "cynosure"?
 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Soubriquet, sovereign, soulless, somniferous.
 4. What does the word "avid" mean?
 5. What is a word beginning with an that means "friendly"?
- Answers
1. Omit "into," and say, "We are returning it to you." Omit "herewith."
 2. Pronounce si-no-shor, i as in sign, o as in unfurled, oo as in shook, accent first syllable.
 3. Somniferous.
 4. Craving eagerly, greedy.
 5. Amicable.

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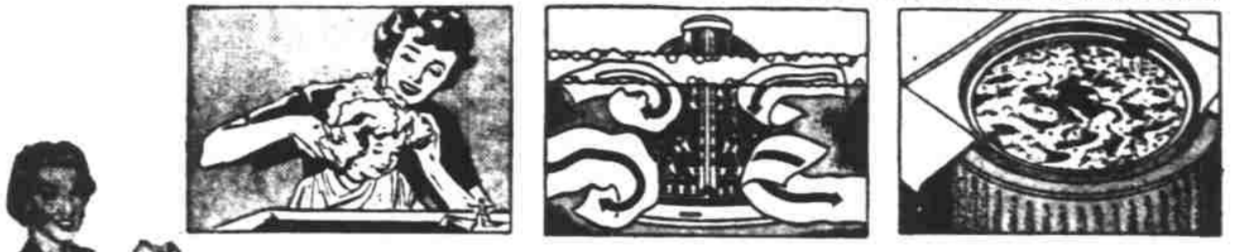
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