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Salk Success in Oregon

Oregon's experience with Salk vaccine has been highly gratifying, reports Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer. Among the 49,000 children who were inoculated with the vaccine none who had received more than one dose developed polio. Of the three cases which did arise in this group one case developed within one day after the first dose, and the presumption is that the infection was incurred before the inoculation. Among children not vaccinated the incidence of polio was 36 per estimated 100,000 population with the rate for paralytic type 23 per 100,000. Thus the early hopes of the protective character of the Salk vaccine have been fully confirmed in this state. The greater care now required in preparation of the vaccine now appears to insure against the polio infection which attended some of the early inoculations this spring. On the basis of the Oregon record parents surely are encouraged to have all their youngsters inoculated with the Salk vaccine.

Just Fifty Percenters

At last report a few days ago the Marion County chapter of the American Red Cross had received \$1,402 of its \$2,900 quota for the special Red Cross fund for relief of flood victims in the East. That is less than half the chapter share. The showing is a sorry reflection on the people of this community. Spared most of the catastrophes of nature they are only half-way concerned to relieve the acute distress of those in another part of our country who have suffered in a disastrous flood. Our people seem to have forgotten the aid extended by the Red Cross to sufferers from flood in this valley in 1945. The national organization announces that the requested sum of ten million dollars has been received. This simply means that others more generous than we, overpaid their quotas. Really if Marion County had a flag, it should be lowered to half-mast.

Education

Bill Tugman had a fine editorial in his Port Umpqua Courier on the importance of our schools, only he got the wrong Hopkins on one end of a log—Samuel and it should have been Mark. The latter was long-time president of Williams College. The reference was made in an address by James A. Garfield and the quotation is variously reported. One version is: "A pine bench, with Mark Hopkins at one end of it, and me at the other, is a good enough college for me." Now it seems necessary to throw in libraries, laboratories, dormitories and stadiums.

Speaking about the health of youth, which we did Thursday, we neglected to mention the Four-H clubs—Health is one of the four Hs. And at the State Fair the judges picked the "healthiest youth" among the state's Four-H-ers. That award went to Miss Norma Belt of Carlton. Fact is, the physical fitness of American youth was never as high as at present, though that doesn't mean there is no room for improvement.

Ike Said Acting Like Second-Term Candidate; Decision 'Due to Prestige Gained at Geneva'

By JOSEPH ALSOP
WASHINGTON—In the secret drama that has been unfolding in the White House for many months, it is pretty clear that what may be called the faction of the anti's has sustained a heavy setback. In other words, President Eisenhower is acting much more like a candidate to succeed himself than he would be called upon to act, if he merely wished to control the Republican convention and to dictate the choice of his own successor. On this head, the goings-on in Denver speak for themselves. Probably this outcome was always inevitable. The most experienced of all observers of the American political scene, Frank R. Kent, has long held that it was an immutable law of American politics that first-term Presidents cannot possibly resist the forces driving them to run again. But in this case, the problem was more interesting than it usually is, because of the character of the faction of the anti's.



Joseph Alsop

The leader of the anti's, of course, has been Mrs. Eisenhower. It has often been rumored that the President's wife disliked the idea of his running again. It can now be stated on unadmitted testimony that the rumors under-represented the real situation. Mrs. Eisenhower has not merely disliked the idea of a second term. She has strongly and consistently used her very great influence against it. Furthermore, it can also be revealed that the influence of Mrs. Eisenhower has been powerfully seconded by the influence of Major John Eisenhower, which is also very great. The combination of a man's wife and only son would be pretty formidable in most families and it is especially formid-

able in the Eisenhower family. In addition, Mrs. Eisenhower and Major Eisenhower had formidable arguments—that the Presidency was too heavy a burden to be taken on a second time at the President's time of life; that the President had done his duty and could gracefully retire; and that this was the moment for the President to escape to the Gettysburg life he loves. The President was much affected by the pleas of his wife and son. His response was shown the world, so to speak, at the famous press conference when he publicly repeated their argument that a man of his years should not seek another four years in the White House. But the faction of the anti's was tiny, while the faction in favor of an Eisenhower second term was enormous, comprising every member of his staff, every Republican politician of any consequence except Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, and virtually every one of the President's circle of close personal friends. Moreover, the Geneva meeting at the summit proved to be a heavy blow to the faction of the anti's. To the legions who have urged him to run again the President has always had a stock response—that the American political system did not recognize the existence of such a creature as "The indispensable man." But at Geneva, the President seemed to prove the contrary. However transitory and even dangerously deceptive the other Geneva results may prove, there is no doubt whatever about one result. Single-handed, with no lever but his smile, the President raised the reputation of this country abroad from somewhere very near the depths to somewhere very close to the heights. In a single week, the rest of the world's opinion of America's aims and purposes was radically and happily transformed by Eisenhower alone. The feat itself quite naturally

exhilarated the President, giving him a sense of achievement that he has not always had in the White House. Furthermore, the very fact of this feat, at once gave a heaven-sent argument to those who wanted him to run again. In our domestic politics, they said, it may be that no man is indispensable; but it has now been proved that at this critical juncture, the President is the indispensable man on the world political scene. According to persuasive reports, it was this new argument introduced by Geneva that rather decisively turned the White House debate in favor of a second term. All sorts of things can of course happen between now and the Republican Convention. It is more and more likely, for instance, that the free half of the world will suffer disastrous defeats in the Far East in the next six to eight months. What this may do to the President's post-Geneva glow is anyone's guess. Again, the President's state of health is obviously magnificent. Yet no man of his years can be absolutely guaranteed against the kind of little upset which would be trivial for most men, but in the situation in the White House would give much greater force to the pleas of the President's wife and son. For these and other obvious reasons, Eisenhower's course cannot be absolutely forecast. But on one point, one may now be quite certain. The President's power of choice in this matter has been invisibly but rapidly diminished. He no longer has the option of saying that he will not run because he does not choose to. His moral commitment to the Republican party is now too great. He cannot possibly escape running, unless he is willing to shield himself squarely behind an opinion from his doctors that he ought not to do so. That is the only argument which is not sure to be shouted down. Copyright, 1955, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Never heard such idiotic lyrics, cornball sentimentality and repititious, uninspired melody? ... Man, I think we got a hit on our hands! ..."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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which are chosen. The scholarship stipend varies from a token \$100 per annum where the student has other means of financing his education up to \$2,000 to cover tuition, textbooks and living expenses. A corporation, National Merit Scholarship corporation has been set up to administer the fund. It invites supplemental donations from other corporations which it will match. The hope is that within five years some 5,000 scholarships will be awarded annually. The key to this program is the desire to give a greater assurance that youth of brains and ability will go on to college or university. Presently the complaint is made that many of the brightest students do not go beyond high school for lack of funds. This merit scholarship plan opens the door of opportunity to those in this category. The reward to business and to the country lies in the development of the best brain power in the country for the future leadership in the professions, in science, engineering and business. Chairman of the board of the new corporation is Laird Bell, a Chicago attorney, who is also chairman of the board of Weyerhaeuser Timber Co. He has been particularly active in the effort to enlist corporation support for private colleges. It may be mentioned also that he is one of the alternate delegates named by President Eisenhower to the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly which convenes this month. The plan appears to have been very carefully worked out. Its magnitude will depend on how responsive other business organizations are in joining Ford Foundation in providing funds. The offer will prove an additional incentive to students to work in order to qualify for the rich prize of a college education with freedom from financial worries. Some may be skittish over corporations giving to colleges, but here the selection of institutions is free for the student so the college itself is not compromised in any way. So here we shall have beneficiaries with full freedom both for the scholar and the college.

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Sept. 10, 1945
Denying that he had ever planned or would plan to operate a night club, Michael (Mickey) Flax announced he had purchased the Rose Lawn Funeral home at South Commercial Street, and late this fall would reopen it as a first class restaurant. (1955—it is the home of The American Legion.)

25 Years Ago

Sept. 10, 1930
Mrs. Herbert Hoover's ability as a roller skater was recalled when an item in the Waterloo Courier of May 28, 1884, told that the wife of the president two days earlier had won a beautiful silk parasol by making two circuits of the hall and blowing out 10 candles in 38 seconds. She competed as Miss Lou Henry.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 10, 1915
Improvements to the Grand Opera house to cost approximately \$3,000 are being contemplated by the trustees of the Odd Fellows lodge, which owns the building. A change in the stairway, refinishing the lobby and a marquee are the plans. One of the new features of the State Fair is to be a kindergarten to be maintained by the Oregon Congress of Mothers in the old art room on the fair grounds. Miss Nellie Christina Casebere, Salem, will be in charge. Jesse L. Lasky's picturization of Harold MacGrath's famous romance, "The Puppet Crown," is the attraction at the Grand theatre, starring Miss Ina Claire and Carlyle Blackwell.

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\$70,500 Damage Action Filed by Trucking Firm

PORTLAND (AP)—A \$70,500 suit has been filed by Consolidated Freightways in federal court for loss of a truck and its cargo in an accident near Canyonville last month. Defendants are Pacific Motor Sales, George D. Dunning and others, including John T. Yarbrough as driver of a pickup truck involved in the accident. A big Consolidated truck left the highway and burned, with a load of turpentine, killing its driver.

Partnership Built West, Banker Says

PORTLAND (AP)—The principle of partnership has built the West and will continue to do so, the chairman of the board of the Bank of America said Friday. Jesse W. Tapp, the banker, told the Western Area Development Conference here that the history of the region's growth is one of private, federal and local co-operation. And, he said, "no great divergence from this pattern of aggressive or unwitting partnership can be expected in the immediate future."

Tapp attacked the idea that spending of public funds for big projects is merely a displacement of private finance. He cited the "geographic" unmelting of public revenues from one section of the country to another. The banker said that "in the case of the West, federal funds have been flowing in at a rate in excess of the sums removed by the Treasury. Since the end of World War II, the federal government has disbursed a total of about 13 billion dollars more in the 12th Federal Reserve District than it has received from taxation and borrowing within the district."

Added income. These federal funds, he said, have generated additional income which would not have appeared if government expenditures in the West had been limited to the amount of its receipts. As for private money, he said, as long as the West continues to "offer attractive opportunities and purposeful outlets for investment funds, these funds will be available for continued growth and development of our area."

Earlier the conference heard a review of the Hoover Commission Water and Power Task Force's highly critical report of federal activities in those fields. William D. Shannon, a task force member, said the group's studies actually showed deficits for such projects as the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Bonneville System, Boulder Canyon, Parker-Davis, the Southwestern Power Administration and the Southeastern Power Administration. The deficits, he said, exist based on what would have been the financial situation if the government had received annual 3 per cent interest on its investments and if federal and state taxes, like those of the private utilities, had been paid.

Tax Burden. These deficits, he remarked, "obviously ... had to be borne by the taxpayers." Shannon reported these deficits through 1953: TVA \$99,547,167, Bonneville \$96,626,893; Boulder Canyon \$101,186,839; Parker-Davis \$21,200,338, Southwestern Power \$10,692,305 and Southeastern Power \$10,692,305. "Obviously the claims of profits earned for the federal government on these projects cannot be sustained," Shannon said.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I subscribed to that magazine last week, and I expect you did, too."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "obesity"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Idiosyncrasy, illegible, illicit, illustrious.
4. What does the word "contemporary" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with inn that means "too many to be counted"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I subscribed for that magazine last week, and I presume you did, too." 2. Pronounce ob-ess-i-i, accent second syllable. 3. Illegible. 4. Living or occurring at the same period of time. "His work ranks with that of contemporary authors." 5. Innumerable.

Circuit Breaker Contract Awarded

PORTLAND (UP)—A contract for construction of 11 circuit breakers for the Bonneville Power Administration was awarded here Friday to General Electric Co. of Portland on its bid of \$822,400. Six of the 230,000 volt breakers are scheduled for installation at The Dalles, four at Bridgeport, Wash., and one at Covington, Wash.

Dallas Youth, 11, Wins Top Rabbit Honors at State Fair

An 11-year-old Dallas boy, Steven Grimes, exhibited the best of breed, an intermediate doe, in the New Zealand whites, which had the largest number of rabbit entries in any one breed at the Oregon State Fair. Judging was completed Friday. Fifty-four rabbits competed for the New Zealand breed title. Steven received the Lowit Blueblood Rabbitry special award of a New Zealand White junior doe.

Rabbit exhibitors from seven western Oregon counties shared honors for 4-H rabbit breed championships at the State Fair. Winners were from Benton, Clackamas, Hood River, Josephine, Polk, Marion and Multnomah counties. Champion Buck Pat Evans, Grants Pass, showed the champion New Zealand White buck for the best "opposite" of the breed. Pete Kaida, northern Clackamas County 4-H'er of Portland, exhibited the best Californian, a senior doe. "Best opposite" was shown by Louanne Douris, Salem.

The best New Zealand Red, also a senior doe, was exhibited by Mary Lou Sohler, Hood River. Her brother, Dick Sohler, showed the "best opposite," a junior buck. Marilyn Douris, Salem, had the champion Black Silver Martin, a senior doe; and Charles Logan, Hood River, showed the champion Peruvian, a junior doe. Silver Fox The champion Blue Silver Fox.

17 Extension Courses Due

Seventeen courses will be offered in Salem this fall through the general extension division of the Oregon State System of Higher Education. The extension term begins Sept. 26. The courses will cover fields of education, history, industrial education, physical education, science, sociology, business administration, philosophy, English and Spanish. Eight of the courses carry graduate credit. Further information on the courses, which will be offered on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays for 11 weeks, can be obtained from the Salem school system's adult education office.

Rail Service Probe Starts

Technical experts of the Public Utilities Commission Friday launched an investigation to determine, if possible, whether the recent action of the Portland Traction Company in reducing its operating schedules on two interurban passenger lines was justified. Interurban lines involved operate between Portland and Oregon City and Portland and Belfore. The investigation, officials said, is preliminary to a public hearing to be called by the utilities commissioner later. Investigators for the utilities commission spent Friday in the Portland area.

3 FACE ARRAIGNMENT

OLYMPIA (AP)—Dr. T. A. Harris, state director of public institutions, Friday announced that three ring-leaders in the July 5 riot at the penitentiary will be arraigned in Walla Walla County Superior Court on charges growing out of the disturbance.

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