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Highway Locations and Public Policy

Judge Alfred Dobson hewed to sound public policy when in denying the temporary injunction sought by Joe Harland, Polk County farmer, he observed that "if the highway commission's decision on this and other matters is to be subject to the approval of the county court (and all the internal pressures inherent therein) of every county through which a highway might pass, the prospect of Oregon ever enjoying an adequate highway system would be remote indeed." He acknowledged, too, that the commission had to rely on the experienced judgment of its engineering staff.

Harland objected to the route selected for the cutoff from Rickreall to the highway leading to Wallace Bridge and the Salmon River road to the coast because it cut his farm in two. In the opinion of engineers, however, this route was one to be preferred. While one may sympathize with farmers whose lands are bisected (for which they receive compensation), highways cannot be laid down to conform to existing boundaries of land ownership. They must follow the shortest line between points, with reasonable conformity to the contour of the land. It is a mistake to invest millions of dollars to build modern roads on inferior locations. It is a case where public service over a long term of years transcends the interest of the individual property owner. We assume that Judge Dobson correctly interprets the law and are confident that he has accurately defined what the public policy should be. We look forward to the early completion of this serviceable cutoff.

Alien Registration Required

For over a century the country got along pretty well in spite of the fact that a large proportion of its population were aliens. After the alien and sedition laws were repealed just after the turn of the century there was comparatively little organized anti-alien sentiment until the rise of the Know-Nothings (American party) in the first half of the century a movement which collapsed after 1856. Then after the first World War there was the second run of the Ku Klux Klan which fomented hostility to aliens, and that succumbed under public pressure.

With the rise of Communism, however, regarded as an alien philosophy, aliens themselves have become objects of suspicion, even if they never saw Russia. And we have laws requiring all aliens to register with the federal government, filling out blanks obtainable at post offices. They are required to give their names and addresses, under penalty of fine, imprisonment or deportation. Their freedom of movement is not restricted, but Uncle Sam is able to keep check on them.

Maybe all this is necessary, but we got along with a far larger proportion of aliens when we were a very weak nation, without any particular trouble. And as a matter of fact we have plenty of native-born trouble-makers. Guilt is personal, not a matter of class, color or birth.

The New Year is opening in perfectly normal fashion: rain and more rain.

French Election Shows National Disunity, Threat to Republican Form of Government

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst
France's well-wishers are wondering what would happen to her if Premier Faure proves wrong about the possibility of a center coalition government as he has proved wrong about stabilizing France through new elections.

The nation is in a situation where anything could happen, from a popular front coalition to dictatorship by the Communists, the latter the rise of a strong man who, however, is not yet in sight.

There was also the possibility of a grouping of Mendes-France's left of center and Faure's right of center around a Socialist premier. Faure obviously prefers a direct reconciliation with Mendes-France, but the latter's campaign bitterness made that a hard matter.

The bald fact is that the elections, emphasizing national disunity and revealing the number and depth of cross-cutting issues, have brought a grave threat to republican government itself. The talk is of electoral reforms and a strengthened executive set up under a revised constitution, but what may happen before anything is done, if anything can be done, is a matter of wide speculation.

Great pressure is on the present leaders of moderate factions to put aside their political maneuverings for the benefit of the nation. The press is alerting the public to the danger to democracy unless they do so.

France's allies in the Western world are saying little and keeping their fingers crossed, but there is clear evidence of worry in both London and Washington. For the time being, at least, France is incapable of participation in solution of mutual problems as well as her own problems in which there is mutual interest, such as North Africa.

And the worry is not confined.

TV Competition Hurts Movies

Movie theaters are among the few industries which are not sharing the current spate of prosperity. Local evidence of this is seen in the announcement of the Foreman interests that they will operate only the Elsinore and Capitol theaters in downtown Salem this winter. The Grand will not reopen before spring. Of two other downtown theaters, the Liberty on South Commercial has been torn down and the State on North Church, has been dark for two years.

It isn't that the people do not crave entertainment, or that they can't afford it. They have more money in their pockets (employment is high and so are wage levels), and they have more leisure time than ever. The movies suffer chiefly from the competition of the new medium of entertainment, television. Pretty hard for even a good movie to draw folk from their own firesides when their favorite TV show is on.

Movie producers have finally broken the seals on their own short subjects and are offering them for sale. First to move were the new owners of RKO who sold a large bundle from their library. Paramount and Columbia are reported as following suit. This means that television will absorb a lot of the short productions previously reserved by movie producers. The latter are, however, paying some attention to the complaints of theater owners and promise to release more pictures and more top quality pictures in 1956 than in 1955. Included in the lot are the spectacular "The Ten Commandments" and dramatizations of such books as Melville's "Moby Dick" and Tolstoy's "War and Peace."

It would seem as though a bottom had been reached in the decline of theater patronage. Most folk like to step out of an evening for entertainment, and movies remain the most popular and least expensive diversion. With a better run of pictures interest in movies will revive, and the fortunes of theater owners along with it.

Citizens in Henryette, Okla., are up in arms because they didn't get to see their high school band on television New Year's Day. The band was marching in the Tournament of Roses parade in far-off Pasadena, but at the precise moment it swung into the range of the TV cameras the band was blanked out in favor of a commercial. Now the good folk of Henryette are described as "boiling." The state representative has wired the governor and asked for an official protest. Safe to say those Oklahomans will drink no Minute Maid for a long, long time.

Editorial Comment

UNION CARDS

The assistant dean of the University of Illinois graduate college has the temerity to blame industry for the "inflation" of the Ph.D. degree. He says industry has turned the doctorate of philosophy into a sort of union card which graduates must hold before they can get good jobs in the free enterprise world.

The dean, E. T. Wall, has his eyes on too distant a horizon. He should look closer. Perhaps the degree has been cheapened until it represents perseverance more than brains. But don't blame industry for that.

It is on the campus that the degree has become a "union card." A young teacher knows that he can't rise far in his profession until he knocks off work for a couple of years to write a "dissertation." Suggested topics include "The Use of the Semicolon by Li Po," "The History of the Public Waterworks in Mudville, Okla.," and "The Relationship of Point-of-Sale Advertising to the Development of the Nicotine Habit in 476 Selected Young Men and Women of College Age." All this, of course, has nothing to do with the young teacher's teaching ability. And it delays, for a year or two the quest for knowledge and understanding. The experience just costs him money and makes him ashamed of himself when some prankster calls him "doctor."

Three or four of the best professors we've ever known did not have doctor's degrees. And we've sat at the feet of a lot of scissor-bills who did have them.

If there be a plethora of cheapened Ph.D. degrees in the world, don't blame industry. Blame the colleges. They were the first to be taken in by the Ph.D. racket. Industry was a Johnny come lately. —Eugene Register-Guard.

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Pvt. James W. Lovegren of Portland, veteran of a mobile anti-aircraft unit in Europe, won the distinction of being the 100,000th soldier to be discharged through the Ft. Lewis separation center.

The new Salem YWCA center will be constructed on the association's present site, 768 State Street, it was decided at the Board's January meeting. Chairman for the overall building committee is Mrs. Frank Spears.

A new bank building in Salem was forecast in the annual report to directors of the First National bank here when Ted Gamble, former national war finance program head was named a director.

25 Years Ago

A rain-soaked monoplane, carrying Bobbie Trout and Edna May Cooper, girl endurance fliers, who simply refused to be beaten, rounded off its 100th hour in the air at Los Angeles.

The mayor's committee in charge of arrangements for the governor's ball and reception

and which is headed by Col. T. E. Rilea, has petitioned the Salem council to clear Ferry Street from South Commercial to High Street of all vehicles the night of the ball.

Before the largest basketball crowd of the season in Portland, Salem high grabbed a 13 to 10 win over the Sellwood Colts at the Sacred Heart Court when Mark Schachter scratched a long shot with only 30 seconds left to play.

Laud Hamilton, well known in Salem, formerly connected with the department store of H. W. and M. L. Meyers, now of Missoula, Mont., has been awarded the capital prize for show card writing by "The Signs of the Times."

Dr. E. J. Stewart, for four years athletic director and football coach of Oregon Agricultural college, has been elected to a similar position with the university of Nebraska and has announced his acceptance.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... Is delegation from U.S. seeking to learn our technical know-how! ... Is attempting to learn how we avoid having farm surpluses ...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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into sober statesmanship. More probably it will merge with other movements or die out as have splinter parties in this country.

It is much too early, however, to dust off France as a weakling, a one-time giant shorn of its strength. Crisis is the common diet in French politics; and if this one is a little worse than others it still seems short of being fatal. The game of musical chairs will probably be resumed, though the chair-legs are getting quite wobbly.

Not being an expert in any measure of French politics, I hesitate to offer a prescription for curing its disease, and offer a diagnosis with some hesitation. It has seemed to me that France's ailment was chiefly psychological. The prewar confusion in the Popular Front period whose ineptitude was later disclosed to border on treason, was followed by the most humiliating defeat and then by the corrosion of the Vichy government under Pierre Laval. General DeGaulle, who might have become a leader to galvanize Free France into aggressive postwar recovery, became instead a victim of his illusions. The postwar constitution was a compromise which served in the name of democracy the political paralysis of prewar France. Memories of the two Napoleons and the innate provincialism of the French prevented concessions to central authority. France lost the opportunity, which Belgium seized, to start with a sound currency and hold to it. Inflation complicated the economic problem and only the arrival of Marshall plan aid helped tide the country over.

Fiscal recovery was halted by the drainage of the war in Indochina which now is repeated by the troubles in North Africa where France clings to authority to preserve its status as a world power. These internal and external problems have loomed larger in French minds than the menace of Soviet Communism, so France has been rather a fitful member of the western alliance.

Because this has engrossed American thought and policy-making since 1947 Americans have been critical of France and its kaleidoscopic changes of cabinets. In this attitude we fail to appreciate the outlook of the Frenchman on his world, and we fail to make concessions for the Gallic temperament which accepts or welcomes political changes. Finally, we must grant to France the right to solve its own problems and try to achieve its destiny in its own way. Forty million Frenchmen can be wrong; but they are loath to admit it to 165,000,000 Americans. I have often said we had to use patience in our dealings with Russia. That same virtue must be employed in our dealings with our friends, especially France.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "Each of us has their part to perform, and we shall surround the building completely."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Homo sapiens" (man-kind)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Denunciate, delineste, delegate, demitasse.

4. What does the word "inadequate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with "er" that means "ridicule; mockery"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Each of us has his part," and omit "completely." 2. Pronounce ho-mo say-pi-ens, with accent on first syllable of each word. 3. Delegate. 4. Insufficient. 5. The money they received was inadequate for their daily needs." 6. Derision.

PARKS HEARING SET

REEDSPORT, Ore. — The governor's advisory committee on parks will hold a public hearing in Portland Feb. 24-25, William M. Tugman, chairman, said Wednesday.

U. G. Behrens Succumbs to Heart Attack

U. G. Behrens, 5050 Silverton Rd., died Wednesday afternoon at his home following a heart attack Wednesday morning. He was 55.

Born Oct. 14, 1900, at Sibley, Iowa, he moved to Salem two years ago from Slayton, Minn. He was employed at Oregon State Hospital. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Alma Behrens, and son, Daryl Behrens, both of Salem; daughter, Miss Beverly Behrens, Portland; two brothers, Jake Behrens, Alexandria, Minn., and Herman Behrens, Findley, Iowa; and sister, Mrs. E. J. Nightingale, Wheaton, Minn.

Brief services will be held 1:30 p.m. today in Clough-Barrick chapel. The body will be sent to Sibley for funeral and burial.

Rites Set for Mrs. Lynes Of Jefferson

JEFFERSON, Ore. — Funeral services for Mrs. Katherine C. Lynes of Jefferson, who died Tuesday in an Albany hospital at the age of 75, will be 2 p.m. Friday in Howell-Edwards chapel, Salem, Rev. Robert McIlvanna officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson.

Mrs. Lynes, a Jefferson area resident most of her life, was born at Plattville, Wis., May 20, 1879. She came to Jefferson with her parents, the late John and Caroline Wied. She and Earl Lynes were married in Salem Jan. 7, 1914. He died in 1949.

Mrs. Lynes was a member of the Methodist Church and W.S.C.S. and Euclid Chapter 20, Order of Eastern Star.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Ethel A. Roland, Jefferson, and several nieces and nephews.

State Ships 4,687 Cars Of Produce

Oregon shipped 4,687 carloads of fruits and vegetables to other states and countries during November, the State Agriculture Department said Wednesday.

The total was 1,300 more than in November, 1954.

Fifty-four per cent of the shipments were potatoes, 13 per cent onions, and 6 per cent walnuts and filberts.

Life Insurance Forms Mailed to Vet Loan Holders

Application forms for mortgage cancellation life insurance are being mailed this week to more than 11,000 veterans who have borrowed money from the state to buy farms and homes.

H. C. Salfeld, director of veterans affairs, said 75 per cent of the borrowers must take out the insurance if the plan is to become effective. The insurance will pay off mortgages if the veterans die.

The insurance company is Standard Insurance Co., Portland.

Youths Face Liquor Count

Four young persons in a car stopped early Wednesday morning on a minor traffic count were charged with illegal possession of liquor when beer reportedly was found in the car. Fined \$25 each on pleading guilty were Rebecca Jane Rumbolt, 19, of 119 E. Birch St., Dallas, and Linda Ruth Beck, 18, of 755 Ferry St., police said.

Released on payment of \$35 bail each were youths identified by police as Charley Barlow Watkins, 20, Willamina Box 555, and Gordon Wallace Spurgeon, 18, Grand Ronde Box 683.

W. S. Hyde Rites Planned On Saturday

Private funeral services for Walter Sydney Hyde, 1520 N. Fifth St., who died Tuesday in a Salem hospital at the age of 81, will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday in W. T. Rigdon chapel, burial in Belcrest Memorial Park.

Hyde, a retired barber, had lived in Salem since May, moving here from Portland, born July 31, 1874, at Albany, he had lived 35 years in Prineville.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Ruth Rechin Hyde, and daughter, Mrs. Maxine Webb, both of Salem; four brothers, Oscar C. Hyde, Cascade Locks; Lawrence Hyde, Stevenson, Wash., and Carl and Edwin Hyde, both of Prineville; and sister, Mrs. Elmer Freeberg, Los Angeles, Cal.

Lawyer Files For JP Post At Woodburn

A retired attorney Wednesday became a candidate for the Woodburn Justice of Peace post now held by Harold Eichstedt of Woodburn.

Patrick F. O'Leary, Hubbard Route 1, box 18, in filing for position on the May 18 primary ballot, became the second person in Marion County to file for the next election.

O'Leary's slogan, which will run with his name on the ballot, reads "Administer Justice with even hand without fear or favor to anyone. I am a retired attorney."

Eichstedt has not indicated whether he will be a candidate to succeed himself.

Salem Gunman Pleads Guilty

DALLAS, Ore. — Robert Scott Kennen, 31-year-old Salem man held in Polk County jail since the Nov. 20 Rickreall Tavern robbery in which his partner was killed and a state policeman wounded by gunfire, pleaded guilty Tuesday to a charge of assault and robbery.

Judge Arlie Walker of Polk County Circuit Court postponed sentencing until after investigation by the State Board of Parole and Probation. Maximum sentence provided by state law would be life imprisonment.

Kennen's companion, Wallace Cunningham, 35, of Portland, was killed in the attempted robbery. State Patrolman John Mekkers of Salem was wounded by gunfire from Cunningham.

Innocent Plea Made to Drunk Driving Charge

A man from The Dalles, charged Wednesday morning with driving while intoxicated, pleaded innocent later in the day in Salem Municipal Court and was released on payment of \$250 bail, police said. Trial was set 1:30 p.m. March 9.

The man, Jesse Warren Glasgow, was apprehended about 3 a.m. in the 2000 block Fairgrounds Road, police said.

Court Receives Paving Petition

Petition for paving some 2,300 feet of Durbin Ave. in the Four Corners area was received Wednesday by the Marion County Court and referred to the county engineer for action.

The street, which will have asphaltic concrete paving for 20-foot width, will be improved under the county's paving program which assesses cost of the project against the benefited property owners.

'Portable Town' To Close Down

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — The portable town of Shevlin, owned by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co., is being closed down.

The town which has followed logging operations has been located in three different counties in the past 35 years.

Families in the town, now located south of LaPine, will move to Bend.

Brooks-Scanlon purchased the town when it bought out the Shevlin-Hixon Logging Co. in 1950. It was located in Deschutes and Lake counties before being moved to Northern Klamath County.

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars

To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	3-10-25	15-17-56-57	30-31-62-85
Taurus	4-20-21	15-17-56-57	30-31-62-85
Gemini	5-21-22	21-29-32-38	41-46-61
Cancer	6-21-22	43-44-55-58	70-75-79-86
Leo	7-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Virgo	8-23-24	4-7-26-44	53-66-74
Libra	9-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Scorpio	10-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Sagittarius	11-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Capricorn	12-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Janus	1-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Feb	2-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Mar	3-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Apr	4-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
May	5-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Jun	6-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Jul	7-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Aug	8-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Sep	9-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Oct	10-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Nov	11-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48
Dec	12-23-24	1-2-11-23	27-47-48

School Reporter Student Rotarian Selected

BY WILL BATESON AND BARBARA BONIFACE

SOUTH SALEM HIGH
John Hammarstad, son of Dr. and Mrs. Lynn Hammarstad, 710 Winding Way, was nominated South Salem High honorary Student Rotarian for the month of January at a meeting Tuesday of the student council.

Music is the primary activity of John. He is active in the school pep band, band and orchestra and a member of the Salem Junior Symphony.

In school, he is a high honor student, was elected Homecoming host and is president of A. A. Staggs and Encore clubs. Last summer he visited Germany as a part of the American Field Service program.

Pep Band Forms
A small group of students have organized, under the direction of music advisor, Wallace Johnson, a pep band.

These students play school songs and themes during home basketball games and also provide entertainment during game and assembly intermissions.

Members of the band are Lane Olson, Jack Moore, Jim King, Dave Johnson, Ronald Johnson, Wayne Bryan, Art McEldowney, Dave Ingham, John Hammarstad, Barbara Leiseth, Don Marsland, Robert Seegar, Jerry Pekar, Mike

Man Bound to Grand Jury

A 45-year-old Gervais man was bound over to the Marion County grand jury Wednesday after waiving preliminary hearing in Marion County District Court on a charge of forgery.

Spurgeon Fitzhugh Beckner, Gervais Route 1, box 94, was arrested Tuesday by city police on a complaint that he had cashed a \$34.50 check at a N. River Road tavern. He was serving a five-day sentence in the city jail for vagrancy when he was served with the felony warrant.

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