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Making McKay a Target

Columnist Marquis Childs had a piece the other day saying that the Democrats are making Secretaries Benson and McKay their prime targets. Instead of aiming their arrows at Eisenhower, they fire them at men in his cabinet, particularly these two. Benson is attacked because he hasn't maintained the incomes of farmers. Doug McKay is under a drumfire of criticism for alleged "give-away." First, it was the administration approval of grant of title to certain offshore lands to the states. That had been approved by Eisenhower before he became President, but Interior and McKay got the blame because former Secretary Ickes had raised the issue which led to the Supreme Court finding that the federal interest was "paramount."

Then McKay was attacked because of the partnership power policy of the administration, with the Hells Canyon project, which Interior dropped, as the main talking point. In 1954 the patenting of the Al Serena mining claims in Southern Oregon was similarly charged to McKay as a "give-away." This is now the subject of a congressional investigation which is surcharged with politics. Latest action of Interior, that opening certain wild life refuges to oil prospecting, has drawn the crossfire of conservation groups. Secretary McKay defends this order as one which resulted from two years of thorough study of the problems relative to leasing on such areas, and states that the regulations assure maximum protection to wild life refuges.

With all this black paint daubed in, McKay's portrait becomes one quite unfamiliar to his long-time friends and associates. They retain full confidence in his integrity. We can't help but doubt though, if Doug realized the hornet's nest he was getting into when he took this job in Washington. Interior is one of the departments where the contention is greatest because it deals with valuable resources. The job of the Interior secretary is to conserve and protect the national interest in these resources, but that should not mean to put them in a perpetual deep freeze. Maybe Doug didn't put on enough armor when he stepped into the place formerly held by the old curmudgeon, Harold Ickes.

News Suppression on Coos Bay

A shooting took place down at Empire in Coos county on Thursday. When the reporter for the Coos Bay Times went to the North Bend police station to get the news story, he was denied access to the public booking sheet. Instead he was handed a form on which to make a written request for "the following public information" and then there was a blank to fill out: "Purpose for which this information is to be used." The reporter spurned the form and again sought the booking sheet, without success. The Times in its issue that night reported the "North Bend police, the State Police, the district attorney's office and other interested agencies refused to reveal anything about the violent incident and carefully kept secret all entries on public records regarding the case." Finally the reporter did dig up information to the effect that one man was charged in justice court with assault with intent to kill and the name of the assailant and his victim.

Here certainly is a glaring case of news suppression which must be promptly cor-

rected or the cause of public information and of the ends of justice will be exposed to grave injury.

It is true that the Times has been having a running feud with some of the public officials in North Bend and with police departments in North Bend and Coos Bay. But that is no excuse for denying to it information which the public is entitled to.

Previously the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association through its manager's office had agreed to investigate the situation in Coos Bay. This incident should get its representatives moving toward Coos Bay immediately.

Southern Alameda Goes Modern

A few days ago residents of southern Alameda county, California, voted to form a new city to be named Fremont after the explorer-officer who figured in the early history of California. The unique thing about it is that its area of 96 square miles makes it the third largest in land size of all the cities of the state. Los Angeles has 450.9 sq. mi., San Diego 99.4, but Oakland has only 53 sq. mi., and San Francisco on the tip of the peninsula with the same name, only 44.6 sq. mi.

One's instinct is to laugh at the pretensions of Fremont. But as the San Francisco Chronicle explains the move, it really makes sense. The new city is really the consolidation of five towns in the district between Oakland and San Jose. Here is the Chronicle's explanation:

"Growth forced the five-town merger—the increasing pressure of subdivisions, with their need for schools, lighting, and utilities. Rather than see their surroundings grow up haphazard, without proper zoning controls, without planned park and recreation areas or school sites, the people of Washington Township wisely decided to reach out for the advantages of a unified, self-governing community under the city manager system. They have an opportunity, which we hope they'll seize, of planning Fremont for the needs of tomorrow, rather than letting its development follow the cowpaths of yesterday."

That makes sense. Elsewhere urbanized communities are struggling with the problems of political boundary lines. Proposals are made for easier means to extend city limits or for creation of a new urban unit, the metropolitan area. These California towns just went modern overnight. Without doubt they will have many growing pains, but at least they are spared the usual city-rural-suburban complication.

Salem and West Salem showed the same good sense in uniting a few years ago. Many other cities though, are strangled by their own boundary lines.

Another reason why crops pile up unused is the increase in world production. The Department of Agriculture reports that in every major geographical area the 1955-56 production is exceeding that of 1954-55, except for a very few commodities. The estimate is 119 per cent of the 1935-39 average. Of course world population has increased, too, but not enough to consume all the produce at market prices acceptable to producers.

The McMinnville News-Register carries news from "High Heaven." Is that the place we all yell to?

Editorial Comment

APOLOGIES TO BALDOCK

At one time, in a discussion of highways with state highway engineer Sam Baldock, we accused him of throwing away money if he spent much on a new road from Corvallis to Albany.

We told him that we didn't care how good a road he built from Albany to Portland because the majority of Corvallis people would still use 99-W.

Well, Mr. Baldock, we apologize. The new Wilsonville cutoff is a honey and more and more people from Corvallis are now going to Portland on this route. We don't know what would be the reaction if you spent the same amount of money fixing up 99-W as you eventually plan to use on the Corvallis-Albany, but certainly as of now going to Portland via Albany is the best route for Corvallis people. —Corvallis Gazette-Times.

GOP Administration Doing 'Brilliant Job' Of Halting Every Major Move by Demos

By JOSEPH AND STEWART ALBOP

WASHINGTON — The Democrats are beginning to feel rather like the butt of the classic old swimming hole joke. While they have been happily dispersing themselves in the water, shouting merrily to each other about the fine prospects for 1956, the Republican administration has been steadily made off with all their clothes.

The Administration, in short, has done a downright brilliant job of aborting every major Democratic issue. Consider a typical sampling:

Farm Issue. This was to be, of course, the Democrats' biggest single issue for 1956. Until very recently, the Democratic dream of the future was clear. They would pass a farm bill restoring fixed 90 per cent of parity, and giving the farmers all sorts of other goodies, like special "soil banks" payments for keeping their land out of production. The President would veto this bill, and the Republican Congress would be cooked to a turn.

It may work out that way. The farm issue is certainly still the most dangerous the Administration has taken over the soil bank idea, and other ideas first ad-

vanced by the Democrats—Sen. Hubert Humphrey, principal Democratic farm policy idea: a, complains loudly that "They're stealing my babies." Moreover, the Administration is playing its trump card on the farm issue — President Eisenhower, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson is political poison in the farm areas. But the President himself is still immensely popular with the farmers.

The Administration plan now is to have the President move front and center on the farm issue, selling the Administration program, and above all persuading the farmers that the Democrats' fixed support program will pile up higher surpluses and depress prices still further. A nationwide Presidential telecast devoted entirely to the farm issue is being seriously considered. And there are signs of doubtfulness already among several Democrats about the vote-getting potentialities of high fixed parity.

Taxes. The Administration has the Democrats nicely boxed in on the tax issue. The President has sternly said that a balanced budget and debt reduction must come before any tax relief. The Democrats strongly suspect a plot. They suspect that, along about June, there will be a brilliant announcement from the Treasury—that due to brilliant economic management, a surplus, perhaps as high as \$4,000,000,000, is in sight for the 1957 budget. Therefore the voters will be pleased to hear, a balanced budget, debt reduction, and a nice dollop of tax reduction too will all be possible.

The suspicion that this is what the Administration is up to amounts to a firm conviction among many shrewd Democrats. But what are they to do if they try to heat the gun with tax reduction now, they will be accused of fiscal irresponsibility and unbal-

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Tomorrow's our 20th anniversary, dear! ... How about inviting over some of the gang to cheer us up?"

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

January 14, 1946

A Samurai sword, captured from a Japanese general, was received by Governor Earl Sniell from M. Sgt. Millar B. Hodges, Grants Pass, a close friend of the executive. It was captured from a Japanese general in the field.

Applications for priorities for construction of at least 87 new dwellings to be started within the next 90 days in the Salem area will flow into federal housing authority offices as soon as the blanks are made available here.

Two hundred acres of one of the best farm and orchard properties in the Willamette valley recently changed hands when the old W. J. Crawford place, known more recently as the Wayne Henry ranch was sold to James Smart, Jr., of Glen Creek road.

25 Years Ago

January 14, 1921

Mrs. Jay Upton, wife of Senator Jay Upton, who is here with her husband from Bend during the legislative session, was the guest of honor at a luncheon at the H. G. Maison home, when Mrs. Maison and Mrs. J. J. Elliott entertained.

Oswald West, one-time governor and long-time resident of Salem where he was brought up as a boy, gave a whimsical address to the Kiwanis club. His topic ranged from driving untamed horses through Salem's dusty streets to the routing of unwanted tenants in the Bush Bank building by the use of firecrackers.

"Portrait of Elizabeth Trumbo," an oil painting by Michael Mueller, professor of painting at the University of Oregon, has won national praise for its creator, when it was exhibited at the Art Institute of Seattle.

40 Years Ago

January 14, 1916

The first volume of the report of the United States commissioner of education for the school year ending June 30, 1915, has just been received by State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, Oregon and the Oregon school system received favorable attention in this report.

A group of Salem musicians, who form a string orchestra under the leadership of Miss Georgette Booth, will go to Monmouth to attend a program at the State normal school. In the party will be Miss Booth, Miss Mary Schultz, Mrs. Viola Verrier Holman, B. R. Russell and C. E. deCraстоs.

At the twelfth meeting of the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission at Pittsburgh 17 cases of heroism were recognized. Among them was Melvin Hagen, 18, deceased, who died attempting to save Alma E. Summerfield from being run over by a train at Canby, Ore. The medal went to Hagen's father.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I guess I will go, now that my task is entirely completed."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "miscellany"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Panoram, panacea, pamphleter, palpatation.

4. What does the word "embellish" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with ob that means "forgetful"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I think I shall go," and omit "entirely." 2. Pronounce mis-se-lay-nee, accent on first syllable. 3. Palpitation. 4. To make beautiful or elegant, as by ornaments. "The book was embellished with pictures." 5. Oblivious.

MOVIE CLUB TO MEET

Members of the Salem Movie Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, with feature of the affair being a no-host dinner. Don Madison is in charge of the program.

Mrs. Bunnell Nominated as Health Leader

Marion County Health Council nominated Mrs. Ruby Bunnell for president at its session Friday which was devoted largely to talks on phases of the March of Dimes campaign.

Also nominated were Dr. J. H. Stewart for vice president, Mrs. Bernice Yeary as secretary and Kenneth Peterson as treasurer.

Phillip Hawley, vice chairman of the polio campaign urged a continuing program of education and care for polio victims, noting that Marion County had applications from 44 cases for assistance in 1955. "The need is still great," Hawley said, though control of the disease is in sight.

Dr. George Schunk urged education of the public to a routine acceptance of polio inoculations. Stressing the importance of administering the Salk vaccine to children between 1 and 15 years, he said it was important that they start now so as to have the season completed before polio season.

Dates of the National Rural Health Conference in Portland March 8-10 were announced by Harley Libby, Jefferson county coordinator for the session.

State Worker Blood Donors Give 138 Pints

State workers, turning out to replenish much-needed blood supplies in flood-stricken areas of Northern California and Southern Oregon, contributed 138 pints Friday in a special drawing held at the Elks Temple.

Warne Nunn, Marion County blood chairman for the Red Cross, said he was highly pleased at the response to the Friday donor program, sponsored by the State Employees Association.

Virtually all state agencies were represented in the donations. A high percentage came from personnel of the Highway Department, who designated that some of their contributions go to fellow workers stricken with illness.

Among donors Friday were two who qualified for the blood program's Galloner Club with their eighth pint. They were Floyd Wittman, 875 Electric Ave., and Eldon G. McDermit, 2420 Helm St.

Photos to Be Judged Which Show Off City

Photos designed to show off Salem to prospective tourists and convention visitors will be judged Jan. 24, it was announced Friday by Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Members of Salem Camera Club have taken the pictures at the request of the chamber, which is sponsoring a competition to select photos for use in tourist and convention promotion and other chamber activities.

Judges chosen by the chamber are Carl Jordan, state travel information director; Walter Hartley, artist; and Walter Morse, photographer.

Three Suburban Streets Might Get Improvement

Three suburban area streets appeared headed for improvement under the Marion County street improvement program, the county court indicated Friday.

Petitions from property owners along Durbin Avenue, Gary and Peace streets have been filed with the court and all carry the necessary majority of property involved, according to the court.

The petitions carried 72.7 per cent of property for Durbin Avenue, 83 per cent for Gary Street, and 81 per cent for Peace Street between Pringle Road and 12th Street.

Burglar Raids Cafe in Salem

An estimated \$173 in cash was taken sometime Thursday night from a till at the Meadows Restaurant, 524 State St. City police said there were no signs of forced entry into the place.

Alfred J. Peters, firm proprietor, set time of the theft between 10:30 p.m. when the till was locked, and 6 a.m. Friday, when employees reported for work.

Peters told officers most of the missing money was in currency of small denomination.

Federal Aid for Damaged County Roads Backed

Application for federal aid for repair of Marion County roads damaged in recent floods was urged by the county court Friday after a survey by road engineers.

County Unit to Renew Drive for Fluoridation

Plans to renew the campaign for fluoridation of Salem's city water supply will probably be re-activated by at least one civic group, the Marion County Health Council.

This news came Friday on the heels of a State Supreme Court decision upholding a Bend city fluoridation law and statement by Salem Mayor Robert F. White that he would ask the City Council to consider fluoridation in the light of the court decision.

DeMolay Unit Due to Install 756 Officers

Formal installation of officers of Chemeketa Chapter 779, Order of DeMolay, will take place at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Masonic Temple. Officers of Bethel 43, Job's Daughters, will assist in the public ceremony.

Installing officers will be Bob Yunker, master counselor; Gil Stewart, senior counselor; Keith Barker, junior counselor; Wayne Gibbons, chaplain; Jan Shidler, marshal, and Mike Rolow, senior deacon.

New officers will be Edward Scheidel, master counselor; Ronald Johnson, senior counselor; Bill Jacobson, junior counselor; Thomas Darby, senior deacon; Roger Colgan, junior deacon; Jim Davenport, senior steward; Jack Withers, junior steward; Mike Kelly, chaplain; Pat Kelly, marshal; Ronald Thieson, orator; Elvis Barker, standard bearer; Delwyn Schulze, sentinel; Eric Nelte, almoner, and preceptors, Arthur Krueger, Ed Hawkins, Jim Bowen, Ira Fieldelson, Charles Field, Jan Van Houten and Ronald Lee.

White House Education Reports Due

Local reports on the recent White House conference on education will be made in a series of county conferences to be held throughout the state between now and April 1, Gov. Paul L. Patterson said Friday.

Plans have been completed by the governor's committee for the county follow-up White House conferences with representatives of the Oregon School Board Association, the Oregon Education Association and the Oregon Parent-Teachers Association.

Gardner Knapp, Salem, is chairman of the governor's follow-up committee. George B. Martin, Salem, is secretary and Hubert Leonard of Portland is the third member.

Major goal of the local conferences, Gov. Patterson said, is to study implications of the White House conference held last November and how its findings may help solve community educational problems.

The governor's committee will name a planning committee in each county.

Directors to Plan Opening Of Salem Bank

A newly-named board of directors will set the opening date for the new Western Security Bank at a Monday night meeting. It will be the board's initial meeting.

Named to the board at a Thursday evening stockholders' session were Reynolds Allen, Charles A. Barclay, Milan C. Boniface, Chester I. Chase, Arthur M. Erickson, Coburn L. Grabenhorst, James L. Payne, Richard Rawlinson, William Schlitt and L. C. Pfeiffer. The latter is president of the banking organization.

Pfeiffer announced that the new bank building at 2715 S. Commercial Street is rapidly nearing completion.

Rebuilding of Willamette Levee Advised

The Portland office of the Army engineers has recommended reconstruction and extension of the levee washed out at Willamette City on the middle fork of the Willamette River, Dec. 22, Gov. Paul Patterson said Friday.

The levee is near Oakridge. High water breached the dike in several places.

The highway commission will repair its own relevelment, and the engineers would do their work below the highway commission relevelment.

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City Chamber Officers Plan Speech Dates

Starting the new year on a Salem area good-will theme, Salem Chamber of Commerce officers and other speakers have taken on several speaking engagements before city groups and businessmen's organizations of nearby communities.

Robert L. Elstrom, chamber highway committeeman and a state representative who headed the House highways committee last year, will discuss highway matters before North Santiam Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night at Gates.

Past President Elton Thompson of the chamber spoke Friday before Silverton Chamber of Commerce on this area's industrial development.

Chamber Manager Stanley Grove spoke this week to the 20-30 Club in Salem and will address Town and Gown Club Jan. 26.

Faith Group To Observe Religion Day

The Salem members of Baha' World Faith will observe World Religion Day Sunday at 3 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Monroe Gilbert, 1150 Schurman Rd. This day is being observed throughout the world. The subject for discussion is "What is Religious Liberty?" Mrs. Marjorie Thompson will moderate the discussion.

The Baha'is testify to their conviction that the foundation of all true religions is one.

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