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## Federal Aid Against "Varmints"

The Marion County Pomona Grange at its meeting in Woodburn adopted a resolution asking for federal assistance in predatory control. The grangers are not quite as self-reliant as their forebears. Protection from "varmints" was one instigation of government in the Oregon country. The genesis of government here was to set up procedure for probate of Ewing Young's estate. The second move was to provide some protection for the killing of cattle by wolves and wildcats.

At a settlers' meeting Feb. 2, 1843, a committee of six was named to call a general meeting of settlers. This was convened on March 6 at the home of Joseph Gervais. The two meetings go down in Oregon history as "wolf meetings." At the second meeting the committee recommended immediate measures to destroy all wolves, bears, and panthers known to be destructive of domestic livestock and set a scale of bounties: for a small wolf, 50c; large wolf \$3; lynx \$1.50; bear \$2; panther \$5. Race discrimination was at work then too, for the bounty was cut in two when Indians claimed it. The meeting levied an assessment of \$5 apiece on settlers. After this business was transacted, a motion was adopted for consideration of establishing a civil government. This led directly to the Champoux meeting of May 2nd following when the Provisional Government was established.

Bounties now are paid on predators, both by county and state. The county pays as follows: bobcat or lynx \$2; grey or timber wolf \$2.50; coyote \$3; cougar \$10. (Rates haven't changed greatly in 112 years.) The federal government has employed professional hunters to kill off predatory animals. We hadn't heard of any serious invasion of farm flocks and herds by wild animals, but the grangers evidently think they need federal help. Maybe they can get something on that line added to the administration farm program now before Congress.

## E. Burr Miller, First Citizen

The First Citizen award for 1955 was well bestowed. E. Burr Miller has a long record of civic activity and accomplishment during his years of residence in Salem. His interests have been varied. Leadership responsibilities have fallen to him and he has carried them through with great success. He is not a self-seeker, but one who sincerely labors for community betterment.

Erosion of the office of justice of the peace continues. Yamhill County, which used to have three JP districts, has been reduced to one, with Willamina its seat. The Newberg district was ordered dissolved at the end of the current year. At McMinnville a District Court is established which does most of the court work of the county below the circuit court level. With improved roads and speedy transportation there is much less need for local courts.

From his safe exile in Panama former President Juan Peron predicts a revolution in Argentina which will restore him to power. He says that blood will flow in the streets and that as many as a million persons may be killed. And when he gets back "many heads will roll." Our guess is that Peron is just indulging in day dreaming. Without his Evita, he was just a strutting sawdust Caesar. People of Argentina know they are well rid of him.

## Eisenhower Aides' Budget Squabble Points To Expected Leveling Off of U. S. Economy

By JOSEPH and STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — Before President Eisenhower submitted his budget to Congress, Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Dr. Arthur Burns, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors, had a long running argument about it. The nature of this argument tells a lot about the budget.

Burns took the position that some continuing growth in the economy ought to be assumed. He agreed, as all government economists do, that the boom will slow down. But the national economy has been expanding steadily since the war, and Burns argued that some continued expansion in the level of the national income and the level of corporate profits must be allowed for.

Humphrey, on the other hand, took the exceedingly conservative view that the budget should be based approximately on the current level of personal income and business profits. In the end, Humphrey had his way. The budget for fiscal 1957—which begins in July of this year—is based on the assumption that business profits in fiscal 1957 will remain at the 1955 level of \$42,000,000,000. It is also assumed that the national income will be at the level of \$112,000,000,000, which is about what it is today.

The importance of the Burns-Humphrey debate, which was quite amicable throughout, can be easily illustrated. Suppose that the national income grows by 4 per cent next year, which has been about the postwar average. Call the growth \$12,000,000,000.

The Treasury's take on that \$12,000,000,000, judging from past experience, will be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000,000 to \$4,000,000,000, plenty to permit a balanced budget, some reduction of the national debt, and a nice, sweet tax reduction as well. All these pleasant things will be possible, moreover, without any increase in business profits, which ordinarily increase along with the national income.

The other side of the coin is less happy. Virtually all economists, including the President's advisers, have accepted the thesis that the national economy has to continue to grow to take care of increases in the labor force and labor productivity. Thus, if Humphrey is right, and the national income remains at today's level, there is certain to be a sharp increase in unemployment. In short, the Humphrey budget in effect assumes a mild slump.

Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey is a conservative businessman, and conservative businessmen tend to take a cautious view of the economic future. But the political aspects of the cautious assumptions on which the budget is based are also rather obvious.

In the first place, the budget neatly boxes in the Democrats. The Humphrey budget, because it is in very close balance, allows no room for a tax cut. If the Democrats vote a tax cut now — at least a tax cut big enough for the voters to feel in their pockets — they will be accused of fiscal irresponsibility.

Why the Democrats are so anxious to avoid a tax cut is not clear. It is a charge to which the largely conservative Democratic leadership in both Houses is peculiarly sensitive.

By the same token, the Democrats are effectively barred from voting any substantial increase in expenditures. The Administration has achieved the prospect of a balanced budget by cuts in defense and security expenditures. The Humphrey budget, for example, is actually more than \$4,000,000,000 higher in the non-defense category than the last Truman budget, while it is \$17,000,000,000 lower in the defense and national security category.

Because the Administration has shrewdly swiped so much of their program, the Democrats are at a loss for a winning issue on the domestic front. They are obviously inclined to make the defense cuts a major issue. But it is hardly possible to make defense cuts a major issue without demanding increased defense expenditures. And here again the Democrats are impeded by the charge of fiscal irresponsibility—plus of course, the President's reputation as a military man.

Finally, if the boom continues to hum along, next summer Secretary Humphrey can take a second look at the economic future. He can then announce proudly that, on second thought, a balanced budget, debt reduction, and a nice tax cut will all be possible—and only a few months before the Presidential election. All this is enough to suggest why a good many Democrats darkly suspect that the cautious assumptions on which the Humphrey budget is based derive as much from political astuteness as economic conservatism.

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## Back to the Indians?

Reedport's Port Umpqua Courier with Bill Tugman at the helm has been demanding more consideration for the coast section of Douglas County. Charley Stanton, editor of the county seat paper, the Roseburg News-Review, taking note of the claim of confederated Indian tribes on the coast that they still own that part of Oregon, has written an open letter to Tugman in which he suggests that he try to get the Indians to take over the rest of Douglas County. Charley, who likes nothing so much as to fish, really paints a glowing picture of what life will be if the land goes back to the Indians. He writes:

What a wonderful thing it would be if the Indians would only take over! Why the Indians would want any part of this country, considering the shape it's in, I can't understand.

But just think what life would be like if we gave the country back to the Indians! The women would do all the work.

The men would hunt, fish and gamble—the old stick game and playing the ponies.

No television commercials. No presidential election campaigns. No knife and fork clubs. No haquets. No Sunday drivers. No school for kids.

We'd be free from toastmasters, commentators, demagogues, hyphenated politicians, after dinner speakers, columnists, economists, examiners and inspectors.

We'd have no bills — and just imagine — no income taxes!

When the wife wanted a fur coat we'd string up our trusty bow and get us a bear, if the bear didn't get us first. There'd be none of these Dior fashion changes, chasing the waistline up or down. If the little woman wanted variety in style, we'd alternate with bear skin, deer skin, beaver skin, coon skin, or bare skin, or are we repeating?

We'd loaf in the sun, swim in the cool waters, hunt a little, fish a little, gamble a lot, and have a fight with a neighboring tribe once in a while, just to vary the monotony.

So, Bill, please, if the Indians are to start taking the country back, try to get them to take more than just your little coastal strip. You should realize what will happen if you don't—we'll all be moving in on you, and there won't be enough bear skins to go around.

Stanton's picture is so glowing, other counties may want to join the Back-to-the-Indians movement. The catch is that Indians don't live like Indians any more.

## Stuck with Nixon?

Maclean's, Canada's national magazine, has an article headed: "Are the Republicans stuck with Nixon?" The answer evidently comes in the last paragraph:

"It's the Republican tragedy that, knowing their hatchet man is not the best candidate, they also know they haven't any better. Maybe they have."

Senator Neuberger says he is asking the Senate Post Office committee to investigate reports that Al Gragg would be replaced as Salem postmaster by Earl Newby, Republican, now secretary of state. Bosh! If the senator tries to run down all the rumors and gossip that are set afloat in politics, he'll have no time for worthwhile work at his job. Postmasterships were political patronage from the dawn of our government, but by stages they have been worked over to civil service. Before Gragg, who is under civil service, could be removed there would have to be something more tangible than a newspaper story reporting rumor. Gragg seems to be keeping his shirt on. Neuberger should too.

According to U. S. News & World Report, the strategy in entering Eisenhower's name in the early primaries is to box out Senator Knowland. There may be some basis for it, but the more reasonable explanation is that people want Eisenhower to run if he feels able to and will keep the way open for him to accept.

Congratulations to Earle Richardson, editor and publisher of the Dallas Itemizer-Observer, for being chosen First Citizen of Dallas. Both as citizen and as editor Richardson had been a constructive force in his community over a long term of years.

Stanton Delaplaine writes in his San Francisco Chronicle: "Well, I see that Miss Marilyn Monroe is back in harness again." We thought she appeared mostly without straps.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... Canmets full of Venetian goblets, Swedish crystal, Bohemian glass tumblers, but Smedley seems to prefer using old cheese glasses.

## Safety Valve

(Editor's Note: Letters for The Statesman's Safety Valve column are given prior consideration if they are informative and are not more than 300 words in length. Personal attacks and ridicule, as well as libel, are to be avoided, but anyone is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

### DEFENDS EDITOR

To the Editor: In an article of your Safety Valve, issue of Jan. 18, entitled "Diservice" would you permit a comment or two? The author was Mr. F. C. Stannard.

Mr. Stannard, judging from his apparent concern, must be a very nice man. But, it seems to this writer that this is another case of "cannot see the forest for the trees." In other words, his condemnation is directed in the wrong direction.

He takes the "Editor" to task for printing, quote "the disgraceful affair of the Rival Ministers," etc.

Ben Franklin (1731) once said, "If all printers (editors) were determined not to print anything till they were sure it would offend nobody, there would be very little printed."

Recently, I sat in a church and heard the minister deliver a very fine sermon about "Elijah shut his eyes to conditions about him." As Voltaire said, "I heartily disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." That was, and is exactly my reaction.

We who would be interested in what Mr. Stannard so rightly calls the "Cause of Christ" are called upon to close our eyes to so many things these days, that we come to the brink of chaos. Faced with the terrifying atheistic commercialism of our time, without any spirituality present in many of our churches.

The two ministers referred to by Mr. Stannard, were Rev. Robert Thomas, and Rev. William Howard Mellish in Brooklyn's Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. The congregation seem to be divided in their loyalty to said church, as just which one was to be recognized as their minister.

This writer, being fairly well educated about the scriptures, and also the inner workings of those who form the policies of the churches, fails to see any justification in the Scriptures for any condition of this kind. Rather, it displays a lack of humbleness and an unwillingness on their part to make an effort to understand one another's viewpoint.

It is indeed a shameful disgrace, but suffice it to say that it was not caused in any way, by the "Editor" of our own Oregon Statesman.

Too often mistakes made by people of the church, are so easily glossed over by those involved, and an attempt made to place the blame on others.

In our opinion, this is one of the primary reasons why it is that many of us give up trying to have any voice in the church. The idea is: Wear blinders, or keep your mouth shut.

Bert L. Hamilton  
1125 — 7th St.

"McNary," "Morse" Suggested To the Editor: One feature in THE STATESMAN that I never fail to read is "The Safety Valve". THE STATESMAN is to be commended for its impartial consideration of its readers' letters.

In a recent edition, Mrs. Cleveland voiced an opinion on prospective names for the new Salem Junior High Schools — namely: why use such overworked names as "Washington" and "Lincoln"? I agree with Mrs. Cleveland.

Neither of us, I am sure, is attempting to discredit such glorious names in American History, but, as the aforementioned writer points out, why not use names from Oregon's WHO'S WHO?

We are all cognizant of Oregon's contributions to posterity. Two names that should certainly be considered belong to two of the most colorful and progressive men Oregon has produced and two great Americans — McNary and Morse.

Esther Battle DeLand  
145 North 18, Salem.

Says Morse "So Very Bad" To the Editor: Howard Morgan wishes Republicans to suppress the bad advertising Senator Morse gave himself on the floor of the Senate and elsewhere.

It cannot be suppressed because it was so very bad, so profuse, so long continued and so widely published. Morse did it all himself — he has no other to blame and it precludes his election to any office even if the Democrats are inept enough to nominate him.

Why don't political parties propose their best men instead of their loudest? For example, Sheriff Terry Shunk is widely admired by voters of both parties, including our Republican Governor, because of Shunk's efficient handling (a big mouth was not required) of the office he now holds.

Either Shunk or Wallace Wharton could outdistance Morse in any kind of race, because voters prefer ability to party or spite. More power to good government by both parties — neither party contains all the good men.

J. M. Campbell,  
Dallas, Oregon

## Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago  
Jan. 21, 1946  
The hotel room shortage has given Walter Norblad—Oregon's new first district congressman—his first job at Washington, D.C. He arrived to discover his room reservation had not been held.

The only theater in Vernonia, the small lumber community was still closed after 180 high school pupils locked arms in a solid picket line around the box-office protesting a 50-cent admission price.

Cameras on top of 100-foot steel towers, arranged in a ring around the warships in Bikini atoll, will photograph the navy's atomic bomb tests this summer. The cameras will be automatic, operated by remote control.

25 Years Ago  
Jan. 21, 1931  
Propositions in writing for the construction of a distillation plant to secure by-products from city garbage will be laid before the city council, Philip S. Gregory, field manager of the Communities Chemical Service corporation of Seattle, told a group of Salem citizens.

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specialists of the Fish and Wildlife Service who administer the refuges.

4. Under the old regulations control of lease operations rested with the Secretary though the Fish and Wildlife Service gave him its advice. Now the authority rests directly with the Fish and Wildlife Service. Here is the pertinent provision:

"No prospecting or drilling operations may be conducted on lands administered for wildlife conservation without the consent and approval of the Fish and Wildlife Service as to the time, place and nature of such operations."

5. Wildlife refuges have been classified under schedules and those "indispensable for the protection and preservation of rare and endangered species, remnant big-game herds and irreplaceable examples of unique plant or animal ecology are not available for leasing under any conditions."

6. There are refuges where oil development may proceed without impairment of wildlife assets such as the Kenai peninsula game refuge in Alaska, with close to two million acres. J. C. Salyer, chief of the bureau of refuges says: "It is an exaggeration to say that all of that area is vital to the moose." Another mountain sheep refuge has over two million acres. Quoting again: "The valuable part to the sheep are the higher mountain tops, above 7,000 feet. But these mountain ranges are scattered about in the two million acres."

7. In many cases prior owners of refuge lands reserved mineral rights and oil operations are now being conducted thereon. Of the 253,000 acres of lands bought with duck stamps 100,000 acres were bought subject to that reservation. Drilling on public lands often becomes necessary or the oil would be drained off into the privately owned wells.

A complaint was made that one of the first leases was to Frankfort Oil Co., a subsidiary of a distillery concern. The implication was that since alcohol was mixed up in the lease there must be something wrong with it. The law specifies however that "when lands are not within any known geologic structure of a producing oil or gas field, the person first making application for a lease shall be entitled to a lease without competitive bidding." The royalty rates are fixed by law. In this case the application covered lands which the Geological Survey stated are not on a structure of known oil or gas field. The Department was bound to comply with the law and grant the lease.

9. Secretary McKay was under pressure from the Army and from chambers of commerce in the vicinity of Fort Sill, Okla. to turn over the Wichita Mts. wildlife refuge to the Army. The area was desired for artillery range. The Secretary sent one from his staff to make personal survey which he did. There he found buffalo, longhorn cattle, deer, wild turkeys in considerable number. He concluded that there was very little of the refuge that "is not useful, and in fact, important for wildlife management." On the basis of this report Secretary McKay refused to turn the refuge over to the Army. This prompted Mr. Gutermuth, officer of the Wildlife Management Institute, to say: "From the bottom of my heart, God bless Secretary McKay for giving us the badly needed protection in the case of the Wichita."

To be sure the professional conservationists prefer to leave the refuges untouched, but Congress has authorized leasing under such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. It seems to me that the full record shows that McKay has gone as far as he can, under the law, to administer the refuges in the public interest and to provide protection for the wildlife inhabiting them.

## 2 Pedestrians 'Satisfactory' After Mishaps

Two pedestrians injured Thursday when struck by cars on city streets were reported in "generally satisfactory" condition at Salem hospitals Friday night.

Attendants at Salem Memorial Hospital termed "satisfactory" the condition of Constantine R. Schultz, 89, 439 S. Summer St. He suffered a hip fracture when struck at Winter and Center streets.

Condition of Clifford M. Armstrong, 2435 Hazel Ave., was reported "improving" at Salem General Hospital. Armstrong suffered head and ankle injuries when hit at Pine Street and Hazel Avenue.

Death Claims Jay Crahan

Statesman News Service  
INDEPENDENCE — Jay Crahan, 70, member of a prominent valley lumber family, died Friday at a Salem hospital. He had suffered a stroke a week ago.

Crahan had lived in Independence for two years, previously living at Salem and other valley communities. He was a brother of Joe Crahan who started the Mt. Fir Lumber Mill here several years ago.

The deceased was born Dec. 3, 1885, at Yelm, Wash. He was engaged in logging and mill work most of his life.

Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Nora Kufner, Salem, and brother, Lee Crahan, Independence.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Smith-Krueger Chapel here with interment in Restlawn Memory Gardens. The Rev. Daniel B. Wessler will officiate.

## Donald Man Gets Three-Year Term

A three-year term in the State Penitentiary was ordered Friday for Jim R. Ballance, Donald, who had pleaded guilty earlier to a charge of statutory rape.

In sentencing Ballance, Circuit Judge George R. Duncan gave him credit for time served in the Marion County jail while awaiting sentence on the charge involving a 14-year-old girl.

## Marine Hike For Dimes Nets \$600 in County

A group of Portland Marines, in a Salem-Portland hike for the March of Dimes, collected roughly \$600 in direct donations in Marion County before crossing into Clackamas County Friday morning, announced William E. Healy, chairman of the Marion County polo campaign.

The 10 Marines, their steps supposedly measured by dime donations en route, hit the home stretch Friday afternoon as they legged it into Oregon City. The group stayed overnight in Oregon City and is scheduled to arrive for a big reception at Portland campaign headquarters about 3:30 p.m. today. The Marines stayed at Woodburn Thursday night.

Healy said Marion County mailed donations; inspired by the march, should be computed shortly. Reports told of generally greater contributions to counter containers about the Salem area after the march of the Marines commenced.

Officials hoped to collect \$100,000 for the polo drive through the marching project.

## Former City Students High In Tech Grades

Six former Salem students earned straight A's during fall term at Oregon Technical Institute and shared first place on an honor roll of 15 Salem area students.

The six straight-A scholars are Edwin Nunn, cabinetmaking; Beverly Nunn, commercial illustration and design; Glenn Wagers, commercial illustration and design; Virgil Gregory, diesel mechanics technology; Harry Juul, diesel mechanics technology, and Robert Pendergrass, surveying technology.

Of the nine other students recognized for scholastic achievement, seven are from Salem, one from Aumsville, and one from Turner.

The Salem students are Julian Gregory, auto body and fender; John Wiemals, auto body and fender; Michael Craig, diesel mechanics technology; Douglas Wilson, refrigeration servicing; Richard Dalke, structural design technology, and Wilford Vandermolen, electronics technology.

The Aumsville student was Patricia Schaefer, medical technology; and from Turner, Carol Gavette, dental office assistant.

Honor roll participation is limited to students who have demonstrated above-average ability in practical work, as well as in related technical subject studied in the classroom.

## Death Takes Turner Man

Edwin Beaudreau, 88, Turner, died Friday at a Salem nursing home. A resident of the Turner area for a considerable period, Beaudreau reportedly leaves no survivors.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Howell-Edwards Mortuary.

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## Encyclopedia Set To Be Presented

A 25-volume encyclopedia set will be donated today to the Oregon School for the Deaf by Funk & Wagnalls and United Grocers, Inc.

The gift books are scheduled to be received on behalf of the state school by eighth grader Ann Lebere and Principal Marvin Clatterback. Mayor Robert F. White will make the presentation at City Hall. Morris Eber will represent the grocer organization.

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40 Years Ago  
Jan. 21, 1916  
Estimates were given the senate military committee by Brigadier General Crozier, chairman of ordinance, showing that a plant costing \$400,000,000 operated by a force of 750,000 workmen would be required to manufacture ammunition and war materials necessary to keep an army of a million men in the field.

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