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"No Fear Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe" From First Statesman, March 28, 1851

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The irresponsible reporting of a Washington columnist, who said the late Gov. Paul Patterson "had been nursing a heart condition" prior to his recent death...

As this column said last Saturday, the governor had not been nursing a heart condition and had not been ill. To that statement we now add these substantive facts:

- (1)—A routine examination by a family physician in Hillsboro 10 years ago showed the governor's heart beat slightly irregular... (2)—In the governor's case, the Hillsboro physician decided to make certain beyond doubt and sent the governor to an eminent heart specialist in Portland... (3)—The specialist after exhaustive examination determined there was nothing wrong with the governor's heart and that any disturbance was functional...

If Columnist Drew Pearson wants to dispute these facts, let him. If he doesn't want to dispute them, he'd better refute his previous ramblings and straighten things out.

It is appropriate that the YMCA should gear its current two-day membership campaign to the theme of basketball which came into being the same year as the YMCA—in 1892. It would be appropriate, too, that the Y receive a good response...

An editorial in the Eugene Register-Guard says that despite Uncle Sam's mintage of 938 million 1-cent pieces in 1955 "we never have quite enough to hand out to the kids at home who meet Daddy with the query: "Got a penny?"

With Ford stock dropping to 60 and a fraction, some of the buyers are finding that the road to riches via stocks may be rough.

Happy Birthday to Us

In England and Scotland hundreds of years ago, Valentine's Day brought what might be termed mock betrothals—each young bachelor and maid drew one of the opposite sex by lot for the merriment of the day and with no serious intent or permanence.

The festivities apparently were based on an old notion, alluded to by Chaucer and Shakespeare, that birds chose their mates each Feb. 14. Most reference books seem to agree that Valentine's Day generally did not have a religious significance...

There was another happening on Valentine's Day that did have a serious intent and permanence, however. It was on Feb. 14, 1859 that President Buchanan signed into law the congressional action making Oregon a state.

It was no sudden surge toward federalism that brought Oregon into the commonwealth. In fact, repeated efforts previously had failed.

The trend began in December, 1851, when the territorial legislature adopted a memorial asking Congress to amend the organic act to permit the territory to elect its own officers—not directly a demand for statehood but bordering on it.

The subsequent initial votes on statehood itself were discouraging. In June, 1854, the territory defeated a move to request such by 869 votes. The next year the margin was cut to 415, and the second year following to 249. In the meantime, Congress had turned down a suggestion that it take the initiative itself to make Oregon a state.

In 1857, however, when settlers became fearful that slavery would be invoked for the territory, statehood was voted 7,617 to 1,679 and a constitutional convention promptly evoked in Salem. The constitution was adopted Nov. 9, 1857. The next year, the territory's statehood demand was ratified by Congress, and the bill eventually was signed by the President 57 years ago today.

Valentine's Day seems a good time to recount some of our proud history, prosaic as it may now seem. And certainly as our 100th anniversary rapidly approaches we have every right to wish ourselves a "Happy Birthday."

Editorial Comment

CONNIE MACK BECAME A LEGEND When Connie Mack broke into baseball in Connecticut in the 1880's, he was just a stringbean Irish kid who worked in a textile mill. In his old age, he experienced the thrill of a ticker tape parade down Broadway in New York and was named Philadelphia's outstanding citizen. This despite the fact that his clubs finished in the second division more often than in the first and despite the fact that, while he managed some of baseball's greatest teams, he also directed some of the worst.

His last years, though, must have been unhappy ones. His beloved Athletics, pennantless since 1931, were sold out from under him in 1954 and the transaction caused dissension in his family. The old man's consuming ambition, to win one final pennant with the Athletics, was never realized. Yet he kept until the last a quiet dignity that quite possibly explained his appeal as a public figure and his position as a legendary character in American sports.

Connie Mack could become a legend because his life span corresponded with the climb toward respectability of the game he loved so well. x x x It is said that a Pennsylvania school boy, when asked to name the three most distinguished men in the state's history, decided on William Penn, Benjamin Franklin, and Connie Mack. Not bad choices, really, when you think about it. Religion, politics, sport—some would say these make up the ruling triumvirate in the American value system. And it's not a bad one, either.

—Des Moines Register.

Of the Republican-controlled 80th Congress, which brought a great turnover in the membership of Congress. With Norblad in that "freshman class" were several newcomers who subsequently became his close friends socially but have since gone on to greater fame—Vice President Richard Nixon, Sen. Charles E. Potter (R-Mich.), Gov. J. Caleb Boggs of Delaware and Assistant Secretary of State Thruston B. Morton of Kentucky.

While gatherings of this social clan in recent years served as a stimulating factor to Norblad's ambitions to go higher in public office, a countering force has been the recognition by many Democrats as well as Republicans

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Chemawa Indian school will celebrate its 60th birthday later in February. The Chemawa school was founded in 1890. First established at Forest Grove, Chemawa was moved to its present site, five miles north of Salem, in 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Bamford, Jr., formerly of Salem, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter in Portland. Mrs. Alice M. Steiner of Salem is the great-grandmother.

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Salem may be justly proud of a young violin genius, Miss Mary Schultz, daughter of the H. C. Schultz, who recently won instant favor at a concert of the Portland Amateur Orchestral society, at the Portland Masonic Temple, when she was featured as a violin soloist.

Purchase of an automobile for use by the members of the street committee of the City Council was authorized at its meeting. The car to be purchased by Alderman Cook will cost \$443.



"I didn't get any A's, pop!... but psychologists call me a healthy average!"

Country Sympathetic Toward President in Hour of Decision

By J.M. ROBERTS Associated Press News Analyst President Eisenhower will get the evidence Tuesday and "retire to chambers," as the judges say, to ponder it.

Within two or three weeks the country should know his decision. The President's keen sense of responsibility is well known. Today it makes him an object of sympathy.

Another thing he has said is that, regardless of how well he has recovered from his heart attack, he isn't the same man physically he was six months ago.

The best the doctors can tell him, to bring it down to generalities, is that he has recovered as well as a man his age can be expected to recover from his type of attack. That would mean the heart has suffered no invalidating damage. It would not mean the conditions which produced the attack have been overcome. A coronary attack can come to almost anyone at almost any time. Doctors dispute whether one attack makes the victim prone to another. The causes are not clear.

There is no dispute, however, that the weight of the presidency is man-killing, and only a few have long-survived it. Under the circumstances, it would seem logical for the President to say that he, like any man,

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Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Before proceeding on with the work, he got up a company of his own."

Democrat for Norblad To the Editor: I am a lifelong Democrat, but if Hon. Walter Norblad runs for governor of Oregon I will vote for him. I have known him since he was one of the young people in my church.

He has served his country all over the world and in almost every capacity. His wide experience will be good for one of the fastest growing states in the union, Oregon. DAVID J. FERGUSON, Pratum, Ore.

NEW YORK (AP)—Vice President Richard M. Nixon said Monday night he never called Harry S. Truman a traitor, as the former Democratic President complained. "I did not call Mr. Truman a traitor, absolutely not," Nixon told reporters.

Truman several times recently has accused Nixon of calling him a traitor during 1952 campaign talks "all over the West." The former President said the alleged remarks made him fighting mad.

British Fire On Rioters in Cyprus Area

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP)—British troops Monday fired on a stone-throwing crowd near Limassol, killing one man and wounding a woman.

The trouble started when soldiers tried to take down a Greek flag hoisted over a school in the village of Kolossi. A crowd drove off the troops with stones but reinforcements dispersed the demonstrators with gunfire.

China Official Says Matsus Must Be Kept

SEATTLE (AP)—Ambassador V. K. Wellington Koo declared here Monday night that Nationalist China is "determined to defend Quemoy and Matsus Islands to the last man, if necessary."

WASHINGTON (AP)—Timber inventories now under way on the Oregon & California (O&C) railroad grant lands may show sufficient timber to permit a harvest from 750 million to 800 million board feet a year.

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At \$1 for adults and 25 cents for children, the sponsoring Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce is hoping to make up \$2,500 of the estimated \$100,000 still needed to carry through complete plans for the "Y" addition now under construction.

Aunt Jemima will be welcomed at McNary Field, Feb. 22, by Mayor Robert White and a delegation of Jaycees, according to Jaycee Committee Chairman Lake Westphal.

The Y. M. C. A. board has underwritten approximately \$57,000 of the contract cost of the Youth Wing under construction, according to Gus Moore, "Y" general secretary. This amount is needed to meet the \$440,000 cost of work completed or contracted.

Small Pool The other item is a small pool for instruction of very young children in swimming, and for therapy. The present pool has been used for several years for therapy for polio and accident victims, but it is a time-consuming and expensive proposition to heat 50,000 gallons of water to 90 degrees and then cool it again for swimmers.

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Girl to Get Final Penny

SEATTLE (AP)—A girl in Texas who said she needed only one penny to make her happy is about to find her wish come true. H. K. Myers of Seattle told The Associated Press he was mailing the penny Monday night.

New York City consumes 1 1/2 billion pounds of fresh meat every year.

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BANKING HOMETOWN STYLE Each Month Increasing Numbers Of Willamette Valley Folks Are Banking With The Commercial Bank OF SALEM CHURCH and CHEMEKETA STREETS

Congress Colleagues Show Surprise at Norblad's Decision to Run for Governor

By A. ROBERT SMITH Statesman Correspondent WASHINGTON—The prevailing reaction here to the announcement of Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) that he plans to run for governor was one of eyebrow-lifting surprise.

His friends in and out of Congress had known for several years that he nursed senatorial ambitions. But Norblad had kept A. Robert Smith his thoughts on the governorship pretty much to himself.

One of his congressional colleagues even had placed a modest wager that Norblad would return to the nation's capital from his journey to Oregon without any plans to run for either governor or senator.

A factor in the veteran congressman's decision, some here say, was the sentimental factor that his father, A. W. Norblad, was governor more than 25 years ago. By curious coincidence, the elder Norblad became governor following the death of an earlier Gov. Patterson — J. L. Patterson in 1929.

While his father is not especially active in state politics any longer, he has provided, the congressman with almost daily advice from his home at Astoria on what is happening around the state politically.

Some believe that Norblad, who is 47, is now making a move that will ultimately lead him into the U.S. senate—perhaps sooner than had he stayed out of the governorship contest this year.

According to this appraisal, Norblad is a good bet to win the governorship this fall and, thereafter, to be re-elected in 1953 for a full four-year term.

Norblad came to Congress just a month over 10 years ago, after the death of Rep. James W. Mott. That was the year of the election

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