



Election years seem to act like a tonic on Fignewton... I think he enjoys getting in a voting booth and doing as he pleases.



Marion County Democrats, tired of letting their party's state legislature nominations go by default to Republicans, are starting a write-in campaign to get at least enough names to fill out the Demo slate for house of representatives. One of those being thus boosted is Cecil Farnes, local businessman. When asked by friends how come he is politicking after his recent battle with a heart ailment Cecil answers, "like talked me into it."



Honored guest at the Stevenson dinner in Salem this week was J. T. Minnich of Salem, a retired railroad. Minnich told Adlai that as a boy in Michigan at the turn of the century he played the autoharp at Cleveland-Stevenson rallies. The Stevenson of that rally was Adlai E. Stevenson, grandfather of the present Adlai E. The elder Stevenson was running for vice-president—which, incidentally, he didn't make, either...

Much in evidence at the rally here were "Stevenson Pins" worn by Adlai's backers. They are cast in the shape of the bottom of a shoe, with a hole in the sole...

What can probably rank as the all-time high in all-around promotions came in a letter to the newsroom the other day from Mike DeCico of Portland. The bulky letter contained: (a) A piece of sales literature about a tire sale going on at DeCico's; (b) Ditto about a sale of TV sets; and (c) Political campaign cards of four candidates...

Don't be surprised one of these days if your mailman shows up in a dog-proof uniform wearing non-slipable shoes. These are only part of an over-all safety program being planned by the postal department. The letter-carriers' traditional hazards of broken or icy sidewalks, defective porch steps and unfriendly dogs may become a thing of the past, according to a postal bulletin. For carriers may soon be equipped with "protective devices" built into their uniforms. Or they may be sporting an aromatic dog repellent. And for slippery walks there's the possibility of a new-type, non-skid heel. All of which may make life pretty dull for the sleek, happy, rain-running, dog-chasing postal carrier, who is really only looking for one big improvement—a non-skid paycheck.

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. No one is entitled to air beliefs and opinions on any side of any question.)

CITY RESIDENTS HELP

To the Editor: Rural folks can vote on city regulations of any kind, but city folks can vote on county zoning, so we respectfully request city voters to vote against county zoning, because you know and we all know it is wrong to place all our property rights and personal liberties at the hands of a centralized controlled dictatorship, for that is just what it is. We are not throwing mud at any individual, it is the system of trying to force this measure on to the people that don't want it, and don't need it. It has been voted down twice, let's vote it down three times and out.

Salem has zoning, and if the fringe area must have it, let the promoters regulate fringe areas but not the whole country. If every county in the United States had county zoning how much freedom would we have? None. As we have told you before, Lane county has 36 pages of regulations to go by. A few people have been rocked to sleep and they imagine there will be a slaughter house at every mile post and a junk yard in every other block. Patriotic American voters know better than that and they are going to vote and use their own mind and conscience as a guide.

Taxes, taxes and more taxes. Do you want still more? Remember the old saying, "You can't fool all the people all the time."

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FAVORS LIBRARY TAX

To the Editor: In the face of rising tax bills, I sense that amongst many people there is a tendency to vote against all tax appropriations this year. Certainly our tax bills are getting high enough to cause concern, but many of the tax measures are quite important and ought to be thoughtfully considered before a negative vote is cast.

Particularly do I think that the small amount of funds requested by our Salem Public Library ought to be honored. The Library has been operated exceptionally well, and we can rest assured that the very small amount of money requested will be put to good use.

BETTER ENGLISH

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Could I assist you in locating Mr. Johnson?"
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "constable"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Despondent, dependent, deferment, condiment.
4. What does the word "indisputable" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ab that means "to pardon"?

ANSWERS
1. Say, "May I assist you in finding Mr. Johnson?" 2. Pronounce first syllable as "kunn," not as "kahn." 3. Deferment. 4. Incapable of being disputed. (Accent second syllable). "He gave indisputable proof of his identity." 5. Absolve.

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Race for Representative

The list of candidates on the Republican ticket for state representative is shorter than usual this year—only seven aspire to represent Marion County instead of the occasional 13-14 of former years. They are: Eddie Ahrens, Turner sheepgrower; Herbert E. Barker, executive of the Salem Trades and Labor Council; Lee Byers, retired state employee; David G. Cromwell, student, former newspaper reporter; Robert L. Eilfstrom, Salem contractor; W. W. Chadwick, Salem hotel operator; and Winton J. Hunt, Woodburn insurance agent. Chadwick is serving his fifth term in the House, Eilfstrom his third and Ahrens his first.

The Statesman commends the three incumbents and believes they will continue to render good service to the county and state. At the same time others in the list merit consideration. Winton Hunt of Woodburn is a leader in the north end of Marion County. He has long been a precinct committeeman and recently was chairman of the county central committee. His father, the late John Hunt, was for a number of sessions chief clerk of the Senate, so an ambition to serve as a member of the Legislature is only natural for the son. We want to recommend him.

Then there is Herb Barker, an upstanding citizen of Salem, active in many good causes, highly respected for his character and fairness. True, he is an executive of a labor organization, and naturally would follow the policies endorsed by organized labor; but if we are to balance representation it would be as fair to give one seat to labor as to other types of occupation.

Lee Byers has the advantage of knowing the workings of state government from the inside as employee in the Industrial Accident department. Now retired he is so free of entangling alliances that he can publicly endorse a sales tax.

Our specific endorsements go to Ahrens, Chadwick, Eilfstrom, Hunt. Wish we had one more vote to give to Barker.

A Fuss, Not an Issue

The so-called Highland School controversy really isn't like it sounds. It is a controversy involving only a very few mothers who oppose the school's policy of keeping children away from the schoolgrounds prior to 8:45 a.m. There is no organization as such behind the protest. And by far the majority of mothers are taking no part in it.

We aren't about to take sides or to reflect on the sincerity of the mothers involved. But certainly if there were anything particularly onerous in the school's position—that too long a playtime before school develops frictions and fatigue which carry over throughout the day—the issue would have far more general participation than it has.

Individuals have every right to make known their wishes to duly constituted authorities. But the latter are not bound to yield to every minority demand that comes along.

Summery weather conducive to outdoor play has brought renewed warnings against abandoning latch-type refrigerators which in 18 instances last year became veritable coffins for children who suffocated in them. One encouraging outgrowth of the tragedies is the development of new magnetic doors without locks—a slight pressure from either the inside or outside will open them. But the older kinds remain dangerous to youngsters at play.

Never Before Has Russia Put Forth Such Effort in Hopes Rest of World Will Relax

By J. M. ROBERTS
AP News Analyst

Never before has Russia put such drive into her efforts to make the rest of the world relax.

For a year now she has been doing one thing after another to meet the Western demand that she show her intent by deeds.

Only once, by grasping the opportunity to inject her influence into the Middle East, has she let the old expansionist policy take the spotlight from her peace offensive, though she had held back from any definitive settlements.

One thing the West had demanded was a peace treaty for Austria. After blocking it at every turn for years, she came across.

To back her argument against big power maintenance of military bases beyond their borders, she gave up her base in Finland. She relinquished some of her power in Manchuria, although the effect of this was dulled by the fact that the beneficiary was Red China, which Russia continues to arm.

She made peace with Yugoslavia.

To match leveling off of military preparedness in the United States and elsewhere, she cut her military manpower last year, and now, to offset the failure of recent disarmament talks in London, she has announced a further and much larger cut. She and the Communist bloc nevertheless retain something like a 2 to 1 edge in this department.

She has reached a fishing agreement with Japan designed to go into effect along with a peace treaty she obviously intends, at long last, to negotiate.

Anthony Eden's comments during the Commons debate over the "Trojan incident" indicates he thinks things are happening which

Norblad for Congress

R. F. Cook has been rather a fresh breeze in the pre-primary election rallies as he has sought to debate issues. He is contending against Walter Norblad, a ten-year veteran representing the First District. Cook makes much of Norblad's silence on the big issues of the day; and it is true that Norblad avoids discussing them. Cook is unafraid to jump right into the middle of whatever controversy is raging, and one can't help respecting him for his frankness and audacity. A farmer himself, he condemns government bounties to farmers. He is also very skeptical of spending billions in foreign aid. He'd like to cut the national debt.

While Norblad makes no pretense of debating issues, the fact is that his voting record is pretty sound. He didn't hesitate to vote against the rigid price support program and for sustaining the President's veto of the farm bill which contained it. On other measures he has shown pretty good judgment in his voting, and a gratifying measure of independence.

While we do not rate seniority as the major test of a candidate, it is a factor to be weighed, and Norblad's ten years, with prospect of additional years of service, make that an asset for him. This also is to be said for Walter Norblad, he is most diligent in rendering service to his district, its citizens and communities. With an air base soon to be located in this county his position on the armed services committee adds to his value as representative. So our recommendation goes to Walter Norblad for the Republican nomination for congressman.

Aldermanic Recommendations

On the city ballot incumbent officials who are candidates at large have no opposition. They are Mayor Robert F. White, City Treasurer Howard D. Brandvold and Municipal Judge Douglas L. Hay. The only competition for aldermanic positions occurs in wards three and five. In the third ward the incumbent Clayton W. Jones is opposed by Pat Roden, proprietor of the Cottage street convalescent home and Dr. A. D. Woodmansee, dentist. The Statesman wishes to recommend Doc Woodmansee. He is a long-time resident of Salem, well acquainted with its people and its problems. Not often are professional men willing to serve in public office, and when they do, their tender ought very often to be accepted, as in this case.

In the fifth ward, the one long represented by Dave O'Hara, the candidates are Earl O. Bushnell, in the steel fabrication business, Walter R. Heine, oil distributor, and Kenneth W. Hutchins, foreman at a car body shop. Our recommendation goes to Earl Bushnell, a long-time resident of the ward and a businessman of experience.

The Boy Scout Exposition in Salem and the 4-H Spring Show in Silverton provided fine opportunities to ascertain just what the youngsters of this area are up to. The answers are just as fine as the opportunities, too. These events, well staged and widely attended—are deserving of the highest commendation and are truly reflective of the citizenry of this area.

Pretty soon you'll be able to think of Aunt Martha way off there in Tuscaloosa and then merely dial your phone to talk with her—no long distance operator, no nothing but chat. Only trouble is whose going to disconnect Aunt Martha or tell her our three minutes are up?

If you know anyone in a foreign land, this is a good time to write them. The week of May 14-20 is Letters-from-America-Week during which Americans are particularly encouraged to tell this nation's story abroad.

The story about Estes Kefauver's chauffeur getting pinched for doing 95 miles an hour near Chowchilla, Calif., didn't say which way he was headed. If it was toward Oregon, he'd still better hurry.

Let's hope that hydrogen bomb they've been holding for clear weather doesn't get like the bottles in our medicine cabinet—so old we've forgotten what's in 'em.

The new Russian military cut has been gingerly assessed in the United States as a new argument against the West's need for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

No reliance can be placed on Russian deeds or words, however, as long as she is the frankly declared enemy of non-Communist countries. When she says, and means, "You can live as you please," freeing the territory she has seized as an industrial reservoir and a buffer zone, confidence in her intentions can begin to grow.

In the meantime the nations which have conducted "Operation Containment" are under great responsibility to provide every possible encouragement for the emergence of a tamed Russia.

10 Years Ago
May 16, 1946
Stating he would attempt to reach President Truman if necessary, State Agricultural Director Ervin L. Peterson left by plane for Washington, D. C., in an attempt to obtain relief of the critical livestock feed situation in Oregon.

25 Years Ago
May 16, 1931
Milton C. Taylor, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Taylor of Salem, who recently passed his entrance examinations to West Point, has received orders to report at the military academy.

40 Years Ago
May 16, 1916
Sarah Bernhardt, who as a result of her marriage with Jacques Damala, a Greek member of her company, in 1882, became a Greek subject, resumed her French nationality by special decree of President Poincare. Damala died in 1889.

IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page one)

That Russia still has by far the largest standing army of any nation. Still, we should not scoff at the Soviet announcement. Our presidents—Truman and Eisenhower—repeatedly adjured Russia to show its faith in peace by its works. The former actually listed some of the points which would convince the United States of Russia's good faith. It must be recognized that since the death of Stalin the rulers of Russia have made certain real alterations in their attitude and practices. They have relaxed the barrier of the Iron Curtain, permitting entry and travel of foreigners and exit and travel abroad of Russians, subject of course to limitations. They have denounced the cult of personality and the excesses of Stalin, without, however, introducing the democratic principle. Only last week they did away with the 16-year-old regulation restricting a person in his employment. In the late crisis in the Middle East they threw their support behind United Nations efforts for peace in that troubled area.

They have not met the supreme test of devotion to peace in the world, namely the reunification of Germany under a government of its own choosing. But Austria is now a free nation, though neutralized, and Poland shows signs of asserting some independence of action.

We are not going to be disillusioned by these moves of the new hierarchs in Moscow, but I believe we should welcome them. The West must be realistic in its relations with the USSR. It was when the latter threatened to overrun Europe through its working tool, the Communist Party. The response was NATO and an alliance for defense. The West must be realistic, too, if the chill of the cold war is moderating. Its policy requires flexibility, or rather adaptability. Nor should our action be merely a response to Russia's action, allowing Russia to set the pace. We should have originality in developing our policies, and not merely play the game of "Simon says thumbs up, or down," with Russia calling the tune.

In brief, the stock market traders may have been correct. The war threat of the past decade may be lessening. At least we may not need to live in a continuing state of alarm. For that we may give thanks, and hope the progress toward peace with full security may continue.

Government Runs 19,771 Enterprises

WASHINGTON, P.—The Budget Bureau reported Tuesday the government is operating 19,771 commercial and industrial activities producing goods or services for its own use. Capital assets of these installations were set at \$11,863,990,569.

Besides making such things as guns, tanks and ships, the report showed the government also is engaged in such activities as "Making of Ladies' underwear and other clothing at prisons and hospitals as part of rehabilitation and therapy; logging operations; printing and engraving; operation of farms and experimental and rehabilitation work; mining to develop improved mining methods; maintenance of storage facilities; making of rubber products; operating shoe repair and barber shops; transportation; communications and even a funeral service through the Veterans Administration."

Perceval F. Brundage, Budget Bureau director, said the inventory is "another step in the administration's long term program to eliminate unnecessary government competition with our free enterprise system."

At least 22 government agencies and departments have been working since January, 1955 to prepare the inventory, described as the first on a government-wide basis showing federal activities in producing goods and services for its own use.

Hanford Plant Strike Picture Said Improved

RICHLAND, P.—An attorney who has been conferring with contractors and union leaders in an attempt to settle the five-week strike on Hanford Works construction projects predicted Tuesday "some break" in the deadlock this week.

John Day made the comment at a Richland Chamber of Commerce meeting. He is a member of a Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce committee which has been holding the mediation conferences.

Other members of the committee have been noncommittal. The strike began April 7 in a dispute over the ending of special travel pay for workers' travel to their jobs on the big reservation. The strike has idled about 1,200 workers. It was called by the Teamsters, Operating Engineers and Cement Finishers.

Both sides have filed unfair labor practices charges. They now are under study by the regional office of the National Labor Relations Board.

Inspectors Praise Salem Fire Safety

(Story also on Page 1)

Salem's fire safety program won high praise from a group of inspectors who surveyed the city's business establishments Tuesday and found few fire safety violations.

Other things the inspectors noted about Salem were these: Salem commercial garages are "the cleanest found in any city." The city's two laundries were in "exceptionally good shape—both from a fire safety and cleanliness standpoint." This was not the case for all cities inspected.

No Violations
Heating system hazards (clearance between heaters and combustible material), always trouble spots in other inspections, contributed not a single violation tag during the Salem inspection.

"Because your city is in such good shape, firewise," said Robert J. Deardroff, Portland insurance executive in charge of the survey, "we completed one of the fastest inspections on record."

Farm Union Co-op Accounts Said Serious

By LILLIE L. MADSEN
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Accounts receivable are "going up" and becoming "very serious," William Rector, auditor, told some 30 members of the Farmers Union Co-op at its first annual meeting held Tuesday night at Mayflower Hall. Wendell Barnett, co-op association chairman, presided.

While the auditor urged members to set up a "strict" 30-day credit policy, he also said that the first month and a half, which his audit covered, was "very satisfactory." At the end of this period—March 31—the net loss in business was but \$1,046, with expenses including organization expenses. The sales were good and the gross margin satisfactory, he said.

The audit showed that sales during the first month and a half grossed \$9,395 with a gross margin of \$2,781. Net operating expenses for the same period were \$3,828. Hardware made up two-thirds of all the sales.

New Organization

The new organization opening for business Feb. 18, on March 31, owed \$46,000 against total assets of \$83,300. Fifty per cent of the outstanding indebtedness is held by co-op members themselves.

Erwin Torkelson, cooperative manager, in his report said that business in April was \$10,168 and that the organization had operated in "the black."

Torkelson also stated that accounts receivable are the "biggest stumbling block which cooperatives come up against—and these are increasing."

Barnett gave the history of the co-op, reviewing briefly the failure of the first organization which began liquidation in late 1951, with plans for the new one started immediately.

Low Interest Rates

"We need a broadening of farm credit, with long term, low interest rates for farmers who have to wait for payments for their crops," Harley Libby, state president of the Oregon Farmers Union, said in his talk. He added that he did not believe it was "necessary to form a new government department to handle this," expressing the thought that "perhaps the present Farm Home Administration could serve."

Wendell Barnett and Erwin Simmons were both re-elected to the board.

Mrs. Archibald Passes Away

Statesman News Service

TURNER—Mrs. Ethel Wayne Archibald, a native of Dayton, Ore., died Tuesday at her home on Turner Route 1, near Marion, at the age of 75.

Mrs. Archibald was born March 5, 1882, at Dayton.

She leaves eight daughters, Mrs. Elmer Hoffman and Mrs. Robert Logan, both of Turner; Mrs. Alfred Hoffman, Aumsville; Mrs. Greg Robl, Stayton; Mrs. Edward Robl, Silverton; Mrs. Ella Hughes, Tillamook; Mrs. Galen Siddall, Salem; and Mrs. Vern Stanley, San Leandro, Calif., sister, Mrs. Ella Givens, Turner, and 23 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are pending at W. T. Rigdon's Mortuary.

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Algeria Revolt Said Spreading

ALGIERS, Algeria (U—) French military authorities announced Tuesday night the bloody Nationalist revolt has spread to a new area in North Central Algeria.

A well-organized band of 250 rebels, armed in part with automatic weapons, is operating near Taguine in the foothills of the Ouled Nail Mountains, they said. This area hitherto has been free of rebel activity.

The French said 31 of the rebel band were killed in a pitched battle with French forces. This brought to 145 the number of rebels reported killed since Sunday.

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