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Sorting Out the "Truth"

It is unescapable at this period of any modern Leap Year, when politics adds its hazards to those of the legendary female, that a lot of people will be confused. But never, we believe, has there been as much confusion—present and potential—as there is as this Nov. 6 election draws near.

"Truth" sheets and "fact" books are rampant, on a national as well as state level. And however truthful or factual they may be, they leave a great number of the electorate up in the air as to just what and who to believe.

We don't say such sheets and books are harmful. Rather, they serve a fine purpose of calling attention to all the faults and all the good points a candidate could have. They give us more information than ever before. A candidate is a devil in one, a saint in another, and vice versa for his opponent, and the typewriter mills in each camp are turning out the stuff by the ton. It's all aimed, of course, at the "independent" voter—dependent either in party or by inclination. And there are millions of such.

The situation at this point, less than two months before an election, is always confused, of course. The difference this year seems to be that the volume of contradictory matter is heavier than usual, and earlier in its appearance than usual—to the point where it's difficult to see just what greater bombshells have been saved for the usual 11th-hour smash toward the polls, if any.

Some of our readers have written in confessing their confusion. If we could disregard partisanship they wouldn't have anything on a lot of the rest of us. The more we wade through the mass of material arriving in our news department, the more we sympathize with our desk editors who are charged with sorting it out to present a fair picture of the day's news. It would be impossible to use it all, and even more impossible to keep any partisan completely satisfied. So far, complaints have been about even that the Democrats are getting too good a break and the Republicans are getting too good a break, so we conclude our news desk, averaging out over a week's time, still is doing pretty much of all right. But in their own minds, we'd guess the desk men who work over the material are still confused about some things themselves. The waters are getting muddier.

Fifteen years or so ago when Sen. Wayne Morse was on the War Labor Board he was a Republican and Longshore Leader Harry Bridges, whom Morse was variously accused of blessing or harassing, was an Independent. Now Morse is a Democrat and this week Bridges became a Republican. Now if anyone can make anything out of that, power to them.

The State Department says it has no restrictions against issuing passports to American pilots who want to work on the Suez Canal, but it still won't let American news men accept an invitation to look over Communist China. Evidently it thinks Egypt is still friendlier than China, at least.

Randolph Churchill couldn't remember the origin of the word "boycott" and thereby limited his earnings on a quiz program to \$64. He will now join the ranks of a lot of the rest of us who couldn't even get that far.

Thirteen Third Parties, Range in Objectives From More Free Beer to Less Income Tax

By Congressional Quarterly
WASHINGTON, Sept. 20—(CQ)—Look to the third parties to kick up plenty of political dust of their own this election year—something they have been doing with varied success for 150 years.

Already in the political lists are 13 third parties and more are expected. Their Presidential candidates range from Henry Krajevski, a New Jersey pig farmer out to give the public more free beer and less income taxes, to T. Coleman Andrews, former Internal Revenue Bureau director who is the standard bearer for the Constitution Party and for America, conservative states rights groups.

The aims of these third parties necessarily are diverse. Third parties throughout the history of the United States have been formed because they cannot get acceptance of a particular idea or philosophy from existing parties. This year, for example, the Prohibition Party is advocating temperance measures while the Communist Party of the USA says it is out to "defeat the GOP Cadillac cabinet."

Although there is little likelihood that Krajevski, Andrews or a Prohibitionist will move into the White House next year, the Constitution gives well organized third parties a powerful bargaining weapon.

The Constitution requires that a President receive the vote of a majority of electors or else the House of Representatives decides who will become President. Names of electors appear on the election ballot pledged to specific candidates. If the Presidential candidate of neither major party wins a majority of electoral votes, the votes pledged to third party candidates become electors themselves. The third party electors can be retained by the major party candidates providing they have a majority.

Protection Advisable

It is probable the apparent imminence of a \$45 million Air Force Base west of Woodburn spurred on county planners in their search for adequate safeguards for construction in unincorporated areas, but there is no doubt the time is here for such regulations regardless of the Woodburn development.

Marion County is growing in all facets, and particularly in areas outside municipalities. It is toward these areas, and only the ones in the western part of the county, at which the proposed regulatory measure is aimed to insure safety and sanitation.

The fact that the county twice turned down zoning laws as such has no bearing on the new program. The code as now proposed, and which has been well tested elsewhere, can be invoked within existing laws.

There appears to be no disposition to impose it suddenly and rough-shod. There should be ample notification, and a thorough study of all possible ramifications before final adoption. Objectors have a right to be heard. Already it has been determined to exempt structures used exclusively for grazing, agriculture, timber and horticulture.

Marion County has reached a point where it must guard against the veritable shacktowns which have arisen in some areas—to the greatly diminished value and desirability of neighboring land. The protection of existing improvements is to the advantage of everyone.

The View Is Magnificent

Lincoln County residents, long proud of the spectacular vista opened up by the sweeping curves on the old Coast Highway in the Otter Crest area, are bothered because traffic not only is diverted to a new \$3 million shortcut, but is barred from traversing the old road at all. They have petitioned the governor to open the old road, now blocked off by locked gates.

They have a good point, too. Records show no serious accidents on the old stretch and certainly it offers a magnificent sweep of the Oregon coastline. If it can be rehabilitated without too great an expense, it would seem feasible to offer it as an alternate highway for those tourists who are more interested in seeing Oregon than merely passing through it.

Investment, Not Donation

If sincere enthusiasm and initial reports of assistance can be taken as a criterion, Salem's 1956 United Fund Drive certainly should get the acceptance it well deserves. Now in its third year, and including as it does nearly all major humanitarian projects to which we are asked to subscribe, the UF has proven of tremendous benefit to the entire community. More and more it is recognized that its funds do not comprise donation. They truly comprise an investment to insure the type of life this city needs.

Editorial Comment

Historian of a Borderless Realm

There is a language that transcends languages as there is a land that knows no national boundaries.

Hans Christian Andersen wrote in that tongue, to be read throughout that land. So Andersen was beloved in many another country besides his little Denmark, at first by children because he delighted them with fantasy and gentle laughter, a moment's tears, perhaps, but also reassurance imperishable; and then, as they grew older, by people to whom he had transmitted a delicate but sound sense of values, a sort of morality of good taste, the more able to distinguish between the ugly and the beautiful in thought, and so to choose the better in conduct.

Probably in the funds that will pay for the statue of Andersen, book on knee, which will soar rise in New York's Central Park, is many a dollar, or krone, or pound, or franc, or mark, that came from an adult's pocketbook. But this statue is the tribute of children—chiefly American and Danish children. It affectionately honors the author of "The Ugly Duckling" and of many other accounts of a world that ought to be. It honors a whimsical sage who with his worldly wisest observation seems yet to be addressing the receptive child in each of us. (Christian Science Monitor)

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And while our president has only been here part-time, lately, you can have the utmost faith and confidence in our 43 vice presidents.

Comes the Dawn

Homer Lyon, former big limb in the state forestry department who deserted the tall firs of Oregon for a ground-type job in Washington, D. C., finally hit the jackpot back there. He has been appointed air raid warden for the second floor of the main Agriculture Building. Right there in Washington, hub of the world. Copies of his acceptance speech probably could be obtained from the government printing office at some expense. "You may also be interested to learn," Homer writes, "that oldtimers here say it has been the coolest summer for Wash DC since oldtimers always say these things..."



Marion County Planning Commission meeting took off with a bang the other night. Just as the meeting got underway the Shrine band opened up in concert on the courthouse square outside—to advertise the circus. "Tell me," a latecomer to the meeting asked Dave Baker, Planning Commission technician, "do you always start your meetings in such spectacular style—with music?" "Only," said Baker, "when we've got something to beat the drums about..."

And speaking of the Shrine Circus one of the most interested group of youngsters at the colorful opening show Wednesday afternoon was a group of youngsters from the State School for the Blind. With the help of their instructors and partially sighted companions they seemed to catch the flavor and excitement of the circus better than a lot of the other kids...

And there's a group of state employees who can hardly wait for November to roll around. Because at that time the state fire marshal offices are slated to move to the ground floor of Crystal Gardens dancehall. And, according to the Statesman story bearing this happy message, dances will continue to be held on the second floor. "Does this mean that gals in the fire marshal's office will soon be typing out fire-prevention reports to the tune of 'On Top of Old Smokey'?"

Few persons probably realized it but the Real Estate convention meeting in Salem this week chalked up a rare event—the meeting over one dinner plate of the chiefs of the nation's three top real estate groups. They were Clarence H. Turley, president of the National Real Estate Board; Grace Sebastian, president of the National Women's Council of the National REB, and Donald Moore, president of the National Institute of Real Estate Brokers. Not only that but the Salem convention drew the largest number of delegates in the convention's history...

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago

Sept. 21, 1946
Appointment of John B. McCourt of Portland as district attorney for Multnomah County to succeed the late Thomas H. Handley, was announced by Gov. Earl Snell.

25 Years Ago

Sept. 21, 1931
When the town of Stayton had its beginning it was called Florence, after a daughter of one of its founders, Drury Stayton. But later it was learned Oregon already had another town and post-office by that name on the coast. So the name Stayton was given to the settlement.

40 Years Ago

Sept. 21, 1916
All that remains of the big barn of George O. Savage on the

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS
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3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Adamant, adequate, adaptability, adomid.
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5. What is a word beginning with m that means "capable of change in form, qualities, or nature"?
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From The Statesman Files

Man Committed To State Hospital

A 44-year-old Salem man charged with molesting a 3-year-old girl was ordered committed to the Oregon State Hospital Thursday.

Driver Charged In Liquor Court

Gene Schlag, Salem Route 2, Box 503, was arrested by city police early Thursday morning on a charge of driving while intoxicated. The arrest was made in the 300 block of South 12th Street.

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Pre-Election Interest High, Tour Shows

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Statesman Correspondent
WASHINGTON — What are the voters saying and thinking that may be significant indications of the outcome of the presidential election campaign?

Significantly, this reporter has found that they have plenty to say, even at this early stage in the campaign, which quite likely indicates a lively interest in the election and a good vote in November.

Here are some observations by voters in various walks of life who were interviewed during a swing through Pennsylvania and Maryland while following the campaigning candidates:

To a young family man who runs a combination service station and auto repair shop, we asked what his customers were saying about politics and their satisfactions or dissatisfactions generally.

"Well, if I were a betting man," he replied, "I'd bet that Eisenhower will win again, from what I hear people saying." He went on:

"Most of them never had it so good. And I know that it's true, because I cash a lot of pay checks here every day. People are making pretty good money. Of course, most of them are up to their necks in debt, too, on account of installment buying."

"It seems like Eisenhower has given us a good administration as far as economics is concerned. Sure, there have been some bugaboos, but none of them is perfect. But I think they ought to do something about this installment buying. Fellows come in here, owing me a couple dollars for gas, and they want to know whether they can skip me this week because they have to make their television payment or their mortgage payment."

A young minister with a family of three youngsters was plainly more concerned with the threat of war abroad and internal conflict here at home, especially racial differences. He was sharply critical of the attitude that everything is alright which is implied in the Republican slogan about "Peace and Prosperity."

"The President hasn't exerted any leadership at all to try to stem the tide of violence in the South over racial integration of the schools," he said.

The pastor said he thinks "complacency, vegetation and hesitancy to act" have characterized the Eisenhower administration.

A middle-aged farmer who specializes in fruit growing in central Maryland said "politics is not going to cure the farm problem. Ten years or so ago it would have had little use for the rival efforts of either party to provide a better farm program."

"Farming for the little fellow is on the way out," he declared. "We just can't compete with the big boys. You see that tractor out there? It cost me \$1800. Ten years or so ago it would have cost about \$900. See those wooden crates (used for packing peaches)? They run me 46 cents now, but they used to cost only 13 cents. My overhead is doubling and tripling, but I don't get much more for those peaches today than I did 30 years ago."

"Politics isn't the answer. I won't get a nickel out of that soil bank. You see, I only have 150 acres. It's those big fellows out west who have 20,000 acres that will continue to make money in farming. I'm just glad I'm not a young fellow just starting out as a farmer. It's no good any more."

A small businessman who runs a plant that makes furniture, agreed with the Democrats that the small business man is losing out to big business — but "it is mostly due to the machine."

"We're just struggling along, to tell you the truth. But it is because this has become a mass production line of business. The machine has made it unprofitable for small operations. Automation is going to increase that trend. But it is all to the good, because in the long run it means a higher standard of living for more people. I guess it's true that the Republican party is mostly for big business, but that's not the cause of our trouble."

NEWS ITEM
OTTAWA, Kan. (AP)—Signs of the times in drought-plagued Kansas: When a s o m e b o d y optimistically bought an umbrella here, that fact made a news item in the Ottawa Herald.

School Reporter

North Salem Revote Scheduled

By LOUIS PARKER

North Salem High seniors voted Thursday for their class officers. A revote between Bill Hansen and Larry Patton for president will be held today.

Sue Jenkins was elected first vice-president; Janet Curry, second vice-president; Donna Hamman, secretary; Faye York, song queen.

A revote will also be held today between Nita Christofferson and Ann Robinson for treasurer. A yell king will be chosen later by the senior class council.

Junior and sophomore class elections will be held shortly. Juniors will be nominated today and voted upon Monday with a sophomore nomination assembly Tuesday.

Crescendo Club held their first meeting Thursday to encourage new members to join and to collect dues. Crescendo Club is applying for membership with Modern Music Masters, a national music organization.

Campaigning Holds Parish Junior High

Parrish Junior High is in the middle of a full scale political campaign at present. Filing for office started last Tuesday and campaigning will continue until the Sept. 28 general election.

Parrish's school government is unique in that it has two political parties, the Studenteers and the Liberators. Students are now campaigning for the primary elections which will be held next Tuesday. Each party has its primary nominees and then sends their nominees into the final battle.

The candidates, patterning after the national political system, display buttons (paper cards), placards on the bulletin boards and really get out and campaign.

Freshmen at Parrish will have their individual pictures taken for the Pioneer, Parrish's annual, today.

Editors Selected

A new staff has been chosen for the Periscope, the school paper, with LaWanna Lyle, editor; Jim Elliott was selected as sports editor with Gary Gilbertson his assistant. Ronald Star will be this year's photographer; Karen Archer and Pat Phillips will serve as headline editors.

General reporters are: Janis Albada, Rita Holman, Janice Pahl, Nancy Coburn, Janet Sather and Jan Brown. The staff will publish their first issue October 5.

South Salem Seniors Complete Elections

By KAREN HARRIS

Seniors at South Salem High School completed their class election Thursday in a revote that decided two offices. Karen Ringnald was elected vice president. Larry Young was named sergeant-at-arms.

Ellen Haugue, an American Field Service exchange student from Norway, says she anticipates a wonderful year in Salem and that she likes America more each day.

Ellen's home is in a town near Oslo, the capital of Norway. While in Salem she is staying at the home of the C. A. Schaefer.

Ellen attended a co-educational school in Norway and took some 20 subjects each year.

Letter Club Meets

To interest senior, junior and sophomore girls in the Girls' Letter Club was the purpose of the first meeting of the club Thursday afternoon.

Officers were introduced to the girls and their duties were explained. The Girls Letter Club officers are: Cynthia Chase, president; Linda Schwalen, vice-president; Dolores Dallas, secretary; Jane Bodenweiser, treasurer; Barbara Leiseth, play-day chairman; Connie Barber, publicity

OSEA Group Seats Officers

Miss Edna McElhany was installed Thursday as new president of Oregon's State Employees Association, Capitol Chamber 19, by James Daniels, OSEA executive secretary.

Other new officers are Mrs. Mildred Flathers, vice president; Miss Mary Foster, secretary and Miss Cleo Walker, treasurer.

Youth Fined on Speeding Count

A Portland driver who steered a 100-mile-an-hour course in a high wind on the Salem-Portland Freeway was fined \$50 in Marion County District Court Thursday.

State patrolman Ray Judson said he clocked Gerald Frank Howard, 19, at 100 miles an hour between Woodburn and Hayesville where the designated speed is 55. Judson said a crosswind was blowing at the time which had a noticeable effect on steering.

Salem Shopping Guide to Begin

A new shopping guide, the Capitol City Shopper, will be published starting next Thursday by the Press Publishing Company, 270 N. Commercial St.

Dewey Rand, secretary-treasurer of the company, said the weekly publication will be mailed to all post office addresses in the city. The company also publishes the weekly Capitol Press.

PORTLAND WATER AMPLE

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP)—There is ample water available for any foreseeable industrial expansion in the Vancouver, Wash.-Portland area, the U.S. Geological Survey said Tuesday after a study of the region.

to plan the yearly Girls League activities including the Girls League play, the clothing and food drive, the Mother-Daughter program at the end of the year, and to make the final decisions on all matters of importance.

The girls on this council are: Girls League president, Janice Jacobson; vice president, Marilyn Sailer; secretary, Jackie Graber; treasurer, Jerilyn Hughes; sergeant-at-arms, Joan Jenke; song queen, Merrily Swarr; Jayanne Harvey, Michele Wyatt, Mary Martin, Joan Glenn, Rosemary Myers, and Merialyn Marschat.

Orientation cards will be filled out and installation of officers will take place Friday at a meeting of the Girls League.

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