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Farms Bigger, Land Prices Higher

A recent department of agriculture report shows that farms in Oregon and Washington are getting larger and farm land becoming more valuable. The per acre value in Washington as of March 1st last was \$117.82, up \$2.20 from the year before. In Oregon the land value increased \$1.26 to \$79.79 per acre.

Average farm size grew from 248.8 acres in Washington in 1950 to 270.7 in 1956. In Oregon the average farm size increased to 388.6 acres from 339.8 acres in the same period.

These trends have been in progress for many years — the upward trend in values started following the long winter of the depression with its many farm foreclosures. That land prices continue to go up in the face of declines in commodity prices and farmer income has been something of a surprise. It reflects, however, continued confidence in the land as an investment, also in the ability of farmers to make money in agriculture — especially if they can increase the size of their farms.

That not all farm leaders are prophets of doom in agriculture was evident in the talk of Charles B. Shuman, president of the American Farm Bureau at the recent convention of Future Farmers of America, the organization of youth planning on farming as their vocation. He told his audience that farmers have not yet fully capitalized on the rapid progress in farm technology. He said it was estimated we can increase farm output 40 per cent by 1975 "just by applying available knowledge."

That may be too much of an increase for markets to absorb, but the fact that farm leaders do look ahead with optimism is a welcome offset to so much of the gloom spread in recent years. Farming as an occupation is not static, and will not be unless it gets burdened with too much government regulation. Land remains the basis of wealth and the source of subsistence. For those who use it intelligently, it will yield good financial returns and a desirable mode of living, with a fairly steady increase in value over the years. Land buyers are probably smarter than the land sellers.

Living Costs and Wages

According to the bureau of labor statistics the cost of living edged up 0.3 per cent in September to a new high of 117.1 per cent of the 1947-49 average. The bureau also reported that average pay of factory workers reached the highest point in history in that month.

One might discuss the cause and effect relationships between wages and cost of living, each helping to boost the other. Presently, however, we want to call attention to the fact that there are millions of Americans who aren't factory workers and who do not get wage increases to equal or exceed the rise in cost of living. Among them are those no longer employed, living on pensions or interest on their savings, farmers, self-employed. So the economic equilibrium is not preserved when wages of factory workers go up along with the cost of living. All humans must try to keep on living whatever the cost.

Eight doctors give President Eisenhower a good report after his physical examination. "Doc" Drew Pearson, though, will probably dissent.

Many Indiana Farmers Resent GOP's Farm Program, But Ike Seems to Hold Clear Lead

By Stewart Alsop
RENSELAE, Ind., Oct. 29—If you stand at the junction of Grace and Scott streets, in this pleasant, sleepy county seat, and look in any direction, what you see looks for all the world like one of those handsome, nostalgic scenes "The Saturday Evening Post" often uses on its covers.

There is a brisk, plump woman in slacks and bandana, raking the autumn leaves. A few houses away a man in a visored cap is polishing his car. A couple of boys are tossing a baseball. The two-story brick and frame houses, set in their neat yards, have a happy, settled look, under the yellowing trees, in the autumn sunlight.

This, it seems, is average America. But when you begin Stewart Alsop to press the doorbells—they all play a cheerful, small tune—and ask questions, you quickly realize that it is not politically average, fortunately for Adlai Stevenson.

"Do you normally consider yourself a Republican?" you ask. "A Republican or a Democrat?" The people who answer the door look pleasantly surprised, as though you had asked, "Do you normally consider yourself a human being or an animal?" They answer "Republican," sometimes adding "of course," more often implying the words by intonation.

When you ask them, finally, why they are going to vote Republican, once in a while they will say that it is because they "like Ike." Much more often they say, in the same surprised tone, "Why, I was born and raised that way."

Marine Families: "Go Home"

General Pate, commander of the Marines, has ordered home families of Marines stationed in Japan. Wives and children have been landing at West Coast ports, and are they mad? They report that the Army and Navy permit their personnel to have families with them in Japan, and smart under what they think is unjust discrimination against Marines. The imminence of Thanksgiving and Christmas, traditional family holidays, makes them the more unhappy.

General Pate explains that the Marines must be a "ready combat force," but that doesn't make clear why their families should be sent back to the homeland. Stateside, Marines have families adjacent to their stations, without any noted impairment of their readiness for combat. One would think they would be in better trim for military action if they had enjoyed family life than if they had to spend all their spare time either in barracks or on the streets or in public bars and places of amusement.

Returning wives of Marines say they paid their own expenses for travel and their own living expenses in Japan, so the government wasn't put to any cost on their account. The order seems unnecessarily harsh, especially since the combat for which Marines were to be ready seems not as imminent as when they went out. No one expects the Marines to go soft, but we don't think the Pate order will contribute to making them in morale the elite which the recruiting posters represent them to be.

Personal Responsibility

It is just human nature to blame someone else if things go wrong. And if there is no one else to blame there is always "the government," the "they" in Washington or Salem. Individuals just don't want to carry their own responsibilities.

Credit scarcity has given occasion for fresh criticism of the "they," either the federal reserve bank authorities or the administration. These critics evidently think the sky should be the limit on lending. A San Francisco banker, however, Ransom M. Cook, senior vice president of the American Trust Co., told a convention of consumer finance people that federal reserve bank curbs are desirable to prevent inflationary excesses. He said: "We are perhaps victims of a monopoly of prosperity."

"We have come to expect the built-in economic stabilizers that the Government has provided to see us through from the cradle to the grave, and to believe that if we make a mistake, inflation will bail us out."

"We have come to believe that a managed economy is infallible. However, people are still people, and we habitually go to extremes."

Yes, people are still people, and they should manage their affairs prudently, lest they be caught in an economic backwash.

The real election of President and Vice President occurs December 17th when electors meet in the several state capitols and ballot for filling those offices. As a practical matter the election is decided on Nov. 6th, for electors never renege on their party candidates. In event there is no majority, the election of President would be made by the House of Representatives, each state having one vote; or if there is no majority for Vice President, the Senate would make the choice. There seems not the slightest chance of this occurring for this election. The procedure is outlined in the 12th amendment to the U. S. constitution.

The provisional president of Argentina says his government plans to revise the constitution so as to bar the chance of getting any more dictators. As history has shown, a constitutional barrier may quickly be tossed aside in Latin American countries where governments exist more at the sufferance of the military than of the people. With the passage of time and spread of education, more respect may accrue for constitutions, but the process has been slow in those countries.

Pull yourself together—there's only one more week of the campaign to endure.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



... And I propose easier credit for the small business man... I feel he has just as much right to become hopelessly in debt as his customers.

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 500 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.)

Objects to Subsidies Support for Children

To the Editor:
The more I listen to and read about the Democratic campaign the more it sounds like the old medicine shows where you buy a bottle of remedy and it heals everything. They are for higher wages and lower prices, more subsidies and lower living costs, national security and scuttling our vital war machines and the draft.

In the first place higher wages and high living costs go hand in hand. They raise the minimum wages one year and nullify it the same year with another raise in wages and prices. They cry for the old folks and then go all out for another raise in wages and prices. Wages and prices should have been stabilized years ago. As for high dams or any dams built by the government, the laborer should think twice about that as his electric bills will be the same regardless as to who builds them. If the government builds them he will have the additional taxes to pay. So many seem to think all the government has to do is to reach in the grab bag and come up with the dough. They may reach in the grab bag all right but you will find it has a hole in the bottom so they can reach right through it all right into your pocket.

As to the subsidies they are all wrong. What right have they to tax everyone to pay subsidies to the special ones? It's our tax money they are throwing around. Who subsidizes the working man when he loses his job and then loses his home and belongings? And as to giveaway who gave away our money for the previous years with their cost plus contracts and I didn't hear any complaints then about big business. And the big and little fellows in business — it takes a big business to stay in business now when you have to sell on from three to 30 years credit. It takes a big turnover and cash on the barrelhead to keep the little man in business. High wages and prices is knocking him out.

And as for Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower they are a top family. Mrs. Eisenhower is first of all a top wife and mother and that's the best thing that can be said about any woman. She is not gallivanting around trying to tell all how to run the country. . . . Earl Sharp, 689 N. Capitol.

Will Vote for McKay

To the Editor:
In 1917 I arrived in Camp Lewis as a Buck Private and Douglas McKay was Lieutenant of Co. F, 361st Inf., and he was a fine officer and the soldiers all liked him. Later we were shipped to France and he was shot all to pieces in Meuse Argonne.

In 1928 I came to Salem as a Southern Pacific Switchman and found Doug here in the auto business. During the depression I did not work for six months and the bank closed and who came to my aid "Unasked" but my friend Doug. He went to several stores and told them to give me what I wanted and he would be responsible. Again he came to the aid of a veteran and a friend. He wanted to share with a friend. He was always willing to help some veteran and his family with their problems, pensions and a place to live. Many times he has given me money to buy groceries, wood and to pay rent for veterans and their families. He is especially very kind on helping veterans get hospitalization and medical treatment.

He is a good honest Christian man and has a fine family and was born and raised in Oregon. He was a good Mayor and Governor and the doors were always open to his friends and the public. He never forgets a friend.

I have had many dealings with Doug and he has always been fair and honest.

He does not agree to anything against his principles. No matter who you are and what he may lose by his answer he will never agree to anything he thinks does not meet with his honest opinion. I have always gone to him for counsel.

VERNE L. OSTRANDER, 4255 Center.

Middle of the Road?

To the Editor:
Mr. Wright's recent stories on the candidates for Governor were

IT SEEMS TO ME

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over the situation in Algiers. The pilot of their plane, a Frenchman, set it down at the airport in Algiers, controlled by the French, instead of Tunis. Arabs were incensed, regarding this virtually as a kidnapping. France has since moved the five to Paris for trial.

The Middle East thus is erupting from two causes: the friction over Israel and the efforts of France to put down the rebellion in Algeria.

The French maneuver may prove costly to French interests, hardening the determination of the rebels and chilling any effort of moderates in Tunisia and Morocco to effect some reasonable settlement. The Christian Science Monitor calls the capture of the Algerian leaders "an awkward development unless Paris now intends to repudiate most of the moderate and even pro-Western leadership throughout North Africa." Having suffered so many losses in colonial power, France should have learned by this time that compromise offers the best solution of the Algerian troubles, but evidently it hasn't.

The colonial powers and to a considerable extent the United States have been prone to subordinate the interests and aspirations of primitive countries to their own. Arnold Toynbee in his "Study of History" gives an illustration. After the Versailles peace conference of 1919 a Persian diplomat complained to a British statesman that the interest of his country had been sacrificed in the Anglo-Russian entente. The British spokesman sought to justify the entente because of Britain's strategic interest, and the dilemma it was in choosing between the "sacrifice of Persia to Russia and the possible destruction of Western Civilization." The account goes on:

"At this, the Persian lost his temper and declared such cynicism was beyond all imagination. To speak with complacency of the sacrifice of Persia, 'the priceless jewel of civilization,' on the off-chance of saving a worthless Western society was sheer impudence. He concluded: 'What should I have cared and what do I care now, if Europe perishes so long as Persia lives!'"

Actually the Persian was quite as cynical as the Britisher. The moral is that there is need for tolerance both ways. But tolerance is a term unwelcome now either in French-Algerian relations or in those between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

interesting and objective. Mr. Smith and Mr. Holmes both appear as personable and capable young men, which I'm sure they are.

But if the average citizen is to vote intelligently, how can this be done other than by a serious study of the respective records of the candidates? These two have served in the same three sessions of the Legislature, which should simplify comparisons. However, there seems to be a reluctance on the part of Governor Smith's supporters to discuss his voting record.

Senator Holmes has voted to maintain a strong Referendum; to increase teachers' salaries and for sick leave for teachers; sponsored and voted for all Civil Rights measures; voted to endorse the United Nations; and to support President Eisenhower's Reciprocal Trade Program — to name but a few.

The then Senator Smith voted against all of these — and was the only Senator to vote against the three civil rights measures and endorsement of the United Nations!

And yet in a speech several weeks ago (I heard the excerpt quoted on a noon KOAC news-broadcast), Governor Smith warned darkly the voters should keep in mind that his opponent is an extreme left-wing Democrat (that epithet so dear to the heart of the G.O.P.), and that he (Smith) is a middle-of-the-road Republican.

If Governor Smith's record is middle-of-the-road, is it unreasonable to ask what then would be the record of a conservative Republican?

(Mrs.) Barbara L. Hanneman, 2845 Peck Avenue.

Blow for Freedom

To the Editor:
For the current campaign about everything that should have been said, so far from here on whenever a Morse label is encountered he is offered an even trade, will he tell us why he is for Morse, we'll tell why we are against him, the offer is usually accepted, and believe me there are some interesting deals. When the transaction is completed each party pledges to vote as he thinks is right, and smilingly they go their separate ways with the feeling that another blow for Freedom has been struck.

John U. Plank, 403 N. 20th St.

VOTE BALLOT MEASURE NO. 1 YES To Insure Lower Farm and Home Taxes VOTE PROPOSITION NO. 1 YES

Paid Adv. Committee for Proposition 1, W. W. Chadwick, Treas., Salem.

Time Flies

FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago

Oct. 30, 1946
Registration of Oregon's 36 counties for the general election Nov. 7, totals 583,542, as against 602,012 at the general election November 7, 1944.

25 Years Ago

Oct. 30, 1921
A check for \$53,143 received by Sheriff Oscar Bower from the Southern Pacific company's Portland headquarters constituted that corporation's second half payment of 1920 taxes.

40 Years Ago

Oct. 30, 1916
Dean Walter Morton of the Department of commerce of the University of Oregon, and Rev. James Elvin, pastor of the First Congregational church, saw each other for the first time since their graduation from Dickinson college, Carylville, Penn., in 1902. A story in The Statesman was the first they knew of each being in Oregon.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "There really is no necessity of me going."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "cognac"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Rendezvous, rarified, recipient, regrettable.
4. What does the word "cynical" mean?

- ANSWERS
1. Say, "There really is no necessity FOR MY going." 2. Pronounce koe-nyack, accent first syllable. 3. Rarified. 4. Contemporary distrustful of human nature. "He treated all that was said with cynical indifference."

Congressional Quiz

By Congressional Quarterly

With the campaign on the home stretch, test your prowess on some questions about elections. Try for 7 out of 10.

1. Q—Under our electoral system, a majority of popular votes does not always mean victory, or a minority, defeat. Since 1824, the first year for which a reliable record of the popular vote exists, 11 Presidents have been elected (some more than once) without receiving a majority of the popular votes cast. Three received less votes than an opposing candidate. Who were they? (Three points.)

A—John Quincy Adams in 1824 (Andrew Jackson received more votes than he); Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 (Samuel J. Tilden received more votes); and Benjamin Harrison in 1888 (Grover Cleveland received more votes).

2. Q—What is the total membership of the electoral college, and the number of electoral votes required to win? (two points)

A—There are 531 members of the electoral college (the sum of the number of Senators and Representatives) and 266 of them must agree on a candidate for him to win.

3. Arrange the following states—the seven largest in population—in descending order of the number of electoral votes to which they are entitled: Ohio, Texas, California, New York, Michigan, Illinois and Pennsylvania. (one point)

A—in descending order, New York, 45; California and Pennsylvania, 32; Illinois, 27; Ohio, 25; Texas, 24; and Michigan, 20.

4. Q—What percent of the popular vote did President Eisenhower receive in 1952 and what percent of the electoral vote (both worth five percent)? (two points)

A—Mr. Eisenhower won 55.1 percent of the popular vote, 83.2 percent of the electoral vote.

5. Q—The Republican party carried four southern states in 1952 for its Presidential ticket. Can you name them? (one point)

A—Florida, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia.

6. Q—What was the last Presidential election year in which a third party received a share of the electoral vote? (one point)

A—1948. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, States' Rights candidate, received 39 electoral votes. Third parties have received a share of electoral votes in only five elections since 1836.

Boy Who Ordered Woman To Disrobe Sent to Pen

An 18-year-old Salem boy who ordered a woman to undress at gunpoint was sentenced Monday in Marion County circuit court to 3 years in Oregon State Penitentiary.

The youth, Kenneth Ray Ferris, 2315 Mountain View Dr. had pleaded guilty to pointing a loaded automatic pistol at Mrs. Dorothy Kerzell, 22, of 1485 S. Liberty St., and ordering her to disrobe the afternoon of July 7 at her home. He left when she told him her husband was expected home soon, according to Mrs. Knight's statement.

Ferris is a former inmate of MacLaren School for Boys who was placed in a foster home because of his good record at the school, according to testimony brought out. He was graduated last year from a Salem high school with a good record and planned to enter Oregon State College this fall.

Other Circuit Cases

In other circuit court cases Monday:

Leaders for Vet Parade Appointed

Six division leaders were appointed Monday for the Veterans Day parade being planned by the Federation of Patriotic Orders for Monday, Nov. 12, in Salem.

Although the parade will form at 9:45 a.m. in nine divisions and march out at 10:30 a.m. in downtown Salem, nine bands have already been obtained for the parade, the federation committee reported.

Parade division leaders will include Capt. Harold Parkins, Sgt. Fred Doebler, Miss Harriet Belcher, Morris Keller, Glen Jones and Ervin Ward.

Mrs. Ruby Toquero, 4005 Gary St., pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The charge grew from an overnight trip to Portland with a man and a 14-year-old girl, sheriff's deputies said.

Robert McBrien Boyle, who gave his address as Marion County jail, was sentenced to 45 days on pleading guilty to obtaining money by false pretense. Boyle was serving a 30-day sentence for writing a check with insufficient funds when the new charge involving a \$10 check cash Sept. 18 at a Salem tavern was filed, sheriff's deputies said.

Grand Jury Waived

Jewel Vester Garrett Jr., Fresno, Calif., waived grand jury hearing on a charge of cashing a forged check. Arraignment on the charge involving a \$29 check cashed May 24 at a Woodburn store was set for Nov. 5.

William H. Davis, Portland, waived grand jury hearing on a charge of obtaining money by false pretense. His arraignment also was set for Nov. 5 on the charge involving a \$20 check cashed Oct. 6 at a Silverton restaurant.

Wayne Leo Standish, 330 S. 16th St., also waived grand jury hearing. He is charged with obtaining property by false pretense in a case involving a \$30 check cashed Jan. 29 at a Salem service station.

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