

A TREE DIES IN BROOKLYN



Billboard Battle Led By Graduate of Reed

By A. ROBERT SMITH, Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON — A Reed College graduate has been credited with originating and drafting the anti-billboard law passed by Congress last week...



Hans Linde, Reed College graduate, who originated and drafted the anti-billboard law.

apply to the cost of that portion of the new highways running through towns where signs were allowed.

The law allows a bonus of one-half per cent of the cost of a highway covered by a billboard ban. When the highway act was passed, Oregon officials estimated the state would get about \$38 million a year...

In addition, if the state purchases from the owners of land adjoining the new highways their rights to lease space to signboard companies, this cost can be added to the highway construction costs...

Not all signs would be outlawed. Those allowed would include official notices or directional signs; signs advertising property on which they are located for sale or lease; signs advertising businesses along the road...

Linde said one of the hopes of the plan's sponsors was that the states would use the bonus money for roadside development. He pointed out that one feature insisted on by Neuberger was that when states present billboard control agreements to the Commerce Department to collect their bonus payments, the agreements may include provisions for preservation of natural beauty...

So, added Linde, a Reed graduate in 1947, the act should have these positive benefits and not simply be a negative act to outlaw signboards.

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago: Two boys and a girl, all within five minutes, were added to the family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Walkup...

25 Years Ago: Members of the 1909 state basketball championship team of Silverton, recently held a reunion. The Silverton team of that year won the championship of the state...

Satellite 'Pieces' Probably Meteors, Officials Report: PORTLAND — Portland moonwatchers, who thought they saw Sputnik II orbiting in two separate pieces Friday night...

40 Years Ago: A former Salem youth, Eugene V. Smith, is organizer of the "farthest north broadcasting band in the world."

A successful dynamite shot on time.

Fish Fee; No Fish

Warm Springs Indians have exclusive right to hunt on their reservation and to fish in the streams on or bordering their reservation. Formerly they raised no ban against non-Indians fishing in the Deschutes which forms the eastern border of their lands...

The State Game Commission says it will withhold stocking the lake with fish because it doesn't stock waters not open to the public. Without regular fish plantings the fishing will not be very good.

The story in the news of how a Vancouver, B. C., divorcee and her two children and a maid went stowaway on a ship bound for Honolulu via San Francisco...

To drivers of big automobiles these tiny foreign-made cars are something of a nuisance. You can't see them when they are behind an American-made car or truck, and they sneak up from behind and streak past before you know they're around.

Rep. Charles Porter of the Fourth District, another of the easy spenders of federal cash, told Linn County voters that "an immediate cut in taxes would be a useful stimulus for the U. S. economy."

Editorial Comment: Anybody Home Upstairs?

There are times when I seriously question whether network officials have either (1) an understanding of their powerful effect on American family life or (2) the brains to discriminate between what is worthwhile news and what is merely curiously sensational.

Here is an example. On Wednesday the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors gave the okay to a live radio broadcast today of the inquest in the death of hoodlum John Stornapato.

Later, due to such an unprecedented demand for Los Angeles press, radio and TV coverage, the affair was moved to larger quarters and therefore out of the jurisdiction of the L. A. Supervisors.

Such filmed versions of the inquest as may appear on TV newscasts will at least have been edited for good taste prior to being broadcast.

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Campaigning, 1958 Style

Campaigning for public office in 1958 must be hard going. Candidates aren't able to muster crowds at public meetings so they have to use shoe leather, travelling along Main street and going through stores and mills.

We even lack the former awareness of candidates through posters. The billboard law of 1955 put a crimp in tacking up placards on telephone poles and trees. Commercial boards are still available — at a price.

Necessity is the mother of invention however, and the substitute technique now is the "coffee." A friend of a candidate opens her home and invites in neighbors, mostly women, to meet him and discuss issues with him.

The chief burden then falls on the newspaper. The Statesman has its "Political Parade" wherein each candidate can speak his piece.

All in all, the 1958 campaign to date has been sluggish, partly because there is no special personality clash among candidates, and issues, such as taxation, are by no means new.

Jimmy Hoffa, the new boss of the Teamsters Union, administered the "most unkindest cut of all" to his predecessor, Dave Beck, when he ordered Dave to turn in the limousine furnished him by the union.

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Mighty Ford Plant Likened to Ancient Chinese Canal Works

By JOSEPH ALSO

DEARBORN, Mich. — In all the world, there is only one other experience to compare with a day spent at Ford's gigantic River Rouge plant.



Out of Central Asia, over high mountains, you fly into the Western Chinese province of Szechuan, which is as big as many a great nation.

It was rather more than 2,100 years ago when a Chinese emperor imposed the rushing mountain rivers, made their waters flow over the green plain in a multitude of life-bringing channels, and then collected the waters again to pour into the Yangtze gorge for 50 or more generations, the green plain has nourished the people of the myriad little villages perched upon the channel margins — a people numbering 10 millions at the last count.

Who would not marvel at this wonderful work of men, which is surely the best symbol of China's glorious and immortal civilization. In the same way, the Rouge plant is also a marvel, the work of only three generations, yet the prototype and symbol of modern America industrialism.

generations, yet the prototype and symbol of modern America industrialism. In these bad times for industry, a visit to River Rouge gives almost too much food for thought.

There was the even more famous overpass bridge, the scene of "The Battle of the Overpass," in which Walter Reuther's union was effectively born.

Every building is close to a quarter of a mile long, and each huge space has its own sound and rhythm. The relentless, repetitive downward push of the huge stamping presses make the rhythm of the stamping plant. In the assembly plant, there is the endless, continuous, intricately planned convergence of all the finished parts that make a finished automobile.

This is a fantastic place, with its long automated lines where a cylinder block, for instance,

goes in at one end in the rough and comes out at the other end machined to a tolerance of three ten-thousandths of an inch.

The overhead monorails that carry parts from one line to the next look like vast processions of gently agitated moles. In the noise and greyness, the color code stickers — notes of brilliant lightness — Thunderbolt engines are peace-keepers, for instance, while the engines for the Ford Fairlane are jade green.

Bank clearings in Salem during the first quarter of 1948 reached \$164,388,000, compared with \$150,680,000 during a similar period of 1947.

Sen. Robert S. Kerr (D-Okla.) led the fight against the ban but lost to the Neuberger-Kuchel bill. Under the seniority system, only those workers re-trained for there have been layoffs; for there have been layoffs in all the motor companies; and the younger men have been the first to go.

It was when I noticed the young men were gone, and ascertained the cause, that I first thought of the comparison between River Rouge and the Szechuan irrigation system. Both, in their different ways, teach what great triumphs are within the range of man. But as I went through the big gates again, I could not help wishing that we in America could find a way to make triumphs as placidly, fruitfully and unremotely productive as the incredible maze of water-channels in the Szechuan plain.

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New Jersey to Pick Candidates For U. S. Senate

By MEYER LURIE: NEWARK, N. J. — New Jersey voters pick Republican and Democratic U. S. Senate candidates Tuesday after a quiet campaign in which the citizens appeared apathetic and the six aspirants uttered very few unkind words about each other.

The only headline-worthy rumble in an otherwise uneventful primary campaign came this week when both the State CIO and the State AFL Council broke precedent by endorsing a candidate.

Former Congressman Harrison A. Williams Jr., 38, an attorney, is the choice of Democratic Gov. Robert B. Meyner and most State party leaders.

The contest within the GOP is between Rep. Robert W. Keane, a banker serving his ninth term in Congress, and Bernard M. Shanley, lawyer and former appointments secretary to President Eisenhower.

They are candidates for the seat to be vacated by Sen. H. Alexander Smith, 78-year-old Republican who is not running for reelection.

Since then Grogan has picked up party support in Camden, the biggest city in south Jersey.

New Jersey also has six Democratic and one Republican congressional primary contests. The state has nine Republicans and five Democrats in the House.

NEW YORK — More than 100 health department inspectors were called in for emergency duty Saturday. They tracked down 1,530 bottles of Marsilid, an energizing drug, and banned them from sale.

A dosage of 150 milligrams of Marsilid a day was blamed by a San Francisco coroner's jury for the death of Mrs. Frances Simpson, 55.

The New York City Health Department continued its investigation of the death of Miss Irene Frank, 64, to determine if the drug contributed to her death. She died Feb. 3 in Bellevue Hospital.

The U.S. Indian School in Phoenix, Ariz., has students from almost twenty tribes.

Statesman Sunday Quiz: A little tricky, some of these questions. The answers were all in your Statesman last week but all weren't on Page 1. So all will be a fair score, seven a good average. Ten—well, you'd be quite unusual, to say the least.

BPA Lets Pacts For Power Line: PORTLAND — The Bonneville Power Administration announced Saturday that it has awarded contracts for construction of 43.3 miles of the McNary-Alvey power line.

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