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Demos Should Choose With Fall in Mind

Despite the many handicaps imposed by the "Mexican army" system of county government which they nominally head, Lane's present county commissioners are doing a good job.

Accordingly, the Register-Guard is pleased that the two incumbent Republican commissioners, Jess Hill and Kenneth Nielsen, are unopposed in next Friday's primary elections. They will—barring a most unlikely wave of write-in votes—automatically win chances to seek re-election in the November general elections.

Friday's election, however, will decide who will be the Democratic party's choices to oppose Commissioners Hill and Nielsen in November. And this decision won't be automatic. Democratic voters of the county will nominate two candidates from a field of four possibilities. Should either or both of the Democratic nominees win election in November, the balance of party power within the board of commissioners would be wrested away from the Republicans. Commissioner Frank Elliott, lone Democrat on the board at present, has two years of his current term of office remaining.

Naturally, the Democratic party will want to nominate two persons next Friday who will be the strongest possible candidates in the fall. It is the Register-Guard's opinion that these would be Olga Freeman, the present Lane County clerk, and Winfred Smith, former county assessor.

Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Smith are

qualified to aspire to county commissioners' offices. Both "know the ropes" in courthouse operations. The other two possible Democratic choices in this instance do not have the advantage of previous experience as heads of county departments. Adrian Vaaler, engineer and surveyor, and attorney David F. Lentz can be respected for their individual professional abilities, but neither would appear to be particularly qualified for the office of county commissioner. Neither has generated a strong campaign effort in the interparty contest at hand.

Olga Freeman is a person who stirs controversies. And, while he was county assessor, Mr. Smith certainly was not untouched by controversies. At the same time, both Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Smith have demonstrated that they have keen understanding of Lane County's administrative problems. Until such time as Lane's governmental system is updated to provide for more policy handling at the county level, rather than in the State Legislature, administrative ability must be a prime consideration in judging potential members of the county board.

The Register-Guard recommends that Democrats nominate Mrs. Freeman and Mr. Smith next Friday. If they do so, the resulting race in November should prove keenly interesting to all Lane residents. Both parties' candidates for county commissioner would then be long on courthouse experience; their individual records in the service of the voters would be certain to be thoroughly "torn and compared" for all to see and judge.

Omlid Favored

Kenneth E. Omlid has proved himself a capable county assessor and deserving of the Republican party's nomination for re-election.

His opponent in the primary election next Friday is John J. Scheidt, former chief deputy in the assessor's office. He, too, is capable in many ways, but he has demonstrated that he is a man whose emotional drive can at times cloud his judgment.

The Register-Guard, quite frankly, was unsure that Mr. Omlid would do well in the assessor's office when he was elected in 1958. But, working under the close scrutiny that is given any man holding this office, he has developed, matured and proved himself as able as any assessor Lane County has had in years. Those who would criticize the work of an incumbent assessor will never lack opportunities. It's a tough, complicated and often misunderstood job. Voters in the Republican party should be pleased they have as able a man as Mr. Omlid to support for nomination to this office.

Too Easy

This newspaper has been, and is, a staunch defender of the right of the people to keep and bear arms. We shall continue to oppose restrictive anti-gun legislation. However, gun laws can also be too free and easy. Some are.

Suppose you are a boy of 10 and, like most boys of 10, are conducting a love affair with the exciting and romantic world of guns. You don't have a gun, a real gun, of your very own. But you can get hold of \$12.88, one way or another. You fill out a coupon in a magazine.

If your mother isn't home when the expressman comes, you pay the expressman the money, plus shipping charges, and you have a gun, a Royal Enfield .38 revolver, the kind, you are thrilled to know, that the Commandos used.

You are not told, and you aren't sophisticated enough to know, that this weapon is a turkey. It can't be fired single action. It can't hit a beer can at 30 feet. But it can be deadly on little brothers and sisters.

Or, more realistically, suppose you are a parolee, a dope addict, an alien and a fugitive from justice, age 19. You fill out a coupon. With it you sign a statement saying you are over 21, and that you are not an addict, an alien, a

parolee, a fugitive or under indictment. You pay your \$29.95 and you get a .45 calibre revolver, with its barrel thoughtfully chipped off to 2 inches. Fits the pocket nicely. It won't hit a beer can at 30 feet, either. But at close range it will make an impressive hole in a service station attendant, a druggist or a policeman.

For low prices you can buy, through the mail, all sorts of foreign automatics, some of them most unreliable. They could blow up, and often do.

A chap who doesn't like guns can mail in \$6.95 and get a tear gas device in the shape of a fountain pen. It, too, can be effective if one has his eye on a vulnerable gas station or a woman alone.

We shall never be able to make laws that positively keep weapons out of the hands of adults who are up to no good, and of children. But right now, it's just too easy.

Not 'One Book'

One of the stereotypes that we ought to discard is that of the expert as a narrow specialist, a "man of one book," who knows nothing else. Often, more often than not, the expert turns out to know a great deal about many things. The Corvallis Gazette-Times talks about F. A. Gilfillian, who is retiring this year as dean of the School of Science at Oregon State University.

Dean Gilfillian speaks German, Russian, French, Italian and Chinook. He reads Latin, Greek and Chinese, and can translate the inscriptions on ancient Babylonian tablets (his own, by the way). He has a thorough knowledge of art, literature, music and philosophy. He's an expert on Japanese gardening, has climbed several of the Alps and, in recent years, has taken up water skiing. By career, of course, he's a scientist and educator.

Dean Gilfillian's example is remarkable. But it's not unusual. A while back a scientist came to the University of Oregon to talk about a job. But the thing that was really on his mind was a play he had just read, "Waiting for Godot." One of the university's top literary scholars is also a chess master. Another plays classical music, another jazz. A music professor is deeply interested in many other facets of contemporary American life.

Far from being a "man of one book," the expert is likely to spill over into seemingly unrelated fields and to keep his horizon ever broad.

Eric Sevareid

What's 'Plastiquer' in Portuguese?

It may be that we shall all have to think very hard about the ghastly work of the white extremists in Algeria with their exploding cars, street corner executions and rivers of gasoline—and with much more than Algeria in mind.

It is too soon to assume that they will not be successful in their aim of setting race against race in bloody anarchy. These cruel men are using tactics as frightening in nature if not in scope as any that Communists have ever used. And it is not necessarily naive to wonder if Communist experts in sabotage and psycho-political warfare are watching for any guidance as to what methods produce what results and at what levels of tension self and group controls break down. A new and useful chapter in their constantly updated manuals on the destruction of social fabrics could come out of the Algerian phenomenon.

Mao's lessons in guerrilla warfare, delivered by both word and repeated deed, have finally been absorbed by the western world which is at long last learning how to apply them. But the OAS operation in Algeria is not a military operation, even in Mao's terms. Could it be that what is being shown to the world, however unformulated the technique may be, is the development of a combination of nerve-and-flesh domestic warfare, best suited to urban concentrations, and conducted by tacticians in mufti who will one day be referred to by a common term such as "civil guerrillas?"

There is nothing entirely new under the sun, and history is full of variations of the Algerian phenomenon; but the nagging thought persists that we may see a refinement and systematizing of the OAS strategy and tactics and their application elsewhere, perhaps beginning with sub-Saharan African countries, if not in one or more Latin American nations where popular feelings are increasingly envenomed.

There is a widespread notion that Moscow has given up on black Africa, or is inertly waiting to see which way the "winds of change" will blow in several areas. If the facts in a new book just being published in England are true, this comfortable notion is false. It is by Pieter Lessing, an anti-apartheid South African, who has pursued the hidden trails of Communist infiltration all over the dark conti-

nent and whose intimately documented account of the process raises at least a few hairs on the nape of one's neck. The stories of labor union and student group infiltration show standard Communist techniques. It is the shuttle service between Africa and the Communist nations that gives one to think.

Three-Part Manual
The fact that Ghanaian, Mali and Somali military cadets are being trained in Russia for return to their respective armies is well known. But Lessing tells us that the Chinese, to compete with Russia, began some time ago to shuttle individual Africans, including South Africans, in and out of training schools in China. Lessing says he has seen the training manuals, which are divided into three parts. The first is on sabotage work with the new explosives, the second on the use of modern automatic weapons, the third amounts to political indoctrination in the justice and purpose of "wars of liberation."

The graduates return and vanish into anonymity "as farm workers, or street sweepers, house servants or bus conductors."

To meet this Chinese counter, the Russians then re-countered by opening two "schools for partisans" of the same stripe, one at Houstka, near Prague, the other at Bernau, near Dresden.

When the Algerian terrorists continue, we are told, only because they have at least the passive support of thousands of ordinary citizens. There are other places, such as Kenya and Tanganyika, where racial majorities might support civilian "partisans" with plastic in their hands, should it come to that, with constitutional breakdown. There are still other places where tribalism substitutes easily for racism.

In several shaky Latin American countries, intensifying class conflict in the increasingly congested big cities is hardly less worrisome than racial or tribal conflict in Africa. We know that hundreds of young Latins from various nations are being funneled in and out of Cuba every month, many of them vanishing by air in the general direction of East Europe.

I don't want to get lurid and I have no special, private information on this subterranean level of the cold war. But when all these facts are considered together and when a committee of the Organization of American States formally warns Latin governments that they are alarmingly ignorant, casual and inactive about local Communist strategies, I cannot help but wonder if "plastiquer" may not soon find its idiomatic equivalent in Spanish and Portuguese.

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LANGUAGES in the NEWS
By Charles F. Berlitz and Robert Strumpen-Darrie

Did you ever wonder why we say "cow," "steer" or "bull" when the animal is on the hoof, but call it "steak" or "beef" when we are ready to eat it? The same is true for pork (we never say "pig shops"), and for veal (no one says "roast calf"). The reason goes back almost a thousand years to the Norman



conquest of England under William the Conqueror. The Normans, who spoke French, took over the best lands and herds and left the upkeep of the animals to the conquered Anglo-Saxons. Therefore, when the animals are alive, we refer to them by their Saxon names but when they are prepared for the table we call them by their French names.

Compare these "French" words with the original French—Beef (Boeuf), Pork (Porc), Mutton (Mouton), Veal (Veau), and Poultry (Poulet).

In the Editor's Mailbag

Letters intended for the Editor's Mailbag must be signed with the correct name and address of the writer. No anonymous letters will be published. Letters of less than 350 words in length will be given preference, as will those in which the writer confines his letter to one topic.

Wonderful!

CRESWELL (To the Editor)—That's a wonderful idea Mrs. Marjorie Mendell and Mrs. H. Hollingsworth have about refusing to patronize merchants during the first hour of daylight saving time.

This will give me a chance to get first choice on all the specials.

MRS. GLEN AREHART
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Books for Lane

EUGENE (To the Editor)—"Books are a part of man's prerogative," said Sir Thomas Overbury (1581-1613). In these complex and distracted times this prerogative has become an imperative.

Yet in supposedly enlightened Lane County half of the people have no direct access to that most-essential source of books, a public library. In this, Oregon's second-richest county we spend only 84 cents per person per year for public libraries. This is only slightly more than half of the average for the state and less than one-third of the minimum standard recommended by the American Library Assn.

In the face of these facts, who can say that Lane County's need of more books and better library service has not been demonstrated?

To correct our shocking lack of access to what Andrew Lang termed "the sure companion-ship of books," vote yes on propositions 3 and 4 for a county library system.

Yours for more books.
PERRY D. MORRISON
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Switch Zones

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I have been very concerned about the dilemma of violating God's time by going from PST to PDT (although we violate His earth by digging in it and cluttering it with roads and buildings without feeling repentance). Since "standard" means "God's," it seems to me that the best answer is to go on Mountain Standard Time. Thus we can set our clocks ahead but keep God's time; in the fall we simply go back to PST. Surely God shouldn't mind our changing the time boundaries for the summer, as long as we don't change His time.

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Laws for Cyclists

EUGENE (To the Editor)—Bicycling has become a popular mode of transportation for economic and recreational purposes. However, cyclists present a hazard to the motorist as well as to themselves. As evidence, may I refer you to numerous articles in the Register-Guard concerning bicycle accidents and your own experiences as a motorist with irresponsible cyclists.

I would like to make specific suggestions which I feel may improve this situation:

1. Restrict all cyclists from who make their livelihood with such.

2. Create a special lane, preferably three feet wide next to the curb in which the cyclist must travel.

3. Restrict bicycles to specific streets, preferably those lightly traveled.

4. If bicyclists insist upon full privileges, subject them to the same regulations that apply to motorists—\$10 license fee, driver's license fee, driver's examination, exact fines that apply to motor vehicles.

It would be foolish to place the entire blame upon the many cyclists who display better judgment than some drivers. However, our economy is geared to the auto and not the bicycle.

Implementation of one or all of the previously mentioned suggestions won't completely solve the problem. It would, however, be a step in the right direction towards protecting both the motorist and cyclist.

JOHN M. PARKER
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Through Running

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I have been listening to and reading about our daylight time controversy. I don't mind either daylight or standard time if it is the wishes of most of our people here in Oregon. What I don't like is to be told that we really don't have sense enough to know what we do want.

My husband and I lived in Springfield during the urban renewal conflict and we saw the effects of it. It was a mess.

Those few people who stood their ground and fought for what they believed was right have my deepest admiration.

We sold our home and moved to Eugene to get out of it, but we see now we can't run from such as that.

I intend to personally try to find out each and every individual who is responsible for this daylight mess, and if they want more recreation time I am going to help them get it, lots of it, by helping vote them out of office. They can't vote on dog control and are undecided on many of the pressing issues.

I wish all of our Oregon voters would take time to find out all the information we can about the candidates who are running for offices in the coming elections, our time is running out. Let us watch carefully and choose wisely so that our democratic way of life, of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

MRS. R. R. (Grace) McCALL
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Officials Blamed

EUGENE (To the Editor)—With the coming of the primary elections there is something that needs to be brought to the attention of the voters. An elected official has a tremendous responsibility to the voters. The very fact that he was elected by a majority demands that he adhere to the wishes of the majority as though they were glued to him.

Some of our legislators now running for Congress are, in my book, traitors unworthy of further public confidence. They have betrayed the will of the majority of the voters once and who can say they won't do it again?

Robert Straub, a Democrat, and Carl Fisher, a Republican, are both running for Congress. These men, along with Ed Elder, Edward Fadel and Rich-

ard Eymann, had a hand in creating the time confusion that new reigns in Oregon. If these men had lived up to the trust placed in them we probably wouldn't have the mess we now have.

Whether we have standard time or daylight time is of little consequence. The important issue at stake now is whether the elected legislators or congressmen should abide by the wishes of the majority of the people.

I appeal to you who believe we should abide by majority rule to vote for some one other than these men.

ELDEN DUNSMOOR
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Indictment

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I wish to call the attention of your readers to the book "Ishi" by Theodor Kroeber, which concerns the last Yahi Indian who came out of hiding in 1911.

The book is a must reading for those individuals who consider that being an American gives them some moral advantage in the world. The injuries suffered by those Indians and even being suffered presently by others in our society should give us all pause to inspect our moral foundations and to scrutinize our hearts for those latent hatreds and prejudices which are preventing solutions to pressing problems in our society and world. This book is an incisive indictment of Anglo-Saxon culture and the barriers which it has often built between man and man.

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Cars or Trees?

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I want to comment on last Friday's protest march by students if architecture. Certainly it was too little and too late. The magnificent old trees along Patterson and Hilyard were already down, but the gesture was worth it if just a few people were caused to look beyond the desecration to this urgent question: Do cars exist to serve us, or do we exist to serve them? followed by another: Do we really want the center of Eugene to be more "human," more leafy, less insane, than Los Angeles, San Francisco, Boston, or do we want a little asphalt jungle conning some suburbs? If parked cars slow down traffic then there are other solutions than widening the street. Better public transportation is one answer, parking structures another, using the alley for parking might be another, prohibiting student cars another.

That area west of the campus, between, say, Broadway and 15th, is something quite other than a suburb. It is an urban residential area, adjacent to both campus and business center, which is (or was) an excellent area for older students, faculty, and some professionals. Americans in Europe swoon over such areas, where artists live, where writers live, where they imagine they could "be themselves." Well, with sympathetic handling we have one right here. Most distressing of all, to some of us, is the feeling that such ugly measures as we have just seen carried out are purely expedients, piecemeal solutions to a badly stated problem, by planners interested only in "expediting traffic flow." If traffic is handled in this way, its demands are ever-increasing and inexorable. It will not be just two streets gone, it will be all of them.

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EUGENE (To the Editor)—So the Eugene City Council members are calling for a re-draft of a proposed amendment to the city's dog control law. After overriding the vote of the people on the DST issue, I am not very surprised.

Soon it will be like Gertrude Stein's description of Oakland—"There is no THERE there."

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Play 'Excellent'

EUGENE (To the Editor)—I could not help but laugh at the comments made by Berna Smith in her letter to the editor (May 3) concerning her opinion of North Eugene High School's production of "Bye, Bye, Birdie."

First, she praised the vocal music, lighting, costumes, stage props, the director and the students for doing an excellent job. But, she does not stop here with her evaluation. Instead, she attacks the orchestra by claiming it was very noisy and confusing. At this point she said, "The play was for the birds."

She went on to say that the talent was wasted and that she regretted going to the play. This final evaluation was based on her dislike for the orchestra and completely ignored the many fine qualities of the production she herself had noticed.

I do not see how she can be so quick to condemn the play on the basis of the orchestra alone. We must consider the fact that the music, which was intended to be played by professional musicians, was played by high school students. The score was difficult and took many hours of hard work in order to present it to the public.

I agree the music was not of the highest excellence, but the North High orchestra did a respectable job and it certainly did not discredit the play. The play was excellent, not for the "birds," and the students of North Eugene High can be proud of their presentation of "Bye, Bye, Birdie."

ALLEN HENDERSON
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Re. Hospitals

EUGENE (To the Editor)—In regard to the main front-page article of 5-1-62:

A private business group plans to place a standard 100-bed hospital in this area if it is not pressured from doing so. It would have to depend upon a fair competitive fee for services rendered, and have no access to our tax money through "matching funds."

It is my impression that the Christian denomination during the depression lost the land the present Sacred Heart Hospital is on and what is now the original part of the hospital.

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The vicious dogs are not such a problem in our neighborhood except where some old cats are concerned, but the so-called well-mannered dogs (ha!) run-

ning at large, that is another thing.

I have yet to find one so well-mannered that it wouldn't use our front yard, shrubs, etc. for leaving their waste. We have had to replace many bushes and shrubs due to dog damage. We also have to keep a shovel handy to clean dog waste up before it is safe to cut our grass or let children play in our yard.

Many nice (?) people keep their dogs kept up until after dark, then turn them out.

If dog fanciers are so fond of their animals let them keep their lousy pets at home.

DOLORES GOULD
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'Only So Many'

SPRINGFIELD (To the Editor)—Concerning the daylight saving time controversy now in progress:

I agree with Mrs. Marshall (One Tiny Speck, May 2) and Mr. Knox (Not Poetry, May 2) in that it doesn't really matter which it is, daylight or standard, but that it be one or the other. And if the voters of the area voted daylight saving time down, it should stay down.

Travelers and natives alike will agree that we have "all kinds of time."

There is only so many daylight hours in the day anyway!

KEN ENDICOTT
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Porter Praised

EUGENE (To the Editor)—When Charlie Porter's minister, Rev. Wesley Nicholson, recently visited Washington, D.C., he heard Mr. Porter discussed in a speech at the Pan-American Union. The speaker was Jose Figueres, close friend of President Kennedy and former president of Costa Rica.

Here is what he said: "There was a time in the United States when it required unusual courage, even heroism, for a North American in public life to stand for freedom and decency in the Latin American controversies. The sudden popularity of young Congressman Charles O. Porter in our continent, and the lasting gratitude that my liberated fellow-countrymen feel for him, resulted from his vigorous support to our democratic forces at the right time. Now history is proving him right."

Charlie entered Latin American affairs because he insisted on trying to find out why Dictator Trujillo of the Dominican Republic dared to murder a Eugene boy, Gerry Murphy. Charlie stood almost alone in advocating new policies—policies which are now the basis for President Kennedy's Alliance for Progress program.

More than ever today we need congressmen who are not afraid to fight for freedom and decency.

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