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WASHINGTON COLUMN

By Peter Edson
 (NEA Washington Correspondent)
 Anderson, Ind. (NEA)—When the organizers of the Anderson American Guard decided to launch their good government movement to clean up local political conditions, they figured that the cost of educating the voters and arousing public interest would be about one dollar per head. Madison county has a population of about 100,000. That meant a budget of \$100,000 for a 15-month period—October, 1949 to December, 1950. This would carry them through the May, 1950 primary and the November election.

Actually, the Guard's executive director, young C. O. "Chuck" Farbaugh, says it has operated on something less than that. He estimates costs will be about \$75,000. Most of this has gone for printing, newspaper advertising and radio time.

The Guard's staff, in addition to the \$12,000-a-year director, includes a research director, an auditor, a publicity man, two secretaries and a messenger. Headquarters is in the first floor of a big old frame house a few blocks off Main street. It has a neon sign to make clear its location and its open operations.

The dues were put at \$5 per family unit. The Guard now claims a membership of about 4000, in about 2500 family units. That means about \$12,500 from memberships. The Guard decided it would take no money from corporations or business firms. But several individuals have contributed \$1000 apiece, others \$500, \$200, \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10.

It was decided to organize from the bottom up, instead of from the top down. There are 65 precincts in the 14 townships of Madison county. The average precinct had about 600 to 800 voters. In a few rural areas, the township was the precinct. In the city the precincts took in 10 to 20 city blocks.

The big job was educational, and it was aimed at the May primary. What were the officers to be elected—what did they do? What were their salaries? How long were they elected for? What did a congressman do, a circuit court judge, the prosecuting attorney, the state legislators, the county clerk, recorder and commissioners, the township trustees, justice of the peace, constable?

Next, who were the candidates? Their names, their records? Here the American Guard decided to publish a "Voters' Manual." It is a 56-page pamphlet. I'm told that when the Guard took the copy for this manual to one Indianapolis print shop, U.A.W.-C.I.O. headquarters in Detroit called up the printer and told him if he took the job, he would nev-

er get any more union business. He passed it up. But another union shop took it, and the booklet came out with a union label.

One other statistic offered is that of 18 candidates endorsed by the C.I.O.-P.A.C.—15 Democrats and three republicans—six were nominated and 12 were defeated.

The C.I.O. union papers blasted the American Guard at every chance. Shop and local union newspapers criticized the Guard and radio time was taken to criticize it.

The Guard claimed it endorsed no candidates of either party. There may have been some cheating on this. But the effort was made to keep the whole campaign bi-partisan.

The information collected by the Guard was turned over to educational leaders, meeting directors, telephone assistants and correspondents appointed for each of the 65 precincts and smaller units.

The result of all this awakening of public interest spoke for itself in the primary election last May. Fifty-six per cent of Madison county's eligible voters went to the polls. This was higher than any of Indiana's 92 counties. In the 1948 primary the turn-out in Madison county was only 33 per cent of the voters.

Clay Henderson Takes Own Life

Frankfurt, Germany, June 21 (AP)—Clay H. Henderson, 33, U. S. vice consul here, killed himself in his quarters yesterday, American authorities announced today.

Henderson shot himself after writing several notes, one to his mother, Mrs. Virginia R. Henderson of Ventura, Calif., the announcement said.

It added that none of the notes indicated any reason for suicide except possibly in the mention of his deafness which required him to wear a hearing aid. Associates said he was extremely sensitive about his ailment.

CAVE-IN FATAL

Silverton, June 21 (AP)—A cave-in below a water reservoir in Silver Falls state park yesterday killed 28-year-old Harold R. Taylor, a Silverton construction worker.

While he was digging out a broken water pipe in the Smith creek youth camp area, the top of the tunnel caved in on Taylor and buried him. Three other workers were in the tunnel but they were not hurt.

It took 20 minutes to dig Taylor's body out of the cave-in, but he failed to benefit from artificial respiration.

Out on the Farm

By Ila S. Grant

June 21—Six-year-old Christine Johnson doesn't read "Out on the Farm," so it will be all right to tell about the funny she made the other night.

Mama and Papa Johnson and the two little Johnsons were out working in the rocky at Rancho Costamoucha. Before long, quite a pile of weeds had accumulated, and little Christine thought it would be fun to roll and romp in them, just like she always does when the lawn is mowed, and there's a sizable pile of grass cuttings.

Mrs. Johnson, not wanting the weeds scattered around the garden, told her youngest to stop playing in them.

"Why?" asked Christine, just like any little girl.

"Because I told you not to!" said Mrs. J. sternly, just like any mother.

Christine walked away, with ill-concealed disgust. "Oh well," she muttered. "Ask foolish questions and you get foolish answers."

Romance Rugged!

Caldwell, Ida., June 21 (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brigance of Arock, Ore., hoped today their married life would be smoother than their wedding last night in Caldwell.

Best man Ervin Gardiner fainted as he stepped forward to hand the minister the ring. The 125 guests searched high and low, but couldn't find the ring until Gardiner revived—and pulled it from his pocket.

Just before the wedding, the bride had her own troubles. The zipper on her wedding gown stuck and a vital gap had to be sewed shut.

HOSTILE HEN PASSES ON

Albany, Ga. (AP)—The strange saga of "Mad Bessie" has ended. The white leghorn hen noted for her sudden attacks on farm animals and humans died in her "cell" at the county health department dog pound.

British Sportsmen Claim Baseball Second Rate Game

By J. J. Meehan
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)
 London (AP)—British sportsmen, who believe baseball a second rate game, are studying the use of radar to make cricket more scientific.

"Just another little refinement to make the game even more scientific," a cricket player said. "Even now it is more scientific than your crude game of baseball."

He said radar would be useful around any cricket wicket. He dug a clipping from a sporting paper out of his blue, gold-buttoned cricket coat. It said radar could be used to spot rain clouds out of sight beyond the horizon far in advance.

Quite So, Old Chap
 A team with radar screens, the paper said with a straight face, would have the advantage of predicting its own weather. The team would not have to depend on weathermen who speak to other mortals, it added.

Sportsmen here consider baseball a much slower game than cricket. The men who claim baseball was invented here almost a century before America learned what the game was all about said

Portland, June 21 (AP)—The civil aeronautics administration reported late yesterday a plane piloted by T. W. Hanson of Ephrata, Wash., was overdue and believed lost on a flight from Hillsboro, Ore.

Officials said Hanson called in his flight plan yesterday afternoon, saying he would fly his Taylorcraft high wing monoplane by way of The Dalles, Ore., and Yakima, Wash., with a possible gasoline stop at Ellensburg, Wash. They believed he was alone in the craft.

Washington and Oregon state police were alerted to look for the plane which had only four hours fuel supply when it took off at Hillsboro at 4:30 p.m. The craft carried no radio.

"bowler" that is—throws toward the wicket, he can bounce the ball off the ground in front of the batter in addition to throwing a curve.

"Your batsmen would never touch it," he said.

"Don't believe it?" he asked. He dug a musty note from the files of one of London's leading cricket clubs.

It claimed Babe Ruth struck out, standing at a wicket, facing one of England's leading bowlers on a visit here years ago.

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THE VOTERS' DECISION

In record numbers for a school election the people went to the polls Monday and said their say on the question of bonding for new high school construction. It was a definite "No" that they put on record. The vote was not a landslide of opposition but it was a clear, decisive majority. The people had been asked to express their choice of two possibilities. One was that of debt financing a senior high school building, which would have allowed a change to the junior-senior high school system in local public education and at the same time have provided class rooms for expected increased attendance. The other was continuance of pay-as-you-go provision for building, with additions to present facilities as need should arise. The people preferred the latter.

From the viewpoint of increased effectiveness of organization as well as excellence of physical plant there can be no doubt that the new construction method of meeting school problems was recognized as the better one. Why then the adverse vote on the bonds? The reason is not hard to find. It may be summed up in the words, "tax revolt." The bond issue was proposed in the amount of \$780,000. It is apparent that, under the circumstances, this was considered too much. Planned for 15 year serial repayment it would have required an annual tax rate scaling down over the years from slightly more than eight mills to a fraction in excess of six mills.

Bonds are but deferred taxes and the public is becoming increasingly tax conscious. With the tremendous load of federal levies, state taxes which would be imposing if not compared with the federal rates, each increase in local costs, whether city, county or school district, is felt more and more acutely by the overburdened taxpayer.

Evidence of this has been accumulating in defeated excess levies here and there and in rejected bond proposals. The trend was seen in the defeat of the state levy in the 1948 state election, again in the refusal of a Portland special tax in May of this year. These are mentioned because of their size but there have been other refusals to go along with administration taxing policy, one only last week in Bend when the excess beyond the six per cent limitation for the city budget was turned down. We think there will be others and that the tax revolt will extend to strong voter disapproval of federal expenditures as well as those of local government.

The foregoing is in no way to be taken as an endorsement of the decision reached at Monday's school election. Our preference, stated and reiterated, was for new construction and for the debt which it would have involved. But we can well understand the opposition to debt financing and rising taxes which underlay the negative vote on the school board's proposal.

Now, as matters stand, the voters of the district have passed upon an important question of policy as well as making immediate disposition of the bond question. The school administration, as is proper, accepts the directive.

We have been asked if any effort will be made to resubmit the bonds. The question apparently grows out of some fancied similarity to the city's situation in which rejection of an excess levy for 1950-51 operation necessitates an election on a new levy based on a revised budget if municipal administration is to continue. Actually there is no resemblance except that in each taxes are involved. The city cannot get along without financial provision for the coming fiscal year. For the school district such provision has already been made. And so there is no reason why there should be any resubmission of the bonding proposal. Nor is there any indication that this will be done. Quite the contrary.

As conditions are today the question has been answered. Only if conditions change to a degree presenting new, especially significant evidence of urgent need for another high school building should bonding again be made the issue in a Bend district election.

A reader asks why we do not have "A People's Corner" where citizens may air their troubles. But we do have one. The head over it is "Communications" and under that head letters to the editor are printed regularly. If the writer of the letter now before us will write again signing his name and giving his address we shall be glad to print what he has to say.

Bend's Yesterdays

(From The Bulletin Files)

Forty Years Ago
 A railroad camp has been installed within a mile of town by the contracting firm of Bryan & Youngstrom, who have 4 1/2 miles of work from Bend northward. The new camp is directly beside the Prineville road opposite the Ellis bridge across the Pilot Butte canal.

The net result of the water-right hearing for the first week is dismissal of about 25 contests against the Columbia Southern Irrigating company.

An initiative petition for a new county to be formed from the northwestern part of Crook county and known as Deschutes, was filed with the secretary of state, Redmond is to be the county seat.

Charter members of the Odd Fellows lodge, instituted with the Laidlaw lodge putting on the degree work, are listed as follows: Lon L. Fox, Archie Pattie, C. P. Niswonger, M. J. Kelley, M. C. Knotts, I. R. Knotts, E. T. Butts, A. L. French, Frank F. Eichstead, E. E. Parker and Cort Allen.

Initiates, received at the first meeting, were J. T. Edwards, N. P. Weider, Ralph Spenser, W. A. Bates, Grant Borgan, C. M. Davis, Ralph E. Lewis, W. C. Griffin, R. M. Elder, J. W. Davis, G. W. Gertson, J. H. Buckholtz, Charles Goetzen, J. L. Olson and G. Sherill.

Dr. B. Ferrell has purchased a Hudson runabout car. In pursuance to the order passed at last week's council meeting concerning piazzas and platforms over the sidewalk, those in front of Millard T. Triplett's and the Merrill Drug Co.'s establishments have been removed.

The James E. Reed sawmill, on the Central Oregon canal at the E. A. Smith place, began sawing last Monday.

Dulles to Meet Gen. MacArthur

Tokyo, June 21 (AP)—John Foster Dulles, republican adviser to the U. S. state department, flew to Tokyo today to consult Gen. Douglas MacArthur about a quick peace treaty for Japan, without Russia if necessary.

MacArthur and Mrs. MacArthur greeted Dulles, Mrs. Dulles and John Allison, chief of the northeastern Asian affairs division of the state department, on their arrival at Tokyo airport from Seoul, Korea.

Dulles planned to confer with MacArthur's headquarters staff on the general occupation situation later today, then get down to brass tacks with the general himself tomorrow.

Dulles would not say whether he also would confer with U. S. defense secretary Louis Johnson and Gen. Omar N. Bradley, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, during his visit here.

Johnson and Bradley inspected the U. S. naval and air base at Yokosuka at the entrance to Tokyo bay today.

Johnson indicated he was strongly in favor of retaining the base even after a peace treaty has been signed. The base, only 600 air miles from soviet submarine pens in Siberia, was built by the Japanese before world war II at a cost of about \$600,000,000.

COYNER ELECTED
 Redmond, June 21—With seventy-five people casting their votes at the grade school election on Monday, Berwyn Coyner was elected a new director for a five-year term. Retiring director of the board is Ernest Wilson, who was not a candidate for reelection.

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 AND US SPENDING THE SUMMER TOGETHER! YIPPEE!

AT LEAST WITH HILDA CHECKING OUT LARD WILL BE IN THE SAME BOAT WITH ME! WHAT WOULD I DO WITHOUT HIM?

LARD'S DOWN-TOWN, FRECKLES! HE AND HIS FATHER ARE PICKING OUT A TRAILER FOR OUR CAMPING TRIP!

By Merrill Blosser