



'What's matter, don't you believe in fairy tales any more?'

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Oldsters have a chance to build a new political machine to outshadow Townsend

The politics of medical care for the aging is building up another big political pressure group in the United States from which more is likely to be heard rather than less. Anyone who remembers the Townsend old age pension plan that bloomed in the 1930s will have some idea of what oldsters can do when organized. The old folks fell for it with a whoop of delight. Headquarters was in Los Angeles.

Great sums of money accumulated there. Contributors, few of them young, showered down with their \$1 and \$2 bills and an occasional \$5. The plan held its own national political convention in 1936 in the great Cleveland hall just vacated by the Republicans, who had nominated Alf M. Landon for president.

When the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith ended his speech, which was an appeal for contributions, the old folks stormed the stage, filling hats and buckets with \$1 and \$2 bills.

The Townsend old age pension plan was a major factor in persuading Congress to enact Social Security legislation. That legislation disorganized but did not wholly quiet its benefactors.

They kept the heat on Congress so that it has been customary since for Congress to regularly hike Social Security payments, usually in election years. All of that was nearly 30 years ago.

Good name for future school in Bend

In some future year, possibly not too distant, another grade school will be built in Bend west of the Deschutes. Naturally an appropriate name will be sought.

Wyeth Grade School? That might be a good suggestion. Nathaniel Wyeth was the first white man, so far as historians know, to visit the present site of Bend. With his trappers, he crossed the present Kenwood Grade School grounds late in 1834, to spend a stormy Christmas in his tent a short distance up the Deschutes river.

Awbrey Grade School? That also would be a good name. Marshall Awbrey, Mexican war veteran, was possibly the first white man to consider Bend as a home site. In the 'seventies of the last century he made camp west of the Deschutes in Bend, near the Harmon playfield location of the present. Then, when spring came, he planted a crop to raise some hay for his horses. The crop was frosted one bitterly cool May night and Awbrey moved downstream to the present Tumalo area.

But both Wyeth and Awbrey have been honored with place names, Wyeth by a station on the railroad in the Columbia gorge and Awbrey by a Bend landmark, Awbrey Heights.

Possibly there are other names that should be considered by school

men of the future in naming a westside grade school, but there is one now fresh in mind that should be carefully filed for consideration.

It is the name of Nell Tift Armstrong. She died in Bend this past week end, after long service to her community. Mrs. Armstrong, then Nell Tift, joined the Bend school system in distant 1919, fresh out of school and newly from the mid-west. For years she was principal for the Reid Grade School—which, incidentally, was also named for an early-day teacher, Ruth Reid Overturf, now of Hood River. Mrs. Armstrong married, then retired to raise her family. Later she served for a number of years as a director of the Bend school system, then stepped from the district board to re-enter her chosen field, teaching. For some eight years she was a member of the staff of Kenwood Grade School, close to her home on Harmon Boulevard.

Naming a school after a community leader has precedents in Bend. In addition to Reid Grade School, another eastside school was named for a director and community leader.

That school is Allen, named for the late Herbert E. Allen, assistant manager of Brooks-Scanlon, Inc., at the time of his death.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND Freeman an eager-beaver for his farm proposal

By Drew Pearson

WASHINGTON — Orville Freeman stood in line at a reception commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Agriculture Department. A 100th birthday should be a happy occasion, but this one was not. Twelve hours before, Freeman had fired his Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, the third member of his staff to get embroiled with a get-rich-quick Texan who had dispensed cash and clothes to influence people.

Orville Freeman had come to Washington with a beautiful wife and high hopes of licking the toughest domestic problem confronting the nation — the farm surpluses.

This did not mean that he was entirely naive. It is true that he had watched every man who tackled the agriculture problem in recent years leave with his reputation in tatters. Henry Wallace, the seed expert from Iowa whose father had been Secretary of Agriculture, had been branded a butcherer of little pigs. Charley Brannan had been scoffed at as a visionary who wanted a direct subsidy for agriculture. While Ezra Taft Benson got kicked in the seat of the pants by every farm organization every time he took a step in any direction or even when he just sat on his chair.

Orville Freeman, therefore, was something of an optimist when he figured he could cut surpluses. He was not only an optimist but he had direct orders from JFK to cut the budget.

Wooling Congress
In Minnesota as governor, Freeman had learned one thing — you had to get along with your legislature or else you got nowhere. So in Washington he set out to woo and understand the two agriculture committees of Congress and the powerful cotton, tobacco, wheat, feed grain, dairy, sugar, and peanut lobbies which influence them.

A day or two after he took the oath as Secretary of Agriculture, Orville went up to see Allen Ellender, the crusty senator from Louisiana, who rides herd on the Senate Agriculture Committee. He knocked on the door of a secret office near the roof of the Capitol Building.

"Come in," grumbled a gruff voice on the other side. The man behind that voice peered quizzically from behind his glasses.

"So you're the new secretary of Agriculture," he grunted. "What's your program?"

"That's what I've come to talk to you about," said Freeman, who had been one of the youngest governors of Minnesota and looked even younger than he is.

At the end of a long talk, the chairman of the Agriculture Committee grudgingly remarked: "Maybe you'll do."

Since then, Freeman has gone out of his way to clear every major appointment and every major policy with Ellender, and the senator from Louisiana has become his devoted friend. He has fought like a tiger for Freeman's farm bill, which he had never done for any other Secretary of Agriculture.

Applause From Congress
Even when he doesn't agree, Ellender has fought. When Freeman urged a change in public law 480 regarding the sale of surplus food abroad, the senator argued against it but finally said: "Son, if you want it that way, OK. I don't agree with you, but go ahead."

Freeman has spent hours conferring individually with every member of the potent House and Senate Agriculture Committees — including Republicans — even though he knew he couldn't get all their votes. And they have become so laudatory of the new Secretary of Agriculture that when he arrived at the House Committee to present his farm bill, every man rose and applauded. This is unprecedented. Most agriculture committees have glowered and heckled.

But Freeman, unattended by the customary battery of advisers, has testified for hours explaining farm figures and policy. Congressmen who have studied farm problems for years, who considered him a city slicker, have been impressed.

Thus, Freeman concentrated on what so many other secretaries neglected — selling his program to Congress. He also took trip after trip across the USA selling his program to farm organizations.

A man who is a salesman is seldom a good administrator, and Orville Freeman, whether good or bad, was not around much to administer. Furthermore, a man who woos Congress must give jobs to friends of congressmen, and they in turn do favors for other friends of congressmen.

Long before Orville Freeman took office, the Department of Agriculture had become one of the biggest political grab bags, with grain bins, warehouses, field agents scattered over the nation, in a position to make or unmake fortunes for big dealers.

That's why things have blown up inside the Agriculture Department. And that's why Orville Freeman, as he stood in line to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Agriculture Department, was not a happy man.

Another column on troubles inside the Agriculture Department will follow soon.

RECORD PUFFER
WILLIAMSBURG, Va. (UPI)—Jerry N. Stafford, 19, of Reed City, Mich., set a new U.S. collegiate pipe smoking record Saturday by keeping his briar burning 55 minutes and 28 seconds.

PLANS U.S. VISIT
LUXEMBOURG CITY, Luxembourg (UPI) — Grand Duchess Charlotte, the ruler of this tiny duchy, will visit the United States this fall at President Kennedy's invitation, according to a court announcement here.

FMC disputes charges made by columnist

Special to The Bulletin

SAN JOSE, California — Paul L. Davies, Chairman of FMC Corporation, today said that comments and alleged facts published by Washington columnist Drew Pearson on May 4, charging that the Army had unfairly awarded FMC a multi-million dollar defense contract, was a thoroughly distorted and libelous hodge-podge of misrepresentation.

Basis for the contention was the columnist's report that FMC Corporation had been awarded a non-competitive contract to produce 2,832 (M113) armored personnel carriers for the Army, and the Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Company was low bidder by \$1,000 per vehicle.

Davies said that contrary to Pearson's charges, the M113 procurement referred to was highly competitive; the government received bids from eight companies including General Motors, Chrysler, International Harvester, Studebaker-Packard, Allis-Chalmers and others. He then said that on undisputed testimony of the Army, backed by documentation, FMC's bid was lower than the next lowest bid (Allis-Chalmers) by \$5.1 million. "In fact," Davies pointed out, "when computed on the basis of cash savings to the government, FMC's bid was lowest by \$7.5 million."

"It is extremely regrettable that a national spokesman of the stature of Pearson should develop and publish such misinformation that serves to discredit both the Army and our Company," declared the FMC chairman.

Davies then stated: "In a letter to the Hebert subcommittee, copies of which were freely and publicly available to Drew Pearson and any other newspaperman, long before the erroneous column of May 4 appeared in print, our company clearly and unequivocally established that in a long series of competitive awards by the Army, we had consistently been the lowest bidder for the design, development, and production of M113 armored personnel carriers."

The M113 is a lightweight, amphibious, air-droppable armored personnel carrier. According to Davies, it was designed and brought into production by FMC, in cooperation with the Army Ordnance Corps, in record time and with resulting savings of hundreds of millions of dollars to the Army, compared with the cost of prior vehicles. The carrier is now being used by our Armed Forces in West Germany and other crucial areas.

Overseas farm study planned
By United Press International
Four groups of agricultural extension workers will leave next month to explore the problems of expanding markets for American farm products overseas.

The extension teams will visit four major areas, one going to Western Europe, a second to Africa and the Middle East, a third to Southern Asia and the fourth to the Caribbean area.

The four teams will leave about June 15 and return about July 23. Their goal will be to help give American farmers and professional farm workers a better understanding of the food and fiber needs of foreign countries, and some of the problems of modern export sales.

The teams will be drawn from state extension services across the nation. A total of 21 extension economists will be included in the groups. They will represent state land grant colleges from California to Vermont and from Minnesota to Florida. Each of the teams will also be accompanied by Agriculture Department experts in the areas to be visited.

When the teams return, they will develop discussion material for use in alerting farm people to the particular needs of the export market.

Cannery workers receive boost
SALEM (UPI)—Members of the Cannery Workers Union and California Packing Corp. Friday signed an agreement providing six to 14-cent-an-hour wage increases for each of the next two years.

The workers are members of Local 670. The contract approved Friday was the first of 17 being negotiated by the union in the Willamette Valley.

The previous contracts expired either May 1 or June 1.

Model airplane plant featured by magazine

Special to The Bulletin

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Easy to assemble and fun to fly describes the balsawood airplane and glider models made by North Pacific Products Company of Bend, Oregon and featured in the June issue of Mechanix Illustrated magazine.

The reason these gliders and rubber band-powered models are so easy to fly, it is noted, is the patented plastic clip which serves as the fastening device for joining the wings and the fuselage. The clip, invented by Charles H. Cleveland, president of North Pacific Products, enabled him to make plane and glider models that fly better and cost less to produce.

The clip, according to the national science monthly, allows each wing of a plane to be produced separately. The unique clip allows the wings to be produced flat and in two halves, eliminating the conventional winging and slotting at the fuselage.

The company now produces ten different rubber band-powered models. The most popular glider is the five-cent Strato, smallest model in the line.

MORE HOME OWNERS
WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Census Bureau has reported that more Americans are living in their own homes than in rented dwellings.

The bureau said Sunday the 1960 census showed that of 53 million occupied dwelling units, 32 million were inhabited by persons who owned them or were buying them. The remaining units were occupied by renters.

Figures given on shipments

REDMOND — Number of 400-cwt. carlots of potatoes shipped from the Oregon-California marketing area during the past week was 346, reports Merrill Webb, manager of the marketing committee.

This brings the season's total to 22,282 carlots, compared to 14,993 by this time last year. Seventy-one per cent, or 246 carlots, went to the fresh market and the remainder was diverted to other outlets.

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6:30 Mastroianni	ABC News	Quick Draw McGraw
7:00 The Pioneer	Vacations	Science in Action
7:15	Cherents	World of Tomorrow
7:30 To Tell the Truth	"	Medical Aid To Aged
7:45	"	Price Is Right
8:00 Pete & Gladys	"	87th Precinct
8:15	The Rifleman	Furlier
8:30 Father Knows Best	Burke's Law	"
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9:00 Danny Thomas Show	Ben Casey	"
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7:45	Humper Room
8:00	Jack La Laine Show
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9:00	Calendar
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