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#### Salem, Ore., Monday, January 2, 1950

#### A Vista of 50 Years

A study of contrasting pictures of 1900 and 1950 of the blocks of government buildings — from the county courthouse to the state capitol—point to an interesting

In the 1900 picture the blocks, including Willson park, look open. The trees around the courthouse were mere stubs

By 1950 the courthouse is still there in its square, about to be torn down by the forces of progress. The trees around it are stately and beautiful. In the post office square, a new structure has taken the place of the old one which was moved onto the Willamette campus. In next block going east, the trees have grown to make Willson park z jong to the city and a show-place for visi-tors. As for the capitol site, a new, modern building now faces north toward a growing group of state buildings. The blocks, except for trees and building replacements, remained constant during that 50-year period, generally

speaking.

If far-sighted planners had not laid out those blocks for the government buildings so carefully in the early days of the city, no such beautiful vista of county, federal and state buildings would be our inheritance today. This beautiful vista of buildings is praised-and taken for granted

Consider the proposed capitol group of buildings, however. Because the capitol planning commission wishes to continue the two-block wide grouping north from the present capitol to D street, the commission is subjected to local abuse. Objectors ask how the state could ever need

with a beautiful mall extending north between the buildings, would be six or seven more state buildings. That would be six or seven more besides the highway department building now under construction.

A look around the capitol indicates how many buildings have been constructed since 1900—50 years ago. Five have gone up: Library building (1939), supreme court build-ing (1914), state office building (1930), agricultural building (1931), public service building (1950). A sixth building (1931), public service building (1950). A sixth ate one is the highway building, now under construction.

one is the highway building, now under construction. If five—and a sixth one under way—have been needed in the past 50 years, can the capitol planners be called dreamers when they ask for space for six additional state structures for the next 50 or 75 years? Especially in view of the phenomenal growth of Oregon? If the group of buildings stretching from the county counthouse to the antifel are presided for lowurt and head

courthouse to the capitol are praised for layout and beau-wrote to Sher ty, it takes little imagination to picture the beauty in a Hussein of Me group of state buildings stretching from the capitol to ca the letters D street in the next 50 years.

So that the growth of state buildings may be protected, the city council should act at its next Monday night meeting to extend the capitol zone to D street.

### The Half Century's Greatest

There have been a number of polls by magazines, newspapers and press associations on the ten commanding figures who have influenced most of the first half of the 20th century. The selections are mostly controversial as was to be expected, for contemporary humanity lacks the historical perspective necessary for such evaluation.

The magazine Time has even gone further and picked Winston Churchill as "the man of the half century" out of a list of the ten obvious leaders. Its selection is job was no bed of roses. Not already a subject of controversy. Dorothy Thompson, the only was he involved in keep-columnist, writes the following protest:

"Mr. Churchill is a great man. But in terms of this half cen-tury, he is not a representative man. His greatness is that he cannot be placed in any particular century. He represents the eternal English tradition and eternal English spirit of resist-ance. His style is 18th century. He appears politically as a reincarnation of Burke militarily of Wellington, or any other specifically British hero. "It is not without profound significance harvoar that the tern Kanoba set in the but English be-tantion of this hitterness in an audience I had with Sultan Hus-sein Kamil, first Egyptian ruler

specifically Bitlish here. "It is not without profound significance, however, that Mr. Church was chosen—the guardian of tradition; the preserver and conserver, the most knightly and chivalrous figure of the Sultan didn't grant anyone, even

Most all lists include Franklin D. Roosevelt and some of them Eleaner Roosevelt. The Anti-Christs, Lenin, Stalin, over everybody had to kiss his Hitler and Mussolini, are on most lists, probably because hand, including Sir Henry, of their converting the world into a slaughter and charnel

## Entertaining The Office



### SIPS FOR SUPPER

(Editor's Note: Columnist Don Upjohn is ill today, so his "Sips for Supper" is missing, on the page. The Capital Journal knows his readers join in hoping for a speedy recovery.)

### Baby Really Brought by Stork

Glendale, Calif., Jan. 2 (P)—Little baby Speigner—she only weighed a pound and a half—is one New Year baby who really was brought by a stork.

The baby was delivered yesterday by Nurse Margaret Stork in absence of a doctor. The premature baby, only child of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Speigner, is doing "just fine," the hospital reported today.

### Get a Horse!

Windsor, Ont. UP-A runaway horse outran a police scout car, making three circuits of a block before trotting back to his stall. The horse had broken out of his stable at a baking company.

### MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

### enough new buildings to fill the two-block area north to Anglo-Egyptian Long Drawnout D street. All it would take to fill that capitol group as planned. Differences Are Deep Sected By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Sir Henry McMahon, who has just died in London at the age

Britain of reverence.

which are cred- newin Mackennie ited with persuading the Arabs ca the letters ownit Mackennie which are cred- ownit Mackennie ited with persuading the Arabis to join the Allies against the Central Powers. Since then these letters have become the center of claim McMahon promised them lands, including Palestine—a talaim which Britain denies. At a crucial moment of the See that little chap down the corridor? That's Lawrence of so it was, and this ambassador extraordinary was just back from a desert trip, garbed in the chieftians. It was an adven-ture which would have cost most while men their lives. At a crucial moment of the

At a crucial moment of the war in 1916 I spent some time in Egypt, being the first for-eign correspondent admitted to the bitterness which was engend, and Secretary of War Stimson and Secretary of War State Henry L. Stimson and Secretary of War State Henry

Sir Henry, more than fifteen minutes at an audience. More-

Well, there was no hand kiss-ing, and my audience lasted an

### WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

### Americans Wish for Warless World; Lobbyists Still Busy By DREW PEARSON

Washington—As the American people head into a new year the thing they most devoutly wish for is a war-free world. Not even Senator McKellar is going to hurl his usual term of en-dearment—"Liar"—in my direction when I say that. the other hand, many people might differ when I say On

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the that pattern of future war can be seen long in advance, and that skill-36 ful diplomacy plus an enlightened public opinion can do a great deal to head it off. This idea, as mentioned in yesterday's col-

umn, was the subject of some debate in the Pearson family recently, and resulted in rehashing some of the things Mrs. P's favorite author had written 15 to 20 years ago warning that World War II was coming. without profiting by past mis-takes, and today it looks as if

And if it is correct that the American people above all else would like to make the next half century a warless one, then maybe Mrs. P is right and some of this history is worth review-ing. Because history does re-neat peat Naval Lobby In 1927, for instance, Mr. P.

then a young and unsophiscated reporter, covered the Geneva Naval conference at which Cal-Mail Bar

vin Coolidge and Frank B. Kel-logg were trying to work out a treaty between the big powers to keep the mad race for naval armament on a reasonable basis. At this conference it struck this naive reporter as queer that certain U.S. naval officers were conspiring with William Baldwin Shearer, lobbyist for the big

American shipbuilding compa-nics, to defeat the treaty. A story to that effect, published in the Washington Star, later attracted the attention of the senate naval affairs committee

senate naval affairs committee with the result that this report-er was called before the senate, and an official investigation substantiated the manner in which Bethlehem Steel, Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co, and the New York Ship-huilding Company were paying \$40,000 to upset the peace efforts of the U.S. government. This was the beginning of a

This was the beginning of a pattern which has been followed had so much to do with winning and shipbuilding companies have the natives over. The reputa-conducted one of the most pow-tion of this mysterious figure erful lobbies in the nation for a after-Christmas shambles, I am enclosing this check to buy new ones. Would you be so good as tion of this mysterious righte erful lobbles in the nation for a was so great that the British big navy-regardless of need of spoke of him in tones of near the foreign policy of their govto attach any name to the gift you think wise. You might simply say, America."

tensive tract of the finest and improved farming land on the Pacific coast.

"The large and mature orchards in this section yield a sup-erior quality of fruit, which bears an enviable reputation beyond the boundaries of the state, exported in

son. Salem

BY CLARE BARNES, JR. White Collar Zoo



'They told us at the Secretarial School to try here'

### POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

making a dow

payment on

five-acre plot

WILL JONES

MARION COUNTY RECOLLECTIONS-

In Handbook for 1860-61

(Gaverna

How Marion County Looked

By OSWALD WEST

et Oregon from 1911 te 1915)

640 Mill St., Salem

### Why Doesn't Someone Invent Way to Enjoy Life Sensibly?

By HAL BOYLE

New York (P--- "The Joneses have a country place on the moon-why can't we?" That well may be the plaint of your wife in the year 2,000 if if science does as well in the second half of the century as it has in the first.

better but don't. And the real task of scientific social engineering has hardly been touchedhow to make man get along with his fellow man.

They have learned to jet-propel bodies, but they haven't taken the first step in jet-propelling the human spirit.

What good would it do if some laboratory Ponce de Leon found the secret of eternal life and gave it to mankind? At present, it would be only

I how with a jaundiced eye a curse. As people grew older I look with a jaundiced eye a dolder they would start bit-on all the marvels promised by and older they would start bit-ing each other to death from ennul at seeing the same This suspicion comes from an acquaintance with some of the

old faces. The real problems of life can't eerie wonders of the 20th cenbe solved with chromium-plated gadgets. What science should tury up till now—automobiles, airplanes, radio, television, the atom bomb, falsies, psychiatry, concentrate on is how to enable and vitamin pills, It seems to me the Bunsen a man to marry the girl he wants

am grateful that something re-mains of your backsliding Quak-er conscience so that you still can advance such a thesis. Since I have no children of my own, I have no oppor-the source so that you still have no oppor-tion advance such a thesis is a while and ask themselves, whither are we trending?" So It should come up with a gen-the source such a thesis oppor-far their laboratory miracles eral, all-purpose, happiness and the source s have enabled man to go faster, kindness pill. If everybody took smell nicer and live a bit longer, three H. and K. pills a day, di-They've showed the world vorces would end, boredom vanhow to be sanitary. They put man on wheels and then gave him wings. They've presented They put ish and we would all look fair to one another.

That's the real challenge of the next 50 years for science-to invent something that will enhim all manner of complicated gadgets that should make life able the human race to enjoy life in a sensible way. So far it has only given toys that tire.

> Trips to the moon are no answer. The space ships will be crowded, the driver will be ar-guing with the passengers and the voyage will be no more exciting than a subway ride to Brooklyn.

Alas, castles in Spain don't have central heating and the moon up close isn't the moon anymore — it's just some more real estate.

No, sir, science is going to have to quit annoying innocent microbes and start eradicating the bad germs of the mind.

The need isn't for more new and strange vehicles to cause more traffic jams in the world (From Bancroft's Hand-Book) —but for something that will "This county occupies the heart of the Willamette valley and, get the world out of the jam will

in point of population and agricultural wealth, is second to no it's in. county in the state. "Its area is about 2500 square miles, and includes a large body of the human heart, boys, and of well-timbered land at the base of the Cascades, and an ex- let the moon alone.



I recall one time reverence. I recall one time ernment. in military headquarters in Cario my guide suddenly halted and said to me in a hushed volce as though we were speaking of the king of England: "See that little chap down the the variable of the second the sec OPEN FORUM Pensions for World War I Vets To the Editor: Your editorial of December 27 regarding . . . Truman's reckless spending. I wish to call attention to the fact that always before pensions have been provided for veterans at

45 years. Us unfortunate veterans of World War I have failed to be pro-

vided for at 86 years.

he was educated there. Who pass a law blocking arms sales can say? The British protectorate was to the belligerent nations of Bol-to the belligerent nations of Bol-to the belligerent nations of Bol-to the belligerent nations of Bol-and his army chiefs lobbied se-cretly in the halls of congress that a treaty was made under which British military occupa-tion ceased and Egypt became a sovereign state. The British in called before the senate muni-sovereign state.

tion ceased and response to a second provided and the second provided and the second provided and the second provided and the was accorded 1935, Hurley admitted, under

ognized and she was accorored 1933, the under stiff cross-ex-the right to maintain 10,000 oath and under stiff cross-ex-troops and warplanes in that the arms embargo to South

Tail Bag And sooner Correction: A recent column or later she will may have been unfair to Stephen badger you into Downey of Sacramento in link-ing him with his brother, Sen. Sheridan Downey of California. Sheridan Downey of California, five-acre plot The fact is that Stephen Downey in some lunar is an able liberal; and unlike his suburb with the senatorial brother, fights for his idea you will convictions. Just received from Sidney Hyman, Washington, D.C., a letter which reads: "Tve just read your column about toys for the kids of Europe, including moon? Not me—and probably the German children. Lhave no POL YOU.

It is not pleasant, of course o probe old wounds. But i

is important, even though pain-

Britain may be on the verge of another great mistake-namely, undercutting American policy

toward communist China for the

sake of a few pounds sterling. (Ed. Note-Another Pearson

column on the diplomatic

double-crossing which leads

to war will follow soon.)

ful, for peace cannot be

the kids of Europe, including the German children. I have no love for their parents. Some of

them wiped out every member on all the marvels promised by of my own family in Europe; science for the next 50 years. others among them were on the other side of the line when I was at the Kasserine Pass, at Cassino and Anzio. But I agree wholeheartedly with the thesis you advance in your column and

house and "estoring slavery to Christian nations.

gration of the atom, and Freud, who originated psychia- His Highness gave the British a try, are on most lists of the great. Henry Ford is given lashing which 1 couldn't even the lead in industry for his mass production plans that begin to write in my dispatch, begins to ever measure measure measure the lead to be a set of the s revolutionized production.

What is surprising is the omission of the name of Woodrow Wilson, champion of democracy and peace through world unity through the creation of a League of Nations, rejected after his fatal illness by America's return to an obsolete isolationism that brought on a second world war. forcing another attempt at peace by unity in the United Nations. Wilson certainly deserves to rank among the ten. The futility of contemporary efforts with their lack

of perspective to select those most entitled to wear the the great was well summarized by St. Paul in was straining every nerve to foster friendship with the neighhalo of his epistle to the Corinthians:

"For we know in part, prophesy in part, But when that which is in part shall be done away with. For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face; now 1 know in part, but then shall 1 know even as bia, the Briton whose diplomacy in that part of the world." The column also predicted that to face; now 1 ki 1 am also known

### A 10-Inch Short Cut

Los Angeles, Jan. 2 (P)-Erven G. Jasmine, 52, is just an average size man, but this wasn't an average size opening. Trying to "take a short cui" vesterday, Jasmine got stuck a 10-inch space between two buildings. in a 10

Twenty-five firemen and policemen required three hours to free Jasmine. They used a rope to try and pull him up while a human chain tugged laterally and finally extricated him.

### Almost Lived Up to Name

Yakima, Wash., Jan. 2 P-Donald was born at 12:01 a.m. New Years day-just two minutes late, it would seem. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Yearout of Wapato, Wash.

In the realm of science Einstein, father of the disente- hour and a quarter. In that time because no censor would have

passed it. And what the Sultan said also voiced the views of his passed it. people.

At that time the maintenace

of good relations with the Arab Egyptian differences stand. people was a paramount issue for England. While Sir Henry was doing his utmost to better the feeling in Egypt, Britain also

### Happy New Year, Fortunato

Malden, Mass., Jan. 2 (P-Twenty-four hours ago it looked like anything but a happy New Year for Fortunato D'Aveta.

He and his wife were living apart, due to the housing shortage.

He was jobless.

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They had no children.

But today things were different.

D'Aveta had been promised an apartment.

He had his shoe factory job back.

This good fortune resulted from the news that his wife, Ruth, 24, had given birth to triplets—all girls—yesterday. Commented D'Aveta:

"It's lots more than we expected."

This treaty was for twenty Again you can't have the mil. titles

This treaty was for twenty Again you can't have the mu-years, but Egypti asked for a itary secretly lobbying against revision in 1946. Negotiations those charged with the conduct finally broke down because of of our foreign policy if we are "Salem, the capital of the state, is a flourishing town, pleasantly situated on the right bank of the Willamette, and con-Egypt's claim to sovereignty over to prevent

Egypt's claim to sovereignty over the Sudan, which remains under joint Anglo - Egyptian control Britain insists that a plebiscite be held to determine what the Some of the most vital diplo-"C

"County Seat - Salem - 45

Sudanese themselves want matic negotiations in recent his-So that's where the Anglo-tory have been tragically doublemiles from Portland Meantime, as I pointed out in friends, the British, yesterday's column about young In 1934-35 this solution

In 1934-35, this column car-ried a series of stories tracing Dist King Farouk's reported love affair, his country has risen to a leading position among the mos-lem states of the Middle East. step by step how the British

were secretly encouraging the Japanese at exactly the same time our state department was

failure to stop the Japanese Manchuria would lead to the invasion of all China by the Jap

war lords. Three years later this happened. What the British actually did fees

was to agree officially with the Tr United States that the Japanese cent. army must be stopped in Man-

churia and that the Japanese government must be given the fees severest condemnation by the St League of Nations. But when \$300

League of Nations. But when 9000 "Attorneys-W. M. Barnam, Forbes would call at the Jap- B. F. Bonham, C. P. Crandall, anese foreign office with a J. C. Cartwright, L. F. Grover, scorching note of protest, Sir B. F. Harding, Geo, K. Shiel J. Miles Lampson, British Charge S. Smith, C. N. Terry, Salem; d'Affaires, though delivering a and J. H. Lasater, Silverton.

Representatives-Hons. C.

Crandall, Robert Newell. Harding, and Samuel Parker.

non salary, \$600.