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An Able Editor Retires

Newspaper editors received with regret the announcement of the retirement, because of long illness, of Claude E. Ingalls as publisher and editor of the 88-year-old Corvallis Gazette-Times, to be succeeded by his son, Robert C. Ingalls, who has had an extended experience in journalism.

Claude Ingalls first came to the Gazette Times in 1915 and attained a national reputation for his virile and scholarly editorials and staunch republicanism. He always had the courage of his convictions and championed the right as it was given him to see it.

At the same time, Ingalls had a keen sense of humor and saw the funny side of life as well as its shoddy side and was probably the wittiest paragrapher of the Oregon press. Whether you agreed with him or not, one always enjoyed his comments. Ingalls also was community minded and a leader in every humanitarian and patriotic effort for public betterment, city improvement and national defense.

Critics may say that Ingalls was a survivor of the old personal journalism that seems to be considered an anachronism in these days of mass appeal to morons and robots, which perhaps accounts for the insipidness of the average newspaper editorials. This hush-hush accounts for the rise of the syndicated columnist, who says what the editors should say without fear of reprisal, and the consequent loss of journalistic influence.

At any rate we hope that Ingalls' retirement will contribute to restoration of his health and to resumption of his forceful expressions—for the sad state of the world as well as the future of journalism, calls for such.

The Fabulous Spud Program

Congress having refused to attempt to solve the mess it created by its fabulous \$3.7 billion bonus in price supports for farm products paid for by deficit spending, has left Secretary of Agriculture Brannan to find his own solution as to a disposal of the immense surplus of food stuffs accumulating.

Brannan's own solution was to continue paying the bonus to farmers, but sell the surplus to the public at whatever price it would bring and rebate the difference between support prices and selling price to the producers at taxpayers' expense. That idea was borrowed from socialist Britain to keep the people voting for socialism while American loans paid the losses. Congress rejected the scheme as a little too raw.

So Brannan has made his own solution. He has directed that the 50 million bushels of surplus potatoes from the 1949 crop be disposed of where it was grown. So the spuds for which the government paid \$2.10 will be sold back to the farmers that grew them at one cent per 100 pounds for disposition on their farms.

Brannan said the farmers can freeze or air dry the potatoes for ultimate use as livestock feed; or can dispose of them as fertilizer or in other ways when more practicable. The potatoes will be dyed to insure that they are disposed of as provided and not moved in the normal channels of distribution.

Brannan made his announcement as the senate debated the potato question. Majority Leader Lucas (D., Ill.) told the senate he favors immediate removal of all government price supports for potatoes. He said the multi-million dollar losses on government price props for potatoes the past two years give a "very dark eye to the entire farm program of the nation," and at present there are "no controls whatsoever" upon planting or marketing of potatoes.

No wonder the national deficit under Mr. Truman's administration is \$257 billion and going into the red at the rate of \$5 billion or more a year.

Time to Work Out an Answer

The parking situation is bad enough now with 33 million passenger cars in the United States but what will it be in 1960 when cars will number around 50 million?

"Changing Times," the Kiplinger Magazine, optimistically predicts that the situation will be improved 10 years hence. The reason given is that thinking on the subject is clearing. Experts say casing of the problem will result from a three-way cooperation between municipalities, businessmen and motorists. All three are equally concerned.

Thus far in Salem, the off-street parking problem has received actual attention only in the districts. Talk is all that has been accomplished as far as meeting the problem of off-street parking in the downtown area. Interest has been noted in the subject by both the Chamber of Commerce and the retail trade bureau. But that interest has not reached the point where anything definite has been effected other than the passing of resolutions and the formation of committees.

Perhaps while the ice and snow are still with us, there might be more time to consider how to meet the parking problem downtown. The need for action, rather than talk, should be so obvious that a definite, workable program for Salem should be figured out by spring.

Where Are the Hunters Now?

When it comes time to shoot birds, there are plenty of hunters on hand with shotguns. But when it comes time to feed those birds so they can survive this cold spell, those hunters don't act interested.

That complaint is made at this time by the Salem Izaak Walton league. And the league can speak with authority because it has the manpower and even a plane ready to get the food to the spots where needed, but cash donations for food have been too skimpy.

Are bird hunters turning into the fair-weather or hot-house variety?

BY BECK The Silver Lining



THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

People Who Fail to Honor Parents Not Apt to Honor God

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Ten Commandments might be looked upon as the boiled-down essence of the wisdom of the ages.

Each one of "The Ten Words" is a piece of advice which springs from the long experience of a God-fearing people. To deliberately violate the spirit of the Commandments is to fly into the face of disaster.

One of the Commandments is expressed in this way: "Honor thy father and thy mother..."

During the past week I attended a "quiet day" conducted by a devout and godly bishop who has recently retired on account of age.

During the service at which he was the celebrant he turned to the congregation and said, "Today is my birthday. I am 80 years old today. I ask you to join with me in prayers for my blessed father and mother, long since gone to their reward."

Then he turned to the altar and prayed: "Remember thy servants John and Mary, according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people, and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, they may go from strength to strength, in the life of perfect service in thy Kingdom."

This devout, reverent, and consecrated old clergyman did not ask prayers for himself on his own anniversary, but he

Suggested for Baby: 'Ole Stromboli'

Seattle, Feb. 4 (AP)—Sven Berquist, fisherman of Seattle's Swedish settlement, Ballard, has suggested that screen star Ingrid Bergman name her new son "Ole Stromboli."

Akron, O., Feb. 4 (AP)—The management of the Ellet theater in Akron decided to cancel Ingrid Bergman's late film, "Under Capricorn," because of possible public reaction to the birth of her baby.

Today it announced its substitute: "And Baby Makes Three."

KRISS-KROSS

Join the Icicle Derby; Who Has the Biggest Drip?

By CHRIS KOWITZ, Jr.

The height of corn stalks and size of pumpkins always provide a natural form of competition for professional and amateur growers. Not everyone has a garden, but during this cold spell we all raise one thing—icicles. So why not an icicle derby?

Do you think your prize icicle is longer than the big one hanging from the eave of your neighbor's house or barn? Or, who knows, you might even have the biggest drip in the Salem area.

Here's your chance to find out. Determine the length of your longest icicle and mail us the result.

Of course, if we're gonna have a contest, we gotta have rules. Firstly, entries in the icicle derby must be natural formations of ice. No fair letting a water hose drip over the side of a roof. Also, the icicle must be suspended. Masses of ice clinging to sides of buildings, trees, etc., are ineligible.

Size up your stalactites, mates. If it's impossible to take an actual measurement, we'll accept your honest estimate.

The winning entry will have the distinction of becoming the "biggest drip in the Salem area."

Or did any icicles survive this morning's rise in temperature?

Lou Beach, one of two full-time Lebanon firemen, found it necessary to hurry home during working hours Thursday. No, Beach hadn't ripped his pants or taken ill suddenly. It was strict-



Chris Kowitz, Jr.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

GOP-Dixiecrat Coalition Killed Civil Rights Program

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—It seems a far cry from the civil rights issue in the south to the public power question in Montana, but the story has just leaked out as to how a coalition of republicans and dixiecrats killed the civil rights program in the senate a year ago.

The deal was engineered by the Montana Power and Light Co., and illustrates how certain GOP maneuverings between elections help to lose elections on election day.

Key figures in this historic deal—discreetly referred to as a "voting arrangement"—were smooth, shrewd Sen. Dick Russell of Georgia; Nebraska's gregarious Sen. Ken Wherry, the GOP floor leader; and Jack Corrette of Montana Power and Light, who coached the anti-public power team in the senate.



Drew Pearson

The first "contact" was made when Senator Russell approached colorless Sen. Zach Ecton of Montana last March at which time the senate was fighting over a cloture rule aimed at stopping a civil rights filibuster. Ecton then called in Wherry and Wherry pledged enough republican votes to override vice President Alben Barkley's anti-filibuster rule—provided Russell would deliver southern votes to beat a government plan to run a transmission line from the government's Kerr dam to Anaconda, Mont. Montana Power and Light wanted to run these transmission lines itself, was vigorously opposed to government operation.

Result of all this was that Wherry delivered 19 votes to Senator Russell—though it should be stated that some GOP senators did not know of the "voting arrangement."

Those who voted with the south to doom the civil rights program are: Bricker, O., Bridges, N. H., Butler, Neb., Cain, Wash., Capehart, Ind., Cordon, Ore., Donnell, Mo., Ecton, Mont., Gurney, S. D., Hickenlooper, Iowa, Jenner, Ind., Kern, Mo., Langer, N. D., Malone, Nev., Millikin, Colo., Reed, Kans., Schoepel, Kans., Thyne, Minn., Vandenberg, Mich., Watkins, Utah, Wherry, and Young, N. D.

Actually, the republicans and the utility crowd had the worst of the bargain, for Russell delivered only six votes in return. For, by the time the appropriation for the Kerr-Anaconda line came before the senate in August, the deal had been discovered by three inquisitive pro-public power senators—Alabama's Lister Hill, hearty Bob Kerr of Oklahoma, and fiery Wayne Morse of Oregon.

At the time the three senators made their discovery, power mogul Corrette and Senator Wherry had the votes to beat the transmission line. But a special emergency meeting was quickly called by the public power senators in an unmarked room a few feet from the senate chamber.

Oscar Chapman, then undersecretary of the interior, and White House assistant Charlie Murphy rushed up to the meeting and a new strategy was outlined. Alabama's Hill persuaded

Tanks to France—The joint chiefs of staff have given orders to rush a shipment of 220 American tanks to the French government under the Atlantic pact agreements signed last week. Norway will be next on the list and will get medium artillery in its first boatload. This first equipment already is moving from arsenals in Illinois and Ohio.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

World Talking About 2 Babies Bergman Boy, Hydrogen Bomb

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—The world is talking about two big babies today—the Bergman boy in Rome and our own little chunk of sun the hydrogen bomb.

Both come into a divided world of doubt, angry disillusionment—and divorce.

Ingrid's little lad will be only a nine-day wonder in a globe that likes to gossip about other people's public and private lives. Everybody wishes him well, and he has a fine future before him.



Hal Boyle

Our own strapping boy, the hydrogen bomb, hasn't even been born yet. But he is on the way. Just when he'll arrive is the great secret—a secret that can't last.

And no baby in history will be more unwelcome. His father is fear and his mother is science, and he can't be anything but a problem child.

If he turns out to be a real juvenile delinquent, well—we all will walk a tightrope over death.

Every generation begins as a prisoner of the generation that spawned it, and ends as a caretaker of the generation that brought it into being.

What can we do for this ugly, unwanted child of our despair—

BY CLARE BARNES, JR. White Collar Zoo



"Am I supposed to know everything around here?"

Reds Aim Sabotage to Smash Atlantic Pact in West Europe

By PRESTON GROVER

Paris, Feb. 4 (AP)—A communist sabotage attack aimed at smashing the Atlantic pact and Marshall aid, is spreading over western Europe.

For the moment the attacks seem confined largely to France. But American sources here think the biggest drive ultimately will come in Italy.

In France there are two immediate objectives: 1. To prevent unloading of American military equipment coming to Europe under the military aid program.

2. To cripple France's effort to save Indochina from the communists. Forces fighting the French-sponsored regime there will be delivered to the men fighting communist Ho Chi-Minh's forces, regardless.

A show of government force also may break up the communist campaign against landing American equipment workers in Chebourg, the main French arrival port for the arms supplies, already have voted overwhelmingly to unload the cargoes.

New detachments of troops also have been sent to Cherbourg, where Atlantic pact shipments are expected late this month.

France's whole empire is under communist pressure. Moscow-trained Ho Chi-Minh is leading the anti-French fighters in Indochina. Communist-inspired disturbances in two French colonies on the African ivory coast have been suppressed by gunfire, a business unpopular at home and abroad.

Elsewhere in western Europe the communist cold guerrilla warfare has taken on other forms. Berlin again is being tormented by traffic slowdowns. A highly-placed American source here described that situation as "serious." East Germany's communists have stepped up their campaign for a United Fatherland. They want it under communist domination.

In Italy land reform agitation has brought several blood-letting riots. The communists took quick advantage of the incidents to try and show they alone were friends of the Italian working and peasant classes. To date, however, their efforts do not appear to have seriously affected the country's recovery.

Responsible sources in Paris say the Red attacks will be met by the sternest kind of governmental action. Quick arrest of

Moonshine With a Kick

Knoxville, Feb. 4 (AP)—Military authorities may see possibilities in some of the moonshine whisky around here. When police investigated the exposition of an automobile, they found it was caused by a supply of overheated liquor under the hood.

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