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FRANZEN SHOULD BE RETAINED

In his "It Seems to Me" column in the Statesman, former Governor Charles A. Sprague says that "Mayor Al Loucks is setting the stage for getting rid of City Manager J. L. Franzen," and the only reason advanced is that Mr. Franzen is 68 years of age, with the inference that he is too old to function efficiently despite his excellent record. Mr. Sprague continues:

"The device is to hire an 'assistant city manager' for a term of months; and then have Franzen 'resign' to take some lesser job that would be made for him. No item is in the budget for assistant manager, but it would be inserted before the final adoption of the budget. The mayor has to get four councilmen to go along with him on the deal, and has been busy trying to line them up.

"Once rid of Franzen, with a compliant new manager then the heads of administrative departments could be fired. The mayor is reported to have wanted the heads of some of them, but could not persuade the city manager, who alone has the authority, to perform the rite of execution. These department heads are Clyde Warren, police chief; Ellsworth Smith, fire chief; Harold Davis, city engineer; Al Mundt, city recorder; John Green, water bureau manager."

Mayor Loucks had given the same information to members of the Capital Journal staff, but with the stipulation that it was "off the record" and not to be published until released by him. Evidently no such pledge was exacted of the Statesman.

The real reason is the mayor's itch for power, to make him the "IT" in city government—as mayors were before the city manager form of government was adopted, when waste, inefficiency and councilmanic favoritism ruled the city. Moreover Mr. Loucks' original backers for his first term were those who opposed the city manager form and still oppose it—for its efficiency.

The real objection to Mr. Franzen is that he is a competent engineer, thoroughly versed in municipal affairs, instead of a loquacious back-slapping and baby-kissing peanut politician, all things to all men and easy to influence. He has an excellent record and national recognition as a competent city manager.

Franzen's work here speaks for itself. The city streets are kept clean. The sewerage system and disposal plant have been completed as has another city water reservoir, the merger of Salem and West Salem and additional suburbs satisfactorily adjusted, and police, fire and other departments reorganized and brought up-to-date.

The plot to remove an efficient official and return to the waste and confusion formerly existing should be nipped in the bud for the future welfare of this growing city which as the capital of Oregon has outgrown the lethargy of the hick town. A competent, conscientious and honest regime should be retained.—G. P.

GOOD NEWS FROM MALAYA

Southeast Asia is a vital spot in the war between the free and slave worlds, point of greatest immediate danger of an irretrievable disaster to the former.

And curiously, there is good news from Malaya, where a fierce war has been waged by communist outlaw bands against the British and their native allies ever since the end of World War II. It appears that this war at least is being won.

Col. Arthur E. Young, London commissioner of police, who has had charge of police reorganization in Malaya for the past 15 months, brought this word to the United States while en route home a few days ago.

Young said the outlaw bands now number fewer than 5000 altogether, for the first time since the war began and that they are being steadily reduced by the Malayan army and police who are now pursuing them back into their jungle hideouts.

One effective measure against the outlaws has been the placing of small forts in the jungles and supplying them by helicopters. Jungle inhabitants are now less fearful of the outlaws and are giving the authorities better cooperation. Tin and rubber production is now little affected by the war, for the first time. It was badly crippled and the major part of the output threatened with destruction.

Here is a war whose losses and vexations have rivaled those of the more highly publicized Korean conflict. If it can be won the west will have scored a major triumph against the communists, for scarcely any threatened region is more vital to our side than Malaya.

LET'S GET THE REST OF IT NOW

Nearly half of the \$5500 needed to save the Marion County Blood Bank is now available, thanks principally to the enterprise shown by Radio Station KGAE, whose all day show Saturday produced \$2554.25 in cash and pledges assuming the payment of the pledges, and there should be little loss there.

Now it is up to the rest of the community to pitch in and put up the rest of the money without the necessity of another "drive." The North Salem Kiwanis club set a good example last week in passing the hat among the members. Let other civic and religious groups do the same and the money will either all be secured or we'll be so close it won't be any great chore to fill the small gap.

The Blood Bank won't be closed, of course. To do so would be to invite a disaster, to say nothing of the wound to our civic pride. Let each group now in its own way make its contribution and we'll save this vital program.

Jon Lindbergh Explores Cavern

Bower Cave, Mariposa County, Calif. (AP)—Jon Lindbergh, 20-year-old son of famed aviator Charles Lindbergh, has explored and photographed a large underwater cavern in a remote mountain area near Yosemite National Park.

Jon wearing navy "frogman's" gear, swam 150 feet under the waters of a small lake to reach Bower Cave which never before has been explored.

Jon made two dives Saturday into the grotto.

The second time he carried photographic gear in a waterproof bag. He spent more than an hour inside the cavern, described as one of the largest of its kind in the west.

His only link with safety was a thin nylon line attached to his trunk and held by another member of the party. He was accompanied by two members of the Western Speleological Institute, a research organization.

Young Lindbergh attends Stanford university at Palo Alto, Calif.

Snow usually is about as 10 times as deep as the water it creates when melted.



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Magnolia, Ark., Big Town Now, Stops to Celebrate

By HAL BOYLE

Magnolia, Ark. (AP)—America is growing up. Its period of raw-boned youth is over.

A symbol of this was the centennial celebration held last week by this community, typical of the mushrooming small cities of the south and southwest.

Towns, like men, take a pleasure in pausing now and then for a glance back—a look ahead. Magnolians, immensely proud of their town, were pleased to find that at the age of 100 it was suffering its most acute growing pains.

It was settled a century ago by pioneers who came afoot, in wagons, and on horseback from Georgia and South Carolina. A young lady who liked Magnolia trees gave the hamlet its name.

In 1860 it had a population of 344, including 66 slaves and three professional gamblers. It had only about 1,000 people in 1900. The prospects were it would remain indefinitely dreaming in its quiet dust, its chief claim to fame the fact that a major general of the Confederate Army slept in its cemetery.

But in the last quarter century Magnolia began to grow—and now is in full bloom. The discovery of oil was a big factor. But so was the spark of new leadership. The young men quit leaving town to seek opportunity elsewhere.

Magnolia now has a population of 10,000. It has diversified industries ranging from oil to aluminum, plastics, clothing and wood products. It has spent nearly \$9,000,000 in new homes since 1946.

As the townspeople flocked to the courthouse square to watch a mammoth centennial parade—"the biggest ever held in Arkansas"—I chatted with three leading citizens who are a link between the city's serene past, its bustling future.

They were Col. Charles W. McKay, 81, a lawyer; John W. Colquitt, 75, hardware dealer for half a century, and Charles B. Lyle, 78, who has been filling prescriptions in his drug store for 54 years.

"Add us together and you have a ripe old age," said Col. McKay cheerfully. The three old friends are all sons of pioneer settlers, and love to talk about the old times.

How do people differ now from then? Lyle studied some passersby, then said: "We were more religious in those days. The whole town would close up for a week to go to a camp meeting."

"Yes, people used to like to do more things for each other then," said Colquitt. "They served each other then. Now too many people serve only for money."

"And I'd say we had more fun, too," Lyle continued. "They have too much entertainment today to have any real run. They don't know what real fun you can get out of a picnic or a hayride."

"Remember the square dances?" said Colonel McKay. "The girls all went wild over the fiddler."

"Everybody was poor then, and didn't know it," said Colquitt. "A man with \$8,000

OPEN FORUM

Engineer's Troubles Bring in This Poem

To the Editor:

The troubles of Hedda Swart, our county engineer, as told in Saturday's Capital Journal, are enough to make any responsible official "blow his top." But such troubles are shared by city, county and highway engineers throughout the country. Let him read the following and laugh it off:

FIXING THE STREETS
They took a little gravel,
And took a little tar,
With various ingredients
Imported from afar:
They hammered it and rolled it
And when they went away,
They said they had a pavement
To last for many a day.

They came with picks and spade it,
To lay a water main
And then they called the workmen
To put it back again.
To lay a railway cable
They took it up once more,
But 'tis seldom that you dare,
Just where it was before.

They took it up for conduits
To run the telephone
And then they put it back again
As hard as any stone.
And when they were done,
They said they had a wire,
There are patches everywhere,
You'd like to ride upon it,
But 'tis seldom that you dare,
It's a very handsome pavement,
A credit to the town,
They're always dixin' it up,
Or puttin' it down.

(Author unknown)

CARL P. RICHARDS,
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Salem, Ore.

CIO ADDS DIFFERENTLY

Baker Democrat Herald
The CIO's economic policy committee has sharply criticized the first 100 days of the Eisenhower administration, and says it is sowing the seeds of another depression. They particularly object to the rise in interest rates on government bonds and failure of the administration to take aggressive steps to renew the excess profits tax.

These labor leaders are being short-sighted in their reasoning. They too often seem to take the position that the more they can hamstring corporations the greater will be the benefit to the laboring man.

There is more logic in the opposite position. Taxes on earnings of corporations in recent years have so prevented accumulation of capital for expansion that progress has been limited. At the same time our population is growing and new workers will constantly need new employment. How can additional workers be employed without additional capital for financing additional enterprises?

The CIO has never quite reconciled itself to the fact that a prosperous employer is a requisite to a prosperous worker.

It is estimated that a baby is born on the average of every second somewhere in the world.

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WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ex-Congressman Qualifies For \$2160 Pension for \$14

BY DREW PEARSON

Washington — The records are supposed to be confidential, but one ex-congressman has parlayed a \$14 investment into a lifetime government pension of \$2,160 a year. He is William P. Lambertson, Kansas Republican, who served 15 years in the House.

However, he didn't contribute a cent toward his own retirement until after he left Congress. Then his Kansas colleague, Congressman Wini Smith, put Lambertson on the Federal payroll from January 3 to January 31, 1947—just long enough for him to pay \$14 into the retirement fund. This made him eligible for retirement benefits and, under a technicality in the law, he was able to take credit for his full 15 years Congressional service.

Irony is that both Lambertson and Smith have voted consistently against social benefits for others, but apparently believe in government handouts for themselves. In addition to his \$2,160 government pension, Lambertson is drawing another government salary as a county commissioner. He also owns a 200-acre farm in Fairview, Kansas.

Ex-Congressman Lambertson, reached for comment, said he didn't want to discuss the matter but admitted he had never paid any money into the pension fund while in Congress.

WASHINGTON PIPELINE

Through an inadvertence, Congressman Anderson of Minnesota, confused in a recent column with Congressman Anderson of Minnesota, both Republicans. This opportunity is therefore taken to make it clear that it was Congressman Anderson of Tyler, Minn., not Anderson of Red Wing, Minn., who scolded Iowa's Congressman Jensen for bowing to the Private Utilities. . . . Mamie Eisenhower prefers to have her husband called "Mr. President" or "Mr. Eisenhower." She considers plain "Ike" as too undignified. . . . The President, who golfs at the Burning Tree Country club, found his ball blocked by a tree the other day. "They didn't burn enough trees here," he grumbled. . . . The American Embassy reports from London that Prime Minister Winston Churchill will soon bow out and that his successor will be, not Foreign Minister Anthony Eden but Chancellor of the Exchequer R. A. Butler. . . . The British will fly movies of the Coronation to the United States by jet plane, so the American public will be able to watch it on television the same day it takes place. This is made easier by the five hours' difference in time zones. . . . The Democratic National Committee has salted away \$125,000 in the bank, but still owes \$330,000 in campaign debts. . . . A rising power in Democratic circles is FDR's former Secretary Grace Tully. She did countless favors for high Democrats when she had President Roosevelt's ear and now that she moved into the Democratic National Committee, they're clearing everything with her.

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The extinct sea cow which formerly lived in the Bering Sea were 20 to 25 feet long.

HIGHER INTEREST RATES

Democratic congressmen are so alarmed over rising interest rates that they are drafting legislation to curb Secretary of the Treasury Humphrey's power to boost the rates.

The Democrats charge that Humphrey is soaking the taxpayers and enriching the banks by hiking interest rates on the bonds the government borrows. They point out that the increased interest on the national debt will cost the taxpayers several billions before it is paid off.

Worst hit, however, are small farmers, home builders and installment buyers, whose interest rates are being forced up by the higher government rates.

The Democrats are also prepared to blast Deputy Secretary of the Treasury W. Randolph Burgess as the man behind the interest boosts. A former Vice-president of National City Bank of New York, Burgess headed the Committee on public debt policy which for years spearheaded the drive for higher interest rates for bankers. The Democrats will charge that Burgess has been cracking the whip to get the Veterans Administration, Federal Housing Administration and Export-Import Bank to increase their rates, too, and add to the profits of his banker friends.

Burgess, on the other hand, is convinced that higher rates are for the public good. He argues that they will combat inflation and strengthen the American economy by discouraging people from plunging into debt.

Salem 61 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL
May 11, 1892
Growers of roses and strawberries are requested to meet at the reading room of Wilamette hotel to make arrangements for the annual rose and strawberry show.

Ladies of Unitarian society assisted by the Second Regiment band will give a musical and literary entertainment of rare excellence on Friday at Channing hall in Unity church.

Drivers of fine roadsters are congratulating themselves on the improvement of Chermaketa street and propose to make it the driving boulevard of the city. They say their horses pay no attention to the cars after a day or two.

Turner's whiskey war has broken out again according to latest reports.

An additional pile driver is now working on the South Commercial street viaduct. The crossing is all in and the cars will be running in a few days. (About this time the covered bridge built following the flood of 1861-2 was removed and an open bridge to accommodate the street car line to Rural cemetery built to replace it.)

Improved Order of Red Men, Kiamikum tribe No. 8, Salem, holds council every Thursday evening. F. C. Baker, prophet; Frank C. Waters, chief of records.

New daily stage between Aurora, Butteville, Champoeg, St. Paul and Fairfield is now in operation. Gus Hoefler, proprietor.

Liquor, Oplum and Tobacco Habit. A complete, permanent cure at Keeley Institute, Forest Grove.

Hoeye & Mills Shaving Parlor, 209 Commercial street, have the only porcelain bath tubs in Salem.



Tom Burroughs' delivery horse shied at an electric car as it came around the corner of State street today and tried to climb a roof. Dell Dinsmore executed a leap for the rear car steps. The driver received some bruises, the horse got hurt on its side, shafts of the wagon were torn out and spectators afforded a little excitement.

Real estate transfers in Salem for February, 1952, amounted to \$203,074.65.

PARDON OUR RUSTY INDIAN

Baker Democrat-Herald
There is some contention in Congress over naming the new lake being formed by McNary Dam, especially between the representatives of the respective Oregon and Washington congressional districts. Rep. Sam Coon wants to call it Umattila lake, from an Indian word meaning "water-rippling-over-sand". Now what would be the Indian word for "water-rippling-over-concrete"?
Anyhow, there is sand in concrete, and we think Sam Coon will win, as he has a way of winning baseball games and things. Let's see, what would be the Indian word for "ball-flying-over-center-field"?

BLIND "PRIVATE EYE"
Burlingame, Calif. (AP)—Friends are wishing Robert Bayne a lot of luck in his new profession of private detective. Bayne is the only licensed private "eye" in the country who is blind.



A bit of
this-n-that

—By—

GEORGE HUGGINS SID BOISE

How often do you pick up a popular magazine and start an interesting story? When you read to the bottom of the page it says, "continued on page 87"—so far so good. You try to find page 87 and here the confusion begins. There is no page 87, because either it is hidden in an inconspicuous place or it has been omitted entirely. You look for the numbered page closest to page 87 (page 69) and start counting. But this is where confusion is compounded. Finally you forget what was "continued," decide it wasn't very important and turn your attention to a book which has been properly numbered. Just a trivial matter, you say, but it's the little things that can be important.

How about that little extra service that starts when your agent reviews your insurance policies and tells you that certain changes can be made to improve your program? Have you heard about Additional Extended Coverage, or the Residence Theft or Glass endorsements which can now be added to your fire policy? These additions to a fire policy are new in our business because separate policies were formerly required. We'll be glad to tell you about them and if we forget, just ask—that's free.

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