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Let the Indians Name It

Mayor Lew Yantis of Milton-Freewater in Umatilla county, which name is a merger of the two rival towns comprising it, is seeking a new name for the town and asking the public to submit suggestions for such a change—a name that has principle and character.

McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names" says that Milton was originally called Freeport, but changed to Milton about 1873, but a pioneer resident is quoted as saying the name Milton was selected shortly after 1868 because a mill was projected for the community. The form of Milltown was rejected. The postal authorities are quoted as saying that the post office at Milton was established in 1873. There is no confirmation that the place was named for John Milton, the Puritan poet of England.

There was also a town of Milton in Columbia county laid out in 1851, an early rival of Portland. Later it was renamed Houton. It was named originally for a sawmill on Milton Creek.

Regarding Freewater, McArthur states that it was established as a rival community to Milton, just to the south and hoped to get settlers by offering free water for irrigation purposes. The original plot of the town was filed as New Walla Walla, in 1889, but later withdrawn and the plot for Freewater filed in 1890.

The Oregonian objects to changing the name of Milton-Freewater, insisting there is both principle and character in the present city formed by the merger of the two existing in historical interest "because both names tie with Umatilla days." And the Oregonian champions the distinction the hyphen gives, quoting Stratford-on-Avon and Frankfurt-am-Main as well as ex-Premier Mendes-France as clinging in memory because of the hyphen.

The change in name of Milton-Freewater is of concern only to its residents. There is no particular historical event connected with "clinging in memory." But if we had wasted time in writing out the long name repeatedly day after day, a change would be welcome. Moreover with a short name, the town could get into the newspaper headlines occasionally. Now it would require a page type for a dateline.

There are many Miltons in this country, as well as Milltowns, and there may be a Freewater or two, but the latter would be more distinctive and retain the historical connection. But to get an original and distinctive name, it's back to the Indians, from whom all our original Oregon names originate, and are historical as well as distinctive.—G. P.

Dr. Roben Maaske

Dr. Roben Maaske, who died while working at his desk in the president's office at the Oregon College of Education in Monmouth Saturday night devoted a quarter of a century of his busy, productive life to the cause of education here in Oregon, serving both in Eastern and Western Oregon for approximately equal periods.

Dr. Maaske was born in Nebraska, grew up and was educated there. His first high school principalship, held before he was graduated from the University of Nebraska, was there. He came to this state in 1927 as superintendent of schools in Irrigon, a small community near the Columbia river west of Hermiston. He was there two years, then went to Portland as a public school supervisor for two years, then to Salem as deputy state superintendent of public instruction. Five years later he returned to Nebraska and earned his Ph.D. degree after which he was a professor at the University of North Carolina two years.

In 1939 Dr. Maaske returned to Oregon for his 15 years as president, first of the Eastern Oregon College of Education in La Grande for 11 years, then in 1950 to Monmouth where he served the remainder of his life as president of the pioneer teachers training institution, the Oregon College of Education.

Dr. Maaske was unpretentious, never became widely known to the public, but he was an educational statesman who left his mark on our educational setup. It is to be hoped that a building on one of the two college campuses where he served as president may eventually be named for him.

An Irresponsible Attitude

House Speaker Sam Rayburn, who is old enough to be a statesman, but apparently isn't yet, revealed Saturday that the House Democratic leaders have decided upon a slick piece of tax politics. They will support a \$20 income tax credit for each taxpayer and each dependent.

If these men were rigid economists who intended to whittle Eisenhower's budget the 700 million their scheme would reduce federal revenues one could cheerfully say "more power to you, boys," for all of us would appreciate a tax cut—after a balanced budget.

But the budget isn't balanced, not by three billion or so. And many of the Democrats assailed Eisenhower's budget as too stingy, especially on welfare proposals like federal school aid. They talk like they wanted to add a few billions to the appropriations, then reduce the available revenue, thus throwing federal finances into inflationary chaos.

This is to be done to win votes. It is an awfully low estimate of the intelligence of the voters. Whether accurate or otherwise we do not know, but it ought to be a warning to intelligent voters not to trust such irresponsible men with control of the government. It is dangerous even to have them as an opposition.

Beavers Tumble at Last

The Oregon State Beavers finally took their long awaited tumble at Pullman Saturday night when a 28-foot Washington State heave with three seconds to go broke a tie and gave the Cougars a precious 68-66 victory.

The loss came when Beaver supporters least expected it. They surmounted the implied jinx of game No. 13, a natural to lose, they went down before a team they had beaten easily the night before. But fickle fortune finally turned on them, their shooting percentage plummeted, Halbrook couldn't get a first half field goal, etc. When a team has won so many such a condition develops: the opposition does everything right, the favorites everything wrong.

Perhaps the second largest mourning section is in Eugene where Oregon has expected to break the Beaver win string and can now only seek to emulate the Cougar brethren.

Only 5000 fans saw Oregon beat Washington by a single point in a thriller at Seattle Saturday night, about 100 fewer than crowded the Pullman gym and more than 1600 fewer than saw Idaho play in Corvallis recently. What is the matter with 'em up Seattle way? Must they win all the time or stay away?

Attitudes on Oppenheimer

Oregon and Washington made news last week by taking opposite stands on inviting the controversial Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer to lecture at state educational institutions.

Dr. Henry Schmitz, president of the University of Washington, turned down a request from his physics department that the Princeton scientist who has been branded a security risk be invited to lecture there while on his western trip. Dr. Schmitz caused quite a tempest of protest, but his regents backed him up.

Dr. Charles Byrne, chancellor of the Oregon state institutions of higher education, invited Dr. Oppenheimer to lecture at the University of Oregon, Oregon State and Portland State.

We prefer Dr. Byrne's stand. We do not know whether Dr. Oppenheimer is a security risk and we sometimes doubt if anyone else does. But we feel pretty sure he knows considerable about atomic physics and should have something worth while to convey to our students. We shall be surprised indeed if any contamination passes to any of them as a result.

There is such a thing as carrying this security business—which has its legitimate place under present conditions—to ridiculous extremes.

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Most Protestant Women Favor Defense Measures

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 19—While women leaders of the Methodist church have undertaken a campaign to enlist their members to oppose Universal Military Training, a nationwide survey conducted by the Institute finds that seven out of every 10 Protestant women favor the proposed defense measure.

Among Catholic women, the figure is higher still—with more than eight out of every 10 in favor.

A smaller ratio in favor was found among women of the Jewish faith reached in the survey, with nearly six out of every 10 approving universal training in principle.

Nationwide, the vote in favor of UMT today is 73 per cent, with 22 per cent opposed and 5 per cent expressing no opinion.

In making today's poll, Institute reporters rang doorbells of typical homes in cities, small towns and rural areas across the country and asked the following question of approximately 3,000 representative men and women:

"Would you favor or oppose requiring every able-bodied young man in this country, when he reaches the age of 18, to spend one year in military training and then join the reserves?"

The vote nationwide and by men and women:

NAT'L Men Women			
Favor	73%	77%	69%
Oppose	22	20	25
No opinion	5	3	6

WOMEN			
	Protest-	Cath-	Jew-
	ant	olic	ish
Favor	70%	81%	59%
Oppose	24	17	31
No opinion	6	2	10

MEN			
	Protest-	Cath-	Jew-
	ant	olic	ish
Favor	75%	82%	81%
Oppose	22	13	16
No opinion	3	5	3

Analysis of today's survey results find sentiment among the various population groups ranging all the way from 7-to-1 down to 2-to-1 in favor. Other side-lights:

1. Differences of opinion by age groups are small, although older women are more inclined to be undecided about the issue than are younger women.

2. On the other hand, differences by occupation groups and by sections of the country are more pronounced.

3. Although men and women on the nation's farms are less in favor than are persons in the business and professional, white-collar, or manual worker groups, nevertheless the farm vote today is 2-to-1 in favor.

4. By geographical sections of the country, both men and women in the Middle West and South are somewhat less in favor of military training for the nation's youth than are residents of the East and Far West.

5. The principle of universal military training has been approved by the general public in more than a score of Institute surveys since 1942.

The vote started out at more than 2-to-1 in favor in 1942 and consistently high majorities have favored it ever since.

In November, 1945, three months after V-J Day, an Institute survey found a 3-to-1 vote for the proposal. Sentiment in favor reached an all-time high of 78 per cent in August, 1950, after the United States entered the Korean fighting.

A question which naturally comes up is why Washington continues to put off action if the public is so much in favor of UMT.

One logical reason is that the minority opposed to the measure

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

White House Aides In Hot Water Over Flight Blunder

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON — A shakeup in the White House staff and reporting system may result from President Eisenhower's admitted blunder in upsetting the commercial aviation service from the United States to the turbulent but strategic Orient.

Ike bawled out his aides with military curtness, especially Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks, when he had to answer a nationwide barrage of criticism by publicly reversing and repudiating an earlier order concerning aerial transportation in this area.

"Who got me into this mess?" the ordinarily good-natured Chief Executive demanded, as he glared at Weeks, Sherman Adams, Charles F. Willis, Jr., and other members of his official family. It is expected that Secretary Weeks' advice will carry for less weight on aviation matters in the future.

Rumpus Cause
The row concerned rival applications of Pan American World Airways and Northwest Airlines for permanent routes from Portland and Seattle to Hawaii by way of Alaska. Since Northwest has a domestic line from New York, Washington and many other eastern and central cities to Seattle, the Far East take-off point, political and economic interests in all that vast section were affected adversely by the original White House decision.

Northwest has been flying from Seattle to Hawaii, in addition to operating a route direct to Japan. Pan Am flies to Hawaii from Seattle, but it also has run to the islands from Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Pan Am long sought to oust Northwest from its Seattle-Hawaii operation, thus giving Pan Am a monopoly on the West Coast in Central Pacific territory. Pan Am's route continues from Hawaii in the only around-the-world service performed by an American line.

Unanimous Vote
The Civil Aeronautics Board, however, voted unanimously to continue Northwest's Seattle-Hawaii route along with Pan Am's. But Weeks persuaded Ike to reverse CAB's 5-0 ruling. Weeks is closely associated with Sam Pryor Jr., prominent Connecticut Republican and a \$40,000-a-year Pan Am vice-president.

When Eisenhower's letter ordering CAB to strip Northwest of its islands run got into print, the political heavens caved in from New York to Alaska. Senators and Representatives from almost every state along that strip protested directly to Ike, as did influential political, business and industrial interests.

Senator Edward J. Thye and Representatives Walter H. Judd, both of Minnesota, persuaded Eisenhower to call an emergency meeting on February 5. Such GOP bigwigs in Minneapolis as Frank Peavey Heffelfinger, a Party money raiser, and Harry A. Bullis, General Mills chairman, backed their Washington spokesmen.

Ike Misinformed
Besides Weeks and Robert B. Murray, Jr., Chan Gurney—now acting CAB chairman—and other CAB executives attended this meeting. Although Murray's term as Commerce Undersecretary expired on January 20, he still serves "without compensation." He and Weeks are Pan Am's biggest backers at Washington.

Ike learned from Chairman Gurney that he had been "misinformed," as he admitted later. He had not been told that CAB's vote for Northwest was unanimous. Whereas Ike thought that he was reducing subsidies by Northwest's elimination, he did not know that Northwest receives far less bounty than Pan Am. In fact, Northwest may soon be able to operate without any Federal contributions.

Ike resisted suggestions that he try to cover up his blunder and his staff's breakdown. He reversed himself without any cloudy or confusing statements. But he still wonders how and why he was permitted, "to get into this mess."

Efficient Nonscheduled Line
Ike did not see fit to give a permanent certificate to Transocean Airlines, a nonscheduled line run by former World War II fliers. Transocean is regarded by aviation experts as one of the most efficient and economical air transportation concerns. It has carried military passengers and cargo, refugees and defense workers in every national emergency, including the Berlin and Korean airlifts. It operates without any subsidy, and asks none.

Here, the Weeks-Murray combine won at least a temporary victory. The regular airlines, especially those in the international field, seek to drive the "nonscheduled" out of business.

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Salem 53 Years Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

February 21, 1902
When President Coleman alighted from the 5:49 Overland express Willamette University students had greeted him with the school's yell: "Rah! Rah! Rah! Zip! Boom! Bah!"

Old Willamette
Ha! Ha! Ha!"

F. A. Wiggins, 255-257 Liberty street, had advertised first class guaranteed sewing machines for \$25, also some old crocks that are worthless except for the stands for \$1.

At Roth & Grabers: 2 pounds of Arbuckle's coffee for 25c, three cans of select oysters, 25c; 20 pounds of granulated sugar for \$1, spot cash.

Carlton C. Comfort had opened his new drug store at 333 Commercial street in the Cottle block.

Stuart's dyspepsia tablets had advertised in the Capital Journal that the death of Emperor Napoleon had been caused by a stomach cancer that might be attributable to his fondness for fried onions.

A Capital Journal editorial had said that the city council should take action and have all filthy alleys in town thoroughly cleaned once each year.

USED WHAT THEY HAD
CHICAGO (UP)—Joseph Ostransky did not figure on the strange weapons three cab drivers would use when he attempted to rob a drug store Sunday.

Ostransky was captured after he was struck with several sugar bowls and a ketchup bottle.

ARDENTER AND FUNNIE
Sherman County Journal
We note that the wooing of Senator Morse is getting to a more ardent and much funnier stage.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Boyle Looks Forward to Going To Kindergarten Next Year

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—If life begins at 40, I'm four years old today.

And, boy what a thrill! In another year I'll get to start kindergarten again.

I can hardly wait. Science may say man reaches the summit of his powers in his early twenties. But I know better. Looking back at my 44 calendar years I am sure I reached my peak in kindergarten, and have been going gradually downhill ever since.

It's been the same way with my friends, and it's probably true of you, too. You didn't chase the wrong girls, argue with traffic cops, or go into debt buying things you couldn't afford until you left kindergarten, did you?

It is only when a man leaves kindergarten and later studies arithmetic and fractions that he begins to add to his sorrows, subtract from his innocence, multiply his troubles, and become a fraction of his real self.

Birthdays used to be terrible ordeals to me. I hated the idea of becoming older. But I find I don't mind reaching the age of 44 at all, not even when cheerful friends tell me, "Why you don't look a day over 45."

For at 40 I thought the whole problem of time through and reached the conclusion that the worst age in life is the period between kindergarten and 40. Those in that bracket are more to be pitied than censured, because they are all crazy, mixed-up kids.

Actually we are born old and wise. Look at almost any baby or child you know. Isn't he really full of instinctive common sense?

But after kindergarten he loses most of his innate wisdom. For the next 35 years he stumbles along messing up his life, get-

ting more and more confused and ignorant about the really important things that matter in this brief world.

Then, at 40 if he is lucky, the darkness begins to lighten. Slowly he regains the heritage of his birth, the wisdom and common sense he threw away so long ago when he set out to slay dragons or to become rich and famous.

The small pleasures that seemed so wonderful to him as a child, the sight of a strange bird on a bough, watching snow change the landscape, seeing a full moon rise become wonderful anew. He senses once more the eternal mystery behind every commonplace thing.

After 40 you aren't dying so much as you are slowly being born again. You don't fight the world and this time so hard but bend them into better focus. The terrible Mt. Everest that faced you at 20 to 25 are reduced to the molehills they really are.

At 25 you look at them through binoculars of fear that magnified them. After 40 you simply learn to turn the binoculars around and look through lenses of understanding that put all projects in a less frightening perspective.

Anyway that's the way I intend at 44 to look at the scenes in this ceremonial jungle we move through. Does any other way make sense?

Naturally when you are 44 young people who regard you as a walking antiquity sometimes come to you for counsel. So here is my birthday advice to anybody unfortunate enough to be below the age of 40:

1. Don't argue questions of religion or politics at cocktail parties.

2. Never bet on yourself while playing in a pool game with strangers.

Cruel to Coaches

Omaha World-Herald

"Is it any worse," asks the sports editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, "for a football coach to jump his contract with a college than for a college to pay off a contract two years in advance and let the coach go?"

We'd say it is quite a bit worse. The difference being that between a contract fulfilled and one unfulfilled.

Moreover, the coach who departs with two years' pay has a substantial income while looking for another job. For sheer cruelty, although it's legal, what can beat letting a losing coach go at the end of his contract period, with no job in prospect and no severance pay?

STOPPED, WRONG LIGHT

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (UP)—H. G. Sterns was arrested for drunken driving Sunday when he stopped for a traffic light.

A traffic cop on duty became suspicious when Sterns brought his car to a stop for a green light.

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