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Why Washington and Lincoln?

We, and we hope many others, derived rather more than a mild pain at the revelation last night at the school board meeting of a tentative plan to name the two new junior high schools for Washington and Lincoln.

Because we lack respect, reverence and love for these great men? Not at all. We take second place to none in our affection for our two most honored presidents. But because they stand first and second in the hearts of their countrymen and always will they have less need than any other men or women in all America for additional honors. Most states, including Oregon, have counties named for them and hundreds of cities have schools named for them.

Why not two more in Salem? These great names have no local significance. They require no imagination whatever. They are just one more Washington and one more Lincoln added to so many nobody has the slightest idea of their number. Salem has more imagination than to follow this deep groove, we feel sure.

If a local name, which one? Or rather, which two? Here there can be endless controversy and it is probably to avoid this that the school board is thinking of such innocuous non-controversial names as those of our greatest presidents. We can't say we blame them. Not too much, anyway. But sometimes the easy way isn't the best and this is one of the times.

It is customary for school names to follow patterns. Portland names its high schools for the presidents. This was begun long ago and ought always to be continued. No matter how much more Portland grows she will never run out of presidents. Some name their schools North, South, East, West, Central, which also lacks imagination but does make a certain amount of sense.

Fortunately Salem began a splendid pattern when it named its first two junior high schools Parrish and Leslie? What is their significance here? Part of it is that two of the four donation land claims upon which the central part of Salem stands were issued to Parrish and Leslie. How could a community do better than this? Now we are to build two more junior high schools and there are two other honored pioneers who once held the donation land claims, well known names here yet, Willson and Judson.

Willson will always be remembered because he surveyed the townsite and had the divine inspiration to make the streets wide. Because he of all the people of that name we ever heard of spelled it Willson there is no confusion between his name and that of the president, for whom a new junior high school was named some years ago. Judson is still a splendid name here, where some of his descendants still live. A street has been named for him.

We mention Willson and Judson not because they are the greatest of all the pioneers who planned and started our fine city. No one could ever determine that. We could argue endlessly without agreement. We suggest Willson and Judson because these names would carry out a pattern we initiated many years ago, and it is a fine pattern.

If we do this, what shall we do when we come day add a fifth junior high? That one will almost certainly be west of the river and there were donation land claims over there too.

Whatever we do let's show some imagination and choose names of local significance that can stand beside those of Leslie and Parrish without looking inappropriate. Even if we do develop some differences of opinion while we do it.

Ike Dismaying Democrats

President Eisenhower is proving himself as an adroit politician as well as a high ranking international statesman by depriving the Democrats of all their vote getting issues. He has endorsed political packages for agricultural relief through a soil banking proposal for elimination of surplus production, the best proposal yet advanced, an extensive highway building program and a five-year billion dollar plus with state aid plan for school construction aid, and other proposals championed by his opposition.

The President's analysis of all these issues were clear previews of the existing situation. On the farm issue, he correctly stated that the causes are the production and market distortions brought on by war time production incentives too long continued, piling up repeated heavy crops on top of huge accumulated stocks. "In short, we have an over-supply of commodities which drive down prices."

The way to a healthy economy, he said, lies in bringing down production to a better balance with needs, so the market will provide a profitable price for that production. But the only way it can be done is to have the government do the job. But the farmers seem to favor government supervision. If there had been a free market all along, as in other commodities, it would have no "market distortion"—but it is too late to attempt it without an upset. But the farmers are not willing to be guided by the market.

What is to be feared in the federal school aid bill for grants is that federal bureaucrats will want to dictate eventually our public school policies, management and studies, hitherto locally or state supervised. But safeguards can be devised to prevent it and as Mr. Eisenhower said, "be an incentive for the lagging states to increase their effort."

Previous highway programs have been defeated by an extensive lobby against compelling highway users like the big truck and bus lines, from helping to pay taxes for their use. The same opposition can be expected this congress, but with Democrats in power, blame for the defeat will rest with them.—G. P.

A Juvenile Gang Problem

Chief of Police Clyde Warren called in the local newspaper reporters Thursday afternoon, showed them about ten confiscated tools that could be used as weapons and asked them to warn the local public that Salem is confronted with a possible juvenile gang problem.

Not very much has happened yet. One piece of steel was enclosed inside of a boy's fist while he beat another boy about the head. It seems to have been only one of these tools actually used in combat. One was a revolver which could be used for murder, but hadn't been. Another was a perfectly respectable hay hook, which apparently hadn't been used for anything serious. One reporter who as an army officer had been on military provost assignment remarked afterward: "I've seen more weapons than that taken from one car on an army post."

Salem has at least 2,000 boys, nearly all of whom are above reproach in their conduct and attitude. There is probably no more "juvenile problem" here than there is an adult problem. They dovetail closely together anyway.

But it is the job of the police to anticipate and ward off developing problems and they are wise to warn parents and the public of disturbing signs. If counter measures are not taken we may develop a very nasty phase of metropolitan life in this mid-century era. Parents can do more about it than anyone else, by directing and keeping track of their own youngsters. Let us all cooperate to check any trend we may find in this direction, for if there is one thing Salem wants less than another it is juvenile gang warfare.

And that fraction of one percent of our youths who may have such ideas has fair warning that any overt acts will be drastically met and vigorously punished. We aren't going to let that condition develop here.

'Private Eye'



OPEN FORUM

Yes, Some Dogs Are Bad; So Are Children

To the Editor:

In regard to the dogs, I'd like to get in my two bits worth. I have a dog, also a cat. I wouldn't be without a dog for it is my protection at nights as I'm alone a lot.

True, there is an unenforced law in Salem prohibiting dogs running loose. If you don't believe it go down Columbia street or up Peck avenue or most any other street in Salem and dogs will run out from most any house and bite at your heels. I've had them bite me, tear my stockings and have seen them bite children on their way to school. I live across the street from Highland school and every morning you will see 10 dogs or more in front of school barking and making children cry. They have no collars so must not have a license. I believe in dogs having licenses and being kept in their own yard behind fences or chained up. I do mine.

When I got my dog license January 3 I got No. 44 and the clerk told me there were 9,000 dog licenses sold last year. There are lots more without licenses that should be picked up. Why should some pay and others not? The dogs wet on my shrubs. But the children don't stay on the sidewalk, they cut through my yard, jump on shrubs, climb the trees breaking off the limbs, smash down my flowers, just wreck, not only my yard but also other yards. Let's start teaching children how to take care of other folks' lawns and flowers and chain up the dogs and every one will be happy.

MRS. BEAULIEU,
 375 Columbia.

She Can See Both Sides Of the Canine Problem

To the Editor:

Dogs are like humans. Some are courteous, considerate and honorable, and some are plain perky, even worse. A person of proper judgment and disposition will not willfully possess a dog of objectionable character, but rather a dog that loves his home, his master and that ventures forth with the hoodlum gang that tears about in disrespect of the neighbors and the town at large. As to the dog for the blind referred to in Gerry Elstrom's critical letter, no one complains about them. They nobly serve a noble cause and mind their own business.

Dogs, like children, are much appreciated when they learn to fit in with and to respect the rights of others. God bless such dogs and bless their masters, and deliver us from the ill-bred and pernicious, since ordinances in many towns are of little value when it comes to dogs.

An enlightening anecdote: A minister once complimented a small boy on his well-trained dog. "How did you do it?" he asked. "Well," was the frank, simple but apt answer "in the first place you have to have more sense than the dog." Would that every dog had such a wise master.

I'm no dog trainer. When I lived in the country we needed a dog. Only two proved teachable and one of them turned to sheep-killing. Few indeed are the dogs which are good, stay-at-homes and dependable watch dogs. Such are worth their weight in gold.

FLORENCE CONNER KNOX.

A Smile or Two

Boston Globe

Bidding ceased suddenly while an auctioneer in England examined a slip of paper that had been handed up to him.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I understand that some one among those present has lost a wallet containing fifty pounds in bank notes. He is prepared to offer ten pounds for its recovery."

Came a voice from the back: "Eleven!"

Large Army of Volunteers Willing to Do Party Work

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)

PRINCETON, N.J., Jan. 12 — There is a potential "army" of volunteer workers ready and willing to serve the two political parties in the election campaigns this year.

An estimated total of 16,900,000 voters—from the rank-and-file of both the Democratic and Republican parties—say they would like to take an active part in political party work as a volunteer worker for a party or candidate.

Highlights of a special "audit" of potential volunteer workers for the two major political parties, conducted by the American Institute of Public Opinion:

1—The Democrats have a greater "reserve" in terms of volunteer workers than do the Republicans. Some 9,870,000 Democratic voters are ready to work for their party compared to 7,030,000 GOP voters who stand ready to offer their services.

2—The GOP has proportionately more potential women volunteers than do the Democrats. Whereas a greater number of Republican women than men would like to work for their party, in the Democratic camp the reverse is true with more men willing to volunteer than women.

3—Overall, there is a slightly greater number of women than men who would like to do volunteer work for their political party in the coming year. This is in contrast to the 1954 elections when the men who actually did volunteer work for their party outnumbered the women volunteers by a ratio of 2 to 1.

The question that experienced Institute reporters put to a scientifically drawn cross-section of the American voters:

"During the coming year, would you like to take an active part in political party work as a volunteer worker for a party or candidate?"

The results, translated into millions:

Democrats who would like to work 9,870,000

Republicans who would like to work 7,030,000

TOTAL 16,900,000

By way of comparison, in the 1954 election campaigns—according to an Institute survey—some 3,420,000 men were estimated to have been volunteer workers—or less than one-half as many as would like to participate in work for their party.

About 1,760,000 women were volunteer workers in 1954—or about one-fifth as many as are willing to work today.

By education groups, today's survey finds that persons with college training are more likely to want to volunteer for political work. Here are the percentages for each education group:

WANT TO BE VOLUNTEER:
 Col. High Grade 27%
 High School Sch'l 17%
 No 12%
 Yes 73%
 No 27%

What kind of work could this many volunteer workers do? One possible task that the two parties could set this army to doing came to light in a survey reported on Wednesday by the Institute.

The survey found that the American public is ready to contribute some \$75,000,000 to the campaign chests of the two parties—if the parties were to go after it in a door-to-door, community-by-community type of canvass, with definite quotas set for each county in the U. S.

Such a canvass—patterned after ones that have been used successfully by organizations like the Red Cross and Community Chest—would find approximately 15,000,000 American families willing to contribute \$5 to the party of their choice.

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NEW YORK (AP)—Curstome comments of a pavement Plato: After he reaches an age where he forgets the ecstasy of making and throwing a snowball, the average man often grumbles, "What good is winter?"

Winter has more critics than the income tax. This is unfair to one of the finest seasons of the year. Every season has its own particular virtues, and winter confers upon mankind major blessings.

Your farmer knows the full value of winter. Its snowfalls provide him the water his crop will need next spring. He can reach into a full barrel and pull out an apple a day to keep the doctor away. His labors are fewer, and he has time to write those long, long letters to his congressman on what is wrong with the country. He is in semi-hibernation himself, and if his pigs and cows would just hibernate, too, he could write even longer letters.

It is the city dweller and the suburbanite who disparage winter most because they understand it least. The housewife complains because she gets her feet wet wading through slush on her daily pilgrimage to the supermarket. The husband grumbles because he has to put tie chains on his motor car or dig a path through the snow that blocks his garage door.

But these are minor miseries in comparison to the pleasures that winter offers.

Why yearn to flee to the southern ports of the sea? Why indeed? The south is for the birds. But the birds

They Say

Quoted From The News
 ALGONA, Iowa — State Sen. Duane Dewel on why he is not going to run for governor of Iowa this year:

"I'm too damp for the dries and too dry for the wets and satisfactory to neither."

WASHINGTON — Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.) on her "bold new" five-year one billion dollar medical research program:

"I think it is about time this country brought research on human lives up to the level of research on animals and plants."

BOSTON — James C. Allen, one of the Brinks guards tied up during the spectacular Jan. 17, 1955 holdup, on the FBI solution of the mystery:

"I came home, sat down and listened to a news broadcast about it. I've sure hoped they'd solve this thing. I didn't know that they would. In fact, I was so busy today that if the news had come at work I just wouldn't have paid any attention to it."

NEW YORK — Paul Blaufus, Arthur Godfrey's chief talent hunter, on his "parting company" with his red-haired, temperamental boss:

"I'm tired of being a talent scout. I've lived in gin mills for five years. I just wanted to do something better."

WASHINGTON — Former Secretary of State Dean Acheson in an appraisal of U. S. cold war policy: "Europe.... We have spent vast efforts to strengthen our allies.... of late, these bonds have been loosened."

Middle East — "There are indications of a timid, hesitant approach in this troublesome area."

Far East — "The time bomb of Quemoy and Matsu is ticking away. The hour it is set to go off is not known."

GALVESTON, Tex. — Babe Zaharias, in John Sealy Hospital for a second battle with cancer and a bout with pneumonia:

"I keep asking the doctors when I can go home but they don't tell me much. I'm rarin' to go home."

TOO BUSY TO WRITE

By Metternich
 The men who make history have not time to write it.

Dulles Finds It Difficult To Keep Foreign 'Initiative'

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—A few dates and statements out of the life of Secretary of State Dulles offer some insights into his ideas about foreign policy and his handling of it.

In April 1952, after watching the Truman administration for seven years devise various means for blocking Soviet expansion—such as foreign aid and military alliances—Dulles said:

"The United States was too much on the 'defensive' when it should have taken the initiative; it was 'dancing to whatever tune' the Russians played; and 'most of our actions have been reactions to Soviet Communist actions.'"

Since he became secretary of state in 1953 he has followed in a general way the broad policies of former President Truman: a continuance of foreign aid and even more military aid. It is perhaps the only way, No in in authority has advocated another.

Last Nov. 29 Dulles told a news conference the United States "very distinctly" had the initiative in the Middle East. He said: "I believe what we are doing (in the Middle East) is of incomparably greater importance and significance than these tentative proposals the Soviets are making."

After this expression of confidence the secretary said the United States was not going to be drawn into an attempt to match every offer of economic aid the Soviets may make to the Middle East and Asia.

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But on Dec. 20 — by this time

Salem 46 Yrs. Ago

By BEN MAXWELL

January 13, 1910

Only one person among 25 aboard was known to have survived the wreck of the Catarina, aground and breaking up on Coos Bay bar.

Portland, Eugene and Eastern railway had laid six blocks of street car track eastward on Center street and northward on Summer.

Plans were under consideration for formation of a realty board in Salem.

Salem-Independence motor line had this schedule 46 years ago: Leave Independence at 9:30 a.m.; arrive in Salem 10:30 a.m. Leave Salem at 1 p.m. and arrive at Independence an hour later. Connections at Independence could be made with the west side train for Portland and for Monmouth and Airline.

Morgan's fruit stand, 367 State street, had Winter Nellis pears for 20c a dozen.

The three-story addition to Hotel Gail at Dallas had been opened for public patronage.

THING OF POSTERITY

William Penn

We are too careless of posterity, not considering that as they are so the next generation will be.

THE HEART COMES FIRST

By Napoleon

When the heart speaks, glory itself is an illusion.

Census figures show that between 1910 and 1950 the greatest drop in jobs in the United States has been in unskilled groups, says the Population Reference Bureau.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Despite Adlai, Democrats To Make Ike's Health Issue

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON—Adlai E. Stevenson says that President Eisenhower's health will not become a campaign issue, if the two should be the opposing presidential candidates next fall. But current democratic moves on Capitol Hill suggest that Ike's physical capacity, to perform his full duties forms an undertone of opposition strategy.

Despite Stevenson's demurrer, he himself indulged in this flanking maneuver. Expressing admiration for Ike's integrity on a recent television panel. Stevenson questioned the accuracy and frankness of the State of the Union message. In declaring that it was "political in tone," he indicated that, in his opinion, it had been framed by ambitious politicians rather than by the president.

Stevenson's Jibes at Ike's Message

Stevenson likewise jibed at the message's optimistic references to our national defense posture and our situation abroad, as do many Democrats on and off Capitol Hill. From Ike's experiences as a military man and from his dealing with the wily Russians, they feel that Ike would not have subscribed to such rosy statements, if he had been in full command.

Even such Eisenhower admirers as Senators Russell and George of Georgia, and Byrd of Virginia, seem to harbor the same suspicion. They flatly oppose proposals for increased foreign economic aid. They regard them as an attempt by the Dulles-Stassen-Lodge faction to meet Democratic charges that military containment alone is not sufficient answer to Moscow's new "smiles" offensive.

These Democrats may not be trying to capitalize on Ike's illness deliberately or intentionally for they are not petty-minded men. But the sum of their criticism is bound to have that effect. Despite popular trust in Ike's innate honesty, it will inevitably arouse concern among voters, if

he runs again. And it calls for a strong vice-presidential candidate.

Investigation of Commerce Secretary

Senator Mike Monroney, in his investigation of Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks' reported interference in aviation matters, makes no bones about Ike's reputed lack of touch with public affairs. The Oklahoma insists that Weeks—and, inferentially, Sherman Adams—kept the president in the dark when they reshuffled the Civil Aeronautics Board and the Civil Aeronautics Administration in favor of a few great and political friendly airlines.

A good Vermont Republican and an experienced official, Frederick B. Lee, was fired as CAA Administrator to make room for a Weeks appointee. A qualified Oklahoma Democrat, ex-Senator Josh Lee, was knocked off CAB in favor of a Dewey Democrat from New York.

Since both the Lees had carried out Eisenhower's declared policy for greater competition on the airways, Monroney maintains that Weeks took unfair advantage of Ike's absence and illness.

Symington's Suspicions

Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri suspects that Weeks and Adams have also interfered in railroad policy without Ike's knowledge. A year or so ago, they tried to oust J. Monroe Johnson, a South Carolina Democrat and then ICC chairman. Johnson had fought to rectify freight rates discrimination against southern roads and favorable to northern lines.

Senator Symington promises to subject this and other peculiar ICC episodes to the "goldfish bowl treatments." He shares Monroney's suspicions.

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