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Final Rites for Woodrow Wilson

A permanent resting place was dedicated in the nation's capital last Sunday, November 11, Armistice Day of World War I now by act of congress Veterans Day, in Washington Cathedral, for Woodrow Wilson, 27th President of the United States, on the 100th anniversary year of his birth.

The body of the man who led America through World War I and gave to the world the League of Nations, had laid in a vault under the main cathedral floor. It is now in a special memorial crypt in a new bay off a side aisle on the main floor, paid for by funds raised by friends of the late president. The memorial was planned by his grandson, Rev. Francis B. Spivey, dean of the cathedral and the dedication made by Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, bishop of Washington.

Bernard M. Baruch, head of the Munitions Board in World War I and a close personal friend of President Wilson, delivered the principal eulogy. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the man who served as Assistant Secretary of the Navy under President Wilson and led the United States as President through an even greater war, read from "Pilgrim's Progress." Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the late President and one of his daughters, Mrs. Eleanor Wilson McAdoo, were among family members present.

Mr. Baruch cited President Wilson as "one of the most luminous figures of our time. Under his leadership Americans turned from the task of perfecting democracy to the most difficult task of defense." He said the rejection of the League of Nations was "tragic" but that history had vindicated President Wilson. "If we can recapture this spirit and men can civilize their own hearts, we can yet attain freedom for all men in a world safe for mankind."

A year has been spent in going over Wilson's prolific writings to choose the brief passages for the two wall tablets, on either side of the windows. Final decision by relatives were the texts selected, two for each tablet.

The first one, chosen from Wilson's first inaugural address: "This is not a day of triumph; it is a day of dedication. Here must be the forces of party, but the forces of humanity. Men's hearts wait upon us; men's lives hang in the balance. Who shall live up to the great trust? Who dares fail to try?"

The second text, from the war message to congress: "The right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts—for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by which a concert of free people as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free."

The third text, from Wilson's submission of the peace treaty to the senate: "The stage is set, the destiny is closed. It has come about by no plan of our conceiving, but by the hand of God who led us into this way. We cannot turn back. We can only go forward, with lifted eyes and freshened spirit, to follow the vision. It was of this that we dreamed at our birth. America shall in truth show the way. The light streams upon the path ahead, and nowhere else."

The fourth text was selected from Wilson's last published words: "The sum of the whole matter is this, that our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit."

The Woodrow Wilson bay in the cathedral adjoins memorials to Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson, heroes of the Confederacy.—G. P.

Committee Does Good Job

Topping the list of municipal problems in Oregon these days are fringe areas and zoning outside of city bounds. It is taking a real effort by local government heads and zoning boards to forestall disorder, unsightliness and haphazard construction, and to direct community growth along orderly lines.

The problem is more than one of seeing that plats are well engineered, streets properly surveyed, and homes and businesses kept where they belong. There are also the questions of sewer and water extensions, equitable taxation and annexation.

The 1955 legislature recognized the magnitude of the problem by appointing a legislative interim committee on local government which is now concluding two years of hard work in which it has given much of its attention to fringe problems.

Whether we agree with all the findings of the committee or not, it must be credited with doing a thorough and conscientious job. Its report, which goes to the legislature, contains recommendations that must have consideration. What the legislature will do with it is, of course, a question, but it should not be pitched ruthlessly into some legislative discard heap.

In addition to its general report the committee has made exhaustive examination of conditions in half a dozen cities of the state, including Salem, and prepared a separate report on each.

As the saying goes, the committee has done its job right up to the hilt.

Early Extension of the Freeway

The phase of the tremendous federal interstate highway program that most pleases people in this section of Oregon is the early extension of the R. H. Baldock Portland-Salem freeway into the heart of Portland. Now it connects with U.S. 99W at the Multnomah-Washington county line 6.67 miles out. At that point the traveler from points south becomes embroiled in heavy two-way traffic and has to fight his way into Portland.

The new road, which will be comparable with the Banfield freeway in from U.S. 30 to the east, has been part of the highway department's planning for several years. But there was the little matter of cost, now estimated at \$11,666,000. It wasn't expected to be built for several years, though much of the right-of-way has been acquired.

Now, with the big federal allocations soon to begin coming, this important link can be built at once. Work is expected to start next spring with completion scheduled within two years after that. No new road in all Oregon will serve so many people so well.

The Sales Tax Is Out

The legislative interim tax committee has wound up nearly two years work and has proposed a tax program that includes a three percent sales tax, repeal of the surtax on incomes, higher personal income tax exemptions and \$20,000,000 a year relief in the property tax.

On the face of it this looks like a pretty well balanced program. But—there is one thing wrong. It won't have the proverbial Chinaman's chance in the coming legislature, whose Democratic majority is unalterably opposed to a sales tax. The governor-elect is committed against even submitting one to a vote of the people.

So—the interim committee can submit its program as an alternative to the one that will ultimately be adopted, and it may be the major issue of the 1958 state campaign. But it will have absolutely no chance for enactment in 1957. The vote of the people on proposition No. 1 would itself assure the defeat of a sales tax, whose opposition includes many Republicans along with nearly all the Democrats.

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Cabinet Changes Only If They Insist; Ike's Well Pleased

By RAY TUCKER

Every Saturday, Ray Tucker answers readers' questions of general interest on national and international problems and personalities. Questions may be sent to him at 7008 Hillcrest Place, Chevy Chase, Md.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17—"Do you look for any important cabinet changes in President Eisenhower's second term?" asks T.G. of Altoona, Pa., and many other readers voice the same question. Answer: If there are any resignations, as generally happens in a second term, it will be the doing of the members of Ike's official family, not at his request. He is quite satisfied with his entourage, especially as the Stevenson-Keauper charge that the cabinet was "loaded" in favor of big business, apparently fell flat.

There was an absurd rumor that the two Eisenhower brothers—the secretary of state and Allen, head of the Central Intelligence Agency—might be forced out because they failed to have full information on the Israeli-British-French invasion of Israel. They did not have it because their opposites at London, Paris and Tel Aviv deliberately withheld their military plans.

Ill health may force Secretary Dulles to quit, for his burden has been extremely heavy. However, if possible, the "old man" wants to see the current crises through to a peaceful settlement. Likely successors, if he has to leave Washington, are Under-Secretary Herbert Hoover Jr., former Massachusetts Governor Christian A. Herter and ex-Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York.

No matter who presides at State, Ike fixes foreign policy. His principal purpose now, and Dulles is in complete agreement, is to prevent a shooting war by channeling the possible causes thereof to the United Nations.

Other Possible Cabinet Resignations Defense Secretary Wilson may step out because, like Dulles, of impaired health. His most likely successor appears to be General Alfred M. Gruenther of Nebraska, a brilliant military strategist, head of NATO's ground forces, and one of Ike's favorite bridge-playing opponents. However, General Gruenther has accepted the presidency of the American Red Cross.

Secretary Ezra Talt Benson is another possible departure, even though the reported revolt against his farm program petered out to a great degree. Save for the loss of Missouri, the secretary of agriculture was given a vote of confidence. Two of his "giveaway" predecessors—Charles F. Brannan of Colorado and Claude Wickard of Indiana—were defeated, decisively in primary and senatorial election tests, respectively.

Another cabinet member who may retire is Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey. But he will quit at his own preference rather than because of White House desire. He will stay on, if Ike insists upon it, which is quite probable. With inflationary threats, due to the higher earning and buying power, the next four years will need a careful and cautious man at the financial helm.

Democrats Still "Party of People" "In view of the Democrats' losses in the great cities and in the south," inquires Mrs. L.O. of Tulsa, Okla., "is their party cracking up?" Answer: Of course not. The fact that they carried congress, in the fact of President Eisenhower's popular and electoral sweep, proves the contrary. The Democrats are still the "party of the people," and they will remain so unless the Republicans on and off Capitol Hill are smart enough to pursue the path of middle-of-the-road progressivism marked out by Ike.

Several southern states, with Florida, Virginia and Texas in mind, may become two-party areas. But they will veer in that direction because of economic changes—industrialization and migrations of northerners—rather than from any definite preference for the GOP. Unless the Republicans wake up and really reform on a liberal and humane basis, they will go out of power in 1960, when Ike returns to his Gettysburg farm.

As for party politics, the president gave a definition of "moderate Republicanism" which the parties have tried to twist into something that implies a cleavage inside his own party. Yet nobody can cite more than two or even three Republicans out of the 47 elected to the senate either in 1952 or 1954 or 1956 who have been or are at variance with the definition of "modern Republicanism" expressed by the president this week.

Some Republicans, of course, have differed on certain aspects of foreign policy, and so have some Democrats deviated from party concepts. But "modern Republicanism" was espoused by the Dewey-Bricker ticket in 1948 in almost precisely the language used by the president on Wednesday. Spending huge sums for social welfare is approved in principle but, as the president says, it has to be done within the limits of "integrity in the fiscal operations of the government" and a "sound dollar." It also has to be within the limits of free enterprise except in emergencies.

For months the Democrats and their allies in the press have been trying to promote discord inside the Republican party by crying out that the president doesn't exercise "strong leadership." It's another one of those vague phrases like "new ideas in foreign policy" which never are defined or made concrete. Mr. Eisenhower said frankly he doesn't believe in a type of "leadership" that tries to knock heads together. He declared: "I am not one of the desk-pounding type that likes to stick out his jaw and look like he is bossing the show."

Instead, Mr. Eisenhower likes to try persuasion and reason. He has thus given an effective answer to those who forget that there are still 48 states and that the people in those states decide what kind of Republicans or Democrats they want to represent them in Washington.

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Looking Back at the Election

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A foretelling incident in our own office: A young man inquired about a sample ballot... "one for a split ticket." How right he was!

"Bob Holmes was elected on the sales tax issue," said one close observer of the gubernatorial campaign.

"That Measure 1 on the ballot did it," he said. Although the bill was strictly a non-partisan proposal, the Democrats made clever use of it by spreading propaganda that it was a guarantee of sales tax legislation.

Even though Measure 1 could have been a forerunner of a sales tax, why are Oregonians so skittish about this type of taxation? The sales tax was invented right here in Oregon!

As a special tax on gasoline it had been beneficial and widely accepted. Other states have followed suit and expanded the levy into a general sales tax. But not Oregon!

The Mail is not for a sales tax, per se, but we are not against one as an offset to other taxes. With the Democrats pledged to repeal the 4 1/2 per cent surtax, and to give additional support to education and other spheres of government, it will be interesting to watch how the party goes about its tax-legislation next January, committed, as it is, against a sales tax, even by referral to the voters.

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THE CAMERA CORNER

By WALTER MORSE

Here are three basic choices for that "first camera"—either for yourself or as a gift selection.

If you'll be making black-and-white snapshots only, for album mounting, a any of the economical fixed-focus cameras with a single shutter speed and a simple flash attachment will fill the bill. If you want to make "action" pictures, or shots under poor lighting conditions, you'll need a camera with higher shutter speeds (up to 1/500 sec.) and a faster lens (f/4.5 at least).

If you plan to make color transparencies for projection, your best bet is a miniature camera using 35mm film. These miniatures are available in a wide range of prices, depending upon lens size, shutter speed, focusing equipment, etc. Miniatures will also produce excellent black-and-white prints, requiring slight enlargement.

If you plan to make a lot of close-up photos of small objects, such as flowers, insects, stamp collections, etc., then you'll want a camera with some sort of ground glass focusing and with either long extension bellows or adaptability for "close-up lenses."

Any one of these camera types will produce at least 90 per cent of all photos the average amateur will want to make. So don't miss out on the fun just because you can't afford an expensive and highly versatile camera to begin with. Our wide selection covers a variety of camera types and prices that will amaze you. So, whatever you need... at whatever price you feel you can afford... we have the camera for you. Come in soon.

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FIRESIDE PULPIT

A Spirit of Thanksgiving Gives Us a Powerful "Lift"

By REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In one of our psalms we read, "O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful."

It is certainly true. It is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful, as the psalmist said. A powerful "lift" is experienced by those who express genuine thankfulness. And this is true of the less fortunate (as well as prosperous) who, by the yardstick of current values, have but little to go on. I have been amazed, sometimes, by the shining countenances of people who have met with misfortune, while others with abundance and without any apparent troubles ahead are weighed down with gloom and forebodings.

Undoubtedly, the giving of thanks to God is urged in many places in scripture, not for any great benefit the Almighty God may derive from it, but because of what the expressing of sincere thanks may do to the people themselves.

On Thanksgiving day we are called upon to give thanks to God, not only for our personal blessings, but for our corporate blessings, our blessings as a people knit together in political bonds and in the bond of national unity, prosperity and peace. We should be reminded that, as the future of our country is so closely bound up with the rest of the world, the

time has come for us to realize more and more that God is the Father of all men everywhere, and that we have some responsibility for the freedom and well-being of God's children wherever they may be. We need to have brought to our attention, from time to time, that no country is better than the people who are its citizens. This, of course, includes ourselves.

When we express our thankfulness to God for our bountiful blessings, may we not be entirely oblivious to the larger responsibilities that are ours because of these bountiful blessings.

In the simple words of an ancient prayer, "Almighty God, we bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, and give to us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives."

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