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COLORLESS CAMPAIGN

Another record broken!
Just about everything connected with state affairs in Oregon from covered payrolls to school enrollment is establishing an all-time record for the quietest and dullest campaign in the history of the state.

Could it be that gubernatorial candidates Governor Douglas McKay (Rep.), State Senator Austin Flegel (Dem.) and other contending candidates are mindful of the political strategy of that never-defeated, ever-successful Oregon statesman, the late Governor Earl Snell? His dictum was:

"Don't stir up the animals."
Political ghost writers and partisan strategists tried to pump pep into the campaign last week-end, but nothing happened.

Only skip-and-miss interest was aroused when State Senator Richard Newburger asked Attorney General George Neuner for an opinion on the legality of the establishment of branch offices of the motor vehicle department of the secretary of state. Neuner held, "The secretary of state must have express statutory authority to establish branch offices or to enter into leaseholding agreements." Flegel and Newbury carried on a letter-writing match that ended when Flegel accused McKay of sanctioning the branch office plan and the governor accused Flegel of "abysmal ignorance or deliberately misrepresenting the facts," that the budget submitted to the 1949 legislature was prepared and approved by ex-Governor John H. Hall.

MORE VOTERS THIS YEAR

The registration books close October 7, 30 days prior to the general election in November. Citizens who have not registered, changed their residence or who did not vote at the last election, must register before the deadline if they wish to vote at the general election.

Reports received from counties over the state indicate that registrations are exceeding those of the last state election from 14 to 16 per cent. David O'Hara, director of the department of elections, has ordered the printing of 100,000 more voters' pamphlets than were required for the 1948 election. He estimates it will require 750,000 pamphlets to cover the registration this year.

WOULD CHANGE TAX LAWS

The legislative tax study committee this week voted to submit the following recommendations to the 1951 legislature:

1. Repeal of the state property tax by constitutional amendment

submitted to the vote of the people by the legislature.

2. Empower the voters of any tax district to change their tax base at the polls, provided that 40 per cent of registered voters cast ballots and that a majority of those voting favor the submitted change.

3. Remove all exemptions and personal property offsets from the corporate excise tax.

4. Choose assessors from a panel approved by the tax commission.

NO METERS AT CAPITOL

When the state board of control asked the city of Salem to require one-hour parking in front of the capitol and other state buildings City Manager J. L. Franzen told board members the city didn't have enough policemen to enforce the order.

When Franzen suggested one hour parking meters, the board rejected the idea. A later meeting with city officials will be held next week.

VETERANS' CHIEF QUOTES

The veterans' administration spends about \$6,000,000,000 annually on more than 19,000,000 veterans of six of the eight wars in which America has been involved. Maj. Gen. Carl R. Gray, Jr., said at a banquet given in his honor in Salem last Tuesday.

"World War I left us with 516,000 disabled veterans, 26,000 widows and 145,000 dependent children. World War II contributed 1,700,000 veterans with some sort of disability, 69,000 are widows and 137,000 dependent children," Gray said.

His formula for peace is to "combat the world's selfishness" by having a strong nation and by returning to the days of "an honest day's work for a day's pay."

Lumber Is War Material

Recognition of lumber as a key material for all-out war and for the present emergency has already been given by government officials.

The lumber industry was included in a list of essential industries by the Department of Commerce in August. The National Production authority (which now exercises some of the authority of the War Production board of World War II) has included lumber along with a few metals, rubber, chemicals and textiles in its first control order, NPA 1.

NPA Administrator W. H. Harrison recently summoned lumber leaders from all parts of the United States, including four from the Pacific Northwest, to discuss lumber problems. This was one of a series of meetings, with lumber being preceded only by steel, zinc, copper and aluminum.

SHOW REVUE

Saturday—

"Chain Lightning," a powerful yarn using jet-propelled planes as background, stars Humphrey Bogart, as a test pilot for the hot jobs, and Eleanor Parker, who provides the love interest.

Raymond Massey and Richard Whorf fill feature roles.

Sunday and Monday—

In a striking display of his canny entertainment sense, Walt Disney combines his own incomparable animation parts and Bing Crosby's famous singing voice to place his new all-cartoon feature, "The Adventures of Ichabod and Mr. Toad," securely among his top level pictures. The subjects of the show are the hilarious, hair-raising escapades of two immortals of legend.

Don't miss this show . . . see Ichabod Crane's heroine, Katrina Tassel, the headless Horseman, grizzled old MacPadger, Water Rat, chubby little Meley, the wily Weasels, Barman Winky and the madcap horse, Cyril. Holding them all together in the fantastic melodrama is the crisp narrative by Basil Rathbone.

A special added attraction is Walt Disney's Academy Award hort subject, "Seal Island," in Technicolor.

Tuesday and Wednesday—

The Bowery Boys are at it again—this time the plot goes something like this: Huntz Hall is kidnapped by a mad scientist and his mind transferred to a huge ape-man, while the ape-man's mind is transferred to Hall. You should see the ape-man speaking in the falsetto voice and walking and resting in the almost feminine manner of Hall, while relatively puny Hall roars and breaks the iron bars of his cage. He is eventually rescued by his pals. How, did you ask? Well, go see the picture.

Rustling and murder on the Arizona frontier furnish the basis for exciting action in "Riders of the Range," RKO Radio's tense action Western starring Tim Holt. Holt as a cowpuncher and his Irish Mexican pal are employed by a girl rancher after Tim saves her weakling brother from the grip of a crooked gambler and head of a rustler ring.

The cowpokes are framed for the killing of the secret head of the cattle thieves. How the two escape jail, trail the real killer to his hideout and ultimately clear themselves provides breath-taking action.

Thursday and Friday—

The story of a young doctor who has to choose between assured wealth, fame and success or working out his career the hard way in the tenements of New York is unfolded with compassion and understanding in "The Doctor and the Girl."

Glenn Ford is seen to great advantage in the role of the young doctor facing a decision which at times seems unsurmountable, with Janet Leigh offering a tenderly poignant portrayal of the young wife who tries to make him happy. Charles Coburn is superb as the father who finds himself at odds with his children, and another glowing performance is contributed by Gloria de Haven, as the daughter who seeks freedom with tragic consequences. Also playing stand-out parts are Bruce Bennett, Nancy Davis, Warner Anderson and Basil Ruysdael.

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Community Concert Drive Nets 15% Member Increase

The Josephine County Community Concert association membership drive which closed last Saturday was marked by a 15 per cent increase over last year. The Illinois Valley, percentage-wise, showed a greater increase in memberships than any other portion of the county.

At Saturday evening's meeting of the selection committee in the chamber of commerce offices Presiding Officer Mrs. C. M. Durland, first vice president of the Community Concert association, expressed her thanks and those of President Sydney Bazett for the splendid way in which the campaign was carried out by Mrs. Larry Adams, campaign chairman, and her workers.

It was announced at the meeting that four well known concert attractions have been booked by the group, with the first slated for Tuesday night, November 21, when Dorothy Maynor, famous soprano, will appear at the Grants Pass high school auditorium. Late in January, Pianist Joseph Battista will make his first appearance in Grants Pass.

The famous concert choir of the Columbus, Ohio, boy choir school will be the third attraction of the local series, appearing on February 17. The concert season will be brought to a close early in March with Erica Morini, internationally renowned concert violinist.

Conflicting dates forestalled the engagement of the Charles Wagner Opera company in "The Barber of Seville." Other attractions requested by some of the members were found to be making their Northwest appearances too close to the opening concert to be advisable for this year.

Pedestrian Violations Boost Traffic Deaths

More than one-half of Oregon's pedestrian death victims during the first six months of 1950 literally asked to be killed, according to the state traffic safety division, Salem.

There was a pedestrian violation or unsafe action in 55 per cent of the pedestrian fatalities, the division pointed out. Further, nineteen of the 29 pedestrians who died in the January through June period were killed while crossing outside of crosswalks. Not one pedestrian death occurred while walking inside a marked crosswalk.

Further evidence that dark clothing is an invitation to death was shown in that 62 per cent of the pedestrian deaths occurred when the victim was wearing dark clothes. This, the division said, should be ample warning to pedestrians to dress in colored or white clothes when walking, particularly after dark.

These next few months, the division concluded, are particularly hazardous months for pedestrians as darkness comes while many are still walking home from work or shopping.

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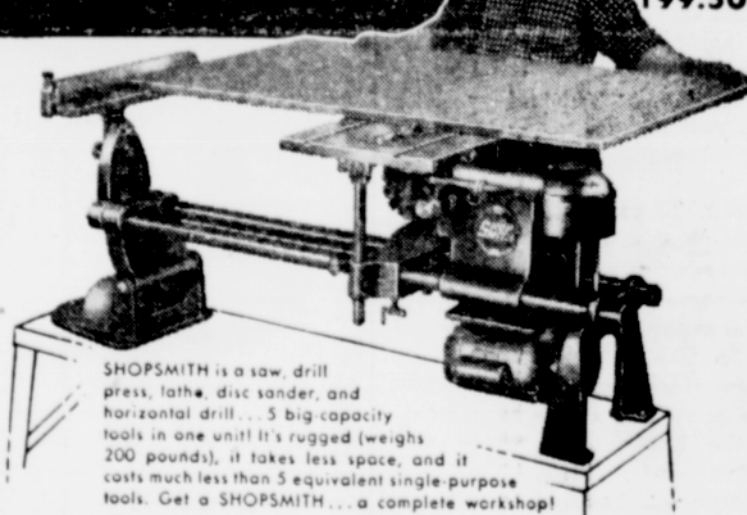
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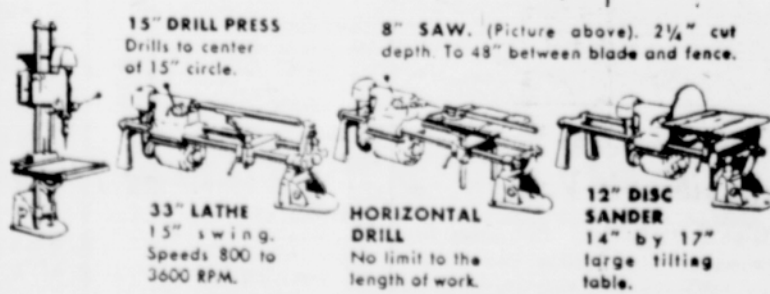
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