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MORSE AND HIS ABILITY PREFERRED—

The noise and name-calling of the Republican senatorial nomination campaign has probably attracted more attention throughout the state than any other feature of the primary election.

Strong forces within the Republican party have been mustered to defeat Senator Wayne Morse. Those who would oust Morse from the senate claim he does not follow party lines — that he is not a true Republican, yet Mark Trice, secretary of the Republican party in the United States Senate has reported, "During his five years in the Senate, Senator Morse has voted with the Republican majority on a majority of the roll calls taken. During those five years Senator Cordon and Senator Morse have voted together more times than they have voted opposite."

Morse is avowedly a liberal Republican, but more than that, he believes that the solution of problems lies not in the dictates of party politics or pressure groups, but on the merits of each individual problem. He is outspoken on what he thinks and undoubtedly vitally sincere in his beliefs.

Seldom does a freshman Senator gain such an important and influential position in the Congress. As a member of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and the committee on Armed Services as well as chairman of the subcommittee on Veterans Affairs his experience is invaluable to the nation and the state of Oregon.

While one cannot agree with Senator Morse in every instance, he makes his reasoning and logic clear and is always willing to state his position. As he has pointed out in his public addresses, he does not believe that important issues are wholly black or wholly white, but that each issue must be judged on its merits.

On the basis of the record and past performance, it would be a blow to the party and the state if Morse should be rejected in the primaries for a candidate whose merit has not been tested.

YOUR RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY—

When Ashland voters go to the polls tomorrow they will carry with them the duty and responsibility of, not only selecting nominees for state and national office for their respective parties, but also of making an important decision with respect to the city government.

The special election asking the recall of Mayor Thomas Williams and Councilman Elmer Sheldon demands the serious consideration of every registered Ashland voter.

The publishers of the News Review, because of their recent arrival in Ashland, are not in a position to judge either side in the present issue and an attempt to do so would be presumptuous and ill-considered. Each side has had the opportunity to present its arguments and the columns of this paper have been open for that purpose.

The issue and Ashland's future are now in the hands of the voters. Americans traditionally abuse their most precious right — the right to vote, especially on local issues. Even in the 1948 presidential election only 55 per cent of the registered voters in the nation cast their ballots. Forty five per cent weren't good citizens because they did not accept their responsibility by going to the polls.

It is the majority of those WHO VOTE who decide an issue. The question at hand must be decided by a majority of ALL the people because all the people must abide by the decision.

Be a good American and a good citizen of your city. Accept your responsibility. Study the question, make your decision and vote!

'I Remember Mama' Added To Stage Hits Produced by Bowmer

Appropriate to the Mothers' Day week-end celebration at the college was the three time performance of the popular comedy "I Remember Mama." Again Angus Bowmer has proved his ability in both casting and directing of collegiate and community amateurs. Like the last winter's presentation of "Street

Scene" the Van Druten play pleased large audiences at each of the three performances. Thanks to the use of auxiliary turn table stages, the action did not drag although much seemingly non-essential material was used.

The entire cast seemed to enter into the spirit of the Norwegian family and the accent peculiarities were for the most part carried through without faltering or hesitation. This perfection was outstanding in the role of the statuesque Nordic mother. Again Miss Daniels displayed a professional ability that proved quite as convincing as that of her cinema counterpart a few seasons ago.

Her daughter, Catrin, who narrates the story, was most capably played by 14 year old Norma Shell of Medford. Her voice was developed in the progress of the play in keeping with the changes brought about by the elapsed time. It was a taxing role for an inexperienced actress and was indicative of much ability for so young a girl.

Other outstanding performances were turned in by Truebee Weatherbee Bell, who reversed her usual glamour girl personality by appearing as a whining Aunt Cigrid; Lee Goode convulsed the audience as the meek Peter Thorkelson, while the roles of the other two sisters were well taken by Rosemary Ring and Virginia Perry.

Angus Bowmer made disreputable Uncle Chris a pathetic character with his blustering alcoholic ribaldry. Little Dagmar, played by Vivienne Stevenson, showed histrionic promise and ability. Others who gave the production a good performance were Mary Jane Farr, as the sister Christine, Fred Whited, as Papa, Rudi Vest, as Nels and Don Berg as Dr. Johnson. The lesser characters in the cast were all well handled by Ruth Pafford, George Bell, Thomas Swift, Katherine Davis, Sydney Smith, Mildred Vest, Anne Fullerton, Judy Ward and Kenneth Mohney, not to mention the temperamental Uncle Elizabeth who disappeared on occasion beneath the stage and had to be replaced by a blanket "stand-in."

"I Remember Mama" will be remembered by all who saw it as a piece of fine entertainment, well cast, well directed and well received.

Election Day Not To Effect Banking Hours

The Ashland Branch of the First National Bank of Portland will be open during its regular banking hours on Primary election day, Friday, May 19, according to an announcement by G. H. Wenner, local manager.

"Election day affords each of us an opportunity to exercise our fundamental democratic right, and we urge everyone to go to the polls," said Mr. Wenner. "At the same time, we consider it our obligation to provide the public with banking services at times that suit its convenience. Therefore, if you need banking facilities on election day, you'll find us at work and ready to serve you."

Timely Topics

Politics and parades this week crowded everything else from the news. From the Monday afternoon appearance of several hundred school youngsters accompanied by the inevitable barking dogs and honking horns, on through the return performance of the junior senatorial candidate on the college campus, and the Wednesday street jamboree of SOC students, noise was the week's keynote.

The official ending of the horse derby was marked on Wednesday by no general mourning on the part of the daguerrotypic participants or the bored public. Several would-be Lincolns who fancy their facial adornments expect to continue the pioneer cuts and enter them in Oregonian contests during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Thompson, who recently sold their grocery store, moved to their new home in Roseburg last week, where Mr. Thompson expects to enter the insurance business. Mr. and Mrs. William Fox and daughter, Toby Kay, have moved into the apartment formerly occupied by the Thompsons in the Weitzel building.

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