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WHOSE FAULT?

While the political pots are beginning to boil and to call the kettles black, there are rumblings of explosive portent in the air. Events and conditions grow daily more complicated, with evidence on all sides of inefficiency in leadership. At a time when the future of this nation is at stake and the fate of freedom throughout the world hangs in the balance it behooves every American to face facts, however unpleasant they may prove.

It is an old American past-time to grumble and growl at those in public office, but the loudest critics are usually the ones who are too busy to vote or who piously explain that they don't want to mix in "dirty politics." And so the stay-at-homers decide most elections and the apathetic citizens find themselves on the side of the "dirty politicians" after all.

Many a business man who demands references as to previous experience and character from his humblest clerk will blithely endorse any candidate who belongs to the right club or who knows the right people, regardless of his proven ability. Mr. Average Voter ignores all too often the need for sound business experience in those who are elected to run his municipal or state or national government. A background of practical qualifications should be required of every person who aspires to any office of responsibility or leadership. A simple standard of efficiency based upon proven business ability should be set up for those who have the handling of the taxpayers money whether it be millions or billions.

It is easy to carp and criticize while persisting in giving aid and comfort to the enemies of good government by simple negative action. It is hard to hold up the mirror of truth to ourselves and acknowledge the fault is within us. Unless we are willing to elect men and women of proven ability, loyalty and experience we are deserving of muddle-headed misgovernment. Never was it truer that "birds of a feather flock together" and "a man is known by the company he keeps"; what kind of company does your candidate keep?
F. M.

City Council

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operating cost figures for the council's study.

Ralph Matthews, manager of the Evergreen Bus line, appeared at the request of the council to consider the extension of bus service to the city limits, returning on Park street and Highway 66 to the college. Council members are to meet with Matthews in Medford later after he has had an opportunity to study the proposal.

A letter was read from Mrs. Kenneth G. Bartrum, 678 Normal avenue, protesting the erection of four above-ground gasoline tanks at the junction of highways 99 and 66. The tanks, she maintained, constitute a serious fire hazard and she asked for an explanation of city fire regulations.

City Attorney Harry A. Skery Jr. explained that while the city has no control over the erection of such tanks, they do come under the jurisdiction of the state fire marshal and that an inspector from that office will examine the installation the first part of next week.

NEW OFFICER JOINS CITY POLICE FORCE

Robert Anderson started duty with the police force Monday night, replacing Norville Stockstill who transferred to the fire department last week. The announcement was made by Chief of Police Vern Smith.

Anderson is 26 years old and has had no previous police experience. He served three years with the army in World War II and has been studying for the ministry. He is married and has two children.

CHAMBER MEN TO ATTEND MEDFORD MEETING FRIDAY

Lyndel Newbry, president, and Bill McGee, secretary of the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, will attend a board of directors meeting of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at Medford Friday noon. Highway and airport problems in the county are scheduled for discussion at the meeting, according to information received by McGee.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Mayfield returned the first of the week from a motor trip through Yellowstone National Park and the northwest. Their son Don, who accompanied them, stopped off in Portland where he will enter his sophomore year at Portland University.

School District Reorganization Is Holy Proposal

Salem, Sept. 20—Special—Reorganization of Oregon's "inefficient and inadequate" hodge-podge of local school districts is the basic recommendation of the "Holy report" on the state's public school system.

The report, recently released by Dr. T. C. Holy of Ohio State university who was employed to head the study, is now in the hands of a legislative interim committee headed by Frank Schiro of La Grande.

While the report and its recommendations cover every phase of the state's elementary and secondary public schools, from buildings to curriculum, from taxation to teachers, its fundamental recommendation is one to do away with the many weak districts which now provide "poor education at too-high cost."

The Holy committee's plan would set a three-year deadline in Oregon during which re-districting shall take place. It would see a commissioner of school district reorganization appointed for that time to work with local groups. The goal: that all of Oregon be divided into districts, each of which is large enough and with assessed valuation enough to support its own secondary and elementary schools.

Lecturer to Appear Here Next Tuesday Evening

Florence Middaugh, C. S. B., member of the board of lecture-ship of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, will appear in a lecture at the Ashland church next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The lecture, entitled "Christian Science: The Science of Pure Christianity," is free and open to the public.

Mrs. I. T. Robinson of 138 Pioneer street is spending several weeks in St. Louis with her sister who is ill. She traveled by plane to Great Falls, Mont., where she spent a week with her son before going east.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fearnley of Granite street returned recently from two weeks spent in British Columbia where they visited with friends on the Campbell river and in Victoria and Vancouver.

Timely Topics

Pastels are the latest thing in public buildings. Their long-gone but not forgotten brick ancestors must be writhing in anguish in some dump.

Walk along any street and sniff the spicy pungency of chili sauce, the sweet fragrance of peaches, the drifting aroma of fallen apples and the acrid smell of burning leaves; look across the valley and see the azure haze circling the green gold foothills and know that autumn has come.

Even war news and politics can be forgotten by taking a stroll through Lithia park. The flaming beds of salvia, the green expanse of lawns and the peace of quiet pools and tumbling waterfalls are a healing prescription for jittery nerves. Too few Ashlanders appreciate their own natural resources and scenic advantages.

With the advent of Christmas cards and holiday merchandise, summer has been hustled into history and winter's heavy breathing is already speeding fuel and football interest, with sales promotions, decorations and celebrations all in the offing. But to cap the climax and to really speed the seasons comes now the arrival of 1951 graduation announcement samples. Tempus non only fugit, it vanishes into thin air.

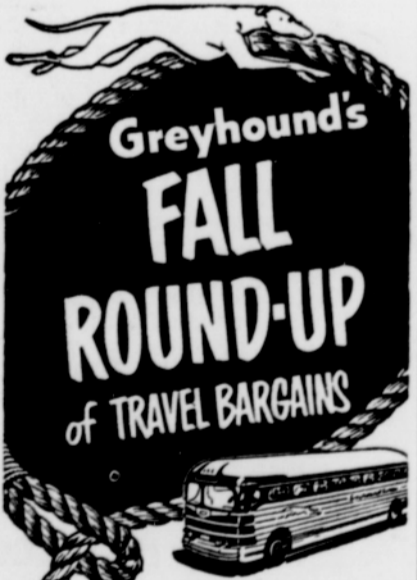
"Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink," sigh Ashland residents this week as the pipes give forth with a brackish fluid, odoriferously reminding of putrescent vegetation. Even the Lithia fountain took a day off and hasn't yet recovered its customary pungency. Just more signs of approaching fall, no doubt.

Plans Set to Make Flags For United Nations Day

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Sept. 13—Oregon county home economics extension agents and others will take the lead in plans for making and flying United Nations flags in every community October 24, it has been announced by Oregon State College extension officials.

Goal of the move which is nationwide is to make at home at least one United Nations flag for every community, which can be flown or displayed properly when the right occasion arises.

To assist in this national "Betsy Ross" movement, Oregon county extension agents will be supplied soon with kits and patterns to make flags measuring three by five feet. The kits are being supplied by the National Committee on Boys and Girls 4-H club work.



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Winter Cover Crops Will Demand Attention After Fruit Is Harvested

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The pear harvest will continue to go full swing for the rest of this month, and Winter Nells and apples will be picked next month. The peach harvest is pretty well over except in some of the later orchards.

As soon as the fruit is off, the growers are faced with getting in their winter cover crops. The best cover crops are those which are sown early in the fall.

Vetch has been the standard cover crop in most orchards for years, but in many cases it has not been doing very well, and when cultivation time comes in the spring there was hardly enough vetch to justify having planted it. Where vetch has been satisfactory it should continue to be used. For those orchards where vetch has not done well it would be best to switch over to abruzzi rye or even a mixture of abruzzi rye and vetch. The abruzzi rye has been grown in orchards for the past three or four years and produces a very heavy tonnage of organic matter.

When seeded into the dust these crops come up with the first rain and will make a fair growth before the cold winter weather sets in. It's during this cold weather where the abruzzi rye gets its advantage. It will grow at lower temperatures than practically any other cover crop, so while the vetch and other grains are not growing, the rye will be coming along in pretty fair shape.

Fertilizer Important

In order to be really good the rye requires a lot of fertilizer, and, of course, the fertilizer is also very beneficial to the pear trees. Tests have indicated that on Anjous the trees will respond very little to applications of less than 20 pounds of ammonium sulfate per tree. When 20 pounds is applied we sometimes get a good response. This may be a year when Anjous will be in especial need of a good fertilizer application because of the heavy crop. In years following heavy crops the trees are apt to be somewhat weak and fail to set fruit.

With Bartlett's and Bose the amount of ammonium sulfate should be held down to 5 or 10 pounds per tree. We must be somewhat careful not to overstimulate the trees and make them susceptible to blight. We haven't had very much blight in recent years, but there's always some of it around, and given proper conditions it could cause a lot of trouble.

Fertilizer may be somewhat scarce this fall, so you should let your supplier know at once what your needs will be so that steps can be taken to insure an adequate supply.

Strawberries Damaged

Home gardeners have brought in occasional specimens of strawberries from which the seeds have been removed and the berries were soft and worthless. This injury had us stopped so we sent some to the college and they report it is due to the feeding of small birds. It seems a few of these small birds get in a strawberry patch and pick off the seeds without getting any of the strawberry, but they bruise it just enough so that it is soft and worthless. If this is the case, the injury will no doubt remain localized and of little commercial importance.

A more important problem to the strawberry growers is the control of weeds. Last year we

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