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A Lost Cause Already?

In scanning recent issues of papers throughout the state we've noticed what might possibly be the indication of a rather general feeling among political observers and writers that already the Republican cause either is, or may soon be a lost one—as far as top national politics are concerned.

Maybe it's just the way things look right at the moment, that is causing all the pessimistic comments as to the GOP's prospects, and we have a reasonably firm belief that it is still too early to foretell with any accuracy what will happen this summer and fall, though we do know there are plenty of good Republicans who are beginning to have grave doubts as to the possibility of a party victory.

One statement of this feeling is shown in an editorial from The Dallas Optimist where Marquis Childs, well known Washington columnist is quoted.

"Said Childs: 'As for Taft, he seems with every day that goes by to embrace more closely the old-line Republicanism of those who believe that you can't say anything bad enough about the administration and its foreign policy, including the charge of wholesale treason which is what the McCarthy attack amounts to.'

"These Republicans may be able to nominate the senator from Ohio. But whether they can elect him to the presidency is another matter."

The LaGrande Eastern Oregon Review comes up with the same feeling in a recent editorial which discussed the entire Republican presidential slate and then concluded with the following:

"With McArthur, supposedly in the Taft camp, proposing an all-out war against red China and Taft's isolationist views, it is difficult to determine just what the nation would do were the Ohio senator successful this summer and fall. We hardly believe that the rank and file of the people in this

nation are willing to accept the fact that the United Nations is a flop and that it should be buried. The League of Nations was killed by an unfavorable action of our law makers and left the aggressors of the world a free hand to ravage the weaker nations. Our people, we think, are not willing to see that performance re-enacted.

"Our personal opinion is that of the declared candidates, within the GOP orbit, Gov. Warren of California offers the most hope but we question his ability to make much of a showing in the convention this summer.

"Our guess is that Taft will be the nominee and that come next November he will be defeated by whatever candidate the Democratic party places in the field."

It is a well known fact that in politics the outlook can change almost over night, and there are plenty of things that could happen to influence the thinking of the public. With President Truman's prestige at the lowest ebb of his career, it would appear on the surface that the Republicans should have a first class chance for a victory if they observed a few of the simple rules of what we might call "Gentleman Politics." Are they going to throw this chance away too? Overconfidence helped give the Democrats a victory last time, will "dirty politics" and bickering do it again?

Another paragraph from the editorial which quoted Marquis Childs issues a warning, "... if the Republicans in 1952 are to gain and hold the respect and confidence of good American citizens, they must have no truck with demagogery, and those who traffic in malicious charges."

We go along with the LaGrande editor in his belief that if Taft is nominated, he will lose to the Democrats, but we still feel that, as things look at the moment, the only Republican who has shown interest in the president's job so far, who has a chance to win is Eisenhower.



BETTER DIET FOR CONVICTS

Well-fed men do more work. Southern slave owners knew that.

State officials have just found it out. Admitting that the present food ration, with a calorie content of 2,400 to 2,500 daily, for inmates of the Oregon State Penitentiary is sound, Warden O'Malley recommended that the state board of control allow him to provide a better diet.

The board instructed O'Malley to prepare estimates of the exact funds needed and submit them to the emergency board.

O'Malley said the state wards produce more than one-third of the food they consume. The prison last year produced \$243,659 worth of food and canned food valued at \$55,000. This year a freezing plant will be added to the processing department and the value of the food processed is expected to reach \$100,000.

"An inmate's food costs on the average of 27½ cents a day which is 1½ cents higher than the average cost in 1936. The cost of food produced by the convicts is not included in these figures.

ASSAIL PARI-MUTUEL BETS

A constitutional amendment to end Oregon's state-operated pari-mutuel horse and dog racing was endorsed by the Oregon Council of Churches meeting in the capital this week.

The Council voted to sponsor an initiative measure classifying the pari-mutuel system of betting with lotteries and other illegal gambling.

John Merrifield, a member of

the executive committee of the United Churchmen told the Council, "Americans have done things bigger than anyone else but have not used the same talents in the church."

"Ernest Peterson, a religious editor, who recently returned from a trip through Europe said, 'The best answer to communism is a veritable church... we need to bolster our faith that this still is God's world and will remain so.'

Speaking about the devastated people of Europe he said, 'If we pull out of Europe and let these people get hungry, they'll walk towards a bowl of soup, even if it's held by a Red.'

HEALTHY STATE

Public health in Oregon remained at a very high level during 1951, according to a report of the State Board of Health just released.

Although the total number of communicable disease cases was somewhat higher than for the previous year, the increase was due to epidemic incidence of influenza and measles, both diseases tending to run in cycles with years of unusually high cases.

The number of cases of poliomyelitis dropped sharply from the very high of the previous year, 360 cases being reported as compared with 520 last year. Incomplete returns indicate that the percent of fatalities will be about 3.3 compared with 5.4 in 1950.

ADVERTISING WEEK

Importance of advertising and the part it has played in the life of the nation and its people was emphasized this week by Governor Douglas McKay in designating February 17-23 as Advertising Recognition Week.

The governor's statement:

"I believe we can all agree that there is one basic principle that distinguishes us Americans from other people. It is a belief in the freedom to have ideas, to use ideas, to accept or reject ideas. 'It is the wide open competi-

tion of ideas in this country which is the key to success of the world's newest and most successful form of government and way of life.

POLITICAL JERKS AND STARTS

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's name will not appear on the democratic primary ballot in Oregon as Sen. Tom Mahoney who filed petitions to place it there has asked that it be withdrawn—following what is thought to be the General's request.

Already two republicans and a democrat have filed in the 22nd legislative district (Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler) counties where Giles French has stepped up from nine-sessions of service in the house to run for congress. The republicans are J. P. Stiever, Fossil and Chas. A. Tom, Rufus. The democrat, Robert E. Smith, Condon. Then there is Henry Peterson to hear from—with five sessions to his credit.

Rep. Lloyd Crosby, Milwaukie, has filed for the unexpired two-year term in the senate, vacated by the death of Senator Manley J. Wilson.

Lowell Paget plans to use 4-cent stamps on all mail leaving his Taft-for-President office. (stamp has a fine portrait of William Howard Taft, former president and father of presidential candidate Senator Robert A. Taft.)



THE STITCHERETTES

By Dorothy Dobyns and Elise Baurenfeind

Our first meeting was held at the home of Dorothy Dobyns, on January 5.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect officers which are as follows: president, Elise Bauren-

Sportsmanlike DRIVING



KNOW THE CAR YOU DRIVE

Behind the wheel of a new or strange car, even a careful driver can be a menace, says the AAA driver training book, "Sportsmanlike Driving."

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force, direction, and time you need to reach and use your brakes, clutch, and gadgets. With a new or strange car, the same force, direction, and timing can be all wrong. The car goes haywire. In a split second, you cause an accident!

Be extra careful when you drive an unfamiliar car. Don't let your old habits fool you. You have something new to learn.

Be alert. You and your new car can cause an accident. Get acquainted slowly with that brand new car!

feind; vice president, Judy Howton; secretary, LaVelle Speelman; news reporter, all members of the club.

It was decided that we keep the same name for our club, The Stitcherettes.

The lone Stitcherettes met on Saturday, January 26, in the school lunchroom. At this meeting we cut out our garments. Mrs. Maude Caswell met with us to help fit a suit for Elise Baurenfeind, who is taking clothing V.

Mrs. McCabe gave a demonstration on stay-stitching. All members were present and all were interestingly working on some part of their clothing project. Janet Howton was well along on her remodeled garment. Grace McCabe and LaVelle Speelman cut out dresses by attractive patterns and Dorothy Dobyns was working on some fascinating pajamas.

CHURCHES

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Nels Fast, Pastor
9:45 Sunday School with classes for all ages.
11:00 Morning Worship.
7:45 p. m. Evening Evangelistic Service. There will be special singing and music by our 10 piece orchestra.

7:45 p. m. Thurs. prayer meeting and a short message.

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Phone 38-164

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Young Peoples' program 6:45 p. m.

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Prayer and Bible study 7:30 p. m.

We will be expecting you in church Sunday.

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Services at Chapel of Prophecy.
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Sermon, 11:00 a. m.

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Doreas Society, Tues., 2:30 p. m.
Sat. night at Chapel, 7:30, "The Second Coming of Christ".
Sun. night, 7:30, "Sky Wonders" and a health talk by Dr. C. M. Wagner, M. D.

4-H Club members who exhibited fleeces at the Pacific International Wool Show have been asking why they have not received checks from sale of the wool. Bruce Arnold, Superintendent of the show informs us that wool markets have been so slow

that the exhibit fleeces have not yet been sold. Mr. Arnold states that they anticipate a more active wool market some time this month or early next and that 4-H fleeces will be sold when market conditions warrant. We will advise you when this wool has been sold.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
J. Palmer Sorlien, Minister
Sunday Feb. 17.
Morning Worship and Sermon at 11:00 a. m. Sermon topic: "Damaged Souls". Special music by the Choir. Mrs. Thomas Wells, Director.

Sunday Church School at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Oliver Creswick, Superintendent. A class for every age, you are welcome. Youth Fellowship Class and Adult Bible Class at the same hour.
Thursday, Choir practice at 8:00 p. m.

Regular weekly Prayer Meeting Thursday at 7:00 p. m.

Laymen Sunday March 9. The Morning Worship will be taken up by the laymen of our Church with Mr. Floyd Tolleson, the Church Lay Leader in charge.

The Womens Society of Christian Service will meet Tuesday March 4 with Mrs. Chris Brown at 8:00 p. m.

Suzanna Welsey Circle of the Womens Society of Christian Service meets the third Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p. m.

Sub-District Meeting of the Womens Society of Christian Service will meet at the Milton Methodist Church Wednesday March 5.

World Day of Prayer, February 29.

Special Evangelistic Services at our Church March 23 to 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dobyns of Pendleton were in Heppner Wednesday. Dobyns is with the WMD Life Commission.

Mrs. E. E. Gilliam has returned from Portland where she has been with her son Rev. Jackson Gilliam who is receiving medical attention there. Mrs. Gilliam reports that Rev. Gilliam is much improved but must spend four days this week in Good Samaritan Hospital for further treatment.



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March 1, \$2.00 for each Male or Spayed Female

March 1, \$4.00 for each Female

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