

# Beware Of A Fourth Term

(From the Christian Science Monitor)

It is high time the Fourth Term issue was given the attention it deserves in the great decision American voters must make on November 7. We can understand why it has been submerged by the president's supporters. And many democrats, republicans and independents who were profoundly disturbed in 1940 over the prospect of a Third Term seem to assume that once broken the two-term tradition now doesn't matter.

The republicans have not made any major argument for their platform plank favoring a constitutional amendment to set a two-term limit. And there has been very little discussion of the impersonal and nonpartisan objections to a Fourth Term. This newspaper went into the advan-

tages of the two-term limit rather thoroughly in 1940 and has on several occasions this year pointed to experience with the Third Term which reinforces objections to a fourth. We do not intend to be put off by the effort to submerge this issue and the fundamentals which lie behind it.

People too easily accept the argument that the voter should not be concerned about a Fourth Term, that his problem is simply "Who is better qualified to do the job?" Is there not another question, "Which choice will better preserve and foster free government in the United States?"

The two-term tradition was not just a custom into which the Americans drifted. It was a precedent established with forethought by the same wisdom

which established the Nation. It was carried on through generations by statesmen in both parties despite temptations to break it. The Founding Fathers had had bitter experience with one-man rule and they had read history. They had observed the subtle process by which dependence on personality vitiates the self-reliance requisite to self-government. They knew that the decay of free government begins not when one man declares himself to be indispensable but when the people come to think him so.

Even if one gives small weight to the Founders' fears, even if one feels that American democracy is now too firmly established to accept a dynasty, there are serious practical disadvantages in long presidential tenure. One is the difficulty in developing other leadership; the democratic party today plainly shows the effects. A second is the staleness and slackness of habitual office-holding—the dust and cobwebs which accumulate when a once-new administrative broom loses its original purpose and enthusiasm.

There are also practical political dangers which the Founders may not have foreseen. They could not know that the time would come when a president through his control of officeholders could insure renomination by his party. Nor could they imagine the day when there would be 3,300,000 federal employees, making, with their families and friends, a voting army of some 10,000,000. One statistician is persuaded by his figures that in recent national elections federal jobs and relief funds have been distributed in crucial states in numbers sufficient to tip the balance. Add to that the political fanzies of the Hagues and Kellys.

It is unreasonable to say then that however good Mr. Roosevelt's intentions, we have in America already the beginnings of a popular mood and a political machine which if allowed to develop, could be instruments ready to the hand of a streamlined despot? Can anyone still say, there is no more involved than the usual question: Which man will do the better job? Is it not time to recognize the Fourth Term as a vital issue?

About half the lumber produced in the United States in 1944 will be needed for shipping purposes, such as boxing and crating, according to war production board.

# Bette Davis in Sunday Hit



Bette Davis and Claude Rains in a scene from their great dramatic hit "Mr. Skeffington" with Walter Abel and Richard Waring. The film starts Sunday at the Craterian.

# Health Authorities Urges Voters Support County Farm Initiative

To the editor:

The proposed initiative for improvement of present facilities and for construction of new buildings at the Jackson County Farm and Hospital, should have the support of every citizen in Jackson county. Here are a few reasons why this initiative is necessary for the proper health and welfare of this county.

1. The present "Old Folks Home" which is used for the Jackson County Hospital was not constructed as a hospital, therefore has none of the hospital facilities and conveniences necessary for caring for the sick. This building is 40 years old and is of wood-frame type construction, which makes it very hazardous in case of fire.

2. Jackson county has no hospital facilities at present for the care of contagious diseases. The need for such facilities has been apparent for many years. However, the expense involved in construction of such a new hospital and the cost of operating it as an independent unit would be greater than health authorities felt justified in requesting. In this newly proposed county hospital, provisions have been made to incorporate an isolation unit for care of such contagious diseases.

3. Jackson county has no hospital facilities, as required by state law, for the detention of its mentally ill patients. Our present state law requires that the county court shall take into custody any individual against whom a complaint of mental illness has been made, and keep such a patient in acceptable hospital confinement until he has been examined by two physicians who shall report their findings to the county court, the county court then to make proper commitment and delivery of the patient to authorities of the state hospital. The state law also states that the county jail is not considered proper for the detention of mentally diseased persons. To complete this procedure it takes from two to four days and with 30 to 50 such cases coming to the attention of the county court each year, it poses a real problem.

In the newly proposed county hospital provisions have been made to incorporate proper facilities for the detention and care of these cases, as is required by state law.

4. Jackson county has no facilities outside of the county jail for the detention of uncooperative individuals, including those diseased with venereal infections and infective tuberculosis. It is impossible to give proper treatment under jail conditions. In the newly proposed county hospital the equipment and facilities will be adequate for care of these cases.

5. At present the county jail has to provide for the detention of delinquent juvenile in Jackson county. In most of these cases it is necessary to give medical examinations for infectious diseases and to provide treatment for those infected. In the newly proposed county hospital a portion of the section set aside for the care of mentally ill patients would serve very adequately for the care and detention of delinquent girls and boys.

With the foregoing facts, it is apparent that Jackson county has to do something about taking care of these needs.

The proposed initiative No. 318 on the November 7th ballot will take care of all these at one time. This will save the taxpayers' money, because all the services can be taken care of in one structure incorporating the four needed units (namely: 1, for the care of the aged male patient; 2, aged female patients; 3, isolation unit for contagious disease; 4, for detention of mental and juvenile cases). This proposal will also make the operating costs of the hospital the least possible, namely—one heating plant, only would be required, one kitchen and cook could supply all the units and a smaller nursing staff would be needed than in four separate hospitals.

These are the facts, so local health authorities urge all citizens to give this initiative measure their enthusiastic support. Jackson county is rated among the 53 outstanding cities and counties of the United States and Canada for its county health activities by the American Public Health association and the United States Chamber of Commerce. This is no time to let your county down!

A. Erin Merkel, M. D., Director Jackson County Health Dept.

# Gold Hill Unit Holds Session At McLean Residence

Gold Hill, Nov. 2—Gold Hill home extension unit met at the home of Mrs. Willie McLean recently for the project "Conserve With the Scrap Bag," with Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Esther Gilchrist as project leaders. Members met at 10:30 a. m. for a business session, several items being added to the programs at that time.

During the instructive project meeting patterns and suggestions were given.

Next meeting will be held November 10 at 10:30 a. m. in the W. R. C. hall, with a business session and potluck lunch at noon. Miss Marian Farrell will lead discussion on "Housework the Healthful Way."

# Daily Weather Report

Forecasts  
Medford and vicinity: Intermittent rain tonight; Saturday, showers. Little change in temperature.  
Oregon: Intermittent rain tonight; Saturday, showers. Snow over mountains; cooler Saturday night.  
Local Data  
Temperature a year ago today: Highest, 55; lowest, 46.  
Total monthly precipitation, .58 inch. Excess for the month, .33 inch.  
Total precipitation since September 1, 1943, 32.2 inches. Excess for the season, .84 inch.  
Relative humidity at 4:30 p. m. yesterday, 93%; 4:30 today, 98%.

Tomorrow			
Sunrise, 7:45 a. m.	Sunset, 6:02 p. m.	Part 24 hours:	
High	Low	Prec.	
Boise	53	45	.16
Boston	53	45	.16
Chicago	70	60	.7
Denver	57	32	.33
Eureka	62	60	.33
Havre	30	14	.01
Los Angeles	77	46	—
Medford	51	49	.76
New York	66	—	—
Omaha	67	38	—
Phoenix	63	49	—
Portland	60	48	1.04
Reno	62	45	.04
Roseburg	58	37	.61
Salt Lake	57	44	—
San Francisco	64	55	—
Seattle	56	48	—
Spokane	52	38	—
Washington, D. C.	64	44	—
Yakima	52	39	—

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Cracker-barrel versus Dog House

Most of the political conventions in our town are held around the cracker-barrel—in Sam Abernethy's store.

We were settling how the country should be run the other night when Homer Watson starts to put in a word.

"Wait a minute, Homer," Sam said sharply, "did you vote in the last election?"

"Well," Homer fumbled, "I was awful busy just at the time."

"That don't matter," Sam insists. "Free speech around this

cracker-barrel is for them who help protect it—and all the other freedoms in America—by voting. Folks that just talk freedom don't count here."

From where I sit, it doesn't make any difference how you vote—the important thing is that you do vote. Call it a sacred right if you want to, but to me, it is the bedrock of the whole idea of democracy.

Joe Marsh

# 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO BE OBSERVED BY CENTRAL POINTERS

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mead of Central Point will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, November 5 and will hold open house at their home, corner of Fifth and Laurel streets, relatives stated today. Hours of the open house are from 3 to 6 p. m. and their friends are invited to call during those hours.

The Meads were married in Gloversville, N. Y., and have lived in Jackson county for the past 20 years. They have two sons, N. A. Mead of 1223 Queen Anne avenue, and R. L. Mead of Oregon City.

It has been requested that no gifts be brought by friends attending the golden wedding celebration.

# AIRMAN DIES

Chico, Cal., Nov. 3—(U.P.)—Flight Officer Walter T. Bryan, Jr., of Long Beach, Cal., died last night at Chico army air field hospital from injuries received in the crash of his twin-engine fighter plane four miles west of the field October 23.

# IN BAD AGAIN

Denver, Colo., Nov. 3—(U.P.)—Joseph M. Miller, one-time Hollywood "glamour boy," was free on \$5,000 bond here today after being scheduled by Justice of the Peace Paul Crocker to appear November 9 on confidence game complaints involving \$42,000.

After Germans laid down an artillery barrage against an American camera, prisoners explained they thought it was a "secret weapon," the war department reports.

Friday, Nov. 3, 1944 MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

# PFC. JOHN BREWER WOUNDED IN ITALY

Pfc. John R. Brewer was recently wounded while serving in Italy and is now in an army hospital, according to information received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Brewer, 307 Lauri street. The young man is able to write and in a letter to his parents stated that he had suffered a broken left arm and lacerations from a grenade explosion.

infantry battalion, has been in Italy since last March. Before going into the army he was employed by Consolidated Freight ways.

# BIRTHS

COLMAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Warren, 618 Victory street, apt. 4, November 3, 1944; a boy, eight pounds, at Community hospital.

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