

New Jacksonville Group Formed To Attract Tourists

Jacksonville.—In a move to make Jacksonville, southern Oregon's historic mining town, a greater tourist attraction, Mayor A. C. VanGulder has appointed a Citizens Advisory committee and designated the rehabilitation of the old U. S. Hotel as the first project.

At a meeting Tuesday night

the mayor named P. E. (Scotty) Matheny chairman of the committee and the following as members: John Keaveny, city councilman and candidate for mayor; Art Davies, city councilman; M. L. (Doc) Tweedy, past president of the Lions club; C. R. Kamberg, president of the Lions club and H. L. Markwith,

council president. The latter will serve as committee secretary.

Ways and means for building up tourist interest were discussed and it was decided to ask other groups in the city and throughout the valley for suggestions and help. The assistance of newspapers, radio and TV is to be sought in publicizing the old town.

Not a Ghost Town

It was pointed out by Chairman Matheny that much had been accomplished along similar lines in other places not as unique as Jacksonville. He pictured Jacksonville as a town still alive and operating with some of the oldest landmarks in the state. "This isn't a ghost town, because it never really died," Matheny said. "As a matter of fact there is still gold being found within the city limits, and, of course, we still have our Gold Rush Jubilee which this year attracted people from many distant states who had seen the Lions magazine article on Jacksonville and included the town in their vacation itinerary."

Also considered by the committee was the suggestion that a Jacksonville Old Timers club be formed with certain requirements for membership.

DRIVER OVERRULED

Oklahoma City — (U.P.)—The Oklahoma Criminal Court of appeals ruled Wednesday that a driver can use only the right side of a road. The ruling upheld the conviction of Isaac West on drunk driving charges. West contended he had a constitutional right to use either the right or left side of a highway.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday 10 a.m. Monday for Monday; other days 8:30 previous day

Matter of Fact

By Stewart Alsop

HOW BIG IS THE SWITCH? Cedar Rapids, Ia. — "I've never felt more confident of an election in my life," says Iowa's Sen. Guy Gillette. Since the elderly Gillette, a Democrat, was elected to the House in 1932 and 1934 and to the Senate in 1936 — all Democratic landslide years — this may be put down as a rather startling statement.

Yet Gillette, who is no fool about politics, appears genuinely to mean what he says. His view of the election is the one that is now accepted universally by Democrats and even, in private, by a good many Republicans.

"As I sense the trend," says Gillette, "there has been a big switch to the Democrats." If Sen. Gillette's sensing of the trend is accurate, this switch has taken place particularly among the farmers. Before starting his campaign, he says, he asked the Democratic leaders in Iowa's 99 counties what issue to hit hardest. All 99 told him to concentrate on "the farm issue." He is now surer than ever that they were right.

There is also, according to Gillette, a switch among the hard-pressed small town merchants, ordinarily overwhelmingly Republican. And in general, according to the Gillette view, the Independents and Democrats who went Republican in 1952 feel "let down."

"Yes," says Gillette, a tall, white-haired man who looks every inch a Senator, and talks with weighty senatorial deliberation, "that is the answer. The

voters feel that they have been crossed up."

Whether or not "that is the answer," almost all observers here agree that Gillette himself is well in the lead at the moment. His opponent, Rep. Thomas Martin, has almost knocked himself out campaigning. But Martin is not an impressive candidate, and he is up against a remarkable political phenomenon in Gillette.

IOWA is, of course, very heavily Republican. Except for Gillette, the entire Iowa Congressional delegation is Republican, and has been for years. But ever since President Roosevelt tried to purge him in 1938 — which Gillette concedes is the luckiest thing that ever happened to him — Gillette has enjoyed a sort of special dispensation in Iowa. As far as his own race is concerned, therefore, Gillette's confidence is probably justified.

Not everyone agrees with Gillette, however, that a "big switch" to the Democratic party as a whole is going on here. Rex Conn of the Cedar Rapids Gazette, for example, is known as one of the most astute farm reporters in the country — on the record, he detected the farm swing to Truman in 1948. He detects nothing of the sort now.

Iowa's dairy farmers are admittedly unhappy about the drop in dairy products. The farmer's wives, who depend on eggs for pin money, are even more unhappy about the collapse of egg prices. But Iowa is essentially a corn and hog state, and corn and hog prices have held up surprisingly well.

This reporter spent a day braving such perils as a flock of infuriated geese, in order to interview farmers and their wives on the back roads in the area between Cedar Rapids and Dubuque. Nobody seemed much exercised about the election.

One elderly farmer, a Republican, said that times are very good, but his next door neighbor, a Democrat, said that times were perfectly terrible. Several of the ladies were only vaguely aware that an election was going on. There was unanimous agreement on only one point — pullet eggs were too low. As usual, in short, the results of this private poll were inconclusive.

But it did seem odd that this day of polling uncovered not a single farmer who said he was switching from Republican to Democratic. No doubt this was sheer happenstance. But this much at least is certainly true — if a "big switch" is really going on, it is remarkably difficult to detect at first hand in the pretty, rolling countryside around here.

IN a sense, the "farm vote" is a mess, of course, if only because all farmers are not in the same business—they are in a whole series of different businesses. This is true even of neighbors—a man who has gone all out for butter and eggs may be in terrible shape, where his neighbor who has stuck to corn and hogs is doing right well. The great majority of farmers in this state have stuck to corn and hogs.

Even so, Sen. Gillette may be quite right. So may other Democrats who claim to detect a tremendous Democratic ground swell. There has certainly been some switching to the Democrats since the 1952 vote, when Iowa, for example, went Republican by almost two to one. It would be amazing if there hadn't been a switch. But one begins to wonder if the switch is really so big as some Democratic counters of unhatched chickens — and even some despairing Republicans — would have one believe.

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Patterson Accused Of Currying Favor

Coos Bay — (U.P.)—Ernest W. Tomberg, president of district 7 of the International Woodworkers of America, yesterday accused Gov. Paul Patterson with "currying political favor" by his recent handling of the Pacific Northwest lumber strike.

Tomberg said his district of the union had concluded that Patterson "was more interested in getting votes for his campaign than in trying to effect a sincere settlement of the dispute."

He said meetings of the fact-finding board assigned to study the labor dispute had been "dragged out" until after the election.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—FIVE

Nixon Schedules Three Addresses

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—Vice-President Richard M. Nixon, in a whirlwind barnstorming campaign through California, today was scheduled to deliver three speeches here in behalf of Republican congressional candidates.

In San Diego last night, he said the nation in 20 months under President Eisenhower had done more to meet the threat of Communist aggression than the Truman administration had been able to do in seven years.

Addressing a Navy Day dinner in San Diego's Balboa Park, Nixon said the administration had achieved its foreign policy record despite cuts in expenditures for foreign aid.

"Through a policy of spending more wisely we find today that the United States is able to resist, to meet and defeat Communist aggression any place in the world," he said.

He placed the credit for that success directly in the hands of President Eisenhower, whom he termed "one of the greatest military experts in history."

BEER GUZZLING COEDS

Toronto — (U.P.)—A student poll at the University of Toronto indicated today the average coed drinks more beer in a week than her boy friend. The Varsity, student newspaper, said a poll of 100 students showed the average girl student drinks 12 pints of

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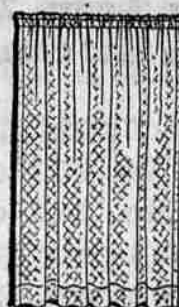
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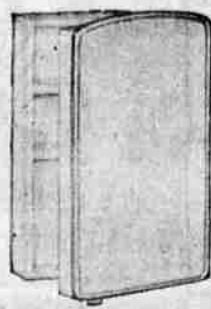
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