



Back Stairs: Factor in Ike's Decision

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Washington — (U.P.)—Back stairs at the White House: One of President Eisenhower's trusted associates says his personal opinion is that with the foreign picture brightening, the domestic political situation may be the controlling factor in Mr. Eisenhower's deliberations on whether to run again in 1956. This friend and associate thinks that if Mr. Eisenhower becomes convinced that the Democrats will nominate a Stevenson or a Harriman, the chief executive would fear what a liberal opposition presidential nominee, if successful, would do to the accomplishments of his own program. Would Feel Safer This same source believes that if Mr. Eisenhower had firm reason to believe that the Democrats will nominate a conservative for the presidency, he would feel much safer about contem-

plating retirement to Gettysburg. "He would not enjoy a single day in Gettysburg," said this associate, "if he had to sit up there and watch Democratic liberals tear up or negate what he regards as the accomplishments of his administration. This is not political vanity, but his strong belief that he has done what was best for the country. "This, however, is just my own opinion. Like everybody else, I've got no information."

Griffin Creek

Griffin Creek Grange enjoyed a program put on by 4-H groups Thursday evening. Robert Allen favored us with a violin solo accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Glen Allen. Steps in sewing were demonstrated by Janet Kelley, Nancy Kime, Sandra Reich, Elizabeth Clark, and Lana Rae Merrifield. A milking demonstration was given by Carole Brantley and Jeannette Robertson. A year's work was shown by Dee Ann Clark. The 4-H pledge ended the program. Announcing was Harold Knips, president of the club. H.E.C. will meet Thursday at 1 p.m. for a dessert lunch at the home of Mrs. Irvin Larson on Marshall ave. Mrs. Earl Croft will be co-hostess. The cooked food sale is to be Saturday, May 21, at Home Appliance on Main street starting at 9:30 a.m. Pamona Grange will meet for initiation on Saturday, May 28, at Central Point. State Grange convenes at Klamath Falls June 6. Cake and ice cream were served by the men at the meeting in honor of Mothers day and the new electric hot water heater being connected we think the men enjoyed cleaning up the dishes. Next regular meeting will be May 26 at 8 p.m.

Mrs. Eisenhower is really settling down as a resident of Gettysburg. She is now making occasional shopping tours of the Gettysburg stores for small purchases in comparative calm that would not be possible in crowded Washington.

The honorary degree Mr. Eisenhower receives June 11 from his brother Milton's school, Pennsylvania State University, will be the first honorary degree conferred by Penn State in 34 years.

The President shows signs of being somewhat sensitive to aspersions that his closest friends are invariably the well heeled ones.

He was posing for pictures the other day with two teen-agers who had won \$800 in bonds in the Elks' National Leadership Contest.

The kids, John Armer, 17, Phoenix, and Francis Marie Horak, 17, Long Island City, N. Y., fanned out their \$1600 in bonds and Mr. Eisenhower helped display them for the news cameras. Not without misgivings by the President, however.

"Now they'll say in the public prints," he said, "that I've been entertaining just the rich people."

CIVIL STUDY PLANNED

San Juan, Puerto Rico —(U.P.)—Gov. Luis Munoz Marin announced today he has invited Roger Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties Union to conduct a study of civil liberties in Puerto Rico. Munoz said Baldwin will study civil liberties legislation and advise the government on possible improvements.

VISIT VALLEY SPOTS

Elk Creek—Members of the fifth and sixth grade classes at Elk Creek school visited the Gasburg museum in Phoenix, the Medford weather bureau and The Mail Tribune Tuesday. They were accompanied by their teacher, Mrs. Bertie Moore.

On The Side

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LOVE YOU? You cannot ask of me so freely as I wish to give. It is woman's great necessity. To love as long as she shall live. —Phoebe Cary

The holder of the "Girl Friday" record for working the longest time for the same boss seems to be Bessie L. Crocker of New York City. Miss Crocker has been the private secretary of Attorney Walter Drew of Manhattan for over 47 years. She began working for Mr. Drew in December, 1907.

Sidelights

Our countrywomen seem to have revived rustling skirts. So, why not revive Jimmy Walker's song titled "There's Music in the Rustle of a Skirt"? . . . How right Schopenhauer was when he observed, "The greatest of follies is to sacrifice health for any other advantage" . . . Ever see a book worth over half a million dollars? In the New York City public library there is a Gutenberg Bible worth that much.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. Who wrote the hit song titled "Let Me Call You Sweetheart"? A. The ballad you mention was written by that talented red haired beauty from Nashville, Tenn., Beth Whitson. She also wrote "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland." Q. How many Cherry Sisters were there in that curious vaudeville act? I say five, right? A. Wrong, sir. There were only four Cherry Sisters. They were from Cedar Rapids, Ia. First names were Jessie, Addie, Lizzie and Effie. At the time of their first stage appearance Jessie, the youngest, was 17, Effie, the oldest, was 22.

Asides

Frank Leahy, former Notre Dame football coach, is one of eight children. His wife is also one of eight children. And the Leahys have eight children . . . Have you ever given a thought to how big "The Big Town" really is? Well, sir, there are more people regularly living in New York City than there are in all of Canada.

Musical Note

How sharp are you on music? What opera calls for the leading lady to have unusually beautiful legs? It is "Der Rosenkavalier" by Richard Strauss. The composer wrote that opera for Mary Garden because of her beautiful legs. Mary never played it. She was going to but World War I intervened and all German operas were banned in Paris. The question arises, which one of the singers who portrayed Ostavian in "Der Rosenkavalier" had the most beautiful legs? I couldn't say definitely. Probably Rise Stevens.

Please Note

The "minimum tip" for a Manhattan taxi driver is now a quarter. Anything smaller is "insulting and humiliating." So I am informed by a New York taxicab driver . . . Over 2,000 years ago, in 310 B.C., Menander said "a chaste woman ought not to dye her hair yellow." Just shows how long people have been picking on the synthetic blondes, poor girls.

Almost Confidential

A television commentator referred to Picasso as "the greatest

living artist." Bunk! It was Salvador Dali who said, "Picasso's works are pseudo decorative and they all look like rugs." . . . Have you noticed most mothers of many offspring are usually small women? For example, Mrs. Lloyd Brooks of Pittsfield, Me., the mother of thirteen children. Mrs. Brooks is five feet and weighs 100.

Boundary Board Denies Petition For District Change

The Jackson county boundary board yesterday turned down a petition to transfer a large block of property from Ashland School District 5 to Talent School District 22, according to Alf Mekvold, county superintendent of schools and secretary of the boundary board. The petition, signed by several residents of both school districts, maintained that children residing on property owned by Suncrest and Goldencrest orch-

ards attended school in the Talent district while most of the taxable land in the area was in the Ashland district. Petition Denied The board, which includes Mekvold and the three members of the county court, denied the petition because of a legal opinion by District Attorney Walter Nunley, written last April 29, that when property is transferred from one district to another by action of the boundary

board, the property must continue to carry its proportionate share of the bonded indebtedness of the district it is leaving as well as assume its share of the bonded indebtedness of the district it is joining. Representatives of the two orchards, who at first joined in the petition, yesterday withdrew their support for the move when they learned of the provisions of the law as set forth in the opinion.

Events for First Grade Students at Howard School Set

A series of events for children who will enter the first grade at Howard school next fall, at their parents, will be held next week, according to Superintendent Harold F. Boner. On Monday, May 23, a preschool clinic will be held at the school, with the county health department in charge. Arrangements for an appointment can be made by telephoning Mrs. Ray Kinney, NO 4-2957. The clinic will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Only 20 children can be examined, and another clinic will be held June 27 from 1 to 4 p.m. Oregon laws require children entering school to have examinations. P.T.A. Meeting On Wednesday, parents of beginning students will be guests at a Parent-Teacher association meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The program will include music by a group of Crater High school students, installation of officers and reports by committees. Mothers of first grade children will serve, and child care will be provided. On Friday at 12:25 p.m., beginning students and their parents are invited to eat lunch in the school cafeteria, after which they may visit schoolrooms and talk to teachers. The parents will meet with the school staff, including teachers, health nurse and PTA officials. May Contact Office Parents who were enumerated in the school census of the district have been contacted regarding the program, but if others have not been contacted, they are asked to telephone the school office, 2-8912. Children who will have their sixth birthday by Nov. 15 may enter the first grade, and maturity tests for those having birthdays between Nov. 15 and Dec. 31 will be given in August. Those passing may enter school this fall.



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