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10 YEARS AGO Dec. 25, 1943. From Arthur Perry's Ye Smudge Pot Column: It now appears butter is now under the counters, where the cigarettes used to be, and more of same is in the soap, than on the pancakes.

20 YEARS AGO Dec. 25, 1933. (It was Wednesday) Elks are host to 1,100 underprivileged children at Christmas party.

30 YEARS AGO Dec. 25, 1923. (It was Friday) Water and sewer lines to be constructed after holidays into Congoy and Clancy addition and Medford Heights areas.

40 YEARS AGO Dec. 25, 1913. (It was Saturday) Henry Ford concedes peace ship failure, starts return trip from Norway.

What's the Answer? Can You Get a of the 7? Copr. 1955, Editorial Research Report

- 1. The custom of decorating a tree for Christmas came to this country from Denmark, Germany, Russia or Canada, or from England with the Pilgrims? 2. Sen. H. H. Lehman, who preceded Averell Harriman as Democratic governor of N.Y., is or isn't for Harriman as 1956 Democratic presidential nominee.

TREE PROBLEMS Grand Rapids, Mich.—U.P.—City Forester Bert Roubos believes nearest one-third of Grand Rapids' 200,000 trees should come down. Roubos said many of the trees are too old, others are too big and break up sidewalks and others damage utility wires and others are just "the wrong kind."

The Ellsworth Survey

Congressman Ellsworth recently made a survey of his district to determine the views of his constituents regarding his policies and those of the Republican party—the two terms are synonymous, of course. (If Mr. Ellsworth has ever voted against his party on an important issue we have no record of same.)

The results we are informed are highly significant and satisfactory.

According to the Roseburg News Review (the Congressman's spokesman in his home town) the "referendum showed these gratifying results," to wit:

- 1. The voters of the Fourth district are overwhelmingly conservative and Republican, joining the rest of the country—in fact the world according to the News Review—against socialism. 2. They are overwhelmingly for higher postal rates—over 3 to one in fact.

Increasing Government aid for school and education, received more support but the Ellsworth element won on this issue also 53 to 40; increased social security payments just squeaked by 48 to 44; federal health assistance was disapproved 54 to 33, and Secretary Benson's flexible price supports were favored over any program of fixed price supports 39 to 6.

TO an impartial observer the only fly in the amber from an administration standpoint would seem to be the small number of answers from his constituents received by Congressman Ellsworth. Out of 12,000 voters queried only 1200 sent in answers which represents only 10% of the poll and about one-half of one per cent of the number of voters in the district.

But the Roseburg Review has an answer to this which it appears to regard as satisfactory. In fact it claims this 10% to be a "large response," indeed half as much would be considered "exceptional," and the result as a whole can be interpreted, the Review concludes as showing an unusual interest in government activities.

Even more "UNUSUAL" we think is that practically every issue favored by our durable perennial representative in the Lower House, should be so enthusiastically endorsed. A batting average of 500 could be considered exceptionally good but here is a batting average of approximately 999 for our distinguished congressman.

UNDER the circumstances why should Mr. Ellsworth spend the time and money to conduct a campaign in 1956? His election—assuming his figures and conclusions are correct—must be in the bag without it.

All Is Not "Sarena"

We suggest that Congressman Ellsworth who is a gifted performer on the typewriter, take a few days off and compose a skit entitled "The Sarena Case or Within the Law." It might prove useful in next year's campaign.

Every week or so this department receives a report from Mr. Ellsworth's office, or from one of his Oregon aides, that there was nothing illegal about the Al Sarena case, there was nothing improper, that the facts have been distorted and blown up for political purposes only, thus doing a great injustice to the mine owners, who made their money not by mining but by cutting timber on their mining claim, the profit placed anywhere between \$100,000 and \$500,000 depending upon which party in the controversy made the appraisal.

WE HAVE read a good deal about the Al Sarena case, have listened to both sides, and frankly don't know precisely what it all adds up to—as yet. We do take exception, however, to the pious claim there was nothing IMPROPER about the deal.

For if everything was on the up-and-up as far as the mine owners operating as timber producers and salesmen were concerned, WHY did Congressman Ellsworth hasten to rush a bill through the congress, which according to his own statement makes what the aforesaid mine-owners did hereafter illegal?

That hardly adds up to a clean bill-of-health morally if it does from a purely legal standpoint. If there was nothing improper in the transaction in the past then why go to the trouble of legislating against it for the future?

MANY years ago a play was a considerable success on Broadway entitled "Within the Law." It dealt with the type of highly respectable criminal who "get away with murder" thanks to an expert legal staff who directed the operations which came close to breaking the law, but technically never quite did so.

Before he writes his Al Sarena skit—if he does—Mr. Ellsworth might with considerable interest and profit, read the play and note its moral.—R.W.R.

Today and Tomorrow

By Walter Lippmann

THE PRESIDENT'S DECISIONS

Sen. Knowland is pleading with the President that he should decide whether to run again some time before Feb. 15. That is the filing date for the Presidential preference primaries in five states and in Alaska.

On its face, this looks simple enough. Sen. Knowland can argue with much plausibility that by waiting say three weeks longer the President's doctors will be only somewhat surer, not conclusively, of their prognosis.

WHAT the President must sooner or later decide is much more complicated than whether to say yes or no. There are, it would seem, three—not merely two—choices. One, he can decide to run again. Two, he can refuse to run again and abstain from choosing his successor. Three, he can choose his successor.

Now what Sen. Knowland is asking of the President is not merely that he should decide whether he himself will run; the Senator is asking the President, if he decides not to run again, to refrain from choosing his successor. Such a complete retirement of the President from the Presidential campaign would certainly be a great help to Sen. Knowland who is in fact leader and rallying point of the anti-Eisenhower wing of the Republican party.

UNAVOIDABLY, the decisions which the President will have to make are complicated and trying, and this in itself would be a good reason for postponing them, for not asking him to make them until he has recovered more of his strength.

We know now from the doctors themselves that they will not be able to decide for him whether he should run. They may be able to tell him that he can run. But whether he should run will have to be his decision, and in reaching that decision conflicting pleas will press upon him from many sides.

He will be told that the fate of the world and the fate of his kind of Republicanism depend on him alone, and that like a good soldier he should do his duty at the risk of his life. He will also be told that it is the duty of a commander to relieve officers who are not fully fit, and that he has no right to subject the country to the risk of his becoming incapacitated. He will be told that his party needs him desperately. And he will be told that it would not be fair for him to take the chance of elevating to the Presidency a Vice-President who could not be elected to it.

IF HE decides not to run again but to choose his successor, there is no self-evident choice. What he needs is someone who stands for what he stands for and has a good chance of being elected. The man who fills the bill perfectly is, of course, former Governor Warren, of California. But he is now the Chief Justice of the United States and that, as he has said in absolute unequivocal language, is a conclusive reason why he must not be drawn into partisan politics. It may be said, too, that while this rule applies to any Chief Justice, it applies particularly to the Chief Justice who presided over the momentous desegregation decision. For him to go into partisan politics would be a Constitutional catastrophe.

There is no one else who fills the bill obviously and clearly. The question will be—if the President decides not to run himself—who can be built up so that he can fill the bill. In principle it comes down, so it seems to me, to this. Shall an authentic Eisenhower Republican be chosen and then built up? Or shall some one who is already built up be made to look like an Eisenhower Republican?

IS IT not better to choose a man who is already an authentic Eisenhower Republican? For it is easy enough for the President to make a less known man well known. But if the root of the matter is not in the man he chooses, if he is not an authentic representative but is only an opportunist, to choose him would be to risk not only the election itself but the control of the party and the future of Eisenhower's kind of Republicanism.

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Grange

Sams Valley Grange The Sams Valley Grange held its Christmas party Saturday, Dec. 17. Gilbert Mack was in charge of the program. Exchange of gifts was followed by the usual good home-made candy. Plans are being made for the New Year's eve dance to be held Dec. 31.

POTLUCK (By M-T Staff and Contributors)

MERRY Christmas! And to improve we mean it, we'll repeat it in 19 other languages, as follows: God Jul (Swedish); Feliz Natal (Brazilian); Glaedelig Jul (Danish); Joyeaux Noel (French); Bona Natale (Italian); Boas Festas (Portuguese); Hauskaa Jouluu (Finnish); Hartelyke Kerstgroeten (Dutch); Kung Hsi Hsin (Chinese); Felices Pascuas (Spanish); Nosteria Lui Christ's Sa Va Die De Felos (Rumanian); Prijemne Svatky or Vesele Vanoce (Czechoslovakian); Froehliche Weinachten (German); Kala Christougienia (Greek); Christas O-Medeto (Japanese); Glaedelig Jul (Norwegian); Wesołych Swiat (Polish); S. Rozhdstvom Christova (Russian); and Sretan Bozic (Serbian).

CHRISTMAS trees are wonderful things. This year, again, one of our favorites is the tiny, perky little tree placed in his front yard, bespangled with ornaments and silvering, and lit by a floodlamp, by Abby Green, 1118 East Main st.

HOSPITALS, too, have trees, and a very special one was "created" at Community hospital. It's on the maternity floor, and at the base of the tree is a large stork made of cotton, with legs of paper straws. Tree ornaments are made from the colored paper used on patients' charts; from rubber gloves with the fingers blown out to form balloons; from "bootees" made of cotton, and Santa Claus figures of cotton colored with merthiolate. They are all fastened to the tree with safety pins. A big shiny star is atop the tree—made with silver foil which one of the night nurses made with the wrapping from her lunch.

RAILROADS are hard to figure out sometimes. For reasons unknown, we are informed, the New Haven RR has this month refused to accept shipments of Christmas trees consigned to Hell Gate yard in New York. Well, maybe they don't need the trees in Hell Gate.

ROUNDING UP cattle brought bad luck to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burrell of Lake Creek Thursday. He was on horseback doing the job when the horse's foot caught in some wire and the horse fell and the rider was thrown. When he didn't show up at home, Mrs. Burrell went out to find him. She did, and assisted a horse to finish the job. HER horse jumped a log, tangled in some wire and was thrown. Burrell was badly bruised and scratched, and she suffered a sprained shoulder. Both were cared for at Osteopathic hospital.

STAFF member last week reached in his pocket for a quarter, and hauled out a fistful of keys, small change, etc. A quarter, the only one he had, slipped away under the washing machine. He and his son tugged and pulled and heaved to move the machine. As they did so, a hose broke, showering them and the room with water. They shut it off, mopped up the water, and shoved the machine back to await repairs. They also gave up the search for the quarter. The staff member moved into the living room in the midst of a stony silence from his wife, sat down and crossed his legs. The quarter fell out of his pants' cuff.

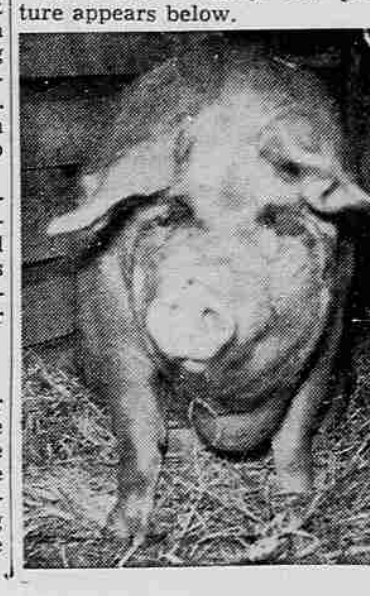
YULETIDE animal story No. 1: A chicken's life is a happy one for four kittens at the Home Brown home on the Old Stage rd. near Central Point. The kittens were adopted when newly born by one of Brown's hens, and now, when the chickens go to roost for the night, the kittens go too. Mother hen brooded the tiny kittens, and the mother cat didn't seem to mind, even nursing them as the chicken hovered over them, wings outspread. As they grew, the kittens accepted a diet of hamburger and dead grasshoppers from their foster mother. They began to go to roost when about a month old. A snapshot of them is shown below.

MAILING a package at the post office last week, a lady was asked "Is there anything breakable in the package?" She replied: "Nothing except the 10 commandments." A Bible, maybe?

A FAMILY which runs a business in Medford had two packages to mail, one business, one family. The first was to go collect, the second prepaid. A "new man" at the business mailed them—both collect. Wonder what the family will think of getting their Christmas presents collect?

SALLY has done it again! Remember Sally? She is the Duroc and Chester White sow who appeared in these columns last year a couple of times when she spent both Christmas and New Year's visiting, because she had a litter of piglets, and couldn't be left without a litter sitter. And this Christmas, she has another litter—a total of 45 babies in less than a year—on Dec. 11, 1954, 13 piglets; on Dec. 27, 1954, 14 more; on Dec. 8 this year, 18 more. And she's had 40 grandchildren in the past year. (She belongs to Mrs. Tom Dorich on the Central Point-Jacksonville rd., who is about the only one who can handle Sally—particularly recently when she hasn't been feeling too well.)

All honor to Sally. Her picture appears below.



Matter of Fact By Joe and Stewart Alsop

THE HAT TRICK Washington — The real story of next year's budget is very different indeed from the story suggested by the recent barrage of headlines about defense increases, foreign aid increases and like.

IT is first of all the story of a hat trick that did not quite work. The authors of the hat trick were Secretary of the Treasury George M. Humphrey and Budget Director Rowland Hughes. Both Hughes and Humphrey are long-headed men. With some help from the Congressional economists, they prepared their crop no less than 12 months ago.

The preparations were simple indeed. Extensive one-shot economies were made in the last defense budget, and these "savings" kept the defense spending level down to \$34,300,000,000. In the same fashion, both the military and economic aid programs were largely financed by running down unexpended balances, and these "savings" kept last year's foreign aid appropriations down to \$2,700,000,000. Thus the hat trick was prepared. The trick consisted of a simple policy directive to hold the defense and foreign aid items in this year's budget down to the level of last year's appropriations.

LAST year's "savings" could not be repeated. Hence last year's appropriations level could not be attained without making "savings" somewhere else. Thus the real effect of the Humphrey-Hughes directive was to require a sharp permanent cut in American fighting power and an even more drastic permanent reduction in foreign aid.

Moreover—and here was the real beauty of it—this weakening of our defenses and slackening of our cold war effort would hardly be noticeable. The Congress would be asked to vote the same sums as were voted last year. The country could therefore be told that we were carrying on as before.

There is every reason to believe that the Humphrey-Hughes hat trick would have worked to perfection, if the Kremlin had

Communications

Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with an eye to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

Only The Young?

To the Editor: I have a problem that is facing quite a number of women who are approaching "middle age." My children no longer need me during the day so I would like to help out with the family income.

Since I didn't train for anything special when I was in school, I've been thinking about learning Speedwriting and improving my typing and learning all the up-to-date types of business letters.

What I would like to know is this. If I go to the expense of learning Speedwriting would I have a chance in the business world? Or is that for the very young or experienced? I can be prepared in a couple of months or sooner and then can be relied on as a steady worker for a long time.

I would appreciate hearing from business men or firms.

Mrs. Edna McCall

Thanks for Aid To the Editor: Steelhead Post No. 6881, Veterans of Foreign Wars, thanks the many people of the area for their assistance in time, labor and money during the flood disaster in the Shady Cove-Trail area.

We, together with other organizations, are proud of the role we were able to assume in the protection and safeguarding of lives and property. This was made less difficult by our many volunteers who labored hard and long, by the orderly conduct of those whose lives and property were in peril. Again our thanks and a very sincere wish that the holiday season will be safe and happy.

not meanwhile extended and intensified its cold war offensive. But the Soviet intrusion into the Middle East spread the deepest alarm through all the staff levels of the Administration. And it also mobilized the group of higher policy-makers led by Vice President Nixon and Nelson A. Rockefeller, who came to be called "the young Turks."

WHILE Messrs. Humphrey and Hughes were indirectly demanding the weakening of our defenses and the slackening of our cold war effort, Nixon and Rockefeller passionately advocated exactly the opposite policy. They warned that the whole world balance of power was rapidly tilting in favor of the Soviets. They asked, with natural anxiety, how any American administration could permit this to happen. They urged a "bold new program" to reverse the trend.

In the ensuing struggle, a great deal more bad feeling was generated than has yet been admitted in public. The intra-Administration struggle reached its climax in the all-day meeting of the National Security Council at Camp David. The outcome, as so often in this Administration, was a compromise between the two conflicting viewpoints.

Our defenses were not to be weakened. Thus the requested defense appropriation had to be raised to \$35,500,000. The cold war effort was not to be slackened either. Thus large sums had to be asked to build up the depleted foreign aid balances, so that spending could continue at the old rate. In short, the real meaning of all the recent commotion about "increases" in these budget items is simply that we really are carrying on as before, instead of just pretending to.

BUT there is another meaning too, in this decision taken at the Camp David N.S.C. meeting which was the real cause of the President's temporary failure.

The recent extension and intensification of the Kremlin's cold war offensive constitute one great challenge. The massive recent progress of the Kremlin's armament programs constitutes another great challenge. These challenges almost certainly mean that the world power balance is now moving in the Soviet's favor, just as Messrs. Nixon and Rockefeller maintained. Yet the decision at Camp David was to ignore these challenges, and to let the world power balance tilt against us.

This is a national choice of the most far-reaching importance. It has been carefully shrouded, as the custom now is, from the vulgar gaze of the American public. Yet events will tear aside the veil sooner or later, when the Joint Chiefs of Staff have to tell the Congress the real state of our defenses, or when some development abroad causes more searching inquiries than are now being made.

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Estimated 1,800 In School Programs

An estimated 1,800 children participated in this year's Christmas programs put on this year in the Medford public schools, the school office estimated Friday on the basis of reports from all the schools.

The number of people attending the shows, conducted during the week, was estimated at 4,300, mostly parents, relatives and friends of the young performers. A school spokesman pointed out that emphasis is given to a religious motif in the programs, in addition to the "jingle-bells stuff" which the children enjoy.

CROSSED WIRES

Louisville, Ky.—U.P.—It was confusing and amusing when radio and telephone lines became crossed here throwing communications between headquarters and police cars haywire. Officers could receive calls but couldn't answer. "It sounds like Donald Duck," a police dispatcher said.

SUGGESTED BIBLE READING VERSES

The Medford Council of Church Women each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas sponsors a program of daily Bible reading, recommending a different verse of the Bible for each day during that period, in cooperation with the American Bible association, the Medford Ministerial association and the National Council of Church Women. Following are the passages recommended for today: Mathew 2:1-11.

EARLY this week, a woman shopping in a local department store demanded to see the manager. He was out of the office, and a young lady asked if she could be of help. "You certainly may," the shopper declared. "It's that male clerk downstairs, who was very rude to me!" "Oh, really?" was the answer. "Which one?" The shopper described the man who had waited on her. "Well, said the young lady, hesitatingly, "that's the manager."

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SOC Program Is One Of Few in Country

Ashland — A 200-hour program required for teacher education students at Southern Oregon college here is one of few such programs in colleges throughout the country, according to Dr. Alva Graham, director of the plan.

The program requires that prospective teachers spend a minimum of 200 hours working with young people to become familiar with ways of children. Counting toward the program are baby sitting and leadership of adult groups.

Dr. Graham stressed the importance of participation in student organization, and pointed out that students may fill as much as 25 per cent of the requirement with extra-curricular activities.

FALSE ALARMS New Haven, Conn.—U.P.—For two successive days a false fire alarm was pulled from the same box about 3 p.m. On the third day a fire marshal nabbed a six-year-old boy pulling his third false alarm, from the same box about 3 p.m.