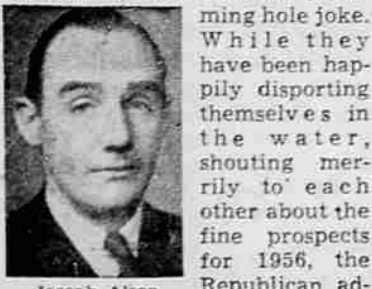


**THE FRUSTRATED DEMOCRATS**

Washington — The Democrats are beginning to feel rather like the butt of the classic old swimming hole joke.



Joseph Alsop

ministration has stealthily made off with all their clothes.

The Administration, in short, has done a downright brilliant job of aborting every major Democratic issue. Consider a typical sampling:

**Farm Issue:** This was to be, of course, the Democrats' biggest single issue for 1956. Until very recently, the Democratic dream of the future was clear. They would pass a farm bill restoring fixed 90 per cent of parity, and giving the farmers all sorts of other goodies, like special "soil banks" payments for keeping their land out of production. The President would veto this bill, and the Republican goose would thus be cooked to a turn.

It may work out that way. The farm issue is certainly still the most dangerous of the Administration faces. But the Administration has taken over the soil bank idea, and other ideas first advanced by the Democrats—Sen. Hubert Humphrey, principal Democratic farm policy idea man, complains loudly that "They're stealing my babies."

**MOREOVER,** the Administration is playing its trump card on the farm issue—President Eisenhower. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson is political poison in the farm areas. But the President himself is still immensely popular with the farm-

The Administration plan now is to have the President move front and center on the farm issue, selling the Administration program, and above all persuading the farmers that the Democrats' fixed support program will pile up higher surpluses and depress prices still further. A nationwide Presidential telecast devoted entirely to the farm issue is being seriously considered. And there are signs of doubtfulness already among several Democrats about the vote-getting potentialities of high fixed parity.

**Taxes.** The Administration has the Democrats nicely boxed in on the tax issue. The President has sternly said that a balanced budget and debt reduction must come before any tax relief. The Democrats strongly suspect a plot. They suspect that, along about June, there will be a jubilant announcement from the Treasury—that due to brilliant economic management, a surplus, perhaps as high as \$4,000,000,000, is in sight for the 1957 budget. Therefore the voters will be pleased to hear, a balanced budget, debt reduction, and a nice dollop of tax reduction too will all be possible.

**THE SUSPICION** that this is what the Administration is up to amounts to a firm conviction among many shrewd Democrats. But what are they to do? If they try to beat the gun with tax reduction now, they will be accused of fiscal irresponsibility and unbalancing the budget. As a practical matter, moreover, any considerable tax reduction for the "little fellow" could only be compensated for if the oil depletion tax allowance loophole were closed. It is enough to point out that the Democratic leaders of both Houses come from Texas.

**Education.** Here again, the Democrats thought they had a winning issue for 1956, and in the House they have ready a big school construction bill. But here again the Administration is ready to box them in with its \$1,250,000,000 school program. On this issue, moreover, the Democrats are in a peculiarly frustrating position, since one of

**RV State Bank Holds Stockholders Meeting**

The annual stockholders meeting of the Rogue Valley State bank was held Friday at bank headquarters, 1109 Court st.

The bank declared a \$5 per share dividend for 1955. All officers and directors were reelected.

The annual report was given by Executive Vice President Clarence H. Young, Vice President Ralph Pierce stated that the bank has had a satisfactory year of growth.

Total assets at the time of the meeting were listed as \$3,089,782.60. During 1955 the bank had deposit increases from \$1,483,466.64 to \$2,906,705.90. Loans increased from \$511,712.81 to \$938,767.84.

their number, Adam Clayton Powell of New York, is prepared to introduce an anti-segregation amendment which would almost certainly kill the bill.

**AND SO** it goes. The road construction and social security issues have been largely aborted in the same way. Democrats like Senators Walter George and Richard Russell are angry about the foreign aid budget, but the Democrats certainly cannot win the election by cutting the living daylight out of the foreign aid program. On other issues, like natural gas, the Democrats are bitterly divided among themselves.

It is impossible, of course, to predict what issues time and the course of events will produce. Let the Communist bloc make an aggressive move—an attack on the Chinese offshore islands, for example—and the now dormant defense and foreign policy issues will dominate this election year. But for the moment, by the simple expedient of adopting large hunks of the Democratic program, the Administration has reduced the Democrats to shouting, "me too, but more so."

(C) 1956, New York Herald Tribune Inc.

Dead line Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Monday for Monday other days 5:30 previous day

**Is That So?**

Although it is one of the most sublime spectacles on earth, a severe ice storm is a disastrous calamity to forests and those in them.

Almost unknown in Europe, the ice storm is a specialty of our American climate. Its crippling pathway can be predicted with telling accuracy but not the



time of its coming or going because a change of only one or two degrees may transform a mild January snowstorm or a gentle fall of rain into this cruel killer.

In Canada, only the Yukon and the Northwest Territories and the high Arctic north of the timberline are exempt because they are too cold and dry; in the U.S., only six states are spared from periodic onslaughts—Florida and southern California because they are too warm, and New Mexico, Arizona, Utah and Nevada because they are too dry.

Its coming is so predictable that one must await this devastating terror once in every three years, as it cuts a broad swath from New England and the Middle Atlantic states westward through the Ohio valley, the lower Great Lakes region, and on into Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska. In the Pacific Northwest it will occur every five years.

In some regions such as the wooded slopes of the Shenandoah mountains in Virginia, an experienced forester will not be able to find one mature tree standing which has not had branches ripped away giving easy access to fungus and insect enemies—slow and ruthless killers.

**Cold Rain Freezes**  
The more severe ice storms come during a steady downfall of rain when the temperature falls one or two degrees below freezing. Upon striking an object, the cold rain freezes, spreading an enveloping shaft of crystal on weeds, grasses, branches and the feathery twigs of trees.

In these storms, the great old trees tend to suffer more damage than younger, pliant trees; tall ones more than small ones which may bend in graceful arches sometimes with their tips frozen solid to the soil. Those with conspicuous V-shaped forks are liable to split wide open first under the heavy load. And curiously, dense low-branching evergreens are sometimes saved by making support ice skeletons of icicles which reach downward from branch to branch until they touch the ground.

An envelope of ice an inch thick is not uncommon in this storm causing a tree of average height to carry up to five tons of ice! Worse yet, even two and three inches thick ice are recorded in heavy storms. In the great storm in Michigan, February, 1922, hundreds of thousands of trees were destroyed and one twig which was weighed had its weight multiplied 132 times by its icy envelope.

The damage is heightened when high winds spring up before the heavy load is melted—then trees remaining upright despite the heavy weight of ice, fall before the purchase of the wind against their enlarged, ice-coated branches.

**Frightening Sound**  
The sight and sound of an ice storm in a forest can be awe-inspiring and frightening. If the wind waves the branches, there will first be a noisy clatter of icy fragments wherever two boughs strike together. Then smaller twigs and branches begin to break and fall. Then the major havoc may begin. Great trees are uprooted. Trunk split open. Trees bend over and trunks snap. And as the large trees topple, crashing to the ground, they carry with them smaller burdened trees, the whole making a resounding bombardment accom-

By EUGENE BURNS  
Ranger-Naturalist

panied by the spine-chilling tinkle of broken glass. Thus a whole forest can be knocked flat with an increasing racket, a hundred thousand trees destroyed within a few hours, creating a devastation as great as any hurricane.

Tremendous as the instant damage may be, others go unnoticed but they are equally killing. When branches are torn off, easy access is given to fungus and insects while the litter on the forest floor when dried in the spring heightens the danger from forest fires.

For the animals of the woods, the results of the ice storm can be pathetic: deer may break through the icy crust formed

over the snow while chased by a coyote and cut their legs badly or even break them; wolves running atop the crust may now overtake and pull down a floundering moose; rabbits may freeze their feet so they become solid balls of ice and starve; birds may have their feet frozen to the branches and die within a few hours; and pheasants may have their wings frozen solid and succumb overnight.

(Copyright, 1956, by Eugene Burns)  
Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)  
Free: By special arrangement with the editors of the Encyclopedia Americana, my panel of judges will award each week to the reader who sends me the

best true-life nature adventure, the best nature observation, or the best question on nature and wildlife, a complete 30-volume set of this world-famous reference work in handsome Sealcraft binding. Each week new submissions will be considered. Sorry, I simply can't answer your many friendly letters. Please address your letter to: IS THAT SO! c/o Medford Mail Tribune, Box 575, Sausalito, Calif.

**Fireplace Wood**  
Clean Sorted Red Fir  
3 BIG TRUCK LOADS  
\$16.50  
Phone 3-1653

**SUCCESSFUL LIVING**

starts with savings. Have the things you want through systematic savings. Don't just dream . . . or wish, but have the things you want in life by saving for them. Start with any amount.

**FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASS'N**  
of Medford  
27 North Holly  
An Institution Dedicated To Those Who Save



# Big News! IN MEDFORD

Your Brand New  
SUPER DELUXE

## PIGGLY WIGGLY

STEWART AT KING ST. — MEDFORD

# OPENING SOON!

WATCH FOR IT! WAIT FOR IT!  
Sensational Values Plus S&H Green Stamps!

**Look to the Future!  
Choose GAS Appliances!**



Go Modern...and be practical too  
with an automatic Gas range

**25% OFF!**



ON ALL  
**GAS RANGES**  
FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY

CALIFORNIA UTILITIES UTILITY  
Medford, Oregon



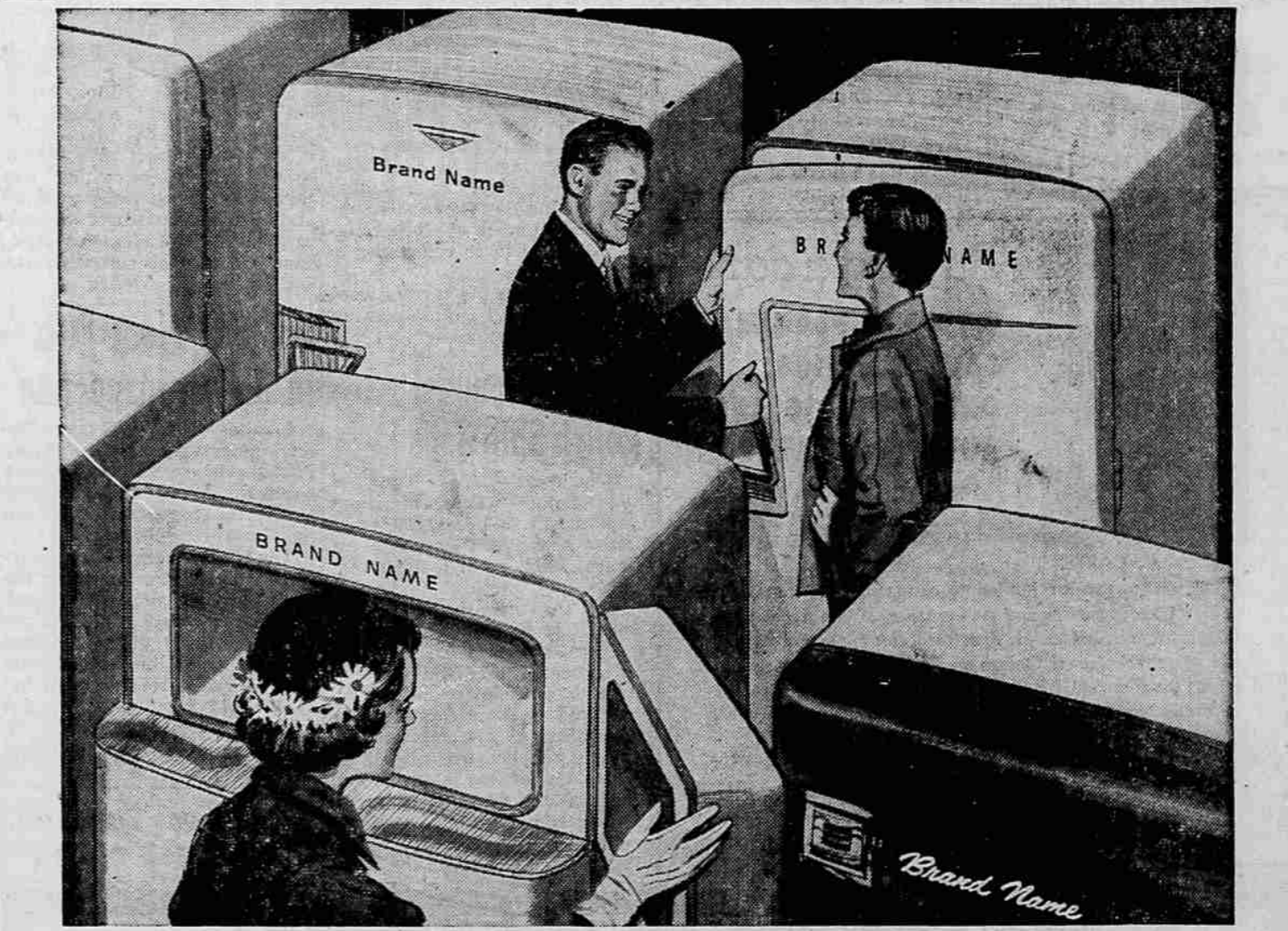
PACIFIC COMPANY SERVICE  
Phone 2-5284

Use Tribune Want Ads  
For Action,

**DON'T LET ARTHRITIC—RHEUMATIC PAIN RUIN YOUR LIFE!**

There's no need to suffer—you CAN get relief QUICKLY with AR-PAN-EX. Most pain will subside . . . YOU, and your loved ones can rejoice like thousands who are now relieved.  
Everywhere, victims of sciatica, lumbago and neuralgia are discovering our "wonder tablet" and thanking heaven for the SURE RELIEF AR-PAN-EX brings. Aching muscles, stiff joints may become limber again.  
"I'm sorry I didn't try AR-PAN-EX months ago. Just think of the agonies I could have avoided," writes one.  
Yes, indeed! But thousands who read this will NOT act . . . WE DOUBT our HONEST WORDS. We say BELIEVE in AR-PAN-EX and we sincerely tell you—AR-PAN-EX will quickly relieve much pain—or your MONEY BACK!

WAINSCOTT'S PHARMACY  
322 East Main — Phone 2-6440



**Can you find the "guarantee" in this picture?**

You buy a refrigerator only two or three times in your lifetime.  
Yet you don't hesitate to buy one without getting so much as a look at the intricate "works" that makes it run.  
How do you dare make such an important purchase without having an expert check it over for you? What makes you so sure you're getting your money's worth when you say, "I'll take that one?"  
The answer's obvious. You look for the brand name on the refrigerator—your "guarantee."  
You've learned to follow this first rule of safe and sound buying:  
A good brand is your best guarantee  
No matter what kind of product you want to

buy, you know a good brand won't let you down. You know the maker stands back of it—guarantees it. And so, when you buy a good brand you know you're right.  
Read this newspaper to find out which are the good brands (and the stores that sell them.) The more good brands you know, the surer you are about all your shopping.

BRAND NAMES FOUNDATION  
Incorporated  
A Non-Profit Educational Foundation  
37 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York

A GOOD BRAND IS YOUR BEST GUARANTEE

Medford Mail Tribune