

# From Oregon's Press

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**JINX YEAR?**  
This is the hex year for the American presidency. "Custom" says the man elected to the White House this year will die in office.

This ghouliah prospect evolves from the fact that every president elected in a year ending in "zero" during the past 120 years has failed to serve out his tenure.

They have not all died during the term to which they were elected in a "zero" year, but all of them have left 1600 Pennsylvania avenue in a coffin.

It began with William Henry Harrison, who was elected in 1840 and succumbed to pneumonia contracted during his inaugural festivities.

Elected in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was murdered as he began his second term in 1865.

James Garfield was elected in 1880 and was shot mortally in two months of entering office by a disgruntled office-seeker.

William McKinley was elected to his second term in 1900 and assassinated by a lunatic the next summer.

Warren G. Harding, elected in 1920, died of causes which are still somewhat a mystery, not quite half-way through his term.

And Franklin D. Roosevelt, elected to his third term in 1940, died as he began his fourth term in 1945.

This is 1960, and a good year in which to give vice presidential candidates a good looking over. — Forrest W. Amsden in Coos Bay World.

**STATISTICS:**  
Statistics are fanciful, interesting in themselves, but not always applicable to a given situation. Look at these figures on defense spending:

Boulder (or Hoover, which is it?) Dam cost "only" \$200,000,000. We spend that much on defense every two days. In less than a week of defense spending, we could build the St. Lawrence Seaway and another Boulder, presuming that costs were stable.

We could build a million-dollar hospital in every county in America for the cost of one month's defense spending. Our entire national highway program could be paid for in three months.

The Nation has another suggestion for getting rid of the \$40 billion we spend on defense every year. If, says the magazine, we send a million American boys and girls to school in Russia and if the Russians send a million here, the cost would be about \$37 billion. If the Russians contributed nothing to the project (except the kids), we still save \$3 billion a year. And we'd be safe from their bombs and they from ours, as long as each country had a million children in the other.

That's an interesting suggestion, as interesting as the listing of other ways to spend \$40 billion a year.

Another statistic: \$40 billion a year is about \$4.30 a week for each man, woman and child in America. That statistic will be no surprise to anybody who ever bothered to compare the amount on the left side of his payroll slip with the amount of the check. — Eugene Register-Guard.

**REPORT ON FLORIDE**

In 1953 fluoride was added to the water supplies in Corvallis and Philomath. The Corvallis Gazette-Times, reporting on results, says that "pronounced reductions in tooth decay are credited to fluoride." Research on the project is being done by Dr. Gertrude Tank, herself a dentist, now a dental specialist on the faculty of OSC, which has been doing extensive research on nutrition and dental health since 1945, aided by a federal grant.

Dr. Tank is quoted as saying that "all available scientific evidence indicates that there is absolutely no danger in water fluoridation," where the additive brings the fluoride ratio to one part in a million.

Such is the mind-set of the foes of fluoridation that they will pay no heed to the evidence assembled by scientists, so they continue to block efforts to bring fluoride to the dental health of the children. Salem is still in the "dark ages" on fluoridation of its water supply. — Oregon Statesman, Salem.

**EDITOR'S SOLICITS**

It is not uncommon, we're told, for husband and wife to cancel each other out at the ballot box. We've known a

few families in which one member of the team was a Republican and the other a Democrat. When they spoke of it it always was jestingly. We always suspected, however, that in privacy the situation generated some heat in an election year.

One of the most interesting cases we've come upon involves a newspaper family. Co-owners of the newspaper, Newaday (Long Island, N.Y.), are Harry Guggenheim and his wife, the former Alicia Patterson. He is of the Guggenheim family that made a great fortune in mining. She is the daughter of Col. Joe Patterson, founder of the New York Daily News, and granddaughter of Joseph Medill, founder of the Chicago Tribune.

In this election year Mr.

Guggenheim is supporting Richard Nixon and his wife is plugging for Adlai Stevenson. She speaks in the editorial columns and he in a signed column on the editorial page.

This is most unusual. It is not unusual, however, any newspaper editor will tell you, to see a wife disagree with some of the editorial views of her editor husband. Usually this never goes any further than a good discussion at home. And it can be most helpful to the editor. Where others may hesitate to tell him they disagree with an editorial his wife does not. She gives him the other side and forces him to defend his thinking.

Do members of a newspaper's editorial department staff disagree politically? We've been asked that question many times. The answer is that of course they do. A news staff of whose members were all of one party would be hard to find. We've never known an editor who asked the political affiliation of a man when he hired him. Most editors couldn't go through their newsrooms and tell you the politics of the people working there. It just doesn't make any difference.

A newspaper's views on politics are expressed in the editorial columns, not the news columns. An editor hopes there are no communists on his staff but beyond that he doesn't give a hang how they think politically. He knows that some do not agree with his political thinking but he doesn't consider it of any importance. — J. W. Forrester in the Pendleton East Oregonian.

## 335 Landowners Assisted by State Farm Forester

A total of 335 landowners in southern Oregon was given forestry assistance during the 1960 fiscal year, according to Farm Forester Jim Fisher, Oregon state forestry department, Medford.

The landowners own or manage more than 13,000 acres of forestland. Good cutting practices are being followed on nearly 70 ownerships that were advised on forest management, the forester stated.

As a result of the forestry assistance, nearly 250 acres received forest stand improvement work by thinning and control of competing vegetation. Over 450 acres were planted with tree seedlings, and more than 100 acres pruned towards the future production of "peeler logs" for plywood.

One of Medford farm forestry projects is one of eight such projects established by the Oregon state forestry department to assist private woodland owners. Other projects are located at Salem, Albany, Tillamook, Oregon City, Eugene, Forest Grove, and LaGrande.

Besides advising private woodland owners, the farm forester works closely with other state, federal, and private foresters in promoting good forest management. Among the cooperative programs is the Agricultural Conservation program concerned with aiding private landowners financially with the improvement of their woodland.

Complete information on the farm forestry assistance may be obtained by writing post office box 71, Medford, by telephoning Normandy 4-1213 or by contacting the state forestry department headquarters on Table Rock rd., Medford.

## Newly Elected Head Of NARCE Dies

Joseph L. Spilman, newly elected president of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees, in Washington, D. C., died recently following a heart attack, according to recent word to the southern Oregon chapter.

Spilman was elected national president at the June convention. The southern Oregon chapter also announced that it will have no meetings until September.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SINCE WORLD WAR I, points out Arthur Salemm, many cities in Eastern Europe have, through capture or legislation, been shifted across international borders. Such a city, for example, was the German city of Lemburg, renamed Lvov when it was ceded to Poland in 1919, and renamed again as Lvov when it was incorporated into the Soviet Union.

A school boy in 1958 made the mistake of mentioning in class that the real name of the city was Lemburg. The shocked teacher barked, "Pupil Ivanov will march to the front of the class and recite ten times: Pupil will say we're in Lvov!"



"Mother," wailed the daughter of a confirmed beatnik. "I'm getting mighty tired of running around in circle." "Shut up," rasped the dear, Victorian mother, "or I'll nail your outer foot to the floor." (Sick, sick, sick.)

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