

Wall Street Chatter

New York—(UPI)—Kenneth Ward of Hayden, Stone & Co., in attempting to gauge current market sentiment, mentions that unless business sinks lower and selling pressure increases which he does not expect, the support area indicated around 565-570 could very easily become the basis for a pre-election recovery carrying prices back to the 600 level, or even higher.

Clark, Dodge & Co. believes that Detroit Edison provides one of the better values among "income" stocks. A boost in the current \$2.00 dividend to \$2.20 may materialize in the near future which would afford an attractive 5.1 per cent return.

Investors looking for a good income situation might consider Melville Shoe, according to Bache & Co. The quarterly dividend was boosted last week to 40 cents a share, putting the stock on a 5.8 per cent yield basis. Earnings are expected to rise this year to around \$2.25 a share from \$1.98 in 1959, Bache says.

Finch Defense To End Argument

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Attorney Grant Cooper was expected to end his final argument today by asking the jury to spare the life of Dr. R. Bernard Finch, 43, and find him innocent of murder.

The veteran attorney indicated he planned to end his summation—which began last Wednesday—before noon. Coprosecutor Clifford Crail then will present his final argument which is expected to last two or three days.

The 16-week-old trial, the second life, death or freedom test for the wealthy physician and his receptionist-mistress, Carole Tregoff, 23, will go to the jury of 11 women and 1 man sometime next week.

The lovers are charged with murder in the first degree for the July 18, 1959, gunshot slaying of Mrs. Barbara Jean Finch.

Leaky Tiki, Crew Sighted in Ocean

Eureka, Calif.—(UPI)—A raft named Leaky Tiki and three Washington state men intent on sailing it to Australia were sighted off Cape Mendocino in Northern California Wednesday, according to the Coast Guard.

The adventurers were identified as Charles Ayles, 38; Donald Trawitzki, 35, and Jerry Ball, 28, all of Puyallup.

The Leaky Tiki consists of two 24-foot pontoons decked over and carrying a cabin. It is equipped with a mast and sail, plus an outboard motor. The Coast Guard said the men had enough food to last for nearly three months—and planned to drift and sail across the Pacific.

Ballot-Proof Vest Latest Innovation

New York—(UPI)—Manny Rios, the political button maker, began turning out today his latest campaign whimsy, the "ballot-proof vest."

It is a red, white and blue affair with a big Nixon sign on the right breast and a big Kennedy sign on the left, enabling the wearer to lift either lapel of his jacket for purposes of dodging an argument or carrying favor with rabid partisans.

He said he was hoping for a brisk sale among independents who frequent bars and salesmen who sweet-talk customers.

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High Grades in Math Tests Given OSC Freshmen Shown

Corvallis—Highest-ever scores on mathematics placement tests given new Oregon State college freshmen this fall indicate that Oregon high schools have made great advances in math instruction during the past two or three years, the head of the OSC mathematics department reports.

Dr. A. T. Lonseth said the performance of new freshmen in the mathematics examinations this fall was "significantly better than ever before and speaks highly for the work of most high schools." The placement tests are given new freshmen to help determine for which classes they are best prepared.

More than twice as many students qualified for advanced placement this fall in calculus and analytic geometry as a year ago, according to Dr. Albert R. Poole, professor of mathematics in charge of the tests. The upper scores on the tests were from 8 to 10 points higher than last year and enrollment in remedial courses for students who need special help in math is going down sharply.

Increased Students
Poole also pointed to the increased numbers of women students in the ranks of the high scorers. One coed had a perfect score on the advanced algebra test—a feat matched by only one man among the new freshmen.

Coeds are encouraged to consider mathematics as a major field of study, he added because career opportunities are excellent for them in such fields as teaching and computer work. Many coeds are "scared out" of mathematics, he lamented, when the truth is that they can do just as well as the men.

The number of mathematics majors at OSC has shot up in the past five years, Lonseth noted. In 1955, OSC had two students majoring in mathematics. This year, there are 137 plus nearly 60 students working for master's and doctor's degrees.

Teacher institutes sponsored by the National Science Foundation are contributing in great measure to the rapid upgrading of mathematics

training across the country Lonseth believes.

OSC, for example, has conducted mathematics institutes for junior and senior high school teachers the past two summers, is offering an inservice institute on an evening commuter basis this year, and has given academic-year institutes for science-math teachers each of the past four years. All have been supported by National Science Foundation grants.

Sputnik helped focus the attention of the world on mathematics and science, the OSC mathematicians said, and giant electronic computers have helped open vast new fields of mathematics.

Today, mathematicians are in great demand by industry, research agencies, the government, military services and schools. The future looks even brighter, Lonseth emphasized.

Dog Dognaps Little Pomeranian
Fulton, N.Y.—Police were dispatched to look for a dognapper. The culprit, a pointer, picked up a one-pound pomeranian in its teeth and stealthily trotted away.



POPCORN POLL—Jim Blevins, world famous for his popcorn and nationally famous for his election popcorn polls, displays Nixon and Kennedy popcorn bags at Nashville, Tenn. During this presidential campaign, over a million popcorn eaters have cast their vote in the poll by buying a bag with the name of the candidate of their choice. The popcorn poll had Harry Truman a winner in the 1948 election. (UPI Telephoto)

Former Medford Man Assists in New Store
Bob Eastwood, former Medford resident, has been named manager of the Aloha Villa's Piggy Wiggly market near Beaverton, according to word received here.

Eastwood, who attended Medford schools, lives in Beaverton. Aloha Villa is a recently completed and opened shopping center at Aloha, a small community near Beaverton.

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