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"THE PAPER THAT HAS NO ENEMIES HAS NO FRIENDS."
—George Putnam.

Winter's Sting

The elements slugged the North Santiam canyon a blow below the belt this week. Wind, rain, snow and cold—these added up to misery for this region's citizenry. Weather has always been a thing of vital interest to us all—it was to our ancestors and it will be to our children. Much talk and speculation has been made about the weather. Commenting on the comments about the weather, Mark Twain is reported as saying, "Everyone talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it!" Mark Twain must have meant that nobody bothered to change the direction or force of the wind or the time when it rains.

Because we have not learned the art of making the weather suit our fancy is no reason for letting it disrupt our lives. It long has been the bent of men's minds to seek out what the weather will be in the future. The success or failure of a vast armed invasion during war may hinge on the decision of the weather-man's forecast. Military commanders and high executives stand humble and meek before their ruler—weather. The health and welfare of the human race is bound to weather.

Why all this about weather? Lack of electricity and telephone service was the immediate result of the present show of bad weather in the North Santiam canyon. In the realm of not letting the weather disrupt our lives is the idea of public utilities expecting and preparing for it. Then anything less than howling storms will be met with a show of might. Modern civilization expects this; and it is reasonable that it should. The long periods of power interruption experienced this week are not reasonable. Weather, alone, is not the reason. The public is entitled to electricity and communication—it is charged for both.

Election Falls

The political teapot has already begun to boil. A Presidential election year falls upon the American people in 1952. Candidates and their friends joust for the highest position in the nation. They have opened headquarters in most of the larger cities. Taft and Warren have tossed their hats into the ring for the Republican nomination.

Stassen, General MacArthur, and "Ike's" (assuming that "Ike" is a Republican) hats are waving in the breeze . . . a strong gust could blow their hats beside those of Taft and Warren. Several dark-horses, including Congressman Duff of Pennsylvania, and Governor Dewey of New York, are not to be counted out entirely on the Republican side of the ticket.

On the Democratic ledger, there is President Harry S. Truman. There is little doubt, but what, as of this time, the President can have the nomination if he so desires. Whether the President would have influence enough to nominate his successor should he decide against seeking re-election, is another question.

Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court Vinson is considered by many as Truman's heir-apparent. Senator Kefauver of Tennessee and Senator Douglas of Illinois are other possibilities, but it is not probable either would receive the complete blessing of the President.

Regardless of who the candidates are—the issues are more important. Foreign policy issues will include the Korean conflict and the way it has been conducted, aid to Europe, and re-armament. On the domestic front will be the issues of corruption in government, price controls and ceilings, civil rights, and development of the rivers of the northwest.

Out of the confusion that will be created—from the truths and half-truths—it will be the job of the American voter to make the final decision. There is no doubt that the election campaign upon us will be one of the bitterest and hardest fought in many a year.

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Editorial Comments:

NATO in DIFFICULTIES at ROME

Not much has been said about it, but the meeting of nations in the North Atlantic Treaty organization (NATO) at Rome was pretty much of a flop. General Eisenhower attended and outlined his plan for a European army. The French were agreed and willing to let Germany re-arm if the German units were part of the western command. But Britain refused to go along and so did the Low Countries. As with the Schuman plan for integrating the coal-iron-steel industry of western Europe, Britain held out for independence. Premier Plevin, who had done much to work out the plan for the international army, expressed great disappointment over the British decision and Paul Reynaud, French delegate at Rome, predicted that the French national assembly would now reject the proposal for a European army. This would also queer the deal by which Germany was to receive greater freedom but would agree to furnish troops for the international army.

This comes on top of the worries of both France and Britain over the burdens of rearming. Their economies are slipping badly and they are in need of fresh transfusions of American credit. One thing which was worked out at Rome was a scheme to resuscitate these countries without going hat-in-hand to the U. S. congress. The method would be to place in Europe American orders for war goods which would be paid for out

U. S. military appropriations. Agreement also was reached at Rome that American assistance to the defense of the west would consist chiefly of weapons rather than of divisions. Whether the supply will provide the 100 divisions which General Eisenhower has pointed to as the desired goal by 1954 for western security is doubtful.

Another hurdle not yet gotten over is selection of fleet commanders for the combined fleets. Churchill is said to insist on a British naval officer for this command, while the United States thinks he should be an American. This may be one of the subjects Churchill will bring up when he comes to Washington about New Year's.

Instead of asking for a fresh loan, Churchill is reported to want a revival of lend-lease. As in the world war he negotiated a trade of leases for bases in the Atlantic and Caribbean to the United States in return for 50 over-age destroyers; now he figures Britain is entitled to more munitions, machine tools and raw materials in exchange for the bases it is providing for the United States in Britain. This makes Britain a No. One target in event of war which adds emphasis to his appeal for a fresh lend-lease deal.

At a meeting of the Council for Europe in Strasbourg, a group of American senators and congressmen put rather pointed questions to the European delegates on why they had made so little progress toward unification. This probing gives a hint that congress may be reluctant to advance more funds to Europe if it is so unwilling to help itself through integration.

All of which shows the difficulty of getting separate nations to co-operate. They do so in time of war, though jockey even then. Under threat of war they make attempts at co-operation, but they are feeble and tardy. Most of the time they adhere to their precious sovereignty. For all the effort Eisenhower has put forth in Europe, his accomplishments as measured by force-in-being are very limited. Instead of coming home in the spring when his year is up, getting release on the ground that the job is done, he may come home with the feeling that the job is impossible, or will take a far longer time. The Rome meeting must have been discouraging to him and to others who have worked on the theory that a quick buildup of strength was necessary both for protection of the west and for backing up the diplomatic arm in its conversations with the USSR.

The temptation may be strong now to let Europe stew in its own juice. We can't do that; for our cause is common. Neither can we carry the load alone. Eisenhower will have to pick up the pieces and see what he can put together now, with such assistance as Averell Harriman, director of mutual aid, may be able to give.—The Statesman

GAMBLING ON YOUTH

Commercialism thrives on Christmas as crime thrives on gambling. And somewhere in the middle of it all stands the American parent, gazing at Christmas counters piled high with toys for Junior—toy roulette wheels, pinball and slot machines, horseracing

Editor's Letter Box

Mr. Peterson:

I would like to inform you on a few things that you have put in your paper that have misinformed people about Gates high school. One is that we do have four years of high school English, and second, we have four years of Physical Education.

Another thing is that Mill City might not have a band if it wasn't for the co-operation of the Gates high school, who loans Mill City their band instruments.

Before you publish anymore misleading things about Gates high school, we wish you would find the true facts first.

Enterprise Readers

After talking and listening in on various conversations about our Gates School and the proposed consolidation, your reporter believes the Gates people are justly proud of their achievement in continually building up and maintaining buildings, furniture, equipment, transportation system and a hot lunch program as their needs have arisen. Also, that these people dislike very much to see or hear erroneous or misleading statements, either printed in the paper or spoken by salesmen from the County or State departments.

The Gates Board does NOW, and ALWAYS HAS maintained a Standard High School, meeting all the requirements of the State Department of Education in both Curriculum and facilities. NO student graduate of the Gates High School was ever denied entrance to college due to lack of required subjects, unless he failed to avail himself when it was taught. Several graduates have entered college on Scholarships.

Any graduate will tell you he had, or could have had, 4 years of English (not 2 as the Enterprise stated last week), 3 yrs. of Mathematics, (not 2 as stated last week), 4 years of Physical Ed. (not 2 as stated), 3 yrs. of Science, and 4 years of Social Science. This Statement is not made by way of bragging, but just to keep the record STRAIGHT.

On every hand one hears the opinion voiced that, step by step, we are drifting towards State control, and away from Local control, which is not considered good. The Enterprise quotes at length from the Holy Report which is taken here to be "just one man's opinion". We note that the Oregon Grange has secured a Referendum holding this Legislation in obedience until the people have voiced an opinion at the polls as to whether it is good or bad. After all, it seems the very roots of Democracy are vested in a myriad of small school districts, and not in a few large ones.

Gates is just newly incorporated, newly assessed for the fire protection plan, and the FUTURE of the town seems not too clear at present. A Union High School might not be too strenuously opposed, but it hardly seems likely that a change of any kind will originate in Gates at present. Consolidation might seem the answer to their problems in Mill City or Detroit, but the Gates people firmly believe they are capable of operating and maintaining their school, which they started in 1923.

Would the Enterprise try to explain how it proposes to consolidate and still leave the grade schools autonomous?

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We heartily agree with Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, that in order to help "put Christ back into Christmas" stores should refuse to sell gambling toys and parents to buy them. The promise of youth is a gift, not a gamble. The revelation of the Christmas season is far removed from the revelation of the Kefauver committee.—From The Christian Science Monitor

'MEN OF DISTINCTION'

Another portrait which the distillers will never seek for the whisky ads: The Michigan teen ager who drove his car squarely into the headlights of another approaching, orphaning in one moment 11 children and killing three of four of his young companions. The sole survivor said the driver has been drinking.—From The Christian Science Monitor

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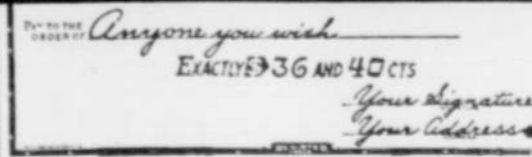
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