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

School Consolidation

All of us want good schools and public buildings. The question is: How do we go about getting them? That question is answered in the manner provided by law—the vote of the duly qualified voters of this community. Carrie Nation flourished her hatchet in bar room after bar room until her fervor closed the saloons. The vote of the people brought her cause to fruition. We have banged upon the doors of the citizens of this canyon in the cause of better schools repeatedly.

All will go for naught if the citizenry of this impressive canyon area do not take time out for a visit to the polling places Friday, March 28. This consolidation election will assume the motif of a town-meeting. We want no bashful and backward citizens on this matter of schools for the canyon area.

If we will succeed in the struggle for survival in this, a great future industrial area, we must step forward with some action. A vote for consolidation, we regard as a step forward. Parents go where their offspring have educational opportunities equal, if not better, than that offered elsewhere. A halting foot or a forgetful attitude Friday, March 28, can put its leaden weight in the scales of non-progress for the North Santiam community. There are no "gimmicks" in this election Friday, March 28; cast your ballot.

Kefauver vs. Taft'overism

This Taft takes himself too seriously—he'll grow some fine ulcers unless he can laugh at himself a bit. The recent New Hampshire election jolted his "businessman's composure". Kicking the slats out of the present administration was fun. We wonder if Taft can take it in the same measure he handed it out. It tickles our sense of justice that Taft, "Mr. Republican", is reaping the harvest of some of the smutty seeds he has sowed with such a gallant hand.

Taft's obvious lack of stability under the pressure of the New Hampshire election shows that the ideas of Taft and Taft'overism are not flexible enough for our time. Taft is not of the stuff needed for this quickening world. We applaud the success of Ike, only because it racks one up against Taft'overism.

Kefauver vs. Taft'overism is heartening. Results of the recent nationally spot-lighted election will be sifted carefully by democrats and republicans alike. It is not possible at this time for an accurate tally of what New Hampshire's citizens did in terms of November's big event. Political science is a broad and sprawling study. Political scientists are having a field-day this election year.

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Editorial Comments

SENATOR MORSE ON ALASKA

Sen. Wayne Morse gives the following reason for the Senate's failure to grant statehood to Alaska:

"One of the great problems of Alaska today is that a few economic forces have practically a monopolistic stranglehold on the throat of Alaska. These forces in Alaska are today enjoying some great advantages in tax benefits.

"Statehood of Alaska would end the advantage these interests now enjoy at the expense of the rest of the taxpayers.—Oregon Teamster.

TAX LOOPHOLES . . . MANY, LARGE AND COSTLY

The federal government loses more than \$4.5 billion a year through tax loopholes which benefit almost exclusively persons with incomes of more than \$10,000, Sen. Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.), stated in a study published Feb. 24 by the Public Affairs Institute.

The \$5.6 billion tax increase bill of 1951, like almost every major tax bill since 1943, "increased the inequities of existing law by widening existing loopholes and adding new ones," Humphrey said.

"The story is always the same," he declared. "Higher rates are imposed and at the same time loopholes are carefully framed which permit the wealthy to get out from under the higher taxes. Now, after almost ten years, the loopholes are so many and so large that they are costly. The result is that the average taxpayer is paying taxes that should properly be borne by those who are better able to pay."

Humphrey blamed the 1951 tax loopholes on the conservative element in the senate which he said showed "favoritism" to business while "turning a deaf ear" to pleas of labor and farm spokesmen who urged closing of the loopholes.

"We cannot afford to let this trend continue," he said. "Nothing is more calculated to sow the seeds of distrust in the democratic processes of government than the knowledge that people and business organizations are able to use their wealth and economic power to gain favored tax treatment." —Oregon Teamster.

SPIRITUAL MASSACRE OF INNOCENTS

One of the saddest, most tragic phases of the communistic war for the bodies and souls of the human race is the fate of thousands of children; for example those evacuated from northern Greece to Red countries in 1947.

This case is particularly tragic because as Alevis Kyrrou of Greece recently stated, after five years in the schools of Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, these once Greek children will neither be Greek nor children, but will have become out and out Communists. Very soon if not already these "children" will have been trained to turn Red weapons against their own families and against their own country; they will be "ready to fight for the enslavement of Greece" as Mr. Kyrrou stated.

Of the Greek children thus torn from their parents, country, religion, may well be spoken the words which the Church applies to Holy Innocents, who were put to death on the orders of the iniquitous Herod: "A voice was heard in Rama, Rachael bewailing the loss of her children, and could not be comforted, because they are not."

Only in this case, the fate of these children is far worse than death could be.—Catholic Sentinel.

FRANCE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE

Cabinet crises in France have come and gone—all too often since VE-day in 1945—and usually it has been enough to explain that though cabinets might fall, French government went on. But a gradually deepening seriousness has attended each of these political convulsions, as has a continually worsening economic plight.

Consequently the fall of the government of young Premier Edgar Faure after only 40 days of tussling with the republic's financial problems represents a crisis in the national history that cannot be described as less than grave. Early in January his predecessor, Rene Pleven, went to defeat in an effort to persuade the Assembly to raise taxes 10 percent. His supporters warned that any successor government would have to demand as much or more in order to keep France solvent.

M. Faure, who came to the premiership from the finance ministry, had to set his sights at 15 percent even after being assured of an additional \$30

million of American economic and military aid. With revenues at 1951 rates and expenditures at 1952 rates, the French treasury is nearing the end of its cash balance. And unless something like M. Faure's budget of 3,620 billion francs (about \$10.4 billion dollars) is sustained, will American popular and congressional sentiment support further extensions of aid?

This is a crisis in which Frenchmen must come to their own rescue. Just how, it would be presumptuous for an outsider to attempt to say. But there are hopeful elements in the picture. One is the great solidity of character of the French common people, a quality often under-estimated by those who talk of Gallic temperament.

But an element sorely needed is an increased sense of national solidarity. The division among six major parties and many splinter groups in parliament is symptomatic. The right-wing de Gaullists are playing with fire in joining the Communists to wreck cabinet after cabinet of moderate coalitions. Tax reforms are as much needed as tax increases to convince French workers that the loads will be equitably shared.

It is a serious matter indeed if American planning must reappraise the wisdom of relying on France as the keystone of European defense. We do not believe the prospect is so dark as that. But Americans, viewing a succession of 11 cabinets under the Fourth Republic, must hope deeply that Frenchmen will find the means of erecting a more stable regime.—From Christian Science Monitor.

BOYS OF DISTINCTION

Some boys break into houses; other boys paint them—and not red, either.

A little item in a Los Angeles paper tells of the boys of the Washington High School Embassy club who heard of a 76-year-old widow and her invalid son who had agreed when buying a house on installments that they would take good care of it. But unable to do so, the new owners were told by a building inspector that they would not even have their gas turned on until they had painted the house.

So the boys did it. It took no Tom Sawyer to paint for them the pleasure and privilege of whitewashing a fence in order to lure them to this more ambitious task. Nor do we believe that we are painting too bright a picture or whitewashing today's teen agers when we say that the boys of the Embassy club are more typical of American youth than the delinquents who make the headlines. Perhaps what is needed is a little more headlining of this sort of action by genuine boys of distinction. — From Christian Science Monitor.

Editor's Letter Box

To the Editor:
In resigning my position as chief of police, I would like the townspeople to know I have enjoyed working with them. I want to thank all who had any part in making my job pleasant. Had working conditions been more favorable I would like to have remained in my position.

I appreciate the co-operation the people of Mill City gave me in support of the annual benefit dance, which has made the Mill City police department one of the best equipped departments of its size in the state.

Additional thanks to the school children who have been very co-operative with the department in many ways.

I would like my many friends to know that I plan on remaining in Mill City. And I will give my whole-hearted support to the betterment of Mill City. —KENNETH W. HUNT.

To the Editor:
Hope you can find space for this item which is of interest to many of us.—C. M. PAULMIER

City Council
City of Mill City, Oregon
Gentlemen:

This letter is in regards to the proposed City Ordinance which contemplates the termination of Trailer Houses occupying private lots other than established Trailer Courts.

In the past few weeks I have corresponded with the County Attorney at Albany and also Mr. Ross, the Mill City Recorder in an attempt to obtain the substance of this ordinance. From the reply of Mr. Ross, I gather that such an ordinance is in the drafting stage and will soon be passed, thus requiring certain trailer occupants to change residence before July 1st next.

While I do not doubt the wisdom and necessity of such an ordinance in (Continued on Page 4)

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