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Too Crowded

By BILL JENKINS
At least a few of the chickens are coming home to roost in California and a lot of other areas to boot.

But in California the situation is perhaps more pressing than in any other area of the United States today.

The problem being simply one of too many people for the available space. Particularly in view of the present outdoor sport fad that is sweeping the nation.

Down in California Edmund Brown, the attorney general who is currently producing significant noises from the political drum, says that the day is nearing, and rapidly at that, when his state is going to have to lay down some ground rules to reconcile the growing differences between the water skiers and speedboat buffs and the fishermen.

Fishermen, it seems, are threatening to break out the family musket and have at it heartily with the speedboat people who keep fouling up their lines.

The speedboat people, on the other hand, are reported to view the slow-speed fishermen as merely peasant-class members of the Mafia whose sole aim in life is to clutter up the waters of various lakes that could be better put to use as waterlogged arenas for those masochists who dabble in water skiing and speedboat racing.

This whole situation has been growing for a long time and will continue to grow as long as there are more people with more money and more leisure time every year.

I suppose it would be possible to make a boat lover out of any normal human being if the right approach were adopted and sufficient incentive were provided.

But I know for a fact that being a fisherman is an inborn thing and no amount of legislation, training, incentive, threats or bribery is going to change his viewpoint.

So it looks like the battle lines will be drawn tighter and tighter and the great battle will be touched off much like Sarajevo touched off its war.

It is going to pose a hell of a problem for a politician, too. He'll be caught in the middle and be wrong no matter what he does.

Fishermen may not have a \$5,000 speedboat at their command but their place at the polls is just as secure as anyone's. The same holds true of boaters, of course.

And, in this modern world of ours, the thing will eventually have to be settled by a vote of the majority.

All this will tend to prove is whether there are more fishermen than there are boaters and water skiers. No more.

All the same it would be well if Oregon took a close look at the growing menace (the horde) and started planning what we are going to do about it. After all, California is bound to spill over some day, and whether we like it or not, the people will then start to slip over the boundaries and start cluttering up our fair state. Boats, fishermen and all.

And right here and now I'll tell the powers that be something: Leave off looking in my direction! I wouldn't be an arbiter in a matter of this sort for all the tea in China. Not even for money.

I may not be much, but I'm too young to die.

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Political Funds

By FLOYD L. WYNNE
There's an article in the August issue of Reader's Digest that really strikes a resonant chord as far as I'm concerned.

William Hard writes an article titled "Back Your Ballot With Your Buck!"

He reports on a new political fund raising idea that is being tried this year. It is based on the idea of each voter contributing a dollar to "the political party of his choice."

He points out that the American electoral machinery probably is the most expensive in the world. One authority, he says, estimated that 140 million dollars was spent on behalf of all candidates in the 1952 elections.

The costs of being elected to any office of a county, state or federal level are becoming increasingly heavier.

Let's take a look at those costs in relation to the recent primary campaign.

Primary figures are difficult because many times there is no contest for a number of the offices. But here are the figures for the hot gubernatorial campaign that was waged in the recent primary in Oregon.

In order of total expenditures they were: Sig Unander \$37,175;

Robert Holmes \$26,633; Mark Hatfield \$21,374; Warren Gill \$13,413; Lew Wallace \$9,132; Wiley Smith \$2,692; George Livingston \$559, and Albert Eichman \$399.

Totalling those we find that about \$111,000 was spent in the primary on the campaign for governor alone. The general election will probably result in expenditures equal to if not greater than that figure.

Somewhere in the back of my mind runs a figure of \$75,000 to \$100,000 the cost per candidate's campaign for a U.S. senator position.

For representative the figure is variously estimated at between \$25,000 and \$50,000 for each candidate.

That represents quite a chunk of change to be spent in the political arena.

Both the American Heritage Foundation and the Advertising Council have endorsed the "buck" campaign.

Figures show that as it now is, only two out of every 100 American voters contribute to any political party.

One big advantage of such a campaign would be the elimination of the necessity for a candidate to have to rely on the "fat cats," the thousand dollar or even the \$500 donors.

Without exception a person running for office must feel some obligation to a big donor whether it be an individual or a group. Many times the big donors have a way of using their donation as a pressure lever.

We live in an age of lobbyists and pressure politics, there is no doubt of that. However, this move back to a "dollar a voter" campaign fund is a move that I would heartily endorse.

It would serve the two-fold purpose of getting the big donors off the backs of the candidates and let the average voter have an equal hand in supporting political candidates of his or her choice.

I'd like to see some candidate have the fortitude to come out and say that he would accept no contributions over \$100, or better yet, one of the major political parties come out and declare that it will run its campaign on the basis of a "buck a voter."

Maybe it's wishful thinking, maybe not.

year as principal of the Merrill Elementary School.

Such men are modest and with modesty he accepted this week the Oregon Journal's certificate of commendation for "unusual and meritorious acts of good citizenship" which was presented by Ross Ragland, president of Klamath County Council of Churches.

The citation was awarded specifically for Bill Kurtz's work with the children of migrant workers in the Merrill area.

Born at Parma, Idaho, Bill Kurtz grew up in eastern Oregon where he was graduated from the Nyssa schools in 1938. From earliest childhood he has been associated with an economy which requires a vast army of temporary workers in the fields. In eastern Oregon it was the beet fields to which migrant workers flocked. They came in the spring for weeding and thinning and some of them stayed into the summer for the harvest of early potatoes and many returned for the beet harvest in the fall. He attended school with their children and with a child's sensitivity, absorbed a full knowledge of their problems.

After active duty in the Air Force, he was graduated from Eastern Oregon College at La Grande in 1948 and joined the Klamath County school system in 1949. He says he received his baptism into work with migratory labor families in the Klamath Basin through the Council of Churches. With the full cooperation of the school district he has served for nearly 10 years, he has made their problems his.

Because of his early experiences, his work is outstandingly successful. It has come naturally for him to work as liaison between the townspeople and the short-time residents and to stimulate the interest of the students and the teachers in making an additional 75 to 100 youngsters welcome in the classrooms each fall.

He is an elder and teaches a Sunday School class at the Merrill First Presbyterian Church. He served as chairman of the building committee for the Christian Center built during August by a Westminster Fellowship group of the Presbyterian Church of Stockton.

While he disclaims any personal credit, his actions speak for him. His pride and faith in the cooperation of his "boss," Carrol Howe, Klamath County superintendent of schools, and in the people of Merrill, his teaching staff and his students is one of his shining attributes.

His life's creed is expressed in

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Kansas Republican

By HALE MONTGOMERY
United Press International
Clyde M. Reed Jr. considers himself a newcomer to politics, but not a novice.

And the Republican party has high hopes that he'll be able to regain control for the GOP in the wheat-raising state of Kansas, where the Democrats have been surprisingly strong in recent years.

Clyde Reed Jr. had never run for public office before the August primary but he made a big showing his first time out. He scored a runaway victory in a five-man race for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

His father was the late Clyde Reed Sr., onetime governor of Kansas and later a United States senator. Young Reed says he was "born and raised in politics" and has been active in politics all his adult life. He once served on his father's staff in Washington.

The 44-year-old newspaper publisher took over the leadership of a faction-torn Kansas Republican party after his landslide victory by a margin of more than four to one.

Former GOP Governor Fred Hall, trying a comeback, was runner-up in the primary and conceded to Reed within an hour after the polls closed.

In nominally Republican Kansas, Reed, as his party's choice for governor, faces a battle against Democratic Governor George Docking. The resurging Kansas Democrats rate the November 4 general election a showdown test for political control of the state.

Reed is publisher of the Parsons Sun. He left the editor's desk as far back as last December, campaigned vigorously, traveled 30,000 miles and visited all 105 Kansas counties.

"I'll be ready to go again," he says, "just as soon as I get a little rest."

He calls the Democrats a "do-nothing administration" and repeatedly has said "we need a man in the governor's office who is something more than a critic. We need a leader."

Reed, as a Kansas newspaper editor, has supported President Eisenhower on "almost" everything. He considers his views generally on the progressive side.

As a vote-getter before the public view, Reed is a strong-voiced speaker, a man of medium build, dark hair and dark eyes.

He is pleasant and likeable, but not colorful.

He met his wife in his senior year at Kansas University, married the next year in 1938. The Reeds have a son and a daughter, 15-year-old Clyde, the third, and 12-year-old Carolyn Ann.

In his customary non-controversial style, Reed says: "If they ask what I am, tell them I'm a Republican, a Republican looking to a future."

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Mme. Chiang Says Big Red Force Farce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Mme. Chiang Kai-shek says "the great potential of the Russian empire market is a chimera."

The wife of the Chinese Nationalist leader, speaking at the American Bar Assn. annual dinner last night, termed a mistaken belief the theory that "in the new Russian empire lies a great untapped market."

The Chinese Communists, she said, "would certainly buy only capital goods or raw materials which Russia for the moment cannot supply."

For these goods one can count on the glad hand, the big smile, and the most munificent fairy godfather approach. But for how long?

"Only as long as the Soviet world finds the goods indispensable."

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ples? And has any real benefit ever been derived from such a course?"

The ABA convention ends today.

Snark Missile Test Fired

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A Snark guided missile blazed skyward early Saturday on a 6,000 mile flight across the Atlantic.

The Snark, the nation's only operational intercontinental weapon, streaked over the ocean with a flash of orange flame.

In seconds the red-coated missile disappeared over the horizon.

The Air Force announced only that a Snark was launched. The results of the test usually are secret.

The Snark will soon become an operational missile across the nation. The first Snark launching site is scheduled to be set up at Presque Isle, Maine.

It was the second Snark launching during the week. Last Wednesday another of the Northrup-developed missiles blasted aloft.

However, Wednesday's flight was short-lived, it was learned, because the Snark ran into the buffeting winds of hurricane Daisy and plunged into the sea at the halfway mark of its test flight.

More than 60 Snarks have been launched since the test series began.

Last month, the first military launching of the missile was conducted by the 655th Strategic Missile Squadron.

The Snark travels at a snail's pace as far as missiles go—about 600 m. p. h. — but it has amazing accuracy over intercontinental range.

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Babe Ruth Praise

Klamath Falls (To the Editor) — We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who made our Babe Ruth League such a tremendous success.

These few words of thanks cannot begin to express our feelings for the wonderful work they have done for our boys.

To Barbara Gallagher, Bob Bonney, Jack Kemnitz, Wayne Scott, Clay Hannon, Dean White, Jim Johnson, all the coaches, umpires, sponsors and the many others who worked so hard.

Now to the many business firms who have made our Babe Ruth picnic the success it was, a great big thanks also, and we would like to mention them all here to show our appreciation for their help.

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