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Eternal Vigilance... and Prompt Support

Ukiah, like thousands of other American communities, retains local control of its educational system under an admirable system of school support and control that exists in each state, independent of any interference by the federal government. Our school system in America is great because, to date, we have preserved this local autonomy. . . preventing its use as a controlled propaganda agency by a federal government that foots the bill for school support. It is noteworthy that a "department of education" is not represented in our President's cabinet. Distinctly not an oversight, this omission was planned by our nation's founders. Projected to its logical conclusion, a department or "ministry" of education on the federal level here, rigidly controlled by a dictator-like head man, might well produce the type of thought control and regimentation we viewed in Hitler Germany, fascist Italy and, currently, in the controlled system existing in Russia and Soviet satellite states.

As Americans, we instinctively want control of education on a state and local level. . . where we see members of our boards of education daily on the streets. Retention of this control demands eternal vigilance and prompt vigorous support of the type of expansion on which Ukiah is asked to vote Friday, February 23.

Propose Loan

Voters attending the polls will be asked to approve borrowing \$365,000 from the State of California to provide Ukiah with at least 13 more elementary school classrooms. Classes of more than 50 are being handled by single instructors under the present setup . . . when the proper load should be less than 30 per instructor to achieve best classroom results. The loan is necessary because Ukiah is already bonded to the legal limit for school expansion, the limitation being determined by the assessed valuation of the schools and their equipment. The loan would be for a 30-year period, but interest payments need not start until the local bond rate drops below 40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The loan from the state does not mean that the local taxpayer escapes the cost of the improvement. Indirectly, other taxes imposed by the state have provided the funds for setting up a special \$250,000,000 fund expressly for expansion of educational facilities.

If we are unaware of the value of education, such was not the case with Hitler and Mussolini, or currently with Stalin. They spent plenty on their educational plants (despite their diabolical purpose in doing so). We don't have to strain our memories very much to remember the fine "youth hostels", superbly equipped "trade schools" and other training institutions operated in full flower little more than a dozen years ago by the German Nazis. Nothing in the line of material equipment was too good for these institutions, teaching war as a "trade" and ruthless race superiority as their gospel. The product of these schools failed miserably.

Support Needed

In Ukiah and throughout America we are superbly equipped with a fine staff of free, unfettered educators, administered by local directors we know and trust. Shall we let the mere lack of an adequate physical plant jeopardize our education effort in this perilous era?

Complaints about the cost of supporting their schools are certainly not in order from Americans, who cheerfully spend far more annually for their cosmetics and tobacco than the cost of operating our school systems for one year. If we wish to preserve local control and support, we must promote it with vigor. Many desirable community projects have failed in Ukiah because of the disinterest of Ukiah citizens who stayed away from the polls in droves. Don't let this happen Friday.

Remember, there is a vitally important school election in Ukiah Friday. Vote! But . . . if you can't muster enough interest to register your vote at this school election, think twice before making life difficult for the school directors. Your unsolicited advice about the operation of the school district and the teaching of your children may fall on justifiably deaf ears at some future date if you fail to show your interest now. A school board, supported by the mere handful of voters who usually turn out for Ukiah school elections is scarcely obligated to regard future individual gripes or suggestions as a "mandate from the people" that they must heed!

Now, more than at any time in our history, eternal vigilance is the price of our educational liberties.

Eisenhower In '52

General Dwight Eisenhower may find that he will have no choice but to run for the presidency in 1952. Public sentiment, great as it was for him three years ago, may be so much stronger next year that it may sweep away any reticence on his part toward public office.

"Ike" is an amazing man. On his recent visit to Europe he did more to really get the defense of Western Europe rolling than has been done in several years. Then on his return to America his report to Congress went far to clarify and unify American public opinion as to our obligations abroad.

Eisenhower thus proved once again that his ability as a military man is exceeded only by his genius as a statesman. In him the American people see not merely a war hero, a general with gold braid, but the man most capable of giving this nation strong and poised leadership. The general, of course, cannot perform miracles. As President he would have many handicaps he has never had before. But by and large he should be able to do a creditable job and, above all, give the nation an Administration in which it could have confidence.

A lot of things can happen between now and November of 1952, but from all indications "Ike" can have the presidency for the asking—or maybe without the asking.

British Steel

It will be interesting to see how the British steel industry fares under government ownership and control.

Unlike other industries such as coal which the Labor Government has nationalized, the steel industry is not sick. It is turning out 16 million tons of steel annually which is the best it has ever done.

Up until this time when the Atlee regime got into a mess with one of the nationalized industries it could point

THE MEN WHO CAME TO DINNER



FROM OUR EARLY FILES

20 — 30 — 40 — 50 YEARS AGO

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1931

Saturday, February 21, the Cox-Vevoda Motor Sales, local Chevrolet distributors, will announce the opening of a strictly modern and up-to-date repair plant.

A telephone construction project costing \$15,500 is now in progress in Ukiah and to the north of Ukiah, according to A. G. Ring, local manager for the P.T.&T. Company. The project covers the rehabilitation of eight rural telephone lines and construction of a pole lead and cable along the Redwood highway to Lakeport Junction.

With the announcement of the appointment of Jack Purvis and Delmar Mitchell as Dodge motor car distributors, School street addressed another business house to its list this week.

Dick Mazzoni, former employee of the Ukiah Auto Supply Company, will open an auto supply business of his own in the immediate future.

Walter Eversole, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eversole, was badly scalded the latter part of last week when he tipped over a pan of boiling water.

A paper owned by R. M. Anderson of Covelo gives account of the death of the Father of His Country. The paper is the Uster County Gazette, published at Kingston, New York, January 4, 1800. Two pages are heavily bordered with black as a mark of mourning for Washington, and a description of the funeral procession is given in detail. A feature that is a curiosity to this generation is the advertising of Negroes for sale. One such ad reads, "For sale; one-half of a saw mill. By the mill is an inexhaustible quantity of pine wood. Also a stout healthy, active wench." It is evident from an advertisement that merchants of those days had their problems and tried to put over a

cash business. A section of another ad says, "I am determined to retail for ready pay, a little lower than ever has been had before."

THIRTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 25, 1921

Irving Brush and George Stockfleth have filed suit against Henry Hilliard as receiver of the defunct Santa Rosa National Bank. The complaint says that Hilliard has claimed in behalf of the swindled depositors of the bank, land in Mendocino county comprising 400 odd acres. It is charged three-quarters of the property belongs to Brush and is not the property of the bank and that the other one-fourth belongs to Stockfleth. The complaint is to quiet title to the land.

Elmer Albertson went to San Francisco last week and went under the surgeon's knife Tuesday in a San Francisco hospital.

Herman Ford and Evelyn Zimmerman of Willits were married Saturday night by Rev. Lloyd Smith. The groom is employed by the Standard Oil Company.

Ben Noonan must relinquish the Van Arsdale ranch by April 20, according to instructions received by County Clerk Prather this week from the Supreme court, which directs that Prather issue a writ ousting Noonan.

Following a decision by Judge Preston upholding Attorneys Weldon and Wessells in their petition to dismiss the case they had filed to quiet title in the Rachel Howard estate the same attorneys yesterday placed on file a second complaint more comprehensive than the first and which gives promise of starting a long and difficult legal battle. The action will involve the validity of mortgages and other instruments affecting all portions of the old Howard homestead and before it is finished will probably include most of Ukiah's legal talent on

one side or the other. Charles Shimmom of Hopland entertained a number of his little friends at a party in honor of his eighth birthday this week.

The Caspar Lumber Company made a 6-cent cut in the wages of employees the first of the week effective after the sixteenth of the month. In the woods hereafter 10 hours will constitute a day instead of nine hours.

FORTY YEARS AGO

Feb. 24, 1911

Potter Valley is under a shadow of sorrow occasioned by the death of three prominent citizens within a week. Miles Rucker died Sunday, February 18; Mrs. George Pickle died on the following Tuesday and J. P. Smith died suddenly two days later.

The case of the State against Drabes began in Superior court here February 23, the defendant being one of the men accused in the robbery of Mr. and Mrs. Sasala at Navarro in December. Drabes is accused by Tamm, his partner, of taking the money and hiding it.

The Northwestern Pacific has applied for an injunction against E. N. Fisher, to prevent him from interfering with the construction work where the railroad crosses the island. The company asks \$100 for each day the work is delayed by Fisher.

Deputy Sheriff Black was up from San Francisco with a bunch of dope fiends committed to the state hospital.

The N.W.P. is planning a building 60x125 at Main and Commercial streets, Willits.

At Greenwood it was said on February 23 that there were no jobs in the pond; no woodmen in the woods, and in fact, nothing doing. The yards were full of lumber, the sheds full of tankard and the store full of merchandise; also, the company's three farms

STRICTLY FRESH

ACCORDING to an Ohio Safety Council, 10 per cent of the average person's waking hours are spent in blinking. Now there's an eye-opening fact that should close all debates on the subject.

A 20-year-old New York girl worked her way through college as a chorus girl and won a Phi Beta Kappa key. Guess the key to her success is getting a kick out of everything.

President Truman recently said that because he occupies the Presidency, the nation's highest office,



The New England Office of Price Stabilization has announced that ministers can increase their fees for marriages, funerals and christenings. It's okay with us if they'll hike morals too.

When a Berlin conductor led a concert at the Hague recently, anti-German demonstrators heaved gas bombs into the hall. Guess the program turned out to be a real tear-jerker.

Principal industries of Tuolumne county are lumber, lime, cattle and turkey raising.

PEOPLE'S FORUM

Communications intended for publication in the People's Forum must carry the writer's true name and address, though pen names are permitted at the editor's discretion. Letters of fewer than 300 words will be given preference. All letters are subject to condensation. Those not published will not be returned or accounted for.

Army Hdqs. In Error

Editor Journal: The small article in Wednesday's issue concerning my son Park Allen Buell was slightly in error and subject to correction.

He did not enlist; he was drafted on November 17, 1950, and at Fort Ord was assigned to Company I, 63rd Infantry.

He finished his preliminary training January 17, 1951, and came home on leave. On January 25, 1951, he left Ukiah for Fort Eustice, Virginia, to go to a railroad bridge construction school under the engineer corps.

He has not communicated with his relatives here since, so we have no way of knowing if he eventually arrived at his destination.

Yours truly,
A. N. BUELL

Redwood Valley
Feb. 17, 1951

Red Cross Thankful

Editor Journal: As you know, the Blood Bank's visit February 17 and 18 was highly successful with 203 donations and we feel that your thanks is due you and your staff for the help you gave in publicizing it.

We could not have operated the blood bank without the aid of the local persons and organizations which did volunteer work and to them we also want to extend our very warm appreciation for their very fine cooperation.

Thanks to the following physicians: Dr. Joseph Rea, Dr. J. B. Massengill and Dr. Glenn Miller, who assisted Saturday; Dr. B. K. Steen, Dr. Nicholas Zhitnoff, Dr. Carl Aagaard and Dr. J. B. Massengill, who aided Sunday; to the following nurses: Mesdames Olive Nichols, Grace Dykes and Beverly Morgan of the Mendocino State Hospital staff, who took their time off to aid Saturday and Sunday afternoon, and to Mary Sorola and Norma Garaventa who served Sunday morning; to the Red Cross staff aides, Mrs. Fred Scholl, Mrs. Wayne Crawford and Mrs. Clifford Gwin. Mrs. Scholl and Mrs. Gwin aided Sunday with registration and Mrs. Crawford Saturday and Sunday; to the Soroptimist Club members who served the staff supper, and their president, Mrs. Kermit Brown, who served two days on registration; to the Emblem Club members who did a

fine job of maintaining the canteen for donors; to the Native Daughters and their president, Helen Butler, who served luncheon for the blood bank staff; to the armed forces recruiting service—Army, Navy, Marines and Air Corps—for operating their public address and being on hand to do whatever they could to help.

As a result of this teamwork the area served by the Mendocino County Chapter, American Red Cross, more than met its quota in blood for the Armed Forces and Civil Defense.

Yours very truly,
Mendocino County Chapter,
American Red Cross,
Robert K. Jardine, chapter chairman, Bernice M. Faas, blood procurement chairman; Mrs. George Sherman, executive secretary.

Physicians' Directory

Editor Journal: I read your column in the Redwood Journal-Press-Dispatch and I also hear you on your news broadcast from KUKI.

Now I would like to ask a favor of you. Why don't you, about once a month, have a Doctor's Directory published in your column in the Redwood Journal so we mothers that haven't lived in Ukiah long will know what doctor we should call when our children get sick or hurt?

Sincerely yours,
MRS. LEONARD C. FLECK
Ukiah, Feb. 12, 1951

Berkelium, Californium

Editor Journal: In these days of atomic possibly hydrogen bombs, the attention of even the man-on-the-street is being directed to the rarer minerals, also to the final filling out of new elements in chemistry.

Is it not of interest that, among the "Ten Top Science Advances for 1950," are listed "two new elements, Number 97 and 98, created by atomic bombardment and named 'berkelium and 'californium'?"

Does it require Quiz Kid brilliancy to recognize in the second of these names a certain university, also, in the first, the city in which its principal campus is located?

Sincerely,
C. M. GOETHE
Sacramento, Feb. 14, 1951

THE AMERICAN WAY



No More Rubber Stamping

three-day weekends, yet when it did have the opportunity for this year, it failed to take in consideration the final holiday show.

Despite the holiday omission, state fair officials expect attendance at the fair this year to increase over 1950. The drop in 1950 over 1949, officials say, if the pattern of attendance over a long period of time is followed, indicates increased attendance for 1951.

On the other hand, some people feel that the rising cost of attending the state's extravaganza, and the cost of concessions, which have the greatest interest for young people, will tend to drop attendance below last year's figure. In any event, the failure to take advantage of an extra holiday is bound to cause some decrease.

CALIFORNIA LAST WEEK

The Governor spent the week in University of California Hospital in San Francisco, under treatment for neuralgia in his arm and shoulder.

The Legislature: Still in legislative recess with senators and assemblymen for the most part at their home grounds discussing legislative measures with constituents. Senator George Hatfield's special committee on civilian defense started a series of meetings in southern California to determine the needs of communities in this respect, Senator McCarthy of Ma-

rin county was scheduled to hold meetings on Golden Gate bridge problems. Other interim committee meetings are being held throughout the state to give individuals and organizations opportunity to express views on the problems the legislature will face when it returns here March 12.

The Departments: Water Resources says reservoirs are well filled throughout the Sierras, but the snow pack is far below normal; the state architect set March 8 as completion date for the new state capitol addition, after which time contractors will pay \$500 per day for non-completion; 1950 automobile registration hit an all-time high with 4,976,296 vehicles; agriculture said California turkey growers can look for more favorable returns this year; industrial employment in the state reached the highest January level in history with 3,295,000 persons working; second annual meeting of state and regional water pollution boards scheduled February 20; State Fair directors boosted minimum running race purses from \$1000 to \$1200.

Miscellaneous: Gambling operating wide open in Jackson, Amador county, with establishments running black-jack, roulette and dice games. The town re-opened shortly after new Attorney General Edmund G. "Pat" Brown took office from ex-Fred N. Hower.

BEHIND THE SCENES At the State Capitol

Political pots already have started to boil over reorganization of California's "inferior" courts, authorized by vote of the people last November.

On February 28, at 10 a.m. in San Francisco a state-wide meeting of the county supervisors association and the district attorneys association will be held to iron out the kinks which so far have held up the actions necessary to start the ball rolling toward the proposed reorganization.

The meeting will be called to order by Frank J. Rowe, Nevada county, president of the supervisors, and Don Weller, San Diego county, of the district attorneys.

The group, according to officials of the County Supervisors Association, will consider the powers and responsibilities of the supervisors in effecting the reorganization.

Phil Gibson, chief justice of the State Supreme court, and also head of the judicial council, and other council members, as well as Attorney General Pat Brown will attend the session.

To start at the beginning of the somewhat complicated amendment to the constitution, the state ju-

dicial council decided some time back that the "inferior" courts, which means everything below the Superior courts, should be reorganized to streamline California's court system.

It approached the legislature with the idea, a constitutional amendment and enabling legislation were approved, the measure was submitted to and voted by the people of the state.

The amendment, in effect, provides that in all communities of 40,000 population or more, municipal courts shall be established.

In addition, county boards of supervisors "may" change township lines to include an area within the county in which 40,000 population would warrant the establishment of a municipal court. The supervisors, of course, always have had the privilege of changing township lines, subject to approval of the legislature. But cities cannot be divided as to judicial districts, although they may have more than one municipal judge if the population warrants more than one.

The amendment is elastic, according to Paul Peck, judge of the Third District Court of Appeal,

and the legislature could make provisions for more than one court in a district having insufficient population for two courts, if the circumstances and need fit the case.

The problem of the boards of supervisors throughout the state is to fix the court districts, determine whether township lines shall be changed to create additional municipal districts, determine the number of courts necessary for an area, and fix the number of judges, court attaches and salaries.

No single county offered its plan to its legislative representatives before the session started in January. Consequently, the State Judicial Council caused a long series of skeleton bills to be introduced in the legislature by Senator Jack B. Tenney, to be used when the boards make up their minds just what they want to accomplish.

The implications are far-reaching, in that the ultimate accomplishment will be to reduce the total number of inferior courts in the state, which will mean that a good many justices of the peace may have to look to other sources for a livelihood.

Some pertinent questions were being asked today regarding the dates for the 1951 California State Fair.

The board of directors of the State Agricultural Society, which fixes the dates for the ensuing year's fair almost immediately after the exhibition ends in September, chose August 30 through September 9 for the 1951 show.

But when the dates were fixed last fall, the directors apparently failed to give consideration to the fact that September 9, 1951, falls on a Sunday, and that the Admission Day holiday will be celebrated on Monday, September 10.

As a result, if the 1951 dates are retained, and because racing dates have been fixed they probably will be, the gates will be closed and buildings will be dark on a holiday weekend. Crowds arriving Saturday for a holiday weekend will miss one whole day of entertainment.

Another result, and more important to an exhibition which costs the taxpayers a million dollars a year to operate over and above income from entry fees and concessions, will be the loss of thousands of dollars to the Fair board.

Fair officials said that Admission Day attendance in 1950 totaled 78,402, and in 1949, 70,476, as compared to the lowest attendance record of 34,362 and 33,158 in those two years.

Yet the Admission Day attendance this year, on the final Sunday of the Fair, will correspond to the low days of the previous two years.

Normally, the State Fair is scheduled to take in both Labor Day and Admission Day holidays. The Labor Day show usually draws the highest attendance of the Fair, and is seconded by the Admission Day holiday. It infrequently happens that the board has opportunity to set fair dates, to take in two

out that things were pretty bad in that industry when it was under private ownership. It made a point that was hard to refute.

Now, however, if the steel business winds up in a similar mess there will be little doubt as to what caused it. This is not to say that this will happen, but a lot of the rail birds, including the British public, will be keeping a sharp watch on the latest addition to the socialist stable.