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SKAGIT P.U.D. & 5 OTHERS IN PSP&L OFFER

On Thursday of last week a resolution was presented to the PSP&L by the 6 PUD districts of Skagit, Snohomish, Chelan, Jefferson, Kitsap and Thurston, to purchase PSP&L properties. A revenue bond issue of \$107,000,000 is proposed. The bond issue for Skagit would amount to \$22,912,000.

On Tuesday the Skagit PUD by a 2-1 vote passed a resolution to make the move. PUD Commissioner LaPlant cast the dissenting vote. Whatcom county PUD had declined to go along with the other districts on the matter.—Puget Sound Mail.

Mr. LaPlant's main objection had been that the asked price was too high.

SCANNING THE NEWS

Ike and Adlai Turn on Steam

Dwight Eisenhower and Adlai Stevenson had shaken off the post-convention summer doldrums, made a fast pivot on Labor Day, and took off like knights on white chargers in the direction of November 4.

The fight for the presidency remained a wide-open battle, but there was this much to be said:

Up until the Labor Day weekend, Eisenhower's campaign efforts had been pretty much of a disappointment to his backers and to the "I Like Ike" segment of the voting population. He had failed to take fire on any of the big issues, and his speeches sagged with lackluster oratory. "Get hot!" his supporters were crying.

Stevenson, meanwhile, despite his now famous reference to "the mess in Washington," was rolling along smoothly. He had the knack for saying the right thing, and was impressive in his appearances before midwestern audiences.

In fact, things were going so well for the Illinois governor that the Democrats were beginning to caution themselves happily about the dangers of over-confidence.

Yet, on Labor Day Eisenhower started to take off his velvet glove to prove that it didn't cover a marshmallow hand after all. Heading south in a whirlwind, precedent-breaking effort, he made six speeches in four states in two days.

It was the first real southern campaign by a Republican presidential candidate in history. He blasted the "Washington mess" and told the southerners that their votes had been taken or granted by the Democratic party too long. Ike, people were saying, had begun to build up a head of steam.

Stevenson went north for his Labor Day week-end, lifting a labor-minded audience out of its seats in Detroit with a speech demanding repeal of the Taft-Hartley law and calling it "biased and politically inspired."

Ike wound up his two-day invasion of the south by warning against American threats to any other nation. He reminded a Little Rock, Ark., audience that "threats are not the way to peace. We can't charge up and down the world making threats to other nations. We have to make the world understand the sincerity of our desire for peace."

But for both candidates it was still a long way to November 4 and the election that will decide their fates.

OAK HARBOR

The W.S.C.S. canned fruit and vegetables Wednesday for the Deaconess Childrens Home in Everett.

Bruce Wheeler of Seattle spent the weekend with home folks.

ISLAND FOURTH PLACE AT PUYALLUP FAIR

Island County received third prize for its exhibit at the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup. The display also placed fourth for arrangement.

A great variety of Island County products were represented, including fruits, vegetables, grains, dairy and poultry products—and even some leaf tobacco!

POLITICS

(Reprinted by request from last week's "Courier")
The Commissioner's race was hotly contested in the First District.

One dopester has arrived at the following conclusion:

In Dist. 1, Gillespie polled 735 votes, as against 927 for Andrews, DeBruyn and Grubb, or 192 votes minority.

Gillespie carried four precincts, for a majority of 38 votes:

In Coupeville precinct, Gillespie received 95 votes, where Andrews, DeBruyn and Grubb combined for 94 votes, for a majority of one vote in favor of Gillespie.

Sar toga precinct gave Gillespie 34 votes, and the other three candidates 26; eight vote majority for Gillespie.

In Prairie Center, 116 voted for Gillespie, and 95 against, for a majority of 21.

Clinton also gave the incumbent Commissioner a majority of eight votes: 109 for him, and 101 divided among the others.

In the other precincts, Gillespie did not carry a majority of votes. His lack of plurality in all votes cast in the following precincts was: Sandy Point, 10; Greenbank, 13; Langley, 25; Austin, 70; Skagit Head, 79; Glendale, 28; Useless Bay, 5. This totals 230 lack of majority for Gillespie in these seven precincts.

The conclusion is: Bill Grubb can give Roy Gillespie a close race in November.

Society Wedding Date Set

Barbara Ann Austin and Ronny Wayne Zylstra, both of Coupeville, have set their marriage date for Saturday, September 27th, 7:30 p. m. (Daylight Time), at the Methodist church in Coupeville.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Austin. Ronny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Zylstra.

Friends and relatives of the couple are cordially invited to attend the wedding, and the reception which will be held immediately following the ceremony, in the club rooms.

WEEKLY EATING CLUB

By Jim Barstow



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Permits To Wed

Sept. 11: Robert D. Hooper, NAS Whidbey, and Christine Morris, Oak Harbor.

Sept. 15: E. A. Klunze and Maria Yunker, both of Seattle.

Sept. 17: Richard C. Coop, NAS Whidbey, and Bonnie Jean Latimer, Anacortes. Henry Grant Hunter and Ada M. Ogdon, both of Mount Vernon.

Lloyd Gildow appeared in Justice Lynn P. Vane's court last Thursday. He was given 10 days in jail and costs, for disorderly conduct.

CATCH WANTED FORGER

Through a confidential tip, Sheriff Tom Clark's office apprehended a man wanted for first degree forgery, last Friday. Deputies Art Black and Bill arrested one Konrad N. Kethley at The Chimes in Oak Harbor, wanted in Skagit County. On Saturday, Skagit Deputies Boyton and Fowler returned Kethley to Mount Vernon.

The new curbing near the library is another sign of the times.

Oak Harbor P-T-A Receives Teachers

The Oak Harbor P-T-A held its reception for the teachers Monday night, following an expeditious business meeting with Paul Cope presiding.

The grade school teachers were presented by Mr. Neuman, and Mr. Crow introduced the high school teachers.

The teachers were seated at individual tables, and the parents visited at the various tables. Coffee and cake was served.

GRADE SCHOOL PAPER STAFF SELECTED

The Oak Harbor grade school will have a newspaper, the "Junior High Journal", this year. Such a paper was issued last year, too. The paper will be mimeographed.

The staff will be: Editor, Buddy Walgren; Assistant Editor, Leo Berk; Business Manager, Richie Kreig; Circulation Committee, Jerry Hallberg and Beverly Myers; Typists, Sonja Christensen and Dickie Van Tassel; Sports Editor, David DeGraff; Assistant Sports Editor, Orson Christensen; Stapling Committee, Mike Teel and Fred Walrath.

ELECTION RETURNS

With the possible exception of the office of Lieutenant Governor, the Island County vote seemed to reflect the state-wide thinking, or popularity of candidates.

Here are the first Island County election returns. Names in CAPITALS were nominated, and will appear on the November ballot.

Federal

United States Senator — Democrat: JACKSON 1745. Republican: CAIN 1270; Holman 97; Oldfield 95.

Congressman-at-Large — Democrat: MAGNUSON 706; Bryant 206; Bell 166; Smith 131; Washington 97; McCutcheon 87; Smiley 14. Republican: CANWELL 602; Tourtelotte 496; Williams 151; Mills 74; Siler 57; Pearson 53; Corkery 49; Parkin 36.

Representative in Congress, 2nd District — Democrat: HENSON 414; Peterson 350; Dootson 328; Weber 177. Republican: WESTLAND 1148; Wilson 384; Warnock 248.

State

Governor — Democrat: MITCHELL 687; Rosellini 517; Hodde 267; Ralls 107; Martin 64. Republican: LANGLEY 1458; Lydon 112.

Lieutenant Governor — Democrat: MEYERS 714; Paulsen 280; Monroe 211. Republican: Elvidge 419; Hollingberry 379; ANDERSON 337; Woodall 254; Kerr 221; Henry 188.

Secretary of State — Democrat: COE 1381. Republican: DAHL 1078; Mahaffey 549.

State Treasurer — Democrat: GALLAGHER 743; Kiehl 432. Republican: MAYBURY 1231; Rouse 388.

State Auditor — Democrat: YELLE 1417. Republican: OLES 837; Romstad 649.

Attorney General — Democrat: TROY 1171. Republican: EASTVOLD 1806.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction — Non-Partisan: WANAMAKER 1923; TURNER 759; Gehrmann 383.

Commissioner of Public Lands — Democrat: TAYLOR 690; Lindgren 207; Klinefelter 198; Wendt 75. Republican: CASE 996; Robertson 544; Long 208.

State Insurance Commissioner — Democrat: SULLIVAN 1217. Republican: BECKER 1528.

Other County Returns

Judges of Supreme Court—Position No. 1: Schwelmbach 2264. No. 2: Hill 2131. No. 3: Olson 2048; No. 4: Weaver 1980. (Non-Partisan.)

Judges of Superior Court—Non-Partisan—Position No. 1: Denney 2355. No. 2: Stiger 2053.

Judge of Superior Court, Position No. 3—Non-Partisan: Dailey 850; Sheridan 637; Nollmeyer 635; Watness 455.

The names of DAILIE and SHERRIDAN will be on the November ballot.

Legislative

State Representative, 38th Dist. (Three to be nominated.)—Democrat: Carmichael 743; Mardesich 590; Pitt 265; Brannon 256; Stocker 222; Heim 209; Gable 174; Frederickson 152; Kulle 144. Republican: Earlywine 888; Wold 490; Darlington 476; Bennett 411; Smith 268; Kent 234; Studebaker 218; Secor 195; Harrison 194; Davis 183.

The top three of both parties will be on the General Election ballot.

State Representative, 39th District (Camano Island)—Democrat: Bernethy 72; Hanson 68; Johnson 66; Humphrey 53; Williams 30; Hershaw 24. Republican: Washburn 196; Soper 122.

State Senator, 39th District—Democrat: Hutchison 67; Kirby 65; Gissberg 52. Republican: Murphy 179; Spurlock 74.

County

Commissioner, 1st District—Democrat: GRUBB 263. Republican: GILLESPIE 735; Andrews 443; DeBruyn 221.

Commissioner, 2nd District — Democrat: MEETER 794. (Wayne Hoffman received 60 write-ins.)

PATROL CHECKS BUSES

Two State Patrol cars and a truck load of equipment came across on the first ferry from Mukilteo Monday morning. The testing devices were set up in Coupeville, and all school buses on the Island converged here for a check-up.

ZONE CHAIRMAN OF LIONS VISITS MOUNT VERNON

Guests of the Lions Club last Wednesday were Jack Hueble, a member of the Seattle Central Lions Club, who has a summer home at Dines Point; E. C. Warner, Assistant Assessor, who resides at Madrona Beach; and Lloyd Hughes of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, a brother-in-law of Lion Eddie Duff.

Lion Martin Elzinga furnished a program of colored movies, "Rainbows In the Colorado", depicting rainbow trout fishing in the Colorado River below the Hoover Dam, between Arizona and Nevada.

Zone Chairman Chester B. Maxim made a visitation to the Mount Vernon Lions Club on Monday, September 10th.

Zone Chairman Maxim visited the Concrete Club this Wednesday.

RIDERS WIN AWARDS AT SKAGIT TOURNEY

Members of the Island County Sheriff's Posse met with members of the Skagit County riding club, near Mount Vernon, Sunday, for a gymkhana. The Island County group brought back their share of awards, with L. D. Friday the star from the Island. Friday took 2nd in the pole bending, and ring events.

Quarter mile saddle horse race: Friday 1st; Lawrence Reubel 2nd.

Quarter mile bareback race: Friday 1st; Skinny Hassler 2nd.

Relay race: Team of Knight Smith, Friday, and Red Thompson. 1st. Team of Hassler, Oscar Peterson, and Paul Smythe, 2nd.

Three-legged novelty race: Peterson and Hassler 1st; Red Strom and Ralph West 2nd.

Walk, trot, run: mythe 2nd; Thompson 3rd.

In the teenage events, Sue Noble of Langley took 2nd in pole bending; Rich Kreig, Oak Harbor, 2nd in the potato race; Billy Smith, Coupeville, 2nd in the balloon race.

SUNDAY SMELT FISHING

Visitors at the Fred Wheeler home Sunday were: George Dordward; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Steiniek of Oak Harbor; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dougherty; Mrs. C. L. Dougherty and children; Mrs. Jean Simpson of Snohomish.

They all tried their luck smelt fishing.

Mrs. Simpson is Mrs. Wheeler's sister and plans to visit a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGinnis and Mrs. Anna Izett of Clinton also visited the Wheelers Sunday.

TEXT OF THE RECENT ANNEXATION PETITION

We, the undersigned owners of property in an area contiguous to the Town of Coupeville and not now incorporated, do hereby petition for the annexation of our property to the Town of Coupeville; together with so much adjacent property not listed in this petition as may be necessary or desirable to consolidate the area to be annexed; all in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington (Section 35.13.130, Revised Code of Washington) and with the accompanying plat outlining the boundaries of the property sought to be annexed.

EVENTUALITIES

Sept. 20: Fireman's Dance, Rec. Hall, Coupeville.

The Grand Jury in Seattle will hear the Langley bank robber case, September 24th.

Sept. 27: Little League Auction Sale at Oak Harbor beach.

Sunday, October 5th, has been tentatively set as the day for dedication of the new Clover Valley school.

October 6th will be the date of the next meeting of the Fire District, at which time temporary directors will be selected.

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THE CASUAL OBSERVER

By L. N. HALLBERG

It has been suggested that the counties of Island and San Juan be combined into a State Representative District of their own, some time in the future. The thought is that these island counties might secure a more personalized representation at Olympia thereby. Now, Island County shares representation with a portion of Snohomish County, and San Juan County with all of Skagit County.

If nothing else, the fact people are thinking along these lines may put State Representatives under the present system on their mettle, and they may still be interested in the Island paradises after election.



OTHER EDITORS

"And the Voice of the Turtle
Is Heard In the Land . . ."

The turtle dove is almost tame. Its beautiful pinkish grey plumage and charming head are familiar to all rural residents. The female lays only two eggs at a brooding, and the roughly made nests being almost flat, one egg often rolls out. Hence this bird is NOT a "game bird", for all true game birds lay a large clutch of eggs. The turtle dove is in reality a "migratory song bird" and as such should receive the protection of the Federal Government, as do all song birds.

The food of the dove consists of 80 to 85% weed seeds, and during the nesting season insects are consumed; hence this bird is invaluable to the farmer. It is perfectly harmless, and as it weighs only about three ounces when cleaned, is worthless for food. (What woman would care to prepare doves for her table?)

A century ago the beautiful passenger pigeon numbered the countless millions; now we have NOT ONE! Do we want extinction also for the turtle dove?—The Animals' Crusader (Spokane).

There is not one particle of excuse for dove killing by sportsmen for "sport". If a hunter cannot shoot some real game instead of tea-party game, he should steadfastly refrain from shooting at all. What possible sport is there in hunting game that has no sporting qualities? From the thrilling upland game birds to the half-tame, unsuspicious, slow-flying dove is a great come-down for blue-blooded sports. We are not overly proud, but here is one man who has never shot a dove for "sport" or for "food" and he would go sportless forever rather than accept such a humiliation.—William T. Hornaday in "Thirty Years for Wildlife".

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LATEST GRASSROOTS POLL OF PUBLISHERS

GETS RESPONSE FROM 3,062 WEEKLY PAPERS

AND 449 DAILIES WITH THESE RESULTS:

1. Ike is the man these papers believe their readers want for President.
2. Eisenhower also is the personal choice of weekly and daily editors.
3. 47.5% of the weeklies and 56.1% of these dailies will support Ike editorially.

WHO MADE THIS POLL?

This sampling of nation-wide editorial opinion was conducted by "The Publishers' Auxiliary", which is a weekly paper published by Western Newspaper Union, and directed to the publishers and editors of the country's small town daily and weekly newspapers.

HOW RELIABLE IS THE SAMPLING IN THIS POLL?

Ballots were mailed to 8,570 weekly and 1,406 daily newspapers. 3,062 or 35.7% of the weeklies replied, and 449 or 31.9% of the dailies returned their ballots. (Ballots were mailed only to dailies having circulations of less than 25,000 in order to maintain the "grassroots" picture.) Replies in significant quantity were received from 47 of the 48 states.

Ballots were mailed August 14th. Returns were received and tabulated between August 18th and September 3rd. Thus the sampling indicated the situation in the grassroots area of the country prior to the much-publicized and heralded Labor Day kickoffs of both campaigns.

HERE ARE THE KEY RESULTS:

To the question: "I think people of my community favor?"—64.3% of the weeklies and 65.3% of the dailies named Eisenhower. 25.9% of the weeklies and 23.2% of the dailies indicated Stevenson, while 9.8% of the weeklies and 11.5% of the dailies were undecided.

55 Washington weeklies—33.1% of those queried—answered that question as follows: Eisenhower favored by 35 (63.6%); Stevenson by 11 (20%); 9 (16.4%) undecided.

To the question: "My personal choice at this time is?"—66.5% of the weekly publishers responding named Ike and 70.4% of the daily publishers had the same choice. 25.2% of the weekly publishers personally favor Stevenson; 22.5% of the daily publishers favored the Illinois Governor. 8.3% of the weekly, and 7.1% of the daily publishers were undecided.

Of the 55 Washington papers, 42 (76.4%) said they now choose Ike; 8 (14.5%) bet on "Alibi"; and 5 (9.1%) can't make up their minds.

To the question: "My paper will support editorially?"—47.5% of the weeklies, and 56.1% of the dailies said they would support Eisenhower, while 14.2% of the weeklies and 12.9% of the dailies showed up in the Stevenson column. 28% of the weeklies and 20.3% of the dailies indicated they would back neither candidate, while 10.3% of the weeklies and 10.7% of the dailies were "undecided".

Of the 55 Washington papers, 29 (52.7%) said they will support Ike; 2 (3.6%) will support Steve; 3 (5.5%) still can't make up their minds; and 21 (38.2%) will support no candidate.

Five Washington dailies were polled, of which 2 thought their readers were for Ike, and the other 3 undecided. The editors of the 5 dailies were all for Ike and will support him editorially. Of 449 dailies over the nation, 293 said their communities were for Ike; 104 said Stevenson; and 52 don't know their readers' minds. 316 of the 449 personally pick Ike as their favorite; 101 Stevenson; and 32 up in the air. 252 of the 449 will editorially back Ike; 58, Stevenson; 58 have not picked a winner to ride on; and 91 will support neither candidate.

(That "support neither candidate" is our category! If we had been in favor of Eisenhower before—which we were not—we surely would have changed our mind when we saw that picture of Ike and Taft "waving" in harmony recently; Ike's wave looked too much like some fascist salute he may have picked up in Europe! And we certainly shall not support a "weak sister" and "me, too", as Stevenson seems to be. We still contend: From this great nation of ours some great leader should emerge, but we can't hope for that yet.—EDITOR.)

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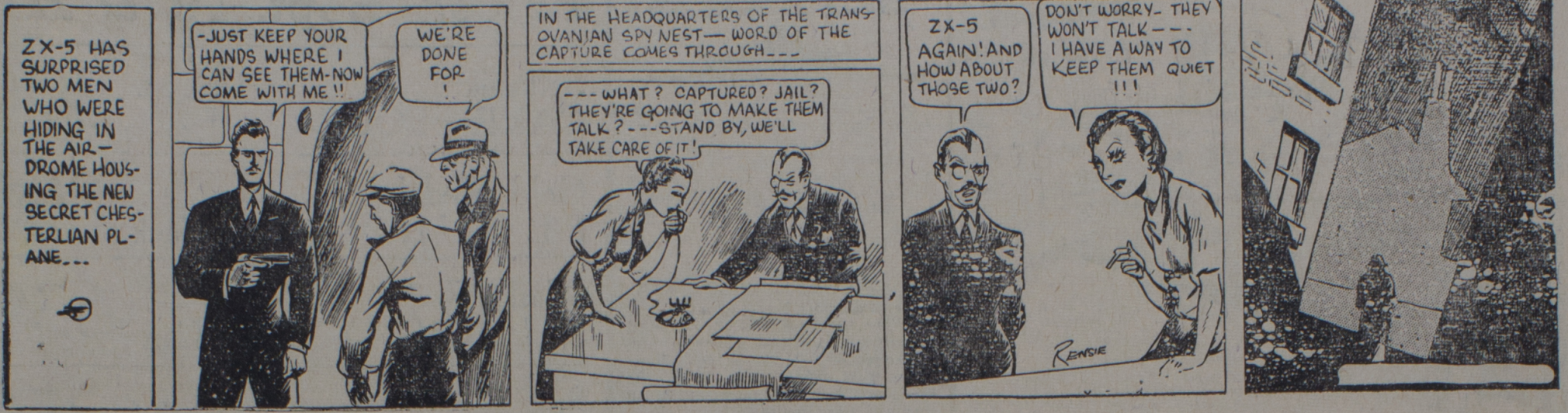
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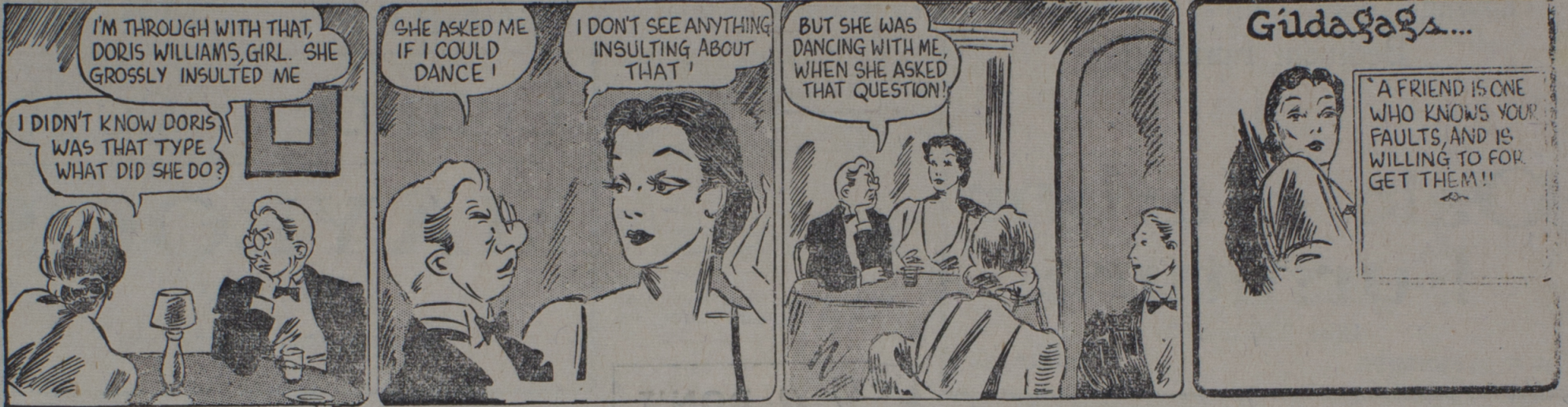
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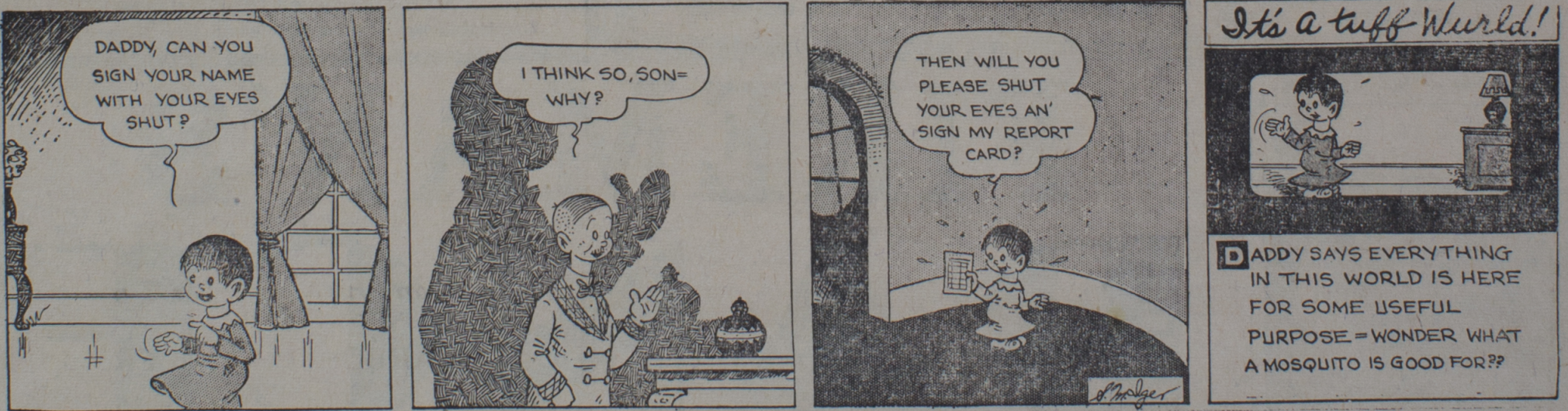


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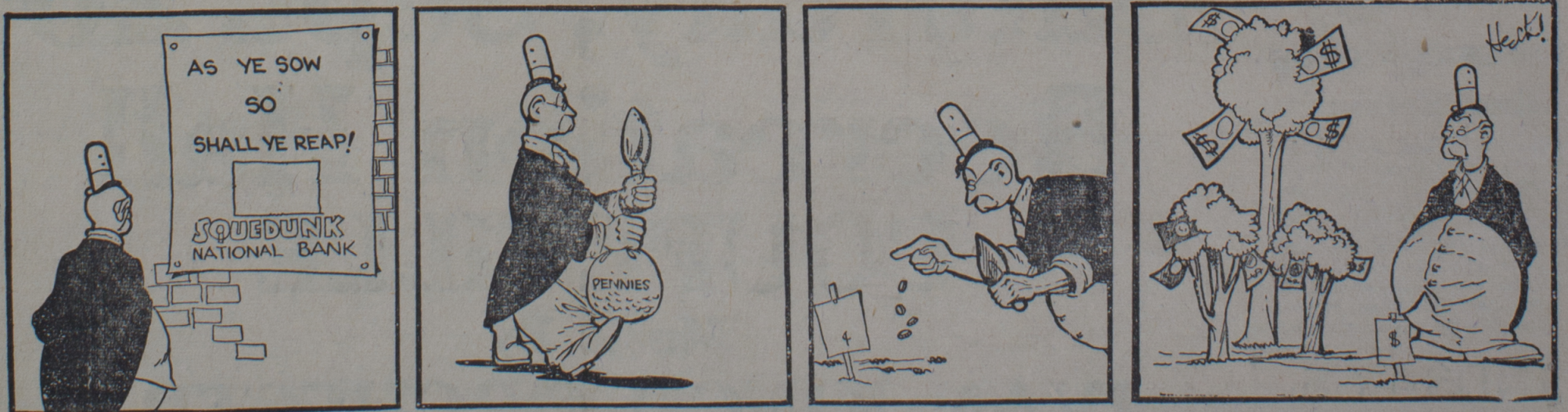
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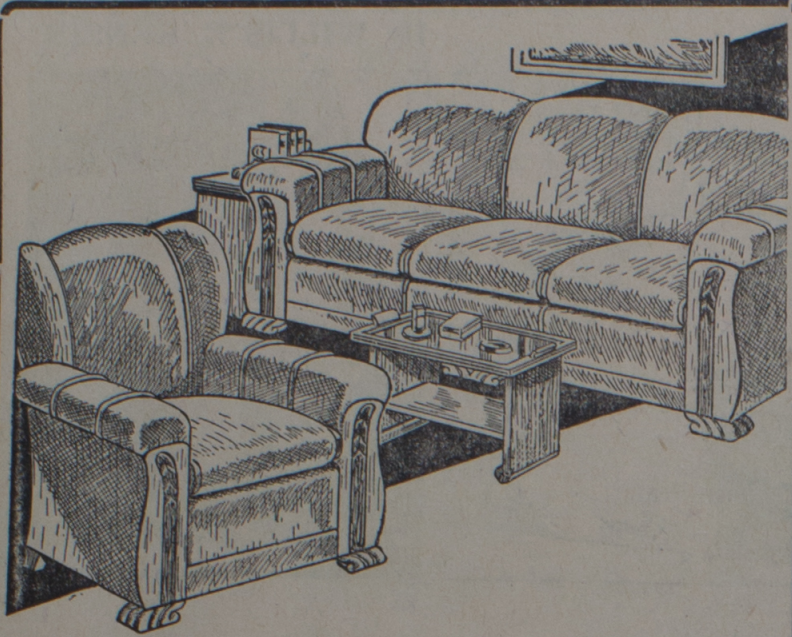
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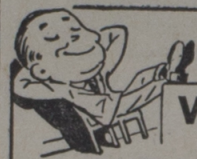
The Anacortes Seahawks beat the Oak Harbor Wildcats on the Seahawks home field September 12 by a score of 13-7. The score was tied at 7-7 until the last minute of play when the Seahawks scored their second touchdown of the game. Friday, Sept. 19 is the Wildcats first home game at which they will play Granite Falls.

Monday, September 15, the French club was organized and officers elected: President, Jonette Wilson and Secretary-Treasurer, Carol Isham. A sok hop is being planned for October 11.

A Girls' Club meeting was held Wednesday to elect representatives from each class to participate in the Girls' Club board of control. Representatives are freshmen, Valera Screws; sophomores, Joan Lang; juniors, Patsy Morlock; seniors, Donna McKenzie.

Plans are now under way and every committee working hard for the Homecoming game and program on Oct. 31.

The Oak Harbor Grade School will play football at Sedro-Woolley this Friday.



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MORLOCKS RETURN FROM TRIP TO CANADA, ALASKA

Noel and Patsy Morlock and their parents returned last Wednesday night from a 26-day trip in Canada and Alaska, traveling as far north as Anchorage.

While driving in Alaska, Noel saw one of his former O. H. H. S. classmates, Elmer Wermilyen.

The Morlocks camped out during the trek into the north. Some

of the country is much like Whidbey; other is like desert, and then there are places where it gets 60 degrees below zero.

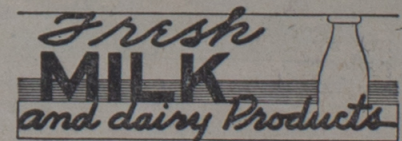
Driving home there was an inch of snow on the highway, and occasional snow flurries.

The Morlocks drove in about 8 p. m. Wednesday, and it was back to school Thursday for Noel and Pat. Noel was surrounded by all his classmates, to hear about driving over roads which cloudbursts had just opened.

SUNLIGHT DAIRY

Coupeville and Langley

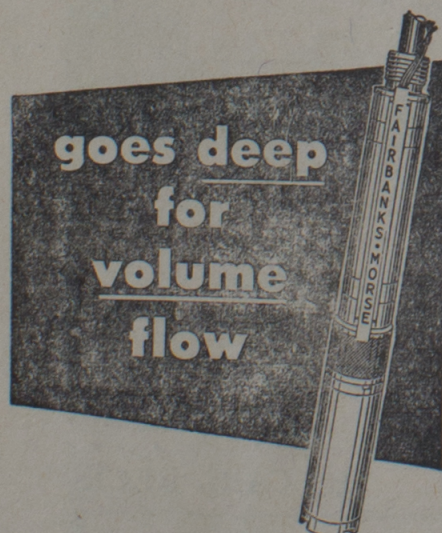
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