

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 1954

# Sam McNinch Has Earned Re-Election

Chairman S. Y. McAden and Commissioners Craig Lawing and John McEwen won.
That left two places to be filled by the runoff primary election on Saturday of this week. Four men are contending for these two positions.

It is with no intent of disparaging the qualifications of any of the other three candidates to suggest to the voters that one of the four—Sam S. McNinch Jr.—merits nomination for another two-year term.

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Mr. McNinch was elected to the Board of County Commissioners in 1932 in his first bid for public office. Freely admitting that he was a "freshman". he set out to learn as much as he could about the complicated eight million dollar county government. He worked hard at

the job. On several problems which took weeks to work out, he spent almost as much time working for the county as he did for the Jocie Motor Lines, of which he is vice president and treasurer.

Mr. McNinch is progressive without being a spentihrift. He conducts himself as a public official with refreshing candor and honesty. He is an able fellow. He is both a reasonable man and a man of great good humor. And he has shown that he can work in harmony with Chairman McAden and the other members of the board.

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In sum, his first-term record has been exceptionally good. It would entitle him to a second term in a field of other experienced men. It is even more important that he be renominated on Saturday because he is the only "known" political quantity among the four contenders.

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There is no clear line that can be drawn between propriety and impropriety in this case. Advance stories, including fact as well as rumor, are customarily published well in advance of the display of new automobile models. The JOURNAL has apparently been a bit more enterprising than its competitors, and perhaps more accurate.

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But whatever the merits of the GM case, the wrong remedy was selected The effort to prevent the JORN'AL from getting legitimate GM news is bad public relations. It will also be totally ineffective, if the JORNAL chooses to keep digging for such stories. The better remedy, if GM can prove damages, would be a test case in the civil courts.

Don Hollenbeck DON HOLLENBECK was one of the better reporters in the radio-TV division of the news business.

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Even-tempered, incisive, accurate, Holenbeck was a refreshing relief from the high-tension newscasters who, with rare exceptions, dominate the air waves these days. And his delightful sense of humor and his touch of whimsy added an extra ingredient to his programs.

The gas from five open jets that snuffed out his life and his voice yesterday will not, for a long time, erase the man from the memories of millions of American listeners.

# A Question Of Journalistic Ethics The publication of news and sketches that are clearly of a confidential nature, however, raises a difficult point of journalistic ethics. There is some merit to the company's argument that it has private property rights in blueprints and designs before its products are put on public display. But the Jounnal ais has an obligation to its readers, many of whom are stock investors, to bring them all the pertinent business information it can gather together. No one has alleged that the Jounnal's accounts were inaccurate. The only question is whether they were beyond propriety. There is no clear line that can be

THE current hassle between General Motors and the Wall Street Journal, both giants in their respective fields, has a number of interesting angles to it. It began when the Journal, following its tradition of digging out and developing previously unprinted news about the American business community, published several articles revealing details of the 1955 automobiles. One of the stories carried sketches of three of the new models—Chevrolet, Ford and Dodge. In retaliation, General Motors has withdrawn its advertising from the Journal, Cestimated at \$250,000 a year), and has refused to give the newspaper's representative in Detroit or the Associated Press its figures on weekly production. GM has also stopped sending the regular news releases to the Journal. There are, as usual, two sides to the argument.

General Motors makes the point that the particular statements and sketches used "have as their source confidential information and materials divulged in breach of a confidential relationship and in violation of our property rights." Presumably, the blueprinis from which the sketches were made were obtained from a subcontractors of the big automobile.

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The JOURNAL, answering a number of letters from dealers saying that the stories had hurt the sale of 1954 cars, replied editorially:

"A newspaper exists only to provide in-formation for its readers; it has no other reason for being. It provides that service only so, long as it diligently seeks out what is happening and reports it as ac-a newspaper begins to suppress that news, whether at the behest of its advertisers or on pleas from special segments of busi-ness, it will soon cease to be of any serv-ice either to its advertisers or to business ers."

General Motors has every right to withdraw its advertising from the JOUR-NAL or any other newspaper for any reason whatsoever or for no reason at all. That is not an issue.

From The New York Times

### LITTLE MAN, FAREWELL

CHARLIE Chaplin has recently accepted the "peace prize" of the Communist-sponsored World Peace Council. Part of the prize was \$14.000, which he did not need. Another part was a scroll, which he less than needed. If he knew more about Russia, or if he were perhaps less bitter, he would be well aware that the "peace prize" is not a peace prize at all, but a prize offered to those in Russia or outside of Russia who serve the purposes of a brutal and tyrannical imperialism. Charlie Chaplin once stated that his fleelogy was a sympathy for "he little fleelogy was

films could not survive and prosper in today's Russia.

We turn from the sad figure at Lausanne. Switzerland, to the earlier figure, the classical Chaplin, for whom we have nothing but affection and admiration and in whom in years gone by we found nothing to forgive. We turn to the Chaplin who appeared suddenly 40 years or so ago in a queer costume at the automobile races in Venice, Calif.; the Chaplin of Tire Yaca-Abonny; the Chaplin of Shotulber Arms, which was a contribution to American victory in the First World War, the Chaplin of Tire Xon. Since the Chaplin of Tire Store, the

Now he has allowed himself to be used by a sinister conspiracy of which the lit-tle man he so bouchingly represented is the victim. The little man he once por-trayed and with whom he has now parted company will some day be at home in the world and untroubled. Perhaps the

A writer says the average parent today is doing a better job of child-rearing than the parents of any other generation. Shucks, it's nothing that any ordinary combination of psychologist-coach-teach-er-millionaire-and-judo expert couldn't do.—Asheville (N. C.) Crizen.

A wise man is one who has never let a woman pin anything on him since he was a baby.—Chattanooga News-Free Press.

According to firemen, a good home is one you can get out of Judging by the weekend traffic, guess a lot of folks can qualify.—Grayson (Ky.) JOURNAL-EN-

One of the tragedies of life is the murder of a beautiful theory by a brutal gang of facts.—Carlsbad (N. M.) Current-Argus.

# Disturbing Parallels Between Hitler And McCarthy

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Wilson's Example

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People's Platform



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## Drew Pearson's Merry-Go-Round

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