

Insurance Group Officers Meet Here With Agents

District 2 of the Farmers Insurance Exchange group, which was organized May, 1939, with Fred A. Goff as district manager, was honored Wednesday evening by a visit from the following officers of the Farmers Exchange group: Frank Toal, vice president and actuary from the home office at Los Angeles; Ray F. Lundy, Northwest branch manager at Portland; Dent B. Reed, Northwest branch sales manager; Lee Donkin, Northwest branch claims manager, and Floyd R. Schmitt, agency supervisor.

Others attending were the following agents and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Roadman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle E. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Orr, W. O. Patterson, Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. George L. Edes, Yoncalla; Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Weaver, Days Creek; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hillbold, Myrtle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Kelley, Oakland; H. H. Waltermire, Astoria; and A. A. Sandlin, Drain. Also present were James E. Conn, manager of the Oregon Turkey Growers association, and wife; special guests, Mrs. Annie Peterson, Miss Mary Peterson, secretary at Mr. Goff's office, and District Manager and Mrs. Goff.

Following the banquet, a business session was held with the

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home office and Northwest branch personnel as special instructors in insurance work. All of these officers were very high in their praise of the district manager, and his assistants in the manner in which the office and service in this district is given.

Japanese Pressure Near Imphal Not Reduced

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contingent is 13 miles from Bogdajim.

In a day-long attack on well-fortified Anbaul, New Britain, 150 bombers let go with 110 tons of bombs on airfields and other Japanese installations.

Bombers of the 7th army air force Monday gave Ponape, Japanese eastern Caroline's outpost, its 27th bombing since Valentine's day. Two navy search Liberators said Wake a visit. Admiral Nimitz reported, sinking a small cargo vessel. Four enemy positions in the Marshall islands were bombed.

Twenty-five Japanese fighters, not seven as first reported, were shot down by American Liberators over Truk Sunday. It was disclosed by 5th army air force headquarters.

Reds, Axis Troops Battle In Suburbs of Odessa

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Skala area and in the city of Tarnopol, the merciless battle for their extermination has reached new fury with the end of the blizzard which has been sweeping southern Russia for three days and nights.

A dispatch to Red Star said the Germans lost 1,000 dead and 20 tanks in their first big attempt to break out of the Skala trap yesterday, and a second effort cost them even more dead.

The Russians were said to be seizing one street after another in Tarnopol, killing a large number of Germans, while others threw down their arms.

At Skala, Junkers transport planes were reported making numerous trips in attempts to evacuate nazis trapped in that sector west of Kamenets Podolsk, the dispatch said, and 11 of them have been shot down within the past 24 hours.

U. S. Bombers Raid Oil Center in Rumania

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line, the bulletin said, adding that patrols inflicted casualties on the enemy.

British military commentators asserted that Rumania's days as an effective fighting power were running out. Doubtless Rumania would like peace but her alliance with Germany barred this—as witness the cases of Italy, Hungary and Finland.

Willkie Quits Race; Dewey Chances Boosted

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pleased" McKeldin said, with assurances he had Maryland's support for the nomination.

While others thought the pressure for a statement to the effect that he would take a proffered nomination might become too great to withstand, intimates of the governor said he had made up his mind that if he is to be the standard bearer, he does not want to owe his selection to any individual or single element in the party, or to have any other strings attached.

With a minimum of 132 convention delegates pledged or claimed for him, as compared with 26 pledged to Lieut. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen and three to Gen. Douglas MacArthur, Dewey seemed well started toward such a goal. His other major opponent, Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio, has yet to show publicly in any of the 276 convention delegate selections made.

Willkie Counts Himself Out

Willkie announced his exit from the race in the course of what had been billed as a presidential campaign speech in Omaha last night. He added to his prepared speech a statement which said in part:

"It has been my conviction that no republican could be nominated for president unless he received at the convention the votes of some of the major midwestern states, for it is in this section of the country that the republican party has had its greatest resurgence."

"Therefore, I quite deliberately entered the Wisconsin primary to test whether the republican voters of the state would support me and in the advocacy of every sacrifice and cost necessary to winning and shortening the war and in the advocacy of tangible, effective economic and political cooperation among the nations of the world for the preservation of the peace and the rebuilding of humanity."

Asserting that "this country desperately needs new leadership," Willkie then announced his retirement from the race:

"It is obvious now that I cannot be nominated. I therefore am asking my friends to desist from any activity toward that end and not to present my name at the convention."

What Will Willkie Do?

While Dewey was on all counts top man in the party as of today, the question of what Willkie might do held the intense interest of republican politicians, who speculated on these possible developments:

1. Willkie might plump for a republican with liberal international views such as Stassen, thus giving that candidate's chances a boost.

2. He might return to the democratic party, which he quite before 1940—might even support a fourth term for President Roosevelt in preference to aiding a republican who did not see eye to eye with him on foreign affairs. (There was some conjecture that Willkie might be invited to share the ticket with the president.)

3. He might head a new "Bull Moose" liberal movement away from the old line republican party.

4. Or, he might go along with the G. O. P. nominee, whoever that may be, continuing his appeals for a "one world" program to preserve future peace, a peace he thus could hope to have some hand in formulating.

Editorial Praise Is Bestowed on Willkie

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should sneak and let the people know where he stands.

Phoenix Gazette (Independent): No finer tribute ever was paid any man than that paid Willkie by his political opponents who said: "Willkie talks too much." In talking "too much" he made it clear where he stood on every important issue. He has a program * * * and that is more than can be said for the republican party.

Milwaukee Journal (Independent): More important than the old party tradition of never re-nominating a candidate who has lost, Mr. Willkie, we have been told by many persons, is "too much like Roosevelt." In the nature of things the republican party is the refuge of those who oppose Mr. Roosevelt. That is the function of the party out of power. * * * In Wisconsin Mr. Willkie did not make that difference stand up.

PM (Ind.): Roosevelt must run again. * * * It was decided in the Wisconsin primary. The isolationists and reactionaries, the labor baiters and small politicians of the republican party have finally achieved their supreme triumph—the burial of Wendell Willkie's presidential candidacy. * * * The one republican who offered even the hope of genuine liberal leadership has been, in effect, driven out of his party. The G. O. P. bosses, led by backward-looking, bumbling Harri-

'Little Beaver'



Bobby Blake, 10, who plays "Little Beaver" in Republic Studio's films of "Red Ryder," popular comic strip cowboy hero, is pictured as he appeared in Hollywood court to have his \$1200-a-year contract approved.

son Spangler have prevailed.

World Telegram (Ind.):—Willkie's withdrawal as a candidate for the republican presidential nomination is a blow to the inevitable. * * *

Will he remain a republican, and actively support the party's nominee to bring about a change in national administration which Willkie has been demanding?

The question existed before the Wisconsin primary. Indeed, it was a major factor in his defeat. The suspicion that he was not a republican, except for what he could get out of it, overshadowed his Wisconsin campaign so completely he had to spend much of his time trying to dispel it. He failed.

New York Sun (Ind.):—This country still loves a man who can take a licking without offering an alibi. Mr. Willkie admits quite frankly that he went before the republican voters of Wisconsin requesting their support for his own ideas on international relations after the war, and that those voters turned him down. It is natural for Mr. Willkie to think that they turned him down because of those ideas, but it is just possible that they turned him down for other reasons, also, as for example, because they wished leadership of a kind different from any he had to offer; leadership of a kind wholly different from any the democratic party might be expected to offer.

Madison (Wisc.) Capital Times (Ind.):—The dominant thing in the republican party today is a seething hatred of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Everything else is subordinated to this factor. Along came this fellow Willkie, branded as "just another Roosevelt," who sought to take over the leadership of the republican party. This was more than the Roosevelt-hating republicans could take.

Isolationism stands as a symbol of Wisconsin republicanism rather than the courageous program that has been submitted by Wendell Willkie. Are we headed for another Harding era?

Liberty Ships Inquiry Assailed by Sen. Cordon

ASTORIA, Ore., April 6—(AP)—The Truman committee's investigation of liberty ships was under attack today from Sen. Guy Cordon, who said he has asked the senate committee to hold any new hearings on the scene "where the ships were actually built."

"Why, I ask," Cordon said in a speech before the chamber of commerce last night, "was this inquisition held in a city which has a competitive interest in discouraging the further development of Oregon industry? * * * Oregon should rise up and protest any attempt to make political capital at our expense."

The Truman hearing was held in Seattle.

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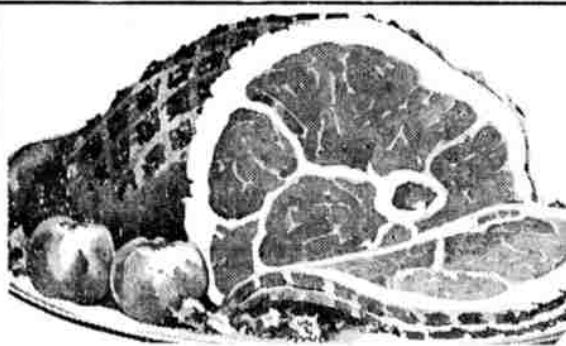
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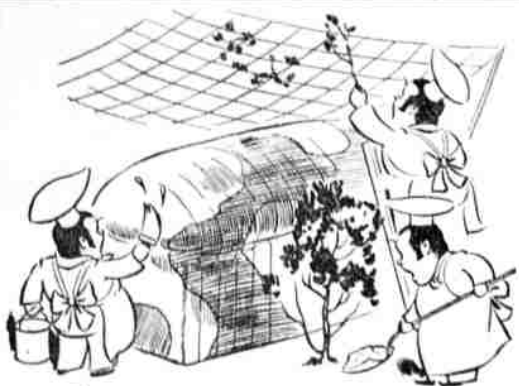
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