

Rebekah Lodges To Hold Convention

The 42nd annual Douglas County Rebekah Lodge convention will be held Nov. 18 in Myrtle Creek instead of Canyonville, according to information received here.

The convention will include the following lodges: Umpqua 173, Elkton; Sutherlin 218; Arbor Vista 11, Myrtle Creek; Roseburg 41; Relief 18, Riddle; and Bertha 188, Canyonville.

The following are district officers: Bennetta Pickett, chairman, Canyonville; Juanita Holgate, Sutherlin, vice-chairman; Doris Fitzpatrick, Canyonville, secretary; Gladys Skelton, Myrtle Creek, treasurer; Christine Smith, president of the Rebekah Assembly, right support of chairman; Oma Keller, Riddle, left support of chairman; Thora Branton, Myrtle Creek, marshal; Thella Webb, Roseburg, conductor; Kate Findley, Elkton, chaplain; Noma Thompson, Roseburg, inner sentinel; Lucille Chase, Sutherlin, outer sentinel; Velma Herman, Roseburg, right support of vice-chairman; Alice Goff, Roseburg, left support of vice-chairman; Josie Pruner, Riddle, musician, and Mayme Pickens, past chairman.

FROM NINE TO FIVE

By Jo Fisher



Don't blame everything on me! If you hadn't hired me, I wouldn't be around here to make those mistakes!

Truman-Stalin Meeting Could Effect Little More Than Truce

By DEWITT MacKENZIE
(AP Foreign Affairs Analyst)

Speculation over the report of a possible meeting between President Truman and Marshal Stalin in Moscow has swept both hemispheres like a prairie fire, demonstrating anew the intensity of world-interest in any such parley.

It is noteworthy that the Moscow press has given heavy play to this report which was carried by Tass, the Soviet news agency. Tass attributed the information to an item by the Washington Times Herald evidently referring to a column by Tris Coffin.

The story has met with mixed reception. U. S. Undersecretary of State Lovett said he knew nothing to substantiate the idea of such a meeting. Presidential Press Secretary Eben Ayers, who is with the chief executive at Key

West, offered no comment but recalled Mr. Truman's repeated assertions that he would be glad to talk with Stalin any time the Soviet chief wishes to come to America.

Of course Mr. Truman did have a plan to send Chief Justice Vinson to Russia recently, but Secretary of State Marshall persuaded the President not to do that. However, the President left the door open for possible consideration of a similar mission. In view of this it is interesting to see L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican organ which frequently reflects the views of Pope Pius, expressing hope that the American elections have paved the way for a Truman-Stalin meeting.

And from well-informed American sources in Paris comes the insight that Messrs. Truman and Marshall are expected to confer shortly over the whole field of America's relations with Russia. Could do Much Harm.

Well, what of the advisability of a Truman-Stalin meeting — assuming that it could be arranged?

Most observers appear to regard the proposition with much doubt, as being a two-edged sword which might do some good but could do much harm.

On the credit side one can see that it would give vast satisfaction to those who feel we are missing a bet by not attempting such a direct approach. Furthermore it would put America on record as having gone the limit in trying to achieve peace, even though the effort failed.

On the other hand there would be the danger that the move would be interpreted as appeasement—a term which forever will be associated with British Prime Minister Chamberlain's efforts to placate Hitler. Such an interpretation would give Moscow grand propaganda with which to convince their own people, and doubtful foreign nations, of Red Russian supremacy.

Double-Cross in Cards. Then there is the very definite danger that the Muscovites, after smoking the pipe of peace, might employ the following period of trustful tranquility for the expansion of their fifth column projects in foreign countries. That's a tough suggestion to have to make, but past experience shows that it is in the cards. Employment of the double-cross not only is one of the cardinal methods of Bolshevism, but is actually part of the written code.

But supposing Moscow made a pact of amity with the western nations, "calling off" the cold war? What then?

I think you will find the consensus of observers is that we might have a period of pseudo-peace but that most assuredly this would be followed by a resumption of the Bolshevik world revolution. It would be most unwise for us to believe that Communism will abandon its offensive.

We are engaged in a fight to a finish. There is no encouragement for the belief that compromise can achieve anything more than a truce.

Whether a truce would be worth while is an idea to be considered—but with utmost care.

Rice Valley

Mrs. W. H. McDonald left Wednesday for an extended tour of California. She expects to visit friends and relatives in San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles.

Mrs. Irvin Rice has been taking medical treatments in Eugene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Huntington motored to Corvallis Tuesday and visited until Friday with their daughter, Mrs. Ed Bloomquist and also with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moody at Lebanon. Mrs. Bloomquist and her three sons returned with the Huntingtons to spend a week on the Huntington Ranch.

Thomas Fredericks, who is attending University of Oregon at Eugene spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. J. W. McDonald. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Huntington motored to Fossil, Ore. last Tuesday where they visited with friends and relatives. They returned Thursday.

Truman Plans No Trip to Moscow

KEY WEST, Fla., Nov. 11.—(AP)

—The 30th anniversary of the close of the First World War found President Truman grappling today with the problems that beset the peace again.

From his vacation retreat of this naval submarine base, he kept a close watch through advices from the State Department over newest Russian maneuvers involving blockaded Berlin.

Meanwhile, the White House made it clear that there are no plans of any kind for a Truman-Stalin meeting and that the president has no intention to go to Moscow. But the White House welcome mat is still out if Premier Stalin should change his mind and decide to visit Washington for a conference.

No official word has come from Mr. Truman's associates as to whether he might still be considering sending a personal emissary to talk with the Rus-

sian leader.

Mr. Truman's mustache and chin whiskers excited comment among newspapermen. The president explained that the whiskers were not a "Van Dyke" but a "Jeff Davis."

His two grandfathers, the president of the Confederacy and Abraham Lincoln, all wore the same style, he said.

However, the arrival of Mrs. Truman and Margaret tomorrow likely will bring an end to the president's experiment with whiskers.

GI'S AID CHILDREN

VIENNA — (AP) — American soldiers in Vienna have already made their plans to insure Viennese children a Merry Christmas. The soldiers have scheduled six events by which they hope to raise enough money to increase the number of children's parties they have been giving every Christmas since they entered the city in 1945.

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