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OLD FASHIONED IDEAS

Jim Mess, property custodian for the Roseburg School District, has some old fashioned ideas. One is that he does the work needing to be done regardless of hours, rate of pay or inconvenience—an idea which definitely dates him with an older generation.

Setting up facilities for the May Fete, Mess worked so hard and so long that he went home with chills and ague resulting from exhaustion. Preparing the stage for Commencement exercises, he went from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. with only one meal as he built platform risers, superintended stage decorations, auditorium seating and other details.

Too frequently we find that people on a public payroll do not overexert themselves. But taxpayers of the Roseburg School District may be sure they are getting far more work than would be expected from the moderate salary paid Jim Mess.

Now that school has ended until after the summer season, Mess is organizing for a huge task—getting facilities in readiness for the fall reopening.

Among some of the jobs will be to remodel the Junior High School stage and redecorate the auditorium, renovate and decorate the gymnasium, refinish the girls' shower room, build lockers for the boys' dressing room, repair and paint the grandstand at Finlay Field, build and paint a new bleacher section, repair and paint the girls' gymnasium at Senior High, and build more lockers, refinish the lunch room at Rose School and put a new roof on the annex, improve the playshed and baseball field, build a new gymnasium at Benson School, renovate floors, fixtures, desks and furniture in all the school buildings, do minor repair and painting and all general maintenance and improvement work.

Then, while all the above jobs are in progress, the District will contract exterior painting at Senior High, Junior High and Benson School.

Mess, who has another old fashioned idea that woodwork should be kept protected by paint, says the cost of painting the Senior High School exterior will be high because the building has been so long neglected. Had paint been applied when needed, he asserts, the expense over the long period would have been far less.

He plans to use the entire utility staff—janitors and maintenance men—totalling about 25, in doing the vacation season work. In addition, he will be required to hire a few workmen. No one need apply for a job with one of Jim's crews, however, if he isn't willing to work, for Mess believes in lots of "elbow grease" and solid accomplishment.

An inventory shows that the Roseburg School District has property worth about a million and a quarter dollars. In normal practice of business and industry about 10 percent of valuation is allowed for maintenance, repairs and replacements. Mess says if he could get one-half of 10 percent for maintenance of the Roseburg District's facilities, he would be quite happy. His current budget is around two percent.

Jim could be making much more money than he is paid by the School District, but he took the position he now holds because he saw urgent need for a better building maintenance program—a chance to save a large sum for the School District. But a more compelling motive is that he "likes kids." He is most happy when performing some task he knows "the kids" will appreciate.

Nothing arouses him more than to hear someone speak disparagingly of the younger generation. He feels that the world has never known finer boys and girls.

"Of course," says Jim, "there are a few black sheep and delinquents, just as there are delinquent adults." And he adds that in his opinion, today's young men and women, as a whole, have a higher average of intelligence, sense of responsibility and good behavior than the older generations.

And Jim's affection for youth is not unreciprocated, for perhaps no district employee is more loved by students than Jim Mess.

Variety Show Is Scheduled At Vets Hospital

A variety show entitled "Musical Charms" will be presented to the patients at the Roseburg Veterans Hospital June 14. A glittering 80 minutes of entertainment is built around an all-girl string orchestra. These eight girls, "The Symphonettes," provide accompaniment for individual acts and also do solos of popular favorites.

Vickie Villal is a vocal soloist who starred with Milt Britten's band and has been featured in theaters and supper clubs.

A slight-of-hand performance is on the program to be done by Louise Terry, who entertains her number "magicians." The conversational pattern which she delivers along with her tricks is considered as entertaining as the magic itself.

Newcomers to the Hospital Camp Show are Estelle and Charles Kraft, a top tap-ballet team who have recently completed a very successful tour of Eastern theaters. This couple performs classical ballet as well as regular tap routines.

From the radio circuit come the Grayson Sisters who harmonize today's outstanding tunes. This show is one of the regular entertainment features sponsored by the Veterans Hospital Camp Shows for patients in Veterans Hospitals throughout the United States.

Mrs. L. B. Boutell, Former Roseburg Resident, Dies

Word of the death of Mrs. Laura Byers Boutell, former Roseburg resident, was received here by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Cora Byers, Mrs. Boutell died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luta Taylor, at Pasadena, Calif. She was 84 years old.

Mrs. Boutell was the sister of Mrs. Byers' late husband, Arthur Byers, of Roseburg. Surviving are another brother, J. P. Byers of Comstock, and two sisters, Mrs. William Bisset and Mrs. Arthur C. Lander, and two daughters, two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at San Jose, Calif., Sunday.

Hant Idles 1,200 More On 'Slowdown' Charge

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., June 7.—The American Locomotive Company has laid off another 1,200 employees and blames what it terms a "continued slowdown" by CIO steelworkers.

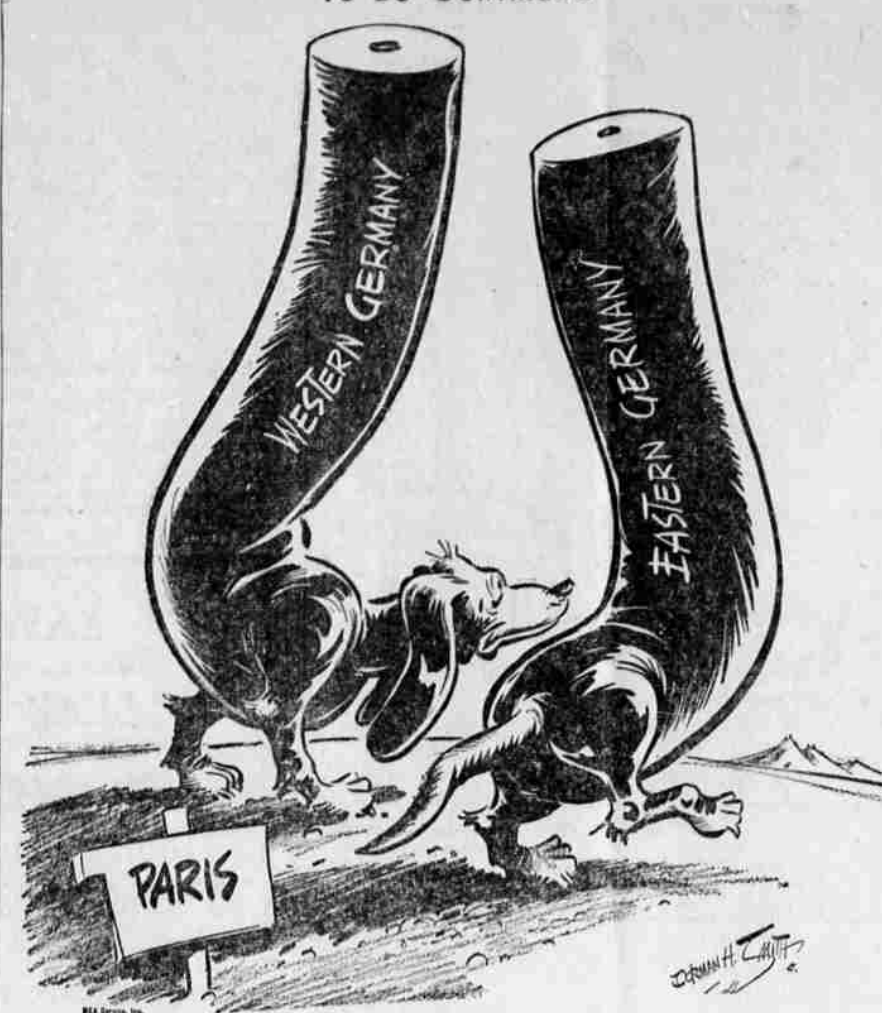
The layoffs announced last night boost to between 2,300 and 2,400 the total idled since last Thursday.

The company said then "a slowdown of almost plant-wide scope" had developed.

Steelworkers Local 2054, which has been negotiating a new contract for several weeks, has denied ordering a slowdown.

The company employees about 6,000 here. Local 2054 claims a membership of 4,500.

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Scrap from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnnett S. Martin

Although one remembers with pleasure the many friends one has known along Life's Trail, one just can't keep in touch with all of them!

At the time I first knew Ida Lee Robertson in Oklahoma, she was campaigning for a seat in the State Legislature. She won, too! Yet prior to announcement of her candidacy at the very last second, she had had no more idea than I of ever entering politics.

She was genuinely drafted! Her speeches were just as one would expect them to be—knowing Ida Lee! Sincere, spoken with a very marked command of the English language, a Biblical simplicity.

But Ida Lee had never had any formal schooling. She had been a child on an Arkansas farm, remote from schools, in days when the South was in a state of upheaval, in the stormy decade after the Civil War.

So Ida Lee's mother taught her to read; the textbook was the Bible.

"For a long time," Ida Lee laughingly told me one day, "the

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may be—ISN'T THE ANSWER TO MEN'S HOPES.

WHAT is the answer? I lean to the belief that STRAIGHTER THINKING is an answer that promises more in the way of results than war.

Most of the evils we are suffering from seem to me to arise out of unsound thinking. A tremendous number of evils arise out of WISHFUL THINKING.

Too often, when you WISH YOU HAD SOMETHING, you sit down and dream about it. Countless centuries of human experience indicate that a better way to get it is to roll up your sleeves and WORK FOR IT.

A PROVERB has been well described as a realistic judgment distilled out of long generations of human observation. Here is one proverb: "If wishes were horses, all beggars would ride."

Wishes aren't horses. All beggars DON'T ride.

ALONG that line, Dean G. W. Gleason in a commencement address warns Oregon State College graduates of 1949 against OVER-EMPHASIZING SECURITY.

He said: "Campus surveys indicate that upper classmen are anxious for jobs with economic security." He added: "Those who (over) emphasize security will sacrifice otherwise UNLIMITED opportunities."

THAT goes against the current stream of men's thinking in a world that is drifting steadily toward Socialism—whose foundation is the desire for guaranteed

security.

But it is substantially true. Suppose the founding fathers of the American republic had been obsessed with the dream of security. In that event, there would have been no Declaration of Independence. The declaration of American independence involved the gamble of war. The gamble was accepted, and the war was fought.

The American republic, which provided the framework of the American way of life, with its immense contribution to human betterment, followed. If the founding fathers had been able to see no farther than immediate economic security, what has happened in America would never have come to pass.

HERE'S a thought for you: THE SLAVE WITH A GOOD MASTER HAD THE NEAREST THING TO ECONOMIC SECURITY THAT HAS EVER BEEN DESIGNED.

THAT ought to be preaching enough for one day, so I'll sign off.

Truman Signs Bill To Pay Kin Of Bomb Victims

WASHINGTON, June 8.—President Truman signed Tuesday legislation to pay \$20,000 to the parents and husband of the victims of a Japanese balloon bomb that exploded near Bly, Ore., on May 3, 1945.

Frank J. Patzko will receive \$5,000 for the death of his son and daughter; Archie Mitchell \$3,000 for the death of his wife, J. L. Shoemaker \$3,000 for the death of his son, Elmer Enger \$3,000 for the death of his son, and N. L. Gifford \$3,000 for the death of his son.

The Rev. Archie Mitchell, his wife and the children were on a fishing trip when Mrs. Mitchell and the children discovered the bomb which exploded before Mitchell could reach the place.

Asparagus belongs to the lily family.

Two-Week Revivals Set At Light House Mission

Two weeks' revival will be conducted at the Light House Mission, 535 S. Stephens St., beginning at 7:45 p.m., Sunday, June 12, by the Rev. Tommy Green, Irish evangelist and ex-prize fighter of Phoenix, Ariz.

Veteran of four campaigns in the recent World War, the Rev. Mr. Green brings to the ministry "the same fighting spirit for truth and righteousness" that he showed on the battle front, an announcement states.

A forceful speaker, the Rev. Mr. Green's topic will be "All for Christ and Christ for All."

The meetings will be "interdenominational in character, new testamental in doctrine, spiritual in purpose, and beneficial to soul and body," said the Rev. H. K. Miller, pastor of the Light House Mission.

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News Views

By SHERMAN PLIMPTON

Some modern doctors now admit that patients who visit their clinics in out-sized Halloween masks and spend their time beating gongs and cooking up c'tarisms may have something besides a racket.

Civilized M. D.s know a lot of sickness is mental as well as physical . . . so when the voodoo practitioner jigs around like a hen on a hot rock and babbles a batch of backwoods double talk, he's working on the patient's mind and making him think he's going to get well just as sure as ducks quack. So don't be surprised if your favorite Doc shows up in a mask, grass skirt and beating goatskin drum. He's willing to learn.

Cowboy garb will be more to the point from now until Rodeo time, so haul out your buttons and bows and high heel boots.

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RECEIVES DEGREE

Bobby Gene Pitts, son of Albert Pitts, Roseburg, is one of 85 members of the 1949 graduating class at Multnomah College, Portland. The 52nd annual commencement exercises were held Thursday, June 2, in the First Congregational Church in that city. Pitts received an associate in arts degree. An associate degree is given for the completion of a two-year prescribed course in a designated field. Certificates of graduation are awarded for completion of specific requirements of a particular field.

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Wally Rapp Undergoes Operation in Portland

Wally Rapp, a sponsor of the operation was performed on his Umpqua Chiefs and owner of throat. He is reportedly getting Wally's Pastime, is in a Portland along fine. Rapp's wife accompanied him to Portland.

FROM THE NEWS OF 35 YEARS AGO

Davis Residence Burned

Igniting from a lamp which she fell while descending the stairs at her home, the residence of A. J. Davis, located on Short street in South Roseburg, was almost completely destroyed by fire shortly after 5 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Mr. Davis owned the property, which he valued at about \$2500, including the furniture. It is understood he carried about \$1400 insurance.

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This 1914 incident could very well carry a 1949 dateline—because many residences today are UNDER-insured. We can all hark back to December 3, 1914, and take a lesson in preparedness. No home owner who suffered a fire was ever sorry he had fire insurance.

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