

Salem Editor George Putnam Recalls Brass Knuckle Days

By HAL BOYLE
SALEM, Ore.—(AP)—Nobody likes to end up his day's work by getting a fistful of brass knuckles in his face.

As a young newspaper editor George Putnam found that this was occasionally the price he had to pay for using his freedom of the press to criticize public officials. After he was attacked for the third time, he put a public notice in his paper:

"A closed season on editors is established as of now. Violators will be killed on sight."

Putnam then got himself a pistol permit, and kept a loaded gun in his desk. After that the threats still came—but no brass knuckles.

At 78, looking back on more than 50 turbulent years of newspaper work, Putnam today can't think of a better philosophy than the one he coined in the early years of the century:

"The paper that has no enemies has no friends."

Edits Capital Journal

Putnam, who learned his craft as secretary for E. W. Scripps, a pioneer exponent of a aggressive journalism, is editor and publisher of the Capital Journal here. He is a tall, genial veteran who, nearing four score years—still walks almost two miles to work daily. He opens shop at 7 a. m., writes the headlines for all the top news stories himself and makes up his own mind, too.

"The small town editor has a big advantage over the big city editor," he said. "He has more independence. He can tell everybody he thinks is wrong to go to hell—and he can run the kind of paper he wants because he owns it himself."

The principle of keeping himself free to tell everybody to go to hell is very important to Putnam, a bachelor who contributes to all community charities but doesn't mix too actively in civic functions. He is wary of being tied down by friendships.

"My philosophy is to expose anything that's crooked and to support anything that is sincere and right. It doesn't make any difference who it affects—if it is my best friends, I don't care about that."

Doesn't Back Away

And Editor Putnam, a slim, blue-eyed, white-haired man of gentle appearance, has never backed away from a fight.

"We've had more libel suits filed against us—we've been boycotted more often—than any paper in Oregon," he said proudly.

Union Leader Dave Beck Is On UW Board

SEATTLE, (AP)—Dave Beck is the new chairman of the University of Washington board of regents.

He is the first labor union leader ever to hold the position.

Beck, executive vice-president of the Teamsters Union International, was appointed to the board in 1946 by Gov. Mon C. Wallgren.

Beck was never a college man himself. He ended his formal schooling as a junior in a Seattle high school to go to work as a laundry truck driver. He later studied law, business administration and economics at the University's night extension classes.

Beck's relationship to the university hasn't always been so complimentary. Back in 1936, when Beck's drive to firmly implant the teamsters' union in all Seattle businesses and industries made him a controversial figure, he was barred from a speaking engagement on the campus.

The official who issued the order to bar Beck in 1936 was Dean Herbert T. Condon, secretary to the board. He was reelected secretary.

Two new regents took their seats. They were Dr. Donald G. Corbett of Spokane and Grant Armstrong, Chehalis attorney. They were named by Governor Langley. To succeed Clarence Coleman of Everett and Chairman Joseph Drumheller of Spokane.

"I've won every libel suit against me—so far as court decisions go. And I've been boycotted by the Ku Klux Klan, the prohibitionists (I always ran a wet paper in a Methodist town), labor unions, the Townsend movement, and the gambling interests."

How much has it cost him over the years to fight for what he believed in?

"When I came here in 1919, the paper had a circulation of less than 5,000 daily," he said. "Now it is over 18,000."

"Anytime you give the public the truth as you see it—well, it pays. Anytime you put the truth up to them, and explain it so they can understand it, they'll support you—so long as they feel you really stand for better government. You don't have to worry about boycotts or libel suits."

Reviewing his own long fight for honesty in government, Putnam said:

"You always have to fight for real law enforcement—any editor does. After a cleanup the people lie down and rest. But the criminal element never rests."

"So it is an eternal fight. Any fight for liberty is eternal. For liberty is never inherited—it is the creation of every generation. And it can be stolen from them the moment they become lax."

Annual May Festival Slated At Yoncalla

The annual Yoncalla May festival, put on each year by the Yoncalla PTA and grade school teachers, will be presented again this year. The ceremony will start Friday morning, May 5, with a parade through the town at 9 a. m. which will be immediately followed by a program at the grade school. The queen will be chosen from the eighth grade girls, and the princesses will be chosen from each of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

A potluck dinner will be served at noon under the large trees (weather conditions permitting) by the PTA mothers. Everyone is invited to come, bringing a contribution to the lunch.

In the afternoon the high school will have a ball game in the field near the grade school.

Winston

By MRS. GEORGE BACHER
Tommy Gastorf has been unable to attend school for several days because of illness. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Art Gastorf of Winston.

Mrs. James Mortensen, mother of Mrs. Ed Thiele, has returned to her home in Winston after a visit in the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Rasmussen of Salem.

A mixture of "March winds and April showers" did not hamper the progress of the "man with the hoe" in Winston during the past week. Watermelons, cantaloupes, squash and sweet corn found their way to the soil during the intermittent sunshine as mass spring planting of commercial gardens got underway. Garbs of local "green fingers" caused much amusement. They ranged from heavy winter machinaws during the cold, blustery mornings to wide-brimmed straw hats in the humid afternoons.

Mrs. Bill Stutsman has been ill with a severe cold. Another new house is underway in this vicinity. The foundation is being poured this week for the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Johnson, formerly of Winston and now living in Roseburg. Completion is scheduled for June 15, at which time the Johnsons will move into the dwelling. It is located on property previously belonging to Archie Wilson and joins his present ranch. Johnson is in the logging and lumber industry.

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AMERICAN MOTHER OF 1950—Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud, (second from left), became the first Indian ever named mother of the year. Shown at her home near Portland, Ore., are (left to right) Grandson Edward Hughes, 7, Mrs. Roe Cloud; Grandson Mark Hughes, 4; and Mrs. Marion Hughes, 32, one of four daughters and the first Indian girl to be graduated from Wellesley college. (AP Wirephoto)

Berle's Second TV Marathon Ups Cancer Fund

NEW YORK, May 1.—(AP)—Contributions and pledges for the Damon Runyon memorial cancer fund mounted toward the \$1,400,000 mark today after comedian Milton Berle's 21 1/2 hour television marathon of entertainment and money appeal.

Berle, glassy-eyed and almost exhausted, left the television station at 9:30 a. m. yesterday after his record round of clowning.

He had enriched the Damon Runyon fund by much more than the \$1,100,000 raised last year, and he had beaten his 1949 cancer "telethon" by five and one-half hours.

This year's telecast, carried by 23 stations, brought a flood of telephone call pledges from all over the nation. The calls continued after Berle left the air.

With only two and a half hours off, Berle clowning on, aided by friends in show business.

To keep feeling and looking fresh, Berle brought 15 shirts, six suits, ten changes of underwear, 15 ties, four pairs of shoes, six pairs of socks and a lot of towels. Celebrities and models manned 71 telephones to accept pledges.

The largest contribution announced was \$15,000 from Walter Winchell and his wife, June. Winchell is a leader in the Damon Runyon fund.

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