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SPURIOUS RECORDS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

A friend of ours, who has achieved considerable success in later life, once was a member of a high school debate team. Opponents had put up a stiff case. Our friend, in making the rebuttal speech, picked up a large and important appearing volume, quoted page number, and proceeded to read at considerable length an "authoritative" statement completely refuting the stand of the "esteemed opposition."

The opposing debaters, taken by surprise, failed to check our friend's "authority." Had they looked at the page he quoted, they would have found no such statement. He had composed it as he went along. On the strength of his trick, his team won the debate.

It is wise never to take anything for granted merely because someone says it is so. That's why, when politicians talk about "the record," we fail to be impressed. A good many things can be read into the record, just as our friend composed a statement to suit himself in his high school debate.

But too many people are like the opposing team to which we referred, accepting without question or investigation the truth of a statement.

Truth Handled Carelessly

President Truman handled the truth rather carelessly during his traveling salesman junket in the Pacific Northwest. We can't, for instance, accept without better authority than he offered his declaration that the Welfare State is not socialistic. Nor do we consider that he was giving an entirely truthful presentation when he referred to great gains in per capita income, and pointed to improved standards of living. After all, almost anyone can maintain a high standard of living if he doesn't pay his debts. While our standard of living and per capita income have advanced, we have accumulated indebtedness amounting to more than $1,698 for each man, woman and child in the country. Most of our population today would be in tough financial circumstances if that $1,698 per capita debt was in the form of promissory notes held by bankers.

The President resorted to what we consider unprincipled tactics in branding as isolationist and timid the political factions, whether they be minority or otherwise, opposing the "bold, progressive measures to achieve an abundant and expanding economy." A good many patriotic citizens question whether the bold and progressive measures, so called, will achieve anything other than national bankruptcy, as those same measures have done in Great Britain and elsewhere.

It is neither timidity nor isolationism to want one's country to be strong and solvent instead of foolish and reckless.

Confident Of Continued Success

The President in his talks in the Pacific Northwest radiated confidence that "we will continue to overcome this opposition," speaking of the sentiment against the creeping socialism he so glibly advocates, yet vehemently denies.

Certainly he will have difficulty if people will take an analytical look at the record and not permit themselves to be tricked by audacious and resourceful spurious records, concocted out of thin air as was the rebuttal used by our debater friend.

We hope you enjoyed the President's talks; they cost you plenty.

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

(The Oregon Journal)

Warner valley belongs to that part of Oregon "where the deer and the antelope play." It is on one of the world's great "flyways" for migratory waterfowl.

Its altitude is about 4400 feet above sea level and the mountains that border Warner valley rise to 8000 feet or more. Dotted through the valley are lakes and marshes. It has Spanish, Greaser, Pelican, Crump, Hart, Anderson, Jones, Flagstaff, Campbell, Stone Creek and Bluejoint lakes. It has South Crump and Petri marshes.

It has alkali flats.

Just now, shaping up in Warner valley, some 30 miles east of Lakeview in Lake county, is a memorable battle between ambitious agriculture and endangered wildlife.

More properly it is a battle in which a co-operative irrigation venture and the Oregon state land board are ranged on one side and, on the other, the state game commission and outdoorsmen.

The land board is about to open bids for reclamation of the 8000-acre Crump lake marsh by a system of dykes and water controls. Before it does so the area will be inspected by all concerned.

A. V. Meyers of the state game department has reported:

"A lack of consideration for wildlife, has characterized land use in Warner valley for years."

Outdoorsmen declare that all the crops which can be grown on the high and often alkaline marsh lands after draining will not bring as much wealth to Warner valley as the ducks, geese and swan. Since much of the land is owned by the state or by the federal government, they insist that it is exploitation pure and simple to turn nesting land over to commercial exploitation.

Before bids are opened, before awards are made, the state land board, which is composed of the governor, the secretary of state and the state treasurer, should be sure it is not destroying a greater in order to create a smaller value. The board should, at least be sure it has met conditions submitted by the state game commission.

The state lands in question are school lands. Oregon was despoiled of its school lands to such an extent in the past that the contribution to the irreducible school fund is but a fraction of what it should be.

And lands that nature set apart for wildlife, lands that can only be farmed at great cost with limited returns, should not be sacrificed.

Polite Bandit Holds Up Wife, Former Husband

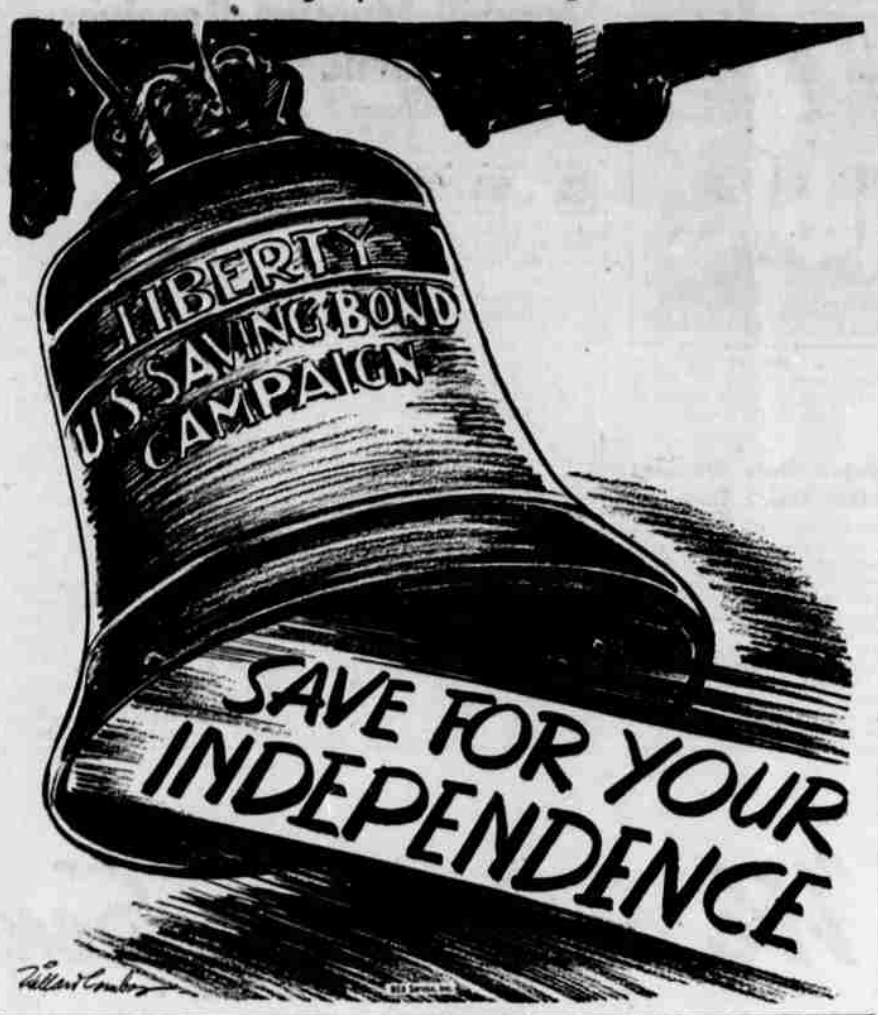
HOLLYWOOD, May 15—(AP)—Virginia Van Upp, scenarist who wrote and produced "Cover Girl," among other films, and her ex-husband were robbed at gunpoint in her hotel suite by a polite, considerate bandit, she told police.

She reported that her former husband, Ralph N. Nelson, a free-lance writer, answered a rap on the door last evening to be confronted with a well-dressed man, brandishing a revolver, who said: "You won't be hurt. Just don't cry out. I want only your money."

Miss Van Upp told officers the gunman, about 28, said "I really must apologize," then tied and gagged her and Nelson. She said the bandit took a diamond ring and $28 in cash.

The scenarist said the man promised to send someone to release them, then left and later called the desk clerk, saying "there's been a little trouble in room 718" and suggested he send a bellboy.

Ring Up Your Savings



In the Day's News

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gadgets, PRODUCED IN VAST QUANTITIES, to win wars.

No one knows that better than the Russians, who were saved from defeat by the gadgets with which we and the British supplied them when they were fighting for their lives against Hitler.

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HERE'S another one from London: "Winston Churchill's Conservatives scored new gains in Britain's town and city council elections as urban dwellers continued their drift away from the ruling Labor party."

The vote count isn't complete as this is written, but latest returns from 375 boroughs give the Conservative party a net gain of 213 seats—most of them won from the Labor party and independent candidates.

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A YEAR ago, in these same municipal elections, the drift away from the Labor party in Britain was first noted. It was followed by the British parliamentary election in February, in which the Labor party came narrowly close to losing control of parliament.

Meanwhile, in both New Zealand and Australia, heavy gains were scored by the Conservatives against the Socialist-minded Labor party.

A couple of weeks ago, in Florida, Senator Pepper, an ADVANCED liberl (and a first-class demagogue to boot) was decisively defeated by a younger Democrat who describes himself as a "middle-of-the-road" liberal.

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WHAT does it all mean?

I don't know. But it COULD mean that all over the world the political pendulum, which has been swinging of a long, long time in the direction of extreme and radical "liberalism" is beginning to swing back in the other direction.

That would be important political news.

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LET'S put it this way:

More or less all over the world, especially since the war, people have been trying to get the comforts, the satisfactions and the securities they crave by the process of PASSING A LAW.

Maybe they are coming to the conclusion, based on experience, that you can't get these utterly desirable things by the simple process of voting for politicians who PROMISE them.

That, too, would be important.

Dispute Over Bill Closes Nine Fire Hydrants In City

SMITHFIELD, R. I., May 15—(AP)—A dispute over who should foot the bill closed nine fire hydrants today in the Greenville section of this town.

The Northwestern Water company claimed it hasn't been paid for the hydrant service since 1947, and ordered the spouts left alone.

The action followed a town meeting's refusal to appropriate $450 for 1950 service. Opponents said installation of the hydrants failed to reduce fire insurance rates.

A company spokesman said an insurance rating association would not reduce rates until a 150,000-gallon water storage tank is erected. And, the spokesman said, the company can't get funds to build the tank by giving free hydrant service.

Chief Ralph Battey of the Greenville volunteer fire company said he believed the water firm's action "justified," but he would ask the town solicitor for a ruling.

Scraps from the MENDING BASKET

By Viahnett S. Martin

Undoubtedly you have been over the McKenzie Pass and will at once visualize with the words Dee Wright Memorial Observatory, that amazing building atop the windy summit; but if you are a newcomer, you have a scenic treat in store, one which you will, I venture to say, never forget!

But even if you are familiar with the lava-rock observatory, through the eleven windows of which may be seen—the windows are marked—the mountain peaks from Mt. McLoughlin to Mts. Hood and Jefferson. (I had been twice to Portland without seeing Mt. Hood; so my first real view of it was on a clear, lovely day, from the Dee Wright Observatory)

But who was Dee Wright? I asked many times. The State Library, as they have done so often, came to my aid. I'll quote from the April 25, 1934, Portland **Oregonian** which, under dateline Eugene, April 24, gives an obituary: "Dee Wright, 62, known as one of the finest woodsmen in this country, was born in Molalla, on March 14, 1872, and was reputed to know every foot of the forest and mountain land in this part of the country, having spent most of his life as hunter, guide, packer and in the forest service.

"Growing up among the Molalla Indians, Wright knew Indian lore and spoke several Indian dialects. In 1896 in company with Indians, he drove a pack team from the Molalla valley to the Klamath basin over the route now taken by the Oregon Skyline trail.

"A close observer of nature, Dee Wright has a reputation for never being 'stumped' on any problem. Regardless of the nature of the problem, Dee could figure out a way to do it if given time, his friends often said. He was noted for his stories, especially of the time he took a string of horses to the summit of Mount Adams to prove the climb was not an arduous one."

Also, the State Library informs us that upon querying the Oregon Historical Society it was learned that the Observatory was built in 1936 by the C.C.C. under the Forest Service supervision. It seems fitting that the memorial to a man who was "never stumped" should be built by the youth who, not ten years later, should also be showing a similar spirit in the service of their country, don't you think so? Who was it said they did everything possible **at once,** but the "impossible takes a little longer." Maybe Dee Wright in the silence and solitude of the Cascades, and many a lad in the war's hard testing of ingenuity and faith and courage, remembered words spoken by the Man of Galilee: "with God all things are possible."

Railroad Strike Brings Slowdown To Many Businesses, Industries

By G. A. PHILLIPS

NEW YORK—(AP)—The railroad strike brought a quick slowdown in business and industry last week.

Some segments of the economy were hit a glancing blow almost at the start of the walkout of firemen on four key rail systems.

Coal mines, produce merchants and the railroads themselves were hurt most by the initial impact.

If it lasts very long repercussions will be felt in all directions and eventually the lack of transportation will bring mass unemployment, disrupted production schedules, piled-up frieght and a high degree of confusion and uncertainty.

How much damage it will do to the spring boomlet in business remains to be seen. Railroad service itself is as perishable as any commodity it transports. You cannot store it up like you can coal, steel, potatoes and grain.

Many Need Service

Most lines of business are wholly or at least partly dependent on speedy railroad service to bring the things needed to work with and to take away the finished products as soon as they roll out. There is no substitute for this lifeline to the factory, the farm, the mine and store. Trucks are a help but they cannot meet the demands in full.

The rail tieup came at a time when a big majority of basic lines of business was riding the crest of a strong tide generated by the pent-up demand for goods created by the strikes in steel and coal last winter.

Home building and other construction activity was never better than now. There is a large backlog of unsatisfied demand for motor cars, especially the lower-priced popular models. The steel industry is wringing the last ounce of finished products out of men and machines in order to fill pipe lines and build inventories depleted by the winter strikes.

Other basic lines of business such as paper and paperboard, refineries, electric light and power, coal mining, agriculture and merchandising are doing exceptionally well judged by any normal standards, although not all of them are as prosperous as they have been at one time or another in the last decade.

Serious Impact Seen

If the strike in the transportation field lasts very long it will have a serious impact at all levels of business and industry. Some analysts think it will give a big push to the series of inflationary wavelets that have been breaking over the national economy in the form of hikes in manufactured items, especially anything using metal. If industrial production is further hampered by labor discord at a time when national buying power is at a record high, you are almost certain to see a new wave of price increases all along the line.

Lead and zinc prices moved up again this week. There were persistent reports that copper was due for another hike. Wool blanket prices were raised by a major maker. An increase in automobile machine tool items was expected by some. Steel scrap advanced $2 a ton at Pittsburgh and a wide variety of foods cost more.

The Associated Press index of 35 important commodities at wholesale registered its seventh consecutive new high for 1950 on Friday. The Dun & Bradstreet index moved during the week to its highest point since last August.

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Meet The CANDIDATE

J. M. MORGAN

Roseburg resident J. M. Morgan is seeking the Democratic nomination to the office of county assessor in the primary election Friday.

NED DIXON

Ned Dixon, incumbent, is seeking the Republican nomination for reelection to the office of county assessor.

E. S. SKILLINGS JR.

E. S. Skillings Jr., Glendale Republican, is seeking reelection as justice of the peace for the Glendale district.

GERALD O. KABLER

Gerald O. Kabler, Republican, is seeking nomination to office of justice of the peace in the Calapooia district.

ALWIN V. MOHR

Alwin V. Mohr is seeking the Democratic nomination for the office of justice of the peace in the Glendale district.

CLARENCE LEONARD

is seeking the Democratic nomination for reelection to the office of justice of the peace in the Drain district.

FRED M. WRIGHT

Fred M. Wright, incumbent, is seeking the Republican nomination for reelection to the office of justice of the peace in the Reedsport district.

D. D. HAIL

D. D. Hail, Republican, is also seeking nomination for the office of justice of peace in the Reedsport district.

SCHOLARSHIP WON

PORTLAND, May 15—(AP)—Beverly Jo Washburn, Eugene, won the $1,000 Aaron M. Frank college scholarship Saturday.

The winner announced she planned to enroll at the University of Oregon and then become a registered nurse.

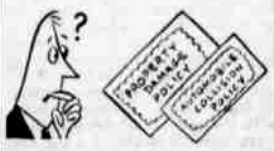
D.C.M.H.A. to MEET

There will be a meeting of the Douglas County Mental Health association tonight, May 15, at 8 o'clock at the Veterans hospital. The meeting will be in the recreation building auditorium.

Now you Know!

The answers to everyday insurance problems★

By KEN BAILEY



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Reservists And Auxiliary Of Oregon Name Officers

BEND, May 15—(AP)—The Oregon Reserve Officers association named Seaside the site for its 1951 convention at the close of a two-day meeting here Saturday.

Delegates elected Capt. V. L. Nunenkamp, Astoria, president for next year. The ladies' auxiliary elected Mrs. Walter Clark, Baker, president.

Other association officers: vice-presidents—for air, 1st Lt. Donald T. Grubb, Bend; for navy, CWO Marcus Smith, Klamath Falls; for ground, Major Julien F. Falleur, Astoria; judge advocate—Col. F. T. Wade, Salem; treasurer, Lt. Col. Carroll Mitchell, of Baker; chaplain, Lt. Col. W. S. Walsh, Portland.

Other ladies' officers: vice presidents, Mrs. Clifford Clayton, of Klamath Falls, and Mrs. Julian Falleur, Astoria; treasurer, Mrs Clair Vinlayson, Eugene; councilwomen, Mrs. Marcus Smith, Klamath Falls; Mrs. Ralph Watson, Eugene.

News-Review classified ads bring results. Phone 100.

WIN AFL SCHOLARSHIPS

PORTLAND, May 15—(AP)—The State Federation of Labor has named the three high school seniors who will receive $500 college scholarships this year.

They are Mary Frances Kimmel, Portland; Harold Toliver, McMinnville; William Owen Walker, Medford.

The U.S. Coast Guard maintains a lighthouse, radar station and automatic fog horn on the Farallon Islands, off San Francisco.

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