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BACK TO CHURCH

Charles V. Stanton

Many residents of Roseburg doubtless have been impressed by the appealing and inspirational picture seen in store and office windows throughout the city.

It shows a young girl kneeling at a church pew in an attitude of prayer, with a stained glass window as a background.

The poster is entitled "Back to Sunday School and Church Month." Under the picture is the question, "Must she worship—alone?" At the bottom it is suggested: "Attend the church of your choice."

The poster is a promotional effort by the Roseburg Ministerial Association to build church attendance. It is the association's intention to make October of each year a "Back to Church" month. An annual promotional effort is contemplated.

People who have been attracted by the poster may be interested to know that the model is Beverly Baxter, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Clifford Baxter of Laurelwood. Her father is Bible School superintendent at the First Presbyterian Church. The picture was made at the First Presbyterian Church.

Oregon Reported Lagging

The Ministerial Association and church lay leaders were much disturbed a few months ago when a survey of church attendance indicated Oregon to be lagging behind national averages. There has been a very impressive gain in church attendance throughout the country during the past year or more but figures show Oregon to be less responsive than some other states. This national spiritual revival has been somewhat mystifying to church leaders, although, of course, they are greatly pleased.

Church attendance normally grows in time of stress. War, with its anxiety and fear, usually causes people to seek the solace of their faith. People go to their churches for comfort when faced with emotional problems, either national or individual in character. In the past, however, times of peace and prosperity have usually been accompanied by a drop in attendance at church and Bible School.

Throughout the Christian world, however, recent months have indicated a widespread spiritual revival. Part of it, leaders claim, may be credited to the work of evangelists, such as the famed Billy Graham. Another factor, credited with church gains in this country, is the spiritual prompting by our political administration, which has put prayer ahead of bullets in the promotion of peace.

But regardless of how we may analyze the causes, the fact that more and more people are demonstrating their faith—that more and more children and young people are attending schools of Bible education—is a most encouraging sign that the peace for which the world so long has been achieved.

Church Powerful Force

The Church is a powerful force for peace. The Church also can be militant. A demonstration of what happens to governments that challenge the power of the Church recently was demonstrated in Argentina. So long as the dictator confined his rule to temporal affairs, he maintained his hold over the people. But when he attacked their Church he was quickly overthrown.

News from behind the Iron Curtain is that Russia and satellite countries have relaxed their persecution of the Church. It also is reported that churches in those countries are being filled by worshippers, despite political doctrines scoffing at religion.

No temporal power which persecuted the Church has existed over any long period of time. Perhaps, if reports of Soviet relaxation of church opposition are true, it is entirely possible the Church may break down the barriers erected against the free world.

Faith can accomplish more than bullets. Prayer is more effective than war.

We profess to be a Christian nation. Other nations are suspicious of us and our aspirations. Perhaps through our demonstration of faith we can inspire confidence that we are not warmongers but truly want peace.

We know, too, that our churches are powerful influences for good in our local communities. We know that, if we will only give them our devotion, they can solve our individual problems, as well as the problems that face the nation and the world. But to be effective they must have our attendance and our participation.

The "Back to Sunday School and Church" promotion is a worthwhile effort, deserving of our utmost cooperation.

Bruce Blossat

America's merchant marine is not one of the size as it was years of admiration around the globe. For a long time it has been one of those odd paradoxes that ships flying the flag of this great nation have had to struggle to compete on the world's sea lanes.

This country's wage levels reflect themselves in both the building and the operating of vessels. The costs too often price us out of the market.

The condition is chronic. But there are still devoted men who refuse to give up, and keep fighting for the day when the United States will have a merchant marine of a size and consequence that will make the nation proud.

Shortly we will see the first fruit of some of this determination. The SS President Jackson, first of a fleet of 20 new ships of the American President Lines, will sail on its maiden voyage around the world.

The President Jackson is a cargo ship, part of the line's 200-million-dollar replacement program designed to help improve America's competitive position over the next 10 years.

To achieve that end, the company is planning to introduce the largest and fastest cargo vessels ever seen in world ocean transport. And U.S. shipbuilders, practiced veterans of two centuries at their trade, are making fresh efforts to

show that they can match their foreign rivals.

Three others in the new series, the President Hayes, President Adams and President Coolidge, will come into American President's service in late 1955 and early 1956.

The new craft will be unique in several respects, not the least the fact that though cargo carriers they will offer some modern, deluxe passenger accommodations.

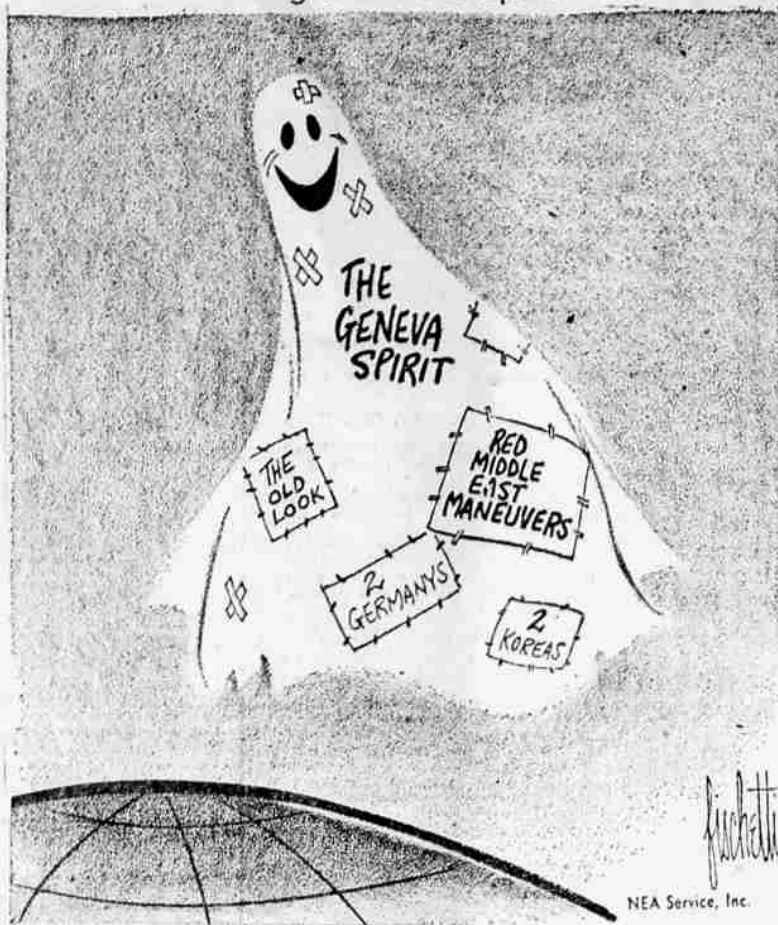
As for cargo handling, each vessel will be fitted with special pumping equipment to allow efficient management of bulk liquid cargoes, with up-to-date refrigeration controls for both freezing and chilling, and the most advanced loading and unloading facilities.

There will of course be no sudden rush to use American bottoms for world commerce. But when ships can ply the great ports of the Pacific and Atlantic sea what these ships have to offer, they may take new interest in American merchant transport.

Voting Balances Shift
Habit of thinking as well as doing can exert a tight hold on men long past their usefulness.

Traditionally the farmer has bulked large in the calculations of the American politician. For the farmer was both numerous and powerful. He is still a great force in our politics, but he is no longer

Getting a Little Shopworn



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Two Children Who Begged For Scraps Of Food Die

By HUGH MULLIGAN

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—Two small starving brothers, who each dreamed of someday growing up to be heavyweight champion of the world, died Thursday after days of begging scraps of food from door to door and eating out of neighborhood trash cans.

Six-year-old William Baughman Jr. died with a plea for food on his lips. "Please, may I have a ham sandwich?" he murmured to hospital attendants.

Seven-year-old Lawrence, who died 12 hours later, never regained consciousness after police removed him, frail and convulsed, from the shabby one-room apartment where the Baughmans lived with their seven children.

The five girls, ranging in age from 1 to 9, were placed in foster homes.

Police jailed William Baughman, a 29-year-old unemployed longshoreman, and his 38-year-old wife, booking them for criminal neglect pending formal charges.

Laboratory tests and toxicological examinations were scheduled after Dolores, the oldest girl, told police the brothers had been eating out of an empty mustard jar found under the wooden tenement. Doctors believe it was contaminated.

Police went to the squalid room yesterday when neighbors complained the children were out begging at all hours of the day and night and had been drinking urine from discarded bottles. One woman said she couldn't sleep because of the cries of the hungry children.

"They ate in the garbage cans . . . up and down the street," said

Unified Aircraft Warning System Wilson's Idea

WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of Defense Wilson, returning from a NATO defense ministers meeting in Paris, said Thursday he thinks a unified aircraft warning system like that operated by the United States and Canada is needed for Western Europe.

The secretary made that comment to newsmen in answer to questions about reports of a secret briefing given in Paris recently by Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, NATO supreme commander. In that talk, the general was reported to have said that lack of a unified air defense system is a weakness in Western European defense.

To a question about Britain's decision for a 12 1/2 per cent reduction in military strength during the next three years, Wilson said he assumes it reflects the same problem all nations now face—striking a proper balance between new weapons developments and a budget.

When a reporter asked Wilson about "scare stories" regarding the defense situation as outlined in the meeting, Wilson replied he does not think the NATO defense chiefs were alarmed. He added he thinks it was a good thing to have the military leaders set forth their problems.

relatively so great in numbers.

When the late Franklin D. Roosevelt was running for office, one in every six voters was a farmer. Today, that ratio has dwindled out to one in every eight. And the trend is continuing that way.

Fortune Magazine notes in its newest issue that there are now more clerical workers in America than farmers.

Summer or later, politicians are likely to adjust to these figures. Inevitably, the farmer's power at the polls seems destined to decline, though effective organization may keep it at surprising levels for a long time.

The forces that shape this country—and its elections—never stand still. The politician worth his salt will keep a sharp eye on exactly who it is that is doing the voting these days. He who does not may find himself appealing to voters who do not exist in the numbers he imagines.

Mrs. Evelyn Scallan, a next door neighbor.

Offers to bury the two children poured in after Baughman said he would have to await assistance from his father in Acadia, Tex., because a burial insurance policy had lapsed two months ago.

"I'm a sick man," he said. "I have a nerve sickness. I've been nervous since I was born."

He said he left his last job two weeks ago to seek admission to a Veterans Administration hospital. Since then, the family lived on \$7 worth of food chips provided by nuns at a nearby convent.

Baughman, a gaunt, thin man looks older than his 29 years, said his sons wanted to grow up to be fighters, "like Rocky Marciano."

His wife, a frail woman in a soiled pink dress, tearfully insisted she had done her best for the children.

The family had applied for assistance from the Louisiana Welfare Department. Miss Lillie H. Nairne, head of the New Orleans office, said the mother gave no indication that her husband was too ill to work or that their situation was an emergency. A follow-up letter went unanswered by the Baughmans.

No Records Kept By Subcommittee, Says McCarthy

BOSTON (AP)—Sen. McCarthy testified Thursday no records were kept of any executive session of his permanent Senate subcommittee after Roy Cohn took over as chief counsel in January, 1953. The testimony under cross-examination in the trial, on contempt of Congress charges, of Leon J. Kamin, erstwhile research aid at Harvard.

McCarthy also testified under questioning of Calvin Bartlett, Kamin's lawyer, that he could not recall whether U.S. Sen. John McClellan (D-Ark), ranking Democratic member of the subcommittee, was consulted before McCarthy's one-time hearing in Boston at which Kamin was a witness.

Most of the morning session of Kamin's juryless federal court trial concerned the question of whether a meeting of the entire permanent subcommittee was conducted in Washington between Jan. 11, 1954, and Jan. 15, 1954, the day Kamin appeared before McCarthy.

Pressed as to why the taking of minutes was discontinued, McCarthy said: "The committee discussed a subject of whether to have an official reporter present, taking accurate minutes, and decided the cost was unjustified."

Mother, Daughter Start Walking Around World

GLENDORA, Calif. (AP)—A 38-year-old widow and her daughter start Saturday walking and working their way across the United States, the first leg of a round-the-world trip.

Mrs. Mary Cummings, who operates a typing and stenographic service, and daughter, Merrily, 20, publisher of a small advertising paper, the "Glendora Reminder," plan to carry knapsacks weighing 32 pounds each.

Intending to hike at least 15 miles a day, they will carry three cameras, a gasoline stove, a 12-pound portable tent, mess kits, diary, 8-pound typewriter, umbrella, blankets and light coats.

In addition, each will wear a large placard with this verse: "Will baby sit or type a line, write a column, plant a vine, wash a dish or scrub a pot, show a lawn or pick a tree, shine a shoe or bake a pie, sing in groups of one to three, talk to clubs, be sad or funny, 'All this, of course, for money.'"

The veteran travelers—they've been to Europe three times—plan to write a book about their journey.

In The Day's News

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are by long odds the most fabulously beautiful. The Humboldt Redwoods park contains some 23,000 acres, including some of the finest redwood groves in California. The present area of Prairie Creek Redwood park includes 11,000 acres, with more acquisitions planned. Small, but spectacular Patrick's Point, hanging above the rugged coastline, has only 400 acres.

An added attraction at Prairie Creek park is a band of elk that inhabits a wide meadow that is a part of the park area. These impressive animals are not "tame," in the sense that city park elk are tame. They come and go from the surrounding forests, but they soon learn that they are safe within the park borders and pay no attention to the throngs of visitors.

Overnight camping is permitted in all of these parks, and during July and August all of them were filled to capacity every night. The attendants report a steady increase in the number of visitors carrying camp equipment. The same tendency has been noted in Oregon state parks.

Hotel and motel owners in the vicinity of state parks in both states were far from enthusiastic at first over the idea of permitting overnight camping. This attitude, however, is changing. Many of them report that after camping out for several nights visitors tend to go to motels or hotels to clean up and get a change from their own cooking. In these cases, they are apt to stay two or three nights instead of moving on the next morning.

The average charge at the California parks is \$1 per night for automobiles and \$1.25 for trailers. The accommodations include electric camping space, tables and benches and an outdoor stove. Fuel for the stove can be purchased at the camp headquarters. Toilet facilities and showers, with hot and cold water, are provided at most of the camps.

Roughly the same accommodations at about the same prices are provided in Oregon's state parks. In general, the facilities provided in the Oregon parks are newer and more modern, having been installed more recently. In many of the Oregon parks there are electric stoves, with coin-in-the-slot attachments.

Laundry facilities are provided in the better parks, along with tubs for bathing babies. The park people incidentally, report increasing travel by families with very young babies.

California estimates the capital value of its state parks system at about \$5 billion dollars. A little less than 70 per cent of the state's share of this amount has been paid for with royalties from California's offshore oil.

A lot of inland demagogues insist that this offshore oil belongs to ALL THE PEOPLE, and not just to the people of the states whose borders touch the ocean beaches. I wonder how the people of Oregon would feel about it all if oil should be found under the ocean off Oregon's beaches.

Would they want this oil, belong to ALL THE STATES, inland as well as coastal? Or would they feel that royalties from oil discovered under the surf off Oregon's beaches should belong to the PEOPLE OF OREGON?

You'll have to answer that one for yourself. But I know how I feel about it. If oil should be discovered offshore from Oregon—as it could be—I'm going to want the people of Oregon to have the royalties derived from it. I'm not going to want to split it up with the states that have no ocean frontage.

BARBERSHOP DATES

FOREST GROVE (AP)—The Northwest barbershop quartet contest and festival will be held here Feb. 23-25. The dates for the 19th annual affair were announced Thursday by Eddie McVay, chairman.

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