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"TIGHT" CHRISTMAS

Charles V. Stanton

L. F. Reizenstein, who writes "Levity, Fact, Rant," the editorial feature on the front page of *The News-Review*, doesn't get all of his quips in the paper. For instance, he was speaking today about the people who will celebrate a "Tight" Christmas.

Unfortunately there will be too many such people. They will contribute in large measure to the 500 or more traffic deaths anticipated by the National Safety Council during the holiday season.

Christmas and New Year holidays always are marred by an excessive number of accidents. While many contributing factors may be listed, one of the principal causes is the attempt to mix alcohol and gasoline.

The Oregon Licensed Beverage Association has appealed to newspapers to give prominence to that organization's resolution recommending that taverns and cocktail bars in Oregon close their doors on Christmas eve to encourage their employees and patrons to spend their evening with their families.

Nearly all members of the association, it is reported, have received a direct notification of the resolution. Newspapers are asked to publish the appeal in order that it may be brought to the attention of non-members.

It is a worthy appeal, in my opinion, and that is why it is reported here.

Safety Rules Listed

Voluntary closure of taverns and cocktail bars on Christmas eve, I believe, would not only be conducive to more family observance, but would serve to reduce motor vehicle accidents resulting from overindulgence.

The Greater New York Safety Council also is circulating an appeal for safer driving over the holidays. It offers the following advice:

Where there is any question of overfatigue or overindulgence, don't drive. Ride a bus, a cab, with a friend, or get a fit substitute to drive your car. But don't under any circumstances get behind the wheel if there is any doubt about being able to handle all traffic situations.

No matter how fit you feel after a holiday party, have a cup of coffee or other stimulating non-alcoholic beverage before making home. Coffee is an "alertness" beverage and, when taken as "one for the road," will help you to drive more safely.

Holiday hosts and hostesses have a responsibility to their guests. It is the duty of those who give parties to use whatever stratagems are necessary to prevent unfit guests from driving off to a possible accident.

To this good advice other cautions should be added.

Weather Is Hazard

Liquor is not the only factor to be reckoned with in the holiday accident problem. Weather is a hazard deserving serious consideration.

Many people will be taking trips to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. This will be especially true this year when the holidays give us a long weekend.

In addition to the usual dangers of excessive speed, crowded highways, fatigue and carelessness, we are apt to be exposed to the hazards of snow, ice, fog and rain, all conducive to accident.

We proved on Safe Driving Day that the accident toll can be reduced through exercise of caution. We are facing dangerous days during this holiday season. Experts predict many hundreds of fatalities and thousands of injuries. We can help keep the count low if we will control our appetites, observe safe driving rules, refrain from driving when not in good physical or mental condition, and try to keep out of the way of the fellow who will be observing none of those precautions.

Hal Boyle

By CARL HARTMAN
For Hal Boyle

PARIS (AP)—Ever since Napoleon, the French politician has been worried when he saw a strong personality emerging. The impulse of the French legislator is to slap down any rising star who seems to be getting a majority of the country behind him. That is one reason Cabinets change so frequently.

"It's about time we got rid of him," the National Assembly says about a premier—usually after six months. "He may be getting to think he's somebody."

Now Premier Edgar Faure—running for reelection—insists something has to be done about the two-Cabinet-a-year system. "It makes a spectacle of us before the world," he says.

A number of political leaders agree with the idea he is pushing: that the Cabinet should be kept in office at least two years. They differ with him on some other issues.

Faure himself looks, and probably is, about the last politician in the world to become a strong man. Small, with a high domed forehead and big glasses, he is a scholar in law and the Russian language. He speaks with a slight lisp, and takes his exercise—when he can get it—in a gymnasium.

He specializes in compromises, a necessary talent in French political life—there are so many parties that all Cabinets must be coalitions of differing groups. But he might find himself in a position to push some fairly uncompromising policies if—as he obviously hopes—he gets a chance to keep the job.

That depends on the strength his right-of-center coalition can show in the Jan. 2 elections. Much less of a compromiser is his chief rival for leadership, former Premier Pierre Mendès-France, who leads a left-of-center group. Mendès-France is the kind of candidate who goes into his own district and argues his case against home distilling of alcohol before audiences of Normandy farmers who scarcely take a cup of coffee without adding a lot of their own applejack.

About the only concession he makes is to refrain from drinking milk at his meetings. Mendès-France thinks the big alcohol interests played a major part in ousting him as premier last February, and he and his partisans are bitter about it. His sharpness of speech, both in public and private, may seriously hinder him in his efforts to stay at the top in French politics.

It would take a good deal of imagination to see Foreign Minister Antoine Pinay as a strong man. He is a soft-spoken but strong-minded businessman who wears his bombur like Charlie Ruggles used to in the movies. Pinay was popular with conservative Frenchmen during his spell as premier.

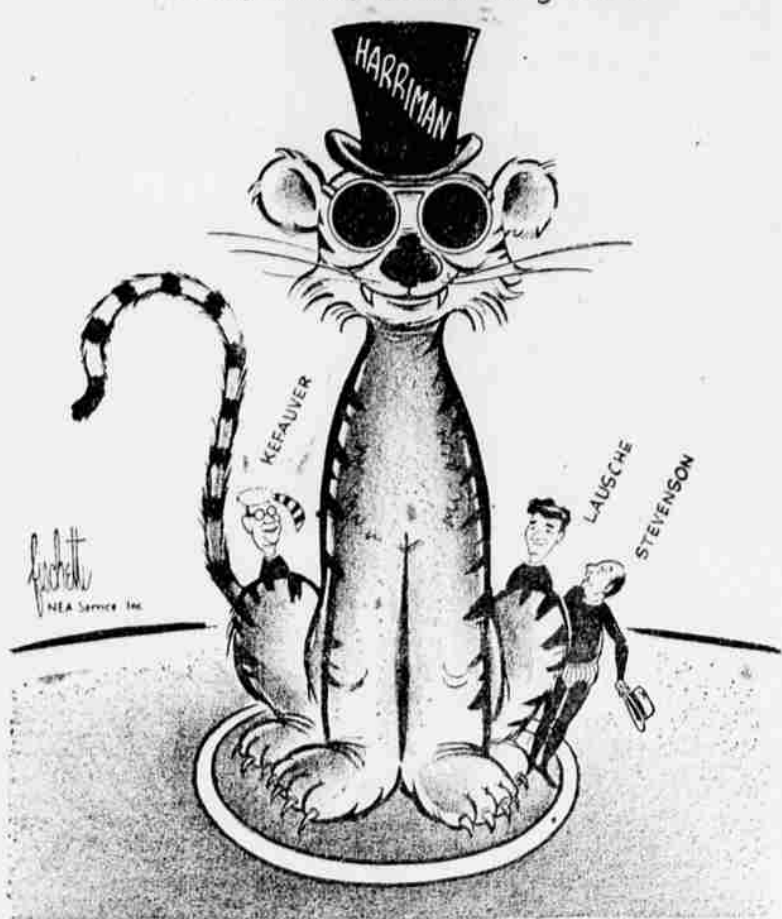
There was some doubt of his ability to cope with foreign affairs when Faure appointed him minister but he went after the job with thoroughness and tenacity and became Faure's right hand man.

Pinay and his friends of the conservative independent group are allied with Faure in this campaign. He is probably due for a prominent role during the five-year life of the next National Assembly.

The most colorful, and to some Frenchmen the most worrisome, figure in the current campaign is a rabble-raising, small-town book seller from the poor regions of central France. Pierre Poujade doesn't seek a seat himself, and when you hear the names he calls the members of the outgoing National Assembly, it's not surprising. "Pirates," small-time cheats, "robbers" are some of the printable ones.

Poujade gets most of his strength from small shopkeepers who he says are being pushed to the wall by tax collectors. He

"—And in the Center Ring —!"



Daily Bible Reading

Message By
Roseburg Ministerial
Association

TODAY'S TEXT:

Isaiah 11: 1-9

These scriptures portray Christ during His millennial reign at which time there is to be one thousand years of peace (Rev. 20). No wonder the angels sang, "Peace on earth, good will toward men" when they announced the birth of the Savior. It is a constant desire in the hearts of most men to have peace, whether it be in their businesses, in their homes, on their jobs or in any other association they may have with other men. Two seldom, however, do the hearts of men seek for peace with their God.

Perhaps it seems too good to be true, but that is why Jesus came to be born of a virgin, to live without sin and to conquer death, that He might become the "Prince of Peace" and empower all those who love Him and keep His commandments to find the "peace of God that passeth all understanding."

Isaiah gives to us, in this prophecy, the same characteristics of the Seed of Jesse (or David) that we find written of Christ in the Gospels. The prophetic picture of Christ is that "the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of Wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord."

Each time the disciples asked Jesus if at that time He would establish His kingdom, He told them it was not for them to know the times and the seasons but that His kingdom would be set up according to the will of His Father. He also assured them that His Kingdom was, first, a spiritual one.

One of the crowning testimonies of the Bible concerning Christ is recorded by Isaiah and quoted by Christ in these words: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek, he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prisons to them that are bound." In view of this wonderful truth, we can sing with the words of the carol "The Hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

REV. C. C. HENDERSON
Church of the Open Bible

Author And Playwright Of Spokane Passes

SPOKANE, P. — Ralph Dyar, 71, Spokane author and playwright and former head of The Spokesman-Review promotion department, died of a heart attack Tuesday while shoveling snow at his home here.

Dyar retired in 1939 after 11 years with the Spokesman-Review. He was author of "News For An Empire," the story of the S.R. and the territory it serves.

He wrote several plays and one of them, "A Voice in the Dark," was produced on Broadway in 1934 and later made into a motion picture.

He is survived by his wife, a son and four daughters.

started by organizing mob action against government auditors who come to look over store books. He is sponsoring three political parties—that was he gets triple time on radio and television.

Poujade's opponents call him a fascist, a charge he disputes by showing that he "served in the French underground army against the Nazis."

Though his party will probably get no more than a dozen seats or so in the 572-seat National Assembly, he may draw enough votes in other districts to change the results significantly.

Woman Shoots Ex-Husband Who Tries To Enter Home

EUGENE, P. — Clarence Lewis Hamilton, 26, of Klamath Falls, was shot and killed Tuesday night as he forced his way through a barricaded door at his divorced wife's house in Creswell, 14 miles south of Eugene.

Dist. Atty. Eugene Venn said Hamilton's ex-wife, Mrs. Aileen Belle Hamilton, 31, said she had fired two shots at her former husband in self defense. "I shot at his legs and missed," she said. "He kept coming, so I shot again." No charge has been filed. Venn said he will call a special session of the grand jury to decide what charges, if any, should be filed. The 23 caliber bullet penetrated Hamilton's heart.

Mrs. Hamilton said her former husband had broken into her home several times. He had driven from Klamath Falls to Creswell earlier Tuesday with two companions.

Three children were asleep in the house at the time of the shooting. Mrs. Hamilton's eight-year-old daughter by a previous marriage, who had been given instructions on what to do if Hamilton tried

to break into the house, reported the shooting to the sheriff's office. Venn said he left Mrs. Hamilton with her children following the investigation.

KLAMATH FALLS, P. — Clarence Lewis Hamilton, slain by his ex-wife in Eugene, was shot in the hip by Mrs. Hamilton in Klamath Falls in January, 1954 when he tried to force his way into her apartment.

At his preliminary hearing, Mrs. Hamilton made the following statement:

"I fired two shots at him. I fired the first shot after he ripped the screen off the window. He had all but one leg through the window when I fired the second shot. At first I thought the first bullet had struck him in the stomach. After I fired the second shot, he grabbed his leg. Then I knew I hit him." On the witness stand Mrs. Hamilton said "there were plenty of fireworks" while they lived together.

Bruce Bioassat

Everyone agrees it's wonderful that 65 million Americans are employed today in our booming economy. But the plenitude of jobs with good pay and attractive working conditions has its bad side, too. There aren't enough people taking on some of the grubbier tasks.

Garbage and service station mechanics, plumbers, house painters, carpenters, roof repairmen and similar workers are altogether too scarce in a time when there are more homes and cars than ever before.

The 1950 census showed just 900,000 carpenters, 280,000 painters and 275,000 plumbers in the United States—not a lot when measured against the population and the total work force.

Some of these jobs command good money, and offer considerable independence and flexibility of working hours. But more often than not they come under the heading of dirty work, and they don't give men the community status they want. A man with a factory job frequently seems to have more standing.

The consequence of this situation is that the experienced, efficient workers in these fields are vastly overburdened with work, and many incompetents have crept in to help fill the gap.

Recently the Wall Street Journal surveyed the home repair situation and found the catalogue of householders' complaints long and bitter. They gripe about slowness and inefficiency on the job, delay in showing up at all, overcharging, and so on.

The responsible men in these fields acknowledge there are delays and sloppy work. They indicate they'd be quite happy if they could find more and better helpers. As it is they do the best they can with the few, they say, and often never get around to the smaller ones.

But they have their complaints against the householders, too. They say the latter are sometimes quite unreasonable in their demands, expecting immediate service of a sort they couldn't hope to get from anyone else, calling four or five repairmen in hope of getting one to show, stalling on payment of bills.

A recession probably would change things in a hurry. We know one area where occasional layoffs in a large factory are promptly followed by a rash of new house painters knocking on doors and looking for work. But who wants a recession?

If the economists are right and we are in for an increasing man-

IN THE DAY'S NEWS

By FRANK JENKINS

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machinery enables the farmer to increase his total production. Fertilizer is another reason. Intelligent use of fertilizer enables the farmer to increase his total production.

So do better farming methods, better crop varieties, etc.

There is another reason for the situation in this particular year.

It appears from the department of agriculture's report that 1955 has been what we call a GOOD crop year. Total crop production over the country as a whole has almost equalled the all-time record made in 1948. It is considerably above the yield of any of the last six years.

That is to say, growing conditions have been generally favorable.

In total agricultural production, that is highly important.

Let's cite an example: In the 20 years of the Klamath county 4-H potato growing contest over across the mountains AVERAGE gross production by the winners has been 439.8 sacks per acre. But in 1955 Paul Fairbro of Hemley scored up to a fabulous gross total yield of 525 SACKS PER ACRE—nearly 200 sacks above the 20-year average.

He employed skill and good methods in growing his crop, of course. But he must have been aided by good growing conditions. My memory of that year fails me, but it MUST have been a good growing year to produce a crop that far above the average.

To justify the use of the word "fabulous" in describing Paul's 1955 crop, I'd like to cite a comparison I don't remember the year, but it was well ahead of 1940. As I recall it, Zuckerman Bros. conducted an experiment in that year down in the San Joaquin delta whose purpose was to find out how large a tonnage of potatoes could be grown on an acre of rich ground.

They narrowed the interval between rows, in order to get more rows in an acre. They poured on the fertilizer without regard to dollar economies. They used all the water, justified by experience, again without regard to dollar returns. As I remember it the written record isn't available at the moment; their gross total yield was around 1140 bushels from an acre of ground. It was a world record.

Reducing sacks to bushels, Paul Fairbro's 1955 yield was about 1040 bushels—or just under the world record established in a non-commercial experiment designed to achieve maximum production at any cost. Paul used strictly commercial methods, with standard width of rows, standard use of fertilizer, water, etc.

Among other things, his record is a tribute to the richness of Southern Oregon soil. But he must have been considerably helped by a good growing year.

At any rate, Oregon and 17 other states have apparently had a good

growing season this year and with the help of a good growing year they have been able to increase their gross agricultural income over last year.

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