

For What It's Worth

By Clifford P. Rowe

I never thought I would live to see the day when the comic section of the newspaper would be its most interesting part. I've always had a hunger for news, with the result that the front page has always received my primary attention.

Today, however, I find that the news given first page emphasis in the Portland dailies has become the victim of such monotonous repetition that I consider the exploits of Orphan Annie to be much more informative and stimulating, and the goings on of Alley Oop and Snuffy Smith to be much more dignified; Certainly Dick Tracy's brand of law enforcement is more inspiring than that offered in Oregon's largest city.

Really, though, I would prefer that the Portland press limit the display of its city's dirty linen to an inside page; in fact, it might be preferable to confine it to a special colored section which, being easily recognized, could be either ignored or used immediately to line the garbage can.

Certainly I feel, and I'm sure that other citizens will agree, that the old time melodrama entitled "Vice Expose in Portland" has had a much longer run than it ever deserved. The dialogue is becoming boring; the characters have lost what glamour they ever possessed; and the plot, if there ever was one, is wearing itself thin and giving no indication of ever reaching a climax.

Of course the greatest weakness which has been apparent in the whole performance is the lack of heroes. Villains are plentiful, either admitted or alleged; but at this late date, no knight in shining armor has emerged to receive the plaudits of those who admire purity, honesty, and integrity. As a matter of fact, there is even no indication as yet that the play

will end on the usual note that crime does not pay.

Regardless of the outcome, I am looking forward as never before to this year's Rose Festival and its accompanying splurge of publicity. What a joy it will be to discover that there still is some beauty existent in the City of Roses; and what a relief it will be to learn once more that crime and corruption are not necessarily the only ingredients worthy of appearing on page one.

MASONIC TEMPLE NEWS

Preliminary plans are shaping up, now that the weather has moderated, to go ahead with the new Masonic Temple, on Azalea Manor, according to John Molino, lodge master. Murray Palmer has accepted the job of taking overall charge of the project. Percy Hanks as construction foreman, and M.S. Brainard, labor co-ordinator. Foundation, subfloor, studs, and plates, and rough plumbing have already been placed. As more materials are forthcoming, more labor will be required, a very few having so far shown up for work as there really was little to do by gangs.

Brainard, who has had experience in his designated job, proposes to divide the roster of local resident Masons into small groups, each headed by its foreman, and post-card them when they are wanted for work.

GRAND MASTER TO VISIT SIDNEY CROFT LODGE

May 24th, 1957 will be a red letter day at Sidney Croft #206 A.F. and A.M. when Grand Master Ralph T. Moore makes his official visitation with some of the Grand Lodge officers.

He will visit Gold Beach May 25th, 1957. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

VFW WORK PARTY

This next Sunday, May 19th, all VFW Post and Ladies Auxiliary members will work on their hall and grounds. A potluck dinner for workers, and their families is scheduled for noontime. As the hall has been occupied for a long time when work could be done, there is much to do.

On the following Sunday, May 26th, veterans and their ladies will be at the cemetery to care for the graves of their departed comrades and kinfolk. Those coming should bring tools, flowers, and containers for same.

RETURN FROM SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. May returned recently from Southern California, where they had been visiting for a month. They visited in Escondido and Santa Barbara.

A preliminary, co-ordination meeting has been called of the above leaders. Mrs. Dee White, Worthy Matron of the O.E.S., and a representative of the Rainbow Girls' committee.

MONTHLY LUMBER FACTS

Douglas fir region sawmill production, orders and shipments for April were reported today by Harris E. Smith, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association.

The weekly average of West Coast lumber production in April was 183,576,000 b.f. or 100.5% of the 1952-1956 average. Orders averaged 182,809,000 b.f.; shipments 184,448,000 b.f.; weekly averages for March were: Production 184,485,000 b.f.; 101.0% of the 1952-1956 average; orders 181,475,000 b.f.; shipments 168,732,000 b.f.

Four months of 1957 cumulative production 2,993,316,000 b.f.; four months of 1956, 3,094,868,000 b.f.; four months of 1955, 3,376,408,000 b.f.

Orders for four months of 1957 break down as follows: Rail & Truck 1,989,024,000 b.f.; domestic cargo 657,116,000 b.f.; export 113,864,000 b.f.; local 111,566,000 b.f.

Industry's unfilled order file stood at 628,660,000 b.f. at the end of April, gross stocks at 1,220,908,000 b.f.

Figures covering the first quarter of 1957 have been adjusted to the latest information available.

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HARBOR NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Fenn Hart are here from their southern Calif. home looking after their property above Harbor, known locally as the Mark Wood's place. After they leave, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton will remain on the place.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Stafford were taken to the Portland Sanitarium the latter part of the week where they are both receiving medical treatment. John Silva is looking after their place while they are gone.



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