

NEWBERG YOUTH HAS A VOICE OF RARE QUALITY

Discovery of a Newberg, Or., boy with a voice of wider range than any other voice in the world, with the single exception of "Bobbie" Murray, the Tacoma phenomenon, was announced today by Dr. H. E. K. Whitney, director of the Whitney Boy chorus.

Glenn Willard Bassett, 13 years old, son of Mrs. Olive D. Bassett of Newberg, is the professor's "find." He is able to reach D and even E flat above high C. "Bobbie" Murray, when discovered by the music scouts, was able to reach E above high C, so there is practically no difference between the two.

Willard, who goes generally by the name of Billy, was practically without training until nine months ago, when he joined the Whitney Boy chorus in Newberg. Even then he was just "one of the boys."

And one day Billy said to the professor: "Why, I can sing as high as 'Bobbie' Murray."

Last Saturday at Newberg he was given a trial. His voice rose to unbelievable heights. Professor Whitney, astonished, brought Willard to Portland with him and gave him a hearing at Elmer's music house, Sunday. It was then he attained the E flat above high C.

Now the problem is to give Billy the proper training, and Professor Whitney is seeking a godfather or godmother for him. Enough time has been wasted, he pointed out today, and it will soon be time for the boy's voice to begin to change. Billy is quite excited at learning of his own possibilities.

HE IS AMBITIOUS

"You bet I want to work," he said. He is the seventh in a family of nine children, seven girls and two boys. His father, who was an Oregon lumberman, is dead. He will be in the eighth grade in school this fall.

"Our mother has taken some training at Eugene and Corvallis, and is quite an accomplished vocalist," said Miss Florence Bassett, Willard's sister, of Portland, who is chaperoning him during these exciting days. "All of us are able to carry a tune, but there have been no unusual singers or musicians in the family."

Rabbi Makes Plea For Jewish Colony Plan in Palestine

"You cannot destroy the Jewish people, the more they are persecuted, the more they prosper," declared Rabbi Abba H. Silver of The Temple of Cleveland, Ohio, in an address at B'nai B'rith hall Tuesday night.

Rabbi Silver spoke in behalf of the Rutenberg project, by which the Jordan river and its principal tributaries in Palestine would be "harnessed" and hydro-electric power developed for industries. Ben Selling of Portland, chairman of the evening, urged those assembled to subscribe liberally to the stock of the firm that will take over the development work.

"Our race has a vision," said the rabbi. "In every crisis a few consecrated men, clinging to the God of their fathers, go through to victory."

NEWBERG BOY IS MUSICAL MARVEL



Glenn Willard ("Billy") Bassett, 13, whose voice, according to Professor H. E. K. Whitney of the Whitney Boys' chorus, has a higher range than any other voice in the history of the world, with the exception of "Bobbie" Murray, Tacoma wonder, who sang here during the Rose Festival. A godfather to provide the boy with training is being sought.

52 Nursery Tots Guests at Picnic

The 52 children who share the hospitality of the Day nursery operated by the Fruit and Flower mission were guests at a party given recently by Mrs. L. H. Tarpley at her country home on the Columbia river near Vancouver. Luncheon was provided and each child received a gift. The day was a memorable one for the children, one little urchin expressing himself thus: "I ain't never been on a picnic and I ain't never been on an automobile ride."

HARDING BETWEEN TWO FRES TRYING TO SETTLE STRIKE

By David Lawrence

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Washington, Aug. 30. — President Harding has unbecomingly himself in the last 24 hours to his cabinet and other callers on the plans he has in mind for dealing with the national emergency growing out of the rail and coal strikes.

The president revealed first of all that federal policy is not fixed and is depending more or less on day to day developments, his duty and responsibility in certain eventualities is clear in his mind.

The whole situation, Mr. Harding thinks, depends on transportation. Enough hard coal will be available because the president feels sure the anthracite situation will be settled in a few days. Statistics laid on the cabinet table showed that the soft coal tonnage is satisfactory and that no shortage will develop if the coal now being mined can be distributed from the mouth of the mine to the consumer.

The shippers' strike is interfering with transportation.

REARS TWO SIDES

Mr. Harding has been in the midst of a debate between two sets of advisors, those who favor and those who oppose government operation of anything. Enough arguments have been advanced by both sides to make Mr. Harding aware of the terrific responsibilities which would be involved. Furthermore, outside the cabinet, there has been a pressure of two groups, one of which insists that to take over mines or railroads would be playing into the hands of the unions as they are said to want government operation because it means better wages, and the other which declares that the unions do not want government operation because the government's method would virtually uphold the employers by giving federal protection.

OPPOSES SEIZURE

At first glance the latter view might not seem clear but what Mr. Harding knows is that if he has to take over the roads he will have to depend upon the present railroad executives to run them and the men will be working for the same individuals as they now oppose only under government operation the railroad executives would have federal troops, federal court authority and army agency of the government at their back and call.

The president, therefore, after listening to the pro and con of government seizure of mines and railroads, is hesitant to plunge the government into any such venture. To use the word "hesitant" is to put it mildly—he is hoping against hope that he will not have to do it.

Meanwhile, however, congress is restlessly itching for a vacation while the conference committee wrests with the tariff bill. Political advisers like Senator James Watson of Indiana and John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican national committee, have discussed with the president the whole question of policy and the emergency growing out of government operation.

REACHES CONCLUSION

So Mr. Harding came to this conclusion: He feels he ought to have blanket authority to take over certain coal-carrying railroads and such mines as will be necessary to insure a sufficient production of fuel for the nation. He proposes not to use the authority except in dire emergency, but believes congress ought to trust him to use the right sort of judgment as to the existence or non-existence of a dire emergency.

But congress never has given blanket authority except in time of war and lately there has been a tendency to guard jealously the powers of congress, something which Mr. Harding himself has encouraged. Mr. Harding realizes that congress might not want to give him this blanket power, so he hesitates to ask for it, because if he asks and congress does not grant it the effect would be to hurt Republican members of congress upon whose head the political responsibility for lack of fuel might be thrust.

ADOPTS POLICY

The president made it clear to those who discussed the matter with him that for the moment he will not ask for the power in any formal way. Congress knows informally through those who have been at the White House that he wants it. If congress sees fit to grant it Mr. Harding will be gratified, but he will not insist for the present and he acknowledges that political considerations may interfere with the attitude of congress in acting on the subject unless the emergency grows more acute than it is.

The policy, then, is to see whether the railroads can operate efficiently enough to carry coal. If they can't, Mr. Harding will make the next move and will call congress back if it happens to be in recess.

Policeman and Negro in Fight Killed by Train

(By Universal Service)

Chicago, Aug. 30.—Michael Burke, a policeman, and James Wallace, a negro, fought on a railroad track here late Tuesday. Both were ground to death under a fast New York Central passenger train.

The negro was loitering on the tracks when the officer arrested him. The black resisted. Back and forth the two struggled, now between the rails and now on the right of way.

The Westerner, a crack of the New York Central, late and trying to make up time, thundered down the track. Wallace saw it coming. He sprang away from the officer, dashed on to the track, evidently believing he could get on the other side of the train. The officer was too quick. He grabbed the negro, stopping him in the middle of the track.

With grinding brakes the train thundered over the officer and his quarry.

Italy Loans Austria Big Sum of Money

Rome, Aug. 30.—(U. P.)—Italy came to the rescue of bankrupt Austria today. It was understood in political circles that the Italian cabinet had granted Austria a loan of 70,000,000 lire. Twenty millions will be paid immediately, it was said, and the remainder in September. The loan followed pleas of Dr. Seipel, Austrian foreign minister, that his nation faced the menace of bankruptcy unless aid in feeding the inhabitants was forthcoming.

Social and Study Clubs for Colored Young People Grow

Study, recreational and social clubs for the young colored people of the city are being organized through the combined efforts of the Young Women's Christian Association, the Young Men's Christian Association and Community Service and so large is the response that further organization is being planned.

Hundreds of young women have been served during the last year by the colored branch of the Y. W. C. A. at Tillamook and Williams avenue. Miss Mabel Byrd is the secretary in charge.

Boys between the ages of 14 and 25 have recently been organized by Community Service into the Loyal Comrades club with meetings on Tuesday evenings at the association rooms. Boxing, baseball and movies are enjoyed and just now a radio is being installed.

A fine tennis court has been in constant use since its installation, the Y. W. donating the use of the lot and the Y. M. and Community Service contributing funds. A club for both boys and girls has been organized in the Montavilla district. Meetings are held on Saturday evening at the Shiloh Baptist church. Community Service is assisting in the organization of clubs in Bethel M. E. church, the largest colored church in the city. Community meetings with motion pictures are planned.

Forgot to Touch Wood After Crash; Crank Hurts Arm

J. E. Dickason, 60, No. 1203 East 8th street north, drove his automobile down Alder street Tuesday afternoon and collided with another at West Park street.

No serious injury resulted and Dickason climbed from his machine to tell the other driver so.

"Nobody hurt, nobody hurt, it's all right," he told the rapidly growing crowd.

He stepped in front of his automobile, grabbed the business end of the crank and gave it a twist. Quickly dropping the crank, with pain clearly showing in his face, he caught his right wrist with his left hand.

"Guess I forgot to knock on wood," he muttered.

He was taken to the Emergency hospital, where it was found his arm was fractured.

U. S. Should Cure, Not Bury Europe, Cox's Declaration

London, Aug. 30.—(U. P.)—"Let us hope that our service to Central Europe will be that of a physician and not an undertaker," James M. Cox said in a statement he issued here today.

"There is some measure of reassurance in the statement from Washington," he continued, "that the administration has interested itself in the economic affairs of Central Europe, even though Herbert Hoover will not be sent here."

Cox, who has studied conditions in Europe, is to sail for American Saturday.

U. S. Rhine Forces May Be Increased

Paris, Aug. 30.—(U. P.)—American troops in the army of occupation on the Rhine will be increased to 3000, an unconfirmed report by Le Journal from Mayence said today.

The cause for the reported increase in United States forces was not given.

2 Killed in Fight With Booze Pirates

Chicago, Aug. 30.—(U. P.)—Two men were killed and three wounded, one probably fatally, in a battle between bootleg pirates and guards of three beer trucks early today.

The pirate gang ambushed the trucks in a dark grove on the outskirts of the city.

MRS. H. S. PROFFITT

Chehalis, Aug. 30.—Mrs. H. S. Proffitt, 80, died Monday at the family home in Randie. She had resided in Lewis county for 32 years.

BRYAN TO STUMP FOR EX-POLITICAL FOE, HITCHCOCK

Washington, Aug. 30.—(I. N. S.)—William Jennings Bryan will toss his old campaign hat back into the national political arena this fall, it was learned today from Bryan himself in an interview.

Bryan announced he would "take the stump" for his former political enemy, Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, who is seeking reelection to the senate from Nebraska. Bryan's endorsement of Hitchcock officially ends the oldest feud within the Democratic party and one which a decade ago threatened to disrupt the party.

"Back of Bryan's statement was the apparent purpose of Democratic leaders to heal every political wound within the ranks in order to present a united party front in the November elections.

Their hope, as voiced by Bryan, is the election of a Democratic house as a preface to placing a Democrat in the White House in 1924.

"The questions over which we once fought have all been settled and we all stand on the same platform now," said Bryan in endorsing Senator Hitchcock. "I will speak for Senator Hitchcock and for the whole Democratic ticket in Nebraska. I shall open my campaign there about October 1. Besides his senatorial record are six congressmen and the state ticket which I think we have a splendid chance of electing."

Incidentally leading the Democratic state ticket as a candidate for governor is Charles Bryan, famous "Brother Charley" of the orator's Nebraskan days.

Recommend That Doltes Be Held on Charge of Murder

Recommendation that Nick Doltes, charged with the murder of George Grammatici last Saturday night, be bound over to the grand jury on a charge of first degree murder, was made by the coroner's jury Tuesday night. The jury further recommended that a charge of lewd cohabitation be lodged against Mrs. Grammatici, who admitted on the stand that she had been living with Doltes for some time.

Evidence from several persons indicated that Doltes had, without sufficient provocation, shot Grammatici on his entrance into the room occupied by Doltes and Mrs. Grammatici in the Everett hotel, No. 82½ North Broadway.

Grammatici, according to the testimony, was murdered after he had come to the hotel in search of his 7-year-old son, Nickolas, who had been brought from Onalaska, Wash., by Mrs. Grammatici two weeks ago. The son of Grammatici declared on the witness stand that he was too sleepy to understand what took place on the night of the shooting.

Doltes did not testify, his attorney, Tom Garland, indicating his desire that the alleged murderer be given his chance to testify at the trial.

COSMOPOLIS COUPLE LICENSED

Chehalis, Aug. 30.—A marriage license was issued here yesterday to Steve Lucas and Eva Henderson, Cosmopolis, Wash.

How About Your Child's Eyes?

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