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"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"

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## Kidnaping for Cash

Feeling the sting of criticism in the United States, aimed at the bombing of civilian-populated centers in Spain by forces with which Italian troops are cooperating, an official Italian publication responds by twitting the United States on its child kidnapings. Answering that sort of argument is easy—almost too easy. Kidnapings, which may result in one death compared to the hundreds killed in one air raid, are not officially condoned. Kidnapers do not write best-sellers describing the "glories" of their craft, as did the son of Mussolini after bombing villages in Ethiopia.

But before we squelch this Italian argument to our own satisfaction, even if not to that of the Italian people who will never hear our reply, let's examine the situation and see if the fascist writer hasn't at least part of a case. Meanwhile, Franklin Pierce McCall, 21, farmhand minister's son, faces the death penalty for the kidnaping of Jimmy Cash, 5, in the course of which act the child died. Let McCall go to the electric chair or the gallows or whatever they have in Florida, by all means; but before he goes, let's examine him too.

The United States is the only country which in these modern times has kidnapings on any notable scale, although fascist dictators employ quite similar methods backed up by official authority. As a matter of fact kidnaping was an old Italian custom, practiced by the Mafia and Camorra organizations, who abducted wealthy persons instead of their children. Kidnaping goes back in history at least to ancient Jewish times, for the old Jewish law invoked the death penalty for kidnapers, as does the modern American law.

But why does the United States alone have this modern type of kidnaping? The case of Franklin Pierce McCall is not typical; he was not previously involved in crime, but a presentable, supposedly respectable young man. But the case is one which admits of reduction to the simplest terms. McCall was of good family, fairly well educated, but a farm hand, from which we may deduce that he was not well paid and that he was probably lacking in ambition to achieve financial success by undertaking responsible tasks. But he was not lacking in ambition to obtain money to enjoy "the finer things of life."

So McCall was willing to disregard everything—self respect, personal safety, common decency and humanity—to get money. There it is in those simplest terms we were seeking. Well, wouldn't that describe all kidnapers?

After all there are not many kidnapers; hardly even one in a million, in this country where kidnaping is supposed to be so prevalent. But have we in America somehow established a habit of thought which causes even one person in a million to value money above everything else? There must be lesser grades of the same viewpoint; people who value money above everything except personal safety, who would kidnap if they dared; many who value money above self-respect.

Perhaps if we could change our mental habits so that not even one person in a million valued money above everything else, we would solve some of our other problems; industrial strife, for instance, and the problem of too great extremes of poverty and wealth.

## Hopkins on Defensive

It is distinctly unusual to catch the aggressive Harry L. Hopkins in a defensive attitude, such as he takes in an article in Survey Midmonthly, a magazine for social workers. With respect to the WPA he writes:

"That there are weaknesses in the Works Program I am the first to admit. To me the glaring weakness is that it cannot yet provide work for all employables who are in need. . . . Another admitted weakness is the low wages which we pay WPA workers in certain sections of the country. Thousands of our workers, I am sorry to say, earn less than \$20 a month. There is very little we can do about this at the present time. . . ."

"Figures are sometimes presented to show the difference in cost between a work program and a dole. . . . If we figure on direct relief grants equal in budgetary adequacy to present WPA wages, the saving turns out to be only 20 per cent. But for this 20 per cent which is spent for materials and equipment, we have, first of all, an indirect employment equivalent to about a sixth of those on the Works Program; and we have, of course, the vast accomplishments of a works program—as well as the benefit to the nation that comes from conserving the skills and the morale of the unemployed."

"The second argument which the dole advocates present is that the WPA encourages an army of jobholders who refuse private employment. . . . I am yet to find any group of WPA workers who wouldn't be happy to get back in private industry."

"A third argument. . . is that the projects are not worthwhile, that there is too much boondoggling. Let me point out that 75 per cent of all WPA money spent has gone for construction projects: buildings, roads, streets, airports, parks and bridges. . . ."

"Another argument is that there is politics in the WPA. That minor politicians of both parties have tried to influence, intimidate and even coerce WPA workers in certain areas I have no doubt; that these attempts have been unsuccessful, I also have no doubt. . . . I have told every WPA worker on numerous occasions, by letter and over the radio, that politics and the WPA are not allied. . . ."

"We come now to the last argument against the WPA: that the program has built up a huge bureaucracy in Washington. . . . All WPA workers are selected from the local relief rolls. Ninety eight per cent of all WPA projects are locally conceived. . . . Less than 10 per cent of the administrative personnel is in Washington. . . ."

"The program has not been worked out in its entirety. Five years is a short time for so enormous a job. But we are going forward and not backward. And that is the most encouraging sign on the present horizon."

A considerable portion of what Mr. Hopkins says in defense of WPA is correct—even what he says about politics. In Oregon, WPA workers did receive official notice before the primary that they were free to follow their own inclinations in politics. As a rule, the political influence of the spending program is more subtle, and where it is not, it does not come from the top.

As for the value of WPA in relation to a dole, he is also correct to the extent that the projects are worthwhile. Here is one way of looking at it; it is the relief program, largely though not wholly, that unbalances the budget. If the nation acquires new buildings, roads and other things of value, that compensates in part for the mounting debt. Otherwise it is a total loss.

The distressing factor in Mr. Hopkins' report is that after five years he considers his program is just getting started, inferring, as he has elsewhere and as most of his subordinates do, that it is to go on forever.

New York City is planning to erect 327 new school buildings at a cost of \$23 million dollars. This will include 124 elementary school buildings at a total cost of \$112,000,000. Since they can't all be million-dollar buildings, it's to be hoped that the cost of each will be kept below that figure so no district will be able to brag too insufferably.

Just when a good many people who own automobiles are looking forward to enjoyment of "two weeks vacation with pay," the industry calls attention to the sad circumstance that most of them work "two weeks without pay" every year, that is, hat direct and indirect taxes on their automobiles cost about what most of them earn in two weeks.

Mayor Langlie, recently installed in office at Seattle, refuses to kiss strawberry festival queens and visiting celebrities of the gentler sex. People up there are complaining that, like Roosevelt, he is inaugurating a change in policy which was not mentioned in his platform. But no doubt he has consulted his (kitchen) cabinet.

One of these Washington columnists referred to A. A. Berle, assistant secretary of state, as the president's "newest economic adviser," but a typist at the CJ absent-mindedly changed it to "newest economic disaster." At that, maybe a fellow who has his eyes glued to a keyboard eight hours a day has a clearer view of what's going on than a Washington keyholder.

## Sage of Salem Speculates

By D. H. TALMADGE

However, Suit Yourself  
A lie may be a blessed thing,  
Some people think it so.  
It may to one a comfort bring,  
Cause anxious thoughts to go.

But e'en the best of lies may fail  
To do what's meant to do,  
And may more grievousness entail  
Than words more strictly true.

A lie may heap of trouble make,  
Yet has some grief consoled,  
It may briefly ease a heart ache,  
Still, better 'tis untold.

The Lie That Failed  
Rickey Tunk, back in the bottoms, once said he retained two principal memories. Of course, he had a heap of other memories, but two of 'em stuck out like a bee-stung thumb on each hand. One of these two memories was of what took place when a lie he'd told about a certain party, and with helpful intentions, too, was exposed, and the other was about the time when he was run over by a switch engine in the railroad yards at the county seat. He said the switch engine was more considerate of his feelings than the certain party was. I don't know what the affair about the certain party was. Folks in the bottoms were not much given to talking about the neighbors. They figured that the neighbors done was none of their business. I usually figured I liked 'em the better for it. But I had doubts now and again.

Good intentions mixed with poor judgment sometimes explode. And when an explosion of that kind happens there's no use grieving over it. As Shakespeare or somebody said, "Nothing matters when it can't be helped; many a yelp's been needlessly yelped."

But we can vote, and sometimes that's a real comfort.

The Old Bugaboo Game  
A medicine company with an Indian name worked our section of the bottoms one summer. The usual setup—a "doctor" with magnetic eyes and a persuasive tongue, three or four excellent entertainers, and a small callopo, which was better than a brass band because it could be heard farther. I reckon the "remedy" was harmless. It sold for a dollar a bottle, and was guaranteed to cure most human ills. When the "doctor" lectured he stood beside a table upon which were a number of glass jars containing, preserved in alcohol, "monsters" which had been "removed" from patients by the "remedy." It was pretty impressive all right. The "remedy" did many good things, but about the best thing it did was the "removal" of "monsters" from human interiors. Most folks didn't believe the "monsters" had been "removed" from human beings, but they had no positive evidence to the contrary, and they did know they had a misery within themselves, and the community was under a terrific strain for several weeks. I reckon it's the way we're constituted. Smart political "doctors" have been known to influence great bodies of voters in the same way. It seems as if we were old enough to know better.

Most of us, whether we admit it or not, prefer something which imparts rose tints to the imagination, something which might come true, as the gentleman with the magnetic eyes and the persuasive tongue said it would. A plain self-evident fact, a meek little drab thing, is pretty dull company.

However, give it time, truth is certain to prevail.

Even a guy you've known for quite a while as what you consider to be a liar is liable to surprise you. A truth unbeliever is frequently a lie in reverse.

The implied claim of the producers that the "There's Always a Woman" picture, shown at the Grand this evening, classes with "Mr. Deeds" and "Theodora" is not entirely justified. However, Joan Blondell, as the wife of an unsuccessful detective, dumbles her way to the successful solution of a murder mystery in a way highly satisfactory, and with the efficient assistance of Melvyn Douglas makes the film laughably entertaining. I have heard it said during the week that "There's Always a Woman" is the best thing Miss Blondell has ever done, but this statement, in the face of her varied stage and screen career during the past 20 years (almost) is rather a broad one. One thing is positive—she is far from being a has-been.

Roy Whittle is back on the job at the State theatre, after an absence of several weeks.

Educating Warriors  
A sort of tentative criticism of attempts at West Point and Annapolis to include more of the cultural courses in the curricula of these warrior-building institutions has appeared in the editorial columns of some of the papers.

"Tentative" is the word because they don't come out and say such cultural courses are all wrong, but just imply it by mentioning that John Paul Jones was rather an uncouth individual and that Dewey had no immediate need for an appreciation of the classics at Manila Bay.

That's all very well for wartime but fortunately, the United States is not always at war; will never be at war if it's lucky. In peacetime, we have to have these army and navy officers, just in case. Meanwhile, being conscious human beings, they have to occupy their minds with something. If all they know is war, presumably they will always think war. That's what is wrong with Japan, coupled with the fact that Japan's war lords have acquired a lot of power.

If we teach our warrior-leaders a few of the arts of peace, it may be just that much help in maintaining peace.

Concerning a headline in a Salem paper, "Medford Bolls at 98," Art Perry of the Medford Mail-Tribune denies that the town balled but said it would next time somebody made a crack like that. Seeing as how all the editors are going to visit Medford this weekend, they'd better warn all the headline writers to go easy.

They opened a spic-and-span, shiny new bridge at Klamath Falls the other day and next morning found various sets of initials already carved on the artistic wooden railings. We agree with Sage of Salem that no rapid improvement in human nature is to be expected.

## Quick, Henri ze Flit!



## Radio Programs

- KSLM—WEDNESDAY—1370 Kc.**
- 7:30—News.
  - 7:45—Time of Day.
  - 8:00—The Merry-makers, MBS.
  - 8:30—Hits and Encores.
  - 8:45—News.
  - 9:00—The Pastor's Call.
  - 9:15—The Friendly Circle.
  - 9:45—Voice of Experience, MBS.
  - 10:00—Women in the News.
  - 10:15—Hawaiian Paradise.
  - 10:30—Morning Magazine.
  - 11:00—News.
  - 11:15—Organist.
  - 11:45—The Johnson Family, MBS.
  - 12:00—Paul Small, MBS.
  - 12:00—Value Parade.
  - 12:15—Kiss Me, MBS.
  - 12:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
  - 12:30—Voice of the Farm.
  - 1:00—Country Editor, MBS.
  - 1:15—Rennie Weale, MBS.
  - 1:30—Popular Salute.
  - 1:45—The Johnson Family, MBS.
  - 2:00—William E. Green.
  - 2:15—Community Hall, MBS.
  - 2:45—As the Story Goes, MBS.
  - 3:00—Feminine Fancies, MBS.
  - 3:30—News.
  - 3:45—Walter Knobloch's "Chaos in the East."
  - 4:00—Mal Hallett's Orchestra, MBS.
  - 4:30—The Whip, MBS.
  - 5:00—Varieties.
  - 5:15—Bob Crosby's Orchestra, MBS.
  - 5:45—Diaper Hum Melodies.
  - 6:00—Poppe the Sailor, MBS.
  - 6:15—The Phantom Pilot, MBS.
  - 6:30—Sports Bulletin, MBS.
  - 6:45—Tonight's Headlines.
  - 7:00—Walttime.
  - 7:30—The Lone Ranger, MBS.
  - 8:00—Miss Yoeh E. Wang.
  - 8:15—News.
  - 8:30—Yesterday's Hits.
  - 8:45—Rex Battle Ensemble.
  - 9:00—Ray Towers, Troubadour.
  - 9:15—"Amos" and "Andy."
  - 9:30—Newspaper of the Air, MBS.
  - 9:45—Softball Games.
  - 10:00—Amos and Andy Timers.
  - 11:00—Everett Hoaglund's Orch., MBS.

- KOIN—WEDNESDAY—940 Kc.**
- 6:30—Market Reports.
  - 6:30—KOIN Music.
  - 8:00—Sons of the Pioneers.
  - 8:25—News.
  - 8:30—Sally of the Star.
  - 9:45—Yours Sincerely.
  - 10:45—This and That.
  - 11:30—Boston Society.
  - 11:45—News.
  - 12:30—Doris Rhodes, Songs.
  - 1:30—March of Gaiety.
  - 1:45—Exploring Space.
  - 2:00—Chiquito.
  - 2:30—News.
  - 3:15—Newspaper of the Air.
  - 4:00—Backgrounding the News.
  - 4:15—WPA Band.
  - 4:30—Mary Lou Cook, Songs.
  - 4:45—Boaks Carter.
  - 5:00—Headlines on Parade.
  - 6:00—Rainbow's End.
  - 8:30—Leon F. Drews, Organist.
  - 8:45—Lynn and Lester.
  - 9:00—Scattergood Business.
  - 9:15—Diana Concert.
  - 9:30—Ben Bernie.
  - 9:40—Cavalade of America.
  - 9:45—Buddy Borchert's Orchestra.
  - 9:50—Gang Busters.
  - 9:50—Northwestern Neighbors.
  - 10:00—The Six Final.
  - 10:15—Sketchbook.
  - 10:45—Leon Durant Orchestra.
  - 11:00—The Star.
  - 11:30—Leighton Noble Orchestra.

- KOAC—WEDNESDAY—550 Kc.**
- 9:03—Home-makers Hour—9:05 "Time Out"; 9:40 School for Brides.
  - 10:15—Story Hour for Adults.
  - 11:00—The Bellman.
  - 11:30—Music of the Masters.
  - 11:45—Diana Concert.
  - 12:15—Farm Hour.
  - 12:15—Safety dramatization in cooperation with state department.
  - 12:30—Market and crop reports.
  - 1:15—Variety.
  - 2:00—4H Club Summer School.
  - 3:15—The US Navy as a Career.
  - 3:45—Monitor News the News.
  - 4:00—Symphonic Half Hour.
  - 4:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
  - 4:45—Diana Concert.
  - 6:15—News.
  - 6:30—Farm Hour.
  - 6:30—Agriculture viewed by editors.
  - 6:45—Market and crop reports.
  - 7:00—4H Club summer school.
  - 7:45—Municipal Affairs.
  - 8:15—4H Club Radio Revue.

## Ten Years Ago

June 15, 1928  
Herbert Hoover was selected by republican party for president of United States at republican convention hall at Kansas City.

The Woodrow Wilson Memorial tablet unveiled on Battle-ship Oregon at Portland yesterday accepted by Col. Carl Abrams as chairman of Battle-ship Oregon commission.

On Sunday morning Dr. Frank G. Franklin of Willamette university will sail for Seattle for a ten weeks' tour of the orient.

## Twenty Years Ago

June 15, 1918  
Sacred Heart academy held its 55th annual commencement Thursday with nine graduates. Rev. Bernard Murphy gave the address.

Frank Wilbur Chance, former dean of music of Willamette university left last night for New York where he will teach.

Professor E. A. Hancock of the English department at Willamette university left last night for Anacortes, Wash., where he has accepted a position for summer and will handle entire news department of paper.

## Evelyn Plunkett Is Given Shower

CENTRAL HOWELL—Mrs. D. A. Steffen entertained with a pre-nuptial shower Sunday afternoon in honor of Miss Evelyn Plunkett who has announced her engagement to William "Bill" Propst of Salem.

Besides the honor guest and hostess the guests were: Mrs. Peter Steffen, Mrs. O. W. Alexander, Miss Alma Wenger, Evalline and Emmaline Nafziger, Mrs. Alec Lichty, Mrs. H. A. Lichty, Mrs. John Tweed, Mrs. W. E. Nafziger, Beulah Lichty, Mrs. Clarence Herr, Miss Gustie Heury, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Mrs. Andrew Clark, Mrs. E. J. Jans, Mrs. John Benson, Mrs. Clarence Stimmons, Mrs. O. E. Steffen, Muriel Lichty, Mrs. Chris Lichty, Miss Ellen Steffen, Mrs. John Steelhammer, Mrs. Will Lichty, Mrs. Ralph Herr, Mrs. W. C. Rutschman, Suzanne Rutschman.

## Oklahomans Visit Santiam Kinsman

NORTH SANTIAM—Mr. and Mrs. Merris Brockway of Butler, Okla., are visiting their brother, Hugh Brockway, Mrs. Mary Brockway, Miss Rhea Brockway and the Merris Brockways are at present in Bay City, Wash., visiting another brother, Ralph Brockway.

Miss Zara Lansing, former resident here, and Carl Nelson of Los Angeles spent Thursday at the George Howard home.

Leonard Hewitt of De Poe bay will be foreman for William Merris Brockway.

Miss Hazel Hatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hatch, is home from finishing her first year at Willamette university.

Mrs. R. A. Hammer will entertain at a post-nuptial shower in honor of Mrs. John Sherman Hawk Thursday night, June 16.

## DeSantis Berry Harvest Starts

SILVERTON HILLS—Harvest has begun for Tony DeSantis, whose 40 acres of bearing berries lie about in the highest elevation of strawberry acreages in this section. Heat and dry weather have not injured the DeSantis crop as they have other berry fields and he expects about 100 tons from his 40 acres.

Most of the hills berry fields have passed their peak in harvest. Worms which have ruined so many valley berries have been almost entirely minus in the hills section.

## Keizer to Vote On School Issue

KEIZER—A meeting of the patrons of school district No. 88 is called for Friday, June 17, from 2 to 7 p. m. to vote on bonding the district for \$25,000 for a new school building, the labor to be furnished by the government.

## Alumni of Turner High To Meet Saturday Night In Masonic Hall There

TURNER—Turner high school alumni association held a meeting Saturday night in the Masonic hall.

## Three Cents, Cherry Offer

Barrelling Operations Will Start in Another Week or 10 Days

With the strawberry barrelling and canning season now reaching its nether side, due to crop shortage from weather and worm conditions, local plants are turning attention to the cherry deal and the smaller pack of red raspberries, commercial pickings of which will soon be ready.

So far three cents in the best known price offered here on Royal Amnes and apparently there is no business here on black cherries, though in Yakima and eastern Oregon 3 cents has been offered also on blacks.

Cherries will be ready for the barrelling plants in another week or 10 days, and on the basis of present conditions, some canners expect about the same size crop as the valley produced last year.

Dalles Harvest Starts  
Reports from The Dalles and Yakima say the current cherry crop, on which the bulk of the season is the Tony DeSantis 40 acres in Silverton Hills, which because of high elevation is said to be free of heat and dry weather injuries which virtually ruined the valley strawberry yield. DeSantis expects to harvest 100 tons.

No offers are reported on local berries, though it is expected some business will develop following the loganberry control board meeting today at which time the price for the 1938 crop probably will be set.

MEDFORD, June 14.—(AP)—County Agent Robert G. Fowler said today picking and shipping operations would start next week in the Rogue river valley cherry orchards. The crop was reported smaller than a year ago.

## St. Paul Turkey Flock Is Chosen On Demonstration

Carrying out one phase of the program in this county for improvement of turkey breeds, Noel Bennion, extension specialist in the poultry department at the state college, and County Agent Harry L. Ritcher Saturday selected and banded 400 young Bronze turkeys from the large C. H. Coyle farm at St. Paul.

The banded poult will receive the same attention in the flock as the other birds, but will be closely watched to prove the points for breeding from selected stock.

At two other times during the growing period the poult with leg bands will be culled to pick the finest specimen birds for breeding.

## George Schliss Suffers Serious Burns on Face As Gasoline Explodes

STAYTON—George Schliss, of the Schliss brothers garage, received painful burns about the hands and face, sustained when gasoline exploded in a greasing pit in the garage Sunday.

Clem Crane and his son also were burned, but returned to their home after receiving first aid attention. Schliss was taken to the hospital.

## Spring Valley Mission Society Will Sponsor Gathering on Sunday

ZENA—The Spring Valley Home Missionary society is sponsoring a picnic Sunday, June 19, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Gibson. Members and families are invited.

Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Charles McCarter, and Mrs. W. W. Henry are in charge. A basket dinner will be served at noon.

## Cop Kills Wife



Confronting his wife and her sweetheart in an automobile on a busy Chicago street, Patrolman John Lewe shot and killed the other man, Harry Johnson, 40, and then turned the gun on his wife when she allegedly said, "John, you might as well kill me, too!" The wife, Phyllis, 40, was fatally wounded. Patrolman Lewe said he was trying to persuade the two to part and not see each other again, when his wife giggled, causing him to lose control of himself.

## Fox Valley Woman Is Chosen Delegate

FOX VALLEY—Mrs. R. A. Cornforth has been elected as a delegate by the local club to the Townsend convention opening in Los Angeles June 19. She will leave Salem Thursday and expects to spend about two weeks on the trip. She has a brother and two sisters in California.

L. C. Trask left Sunday to attend the annual pioneer picnic at Champeog and then to go to Schoals to visit his son Clifford.

Mr. Spa and Hugh Johnston went to Bridal Veil Saturday. The Spa family moved from the Julian farm here to apartments over the Red and White store in Lyons.

## School Is Planned For CCC Enrollees

SILVERTON HILLS—According to official information reaching here, Silver Creeks Falls CCC camp will be the only one of the 21 in the Vancouver area that is listed for a new \$2500 school building. Work on the project will be under way by July 1.

It is said that 17 schools will be built in the ninth army corps area.

The local CCC camp at present is made up largely of southern boys who have not had elementary school advantages but who are eager to learn.

## Grangers' News

VICTOR POINT—The meeting of Union Hill grange calendered for Friday night, has been postponed for one week. At that time reports from the state grange convention at Klamath Falls will be given by Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White, delegates from here. They are accompanied by their daughter, Bernadine.

Mrs. Carrie Townsend is spending the week at the state grange as a guest of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Stone, delegates from their grange in Multnomah county.

TURNER—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Peebles of Surprise grange, with Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Townsend of Salem grange are in Klamath Falls attending the state grange.

**HEAR-**  
**WILLIAM E. GREEN**  
President of A. F. of L.—2 P. M.  
**WALTER KNOBE LOCH'S**  
"Chaos in the East"—3:45 P. M.  
**MISS YOEHE E. WANG**  
Daughter of Chinese Ambassador  
8:00 P. M.  
**TODAY**  
Attend the Rice Bowl Party  
Friday Night at Fraternal Temple  
**K-SALEM**  
MUTUAL BROADCASTING SYSTEM