

Committees Named By Chadwick

Appointment of special committees on city planning and abatement of paper mill sulphur fumes was announced yesterday by Mayor W. W. Chadwick.

Paul B. Wallace was named chairman of the planning committee. Serving with him will be Dr. L. E. Barrick, County Commissioner Jim Smith, Senator Douglas McKay, Former Mayor V. E. Kuhn, Frederick H. Eley, architect, Aldermen Bert T. Ford and Glenn Gregg and Mayor Chadwick.

Alderman George L. Belt will head a committee instructed to negotiate with the Oregon Pulp and Paper company regarding elimination of the sulphur fumes from its Trade and Front streets plant. Other members are Gertrude F. Lobdell and James H. Nicholson, both members of the city council.

Now Side by Side in War, too



Italy's ambassador to Germany, Dino Alfieri, is shown right, on the balcony of his embassy in Berlin, acknowledging the cheers of Germans as the Nazi foreign minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, stands at left. The two are now side by side in war, also.

Scouts Building Boats for Camp

Sea Scouts of ESS Willamette and of two boats to be used on have nearly completed the scene. Pine lake by scouts attending Camp Pioneer this summer. The boats are being financed by a gift of \$70 to the council from troop nine. Surplus will be used for a canoe for a camp, bringing the camp flotilla up to three row-boats and two canoes.

The boats are being built under supervision of Commodore W. E. Thompson at his residence. The Sea Scouts engaged in the task will get credit toward advancement. One of the boats has been launched and it is hoped that the other will be finished by June 26. The boats are 12 feet long and of the shallow draft, flat-bottomed variety, designed for maximum safety and maneuverability.

Dave Putnam will enter his second year as swimming counselor at camp this year. He will have charge of swimming and life saving instruction and all other water activities.

The Safety Valve

Letters from Statesman Readers

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

To the Editor: Not long ago it was necessary for me to wait for some time in a car in front of the courthouse on Main street of a certain town.

Three boys soon parked a car not far away but not adjacent. I soon regretted that the distance was not greater.

The boys were perhaps from 13 to 16 years of age. They were rather hilarious but that alone would not have been objectionable to a lover of boys who does not expect to see "old heads on young shoulders."

It was soon decided that one of them should cross the street and buy something to drink which was to be "charged" to someone.

The bottles were brought and emptied. They probably contained "soft drinks." I did not listen carefully to their conversation and heard only what I was obliged to hear.

After this a discussion followed and the boy was again delegated to bring other things to be also "charged." By this time my thoughts were troubled and I was longing for the return of the "good man."

For the language of these boys was interspersed, not with slang and rough expressions, but with curses and they appeared to be utterly unaware that they were doing anything wrong or even improper.

They spoke thus quite loudly, even yelling these oaths at one another at times. They could have been heard at the courthouse or across the street quite easily if there had not been heavy traffic at that hour near closing time.

I thought to curb this sort of talk and asked, "Where is the marshal?" repeating my question. They looked only a little surprised as one turned to look in my direction, but they seemed not at all disturbed.

So I waited, sad and heart-sick and of course I wondered about what sort of homes they came from and if they were only speaking as they heard their fathers talk.

Did these poor boys believe that such language made them noble and manly? I queried, is it possible that their mothers have no idea that their boys use such language?

Would their mothers also have been shocked and heart-sick if they had been compelled to listen to their boys as I had been? I wondered if it is possible that there is now no law against profanity on the street or in public places.

A businessman from a store across the street stopped a moment to chat with me and I inquired if there was no marshal and if there was no longer a law against profanity on the street.

The gentleman said, "You have no idea of the things we have to put up with here." He also assured me that the marshal would do nothing about it if he were told.

"But certainly he must at least have some pride about his city and what other people think of it!" I exclaimed. And I am still wondering if he has not.

As I waited I remembered the recent decision of the supreme court, June 3, when Justice Frankfurter upheld the constitutionality of a flag salute requirement of a school board in the case of some children who had been taught that the salute to the flag was "forbidden by command of scripture" and had refused to do what they absolutely believed was displeasing to God.

There are few indeed who so believe and however one may decide this question, we are persuaded that the child who has been taught to yield his first allegiance to his God and reverent Him and has the courage to stand for his conception of right will not be a very troublesome person to the government.

Will the child thus taught grow up to swell the population of youthful criminals for which our land is noted? And, why are there so many depraved youth? Is the remedy to be found in more flag salutes?

The flag salute with its accompanying words of allegiance has been taught and practiced quite well for many years now in the schools of our land. We should be able to determine its merits by the results by this time. Saluting the flag is an appealing gesture but has it any intrinsic value after all upon the morale of the youth?

It is very doubtful, if we may believe many articles in magazines and newspapers stating that the great wave of law-breakers are youths. I doubt not that these boys to whom I listened to as I waited that day, have been taught to salute the nation's flag. But, undoubtedly, they have not been taught reverence for their God and His law.

May we not then conclude that it is far better that those in whose hands rest the training and destiny of the young may be more concerned that they teach them the fear of God and love for truth and right doing than to be anxious about forcing a salute and its accompanying pledge which are often most glibly given to the boys who are disobedient at home and school and future law-breakers.

An editor of our Statesman so well said not long ago, "One may be forced to salute but true reverence cannot be compelled." It is only taught. Is there not a higher, added reverence to first teach the youth? Will the child who has been taught "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve" be in great danger of becoming a criminal or in any manner damaging the safety and well being of the nation?

Let us put first things first or as our Lord has said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto thee."

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Lutheran Chorus To Appear Here

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Appearing here under the auspices of St. John's Lutheran church, 16th and A streets, the choir will be accompanied by T. G. Eggers, executive secretary of the national Lutheran Laymen's league and director of the Lutheran hour, who is conducting the group on a concert tour to California and the Pacific northwest, with appearances in 22 cities.

Mr. Eggers will speak in connection with the concert, describing some of the aspects which indicate the Lutheran hour is not only the largest, but in many respects a most remarkable evangelistic enterprise. Beginning with eight stations in 1935, the program has expanded each year until, at the conclusion of its most recent series, it was heard over 175 stations in the United States, Canada, Ecuador, Philippine Islands, Puerto Rico, Alaska, Colombia and China. It is expected to resume in the fall on an even larger network.

Asher Named Director

GRAND ISLAND—At the annual school meeting held at the schoolhouse Monday night George Asher was reelected director and Mrs. Louis Will reelected clerk. Other members of the board are Mrs. Dale Fowler, chairman, and Worth Wiley.

Bits for Breakfast

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There are many more. The first laws of the Oregon provisional government were framed there. The first marriages of white women to white men in the Oregon Country were performed there. Ground was opened there for the burial of the first white woman and child in all this vast domain.

The list might be extended almost indefinitely. Captain Sutter got new directions from there. The first petitions to the United States government for extending its laws to this westernmost west were written there. At that point was started the movement which made all the states of this nation draining into Balboa's great ocean.

About the LaFolletts. Clude LaFollett and his son now have a splendid young peach orchard growing on the land that made up the first gardens, fields and pastures of the Lee mission. The LaFolletts had already 500 or 600 or more acres of peach orchards, in Polk and Marion and Multnomah counties. This young one will add 200 acres more; perhaps more than 200 acres. They are Oregon's peach kings. But they deserve the title, and the profits. No harder working people are in Oregon.

The LaFollett family deeded without cost the mission site (five to 10 acres) in 1930 to the Willamette university, in trust for the people of Oregon. So every Oregonian owns an interest in that sacred historic soil.

The road to the site is a county road. Its beginning should be marked, and better provisions made for keeping the sacred place in order. This writer promises to see to this, in good time, if spared his usual good health.

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