

Scoop! Blondie's Gonna Have a Baby!

Bundle From Heaven to Arrive Within Three Weeks--April 11, Chic Young Tells the World

Even Winchell Scooped on This Event; The Statesman Gets the Inside on Intimate Family Life of Bumsteads

Flash! It's happened right in Winchell's own back yard. He's been scooped! Come April 11, Blondie and Dagwood Bumstead are going to receive a bundle from heaven--and Winchell had nary a line on it. The expectant couple, for the radio-



newspaperman's information, are as thoroughly American and widely known as any that ever captured the nation's fancy. They're the lovable characters in the comic strip created by Chic Young and distributed by King Features Syndicate to 500 newspapers, including The Statesman, from Salem to Shanghai.

Credit for the scoop goes to J. Bryan III, special writer for Collier's. Bryan featured it in an

article in the March 15 issue of the magazine. Chic Young's genial features are presented in a half page full-color photograph and the story of Blondie and her family, which began ten years ago, is given a big hand. Family Secret Told

The article starts off by revealing the secret in the life of the comic strip family, which was news to many of Blondie's closest followers. Mr. Bryan continues:

"Even readers of the Helsinki Sosialdemokratii know Dagwood's passion for multi-decker sandwiches. Readers of the Shanghai China Press wonder at Blondie's new hats. Readers of the Guatemala City Imprenta Hispania sympathize when Baby Dumpling has to sit in the corner. Readers of The Oregon Statesman probably know a similar couple right here in Salem. They, and the readers of more than 500 other newspapers, representing thirty nations and seventeen languages have known the Bumsteads long, and they know them well.

"They know them so well, indeed, that when Chic Young showed Blondie using a saucepan with a pattern of stripes, he received an avalanche of letters inquiring when she had bought it; her old saucepan had been plain. He received another avalanche when he put a new lamp on the bed table. Another when he inadvertently moved the refrigerator to a different side of the kitchen. Familiar to All

"To these millions of people, the Bumstead house is as familiar as their own. The explanation is that the Bumstead house is their own, or their relatives', or their neighbors'.

"Young has scrupulously avoided localizing the Bumsteads. No one regrets this more than Dr. George Gallup. If Gallup knew he inquired their opinion and he'd get the average opinion of America. This is the secret of the Bumsteads' appeal: They are as average-American as baseball, ham and eggs and--for that matter--comic strips.

"The Bumsteads never do something for a laugh that they wouldn't do normally. There are no such traditional cartoon blackouts as someone attempting suicide, or joining the army, or jumping out of his shoes. Nothing enters their lives that doesn't enter an average life.

"Dagwood can't operate a rocket ship or a disintegrator gun; his highest accomplishment is catching the last bus that will get him to the office on time. Blondie has never been held hostage by the mad Professor Querio; her chief anxiety is whether her cake will 'rise.' Baby Dumpling is not a Little Lost Prince, but he has an adoring subject--his Daisy. A typical Bumstead disaster is a mosquito in their bedroom or a cake of soap that slips out of reach. Even as with you and I."

Name Not Chosen Yet But to get back to the real news, the addition to the Bumstead family. On this point Collier's reports:

"A name has not yet been chosen for the new baby sister. Chic looks no farther into the future than her birth. She will age normally, of course, as Baby Dumpling has, and their parents will become stout as they grow older--Chic thinks of Dagwood as 29 now, and Blondie as 27. A new reader can pick up the strip and be right in the swim.

"Chic's advice to novices is short but valuable. You can tell if your drawing ink is dry by rubbing it with your hand, and you can remove inkstains from a rug by soaking the spot in milk and then cutting around it with scissors.

"Thursday and Friday are for the Sunday page. Saturday morning he draws his Sunday 'toppiece,' Colonel Pottersby and the Duchess. Saturday afternoon is for other Blondie business--radio, movies and novelties.

"And Sunday is free--I hope."

Salem Army Officer To Attend Staff Meet

CAMP MURRAY, March 21--(P)--Lieut.-Col. Harold G. Mason of Salem is one of four officers recently ordered to attend the staff officers' course at Fort Benning, Ga. Another Oregon man in the course is Major Kent L. Moody of Oregon City.

Windsors Play Host to US Golf Champions



Windsors, center, with golfers. Duke and Duchess of Windsor are pictured at Nassau, the Bahamas, with four of the golfing "greats" of the U. S., who played a "match of champions" benefit in Nassau. Left to right in the photo are Gene Sarazen, an unidentified man, Bobby Jones, the Duchess of Windsor, Walter Hagen, the Duke of Windsor and Tommy Armour. Armour and Jones, teamed, beat Sarazen and Hagen.

Club Notes

A GOOD good morning to you Mice! Today being Saturday, brings to light several interesting events. First is the Mickey Mouse show at one o'clock. Second is Willamette's Freshman Glee, of which I am a participant (and HOW). Third is that yours truly will leave Sunday for San Francisco to enter another speech tournament at Stanford university. Inasmuch as I will not be here next Saturday, your Mickey Mouse Chief will be Bob Mundt, and associate Keith Hoppes.

MMC What a show, Mice, last Saturday. The entertainers included some mighty fine performers. On this same show was presented the basketball players from Klamath Falls high school. They were really swell fellas inasmuch as they consented to be the source for much of our entertainment.

MMC An Announcement From Our Sec. Yes, Mice, this comes directly from our Mickey Mouse secretary. "If you have moved or changed your home address in any way, please tell me as soon as possible."

MMC Today, the Mickey Mouse stage show will again be tops in entertainment. There will be singing, dancing, laughing and fun for everyone. Besides this, we will again have some sort of unusual contest. I don't know for sure, but I think it has something to do with "Hot Dogs"--OH, Boy.

MMC Remember, Mice, if you want to be in the Mickey Mouse show, just come down on Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock. We have lots of fun so don't be afraid to come down.

MMC Mice, look at our screen fare for today. Boy is it swell. The special Mickey Mouse feature will be "A Man Betrayed" with John Wayne and Frances Dee. The main feature will be that swell comedy show "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" with Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery. Also, Chapter two of our new and exciting serial, "Terry and the Pirates." So until one o'clock.

Mission Officer Will Tell of Foreign Trip

Rev. Thomas MacDonald, general secretary of the European Christian Mission, a man who knows Europe, will speak Sunday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist church Marion and Liberty streets. Rev. MacDonald has traveled widely for the work of the mission, not only in North America, but also in Great Britain and on the continent of Europe. He speaks with authority backed by knowledge and personal experience. His pictures taken recently during crises in Europe have enlightened many.

The "European Christian Mission, Inc.," originated in 1904, and has for its aim the evangelization of the 400,000,000 white people in a field which extends from Russia to Spain.

Marion Officials Ask \$1,070,517 From WPA Road Building

Marion county officials Friday completed and sent off a \$1,070,517 blanket WPA application to cover construction of county roads during the next ten months. The application was signed by County Judge Leroy Hewlett and Clerk U. B. Boyer.

Under terms of the application, 75 per cent of the cost of roads will be contributed by the federal government, and the remainder by the county, either in cash or in supplies or materials for road construction supplied.

Individual projects under the application will be approved in Portland rather than in Washington under the terms of the blanket contract. Fred C. Bates, WPA superintendent present with the court Friday, indicated that the present contract might be sufficient to last for two years with necessary extensions.

Bates indicated further that work will begin again shortly on the Liberty road after having been dropped recently when relief rolls were cut.

He also indicated that the road from Liberty to Grabenhorst's corners will be improved shortly under a WPA grant.

Bates told the court that WPA crews working in the county Friday totaled 385 men as compared with over 900 employed prior to March 17. Eight crews are now functioning.

Visitors Talk For Baptists

Two visiting speakers of prominence will occupy the pulpit of the Calvary Baptist church Sunday in the absence of Rev. Arno Q. Weniger, pastor. At the morning service of worship, Mrs. C. R. Manley, who has recently returned from the Baptist mission field in India will speak. Mrs. Manley participated in the program of the World Day of Prayer recently held in the First Methodist church.

Rev. James Baldwin, Portland, will bring the message at the evening worship hour. Mr. Baldwin is an able speaker and accomplished trumpeter. He will be heard in several musical numbers.

Nursery Orders Are Changed

The state agricultural department has revised two quarantine measures to permit shipment of nursery stock from other states into Oregon, Frank McKennon, chief of the plant division, announced Friday.

The new orders pertain to grape phylloxera and the oriental fruit moth, and both are effective March 24. After that date, bare rooted fruit tree stock subject to the oriental fruit moth will be admitted into Oregon provided it has received approved treatments of methyl bromide at the point of origin.

Under the second quarantine revision, grape vines and cuttings may come into the state provided either the hot water treatment or the oil and nicotine dip has been applied.

STATE

Dorothy Lamour Robert Preston

"Moon Over Burma" 2nd Hit

Virginia Dale Robert Paige

Midnight Show

"ESCAPE" Robert Taylor Norma Shearer

Parrish Awaits Minstrel Show

Everyone at Parrish junior high school is looking forward to seeing the minstrel show at the carnival next Wednesday night.

Miss Etta White, who was in charge last year, and will again be responsible this year, assures that this one will indeed be a novelty, for it is to be an all-girl minstrel. All 20 girls taking part will be black-faced.

Personnel is as follows: Rosemary Gaiser, the interloper; Joanne Twedt, the pianist; Chorus, Betty Sharpnack, Nevelly Carter, Doris Ritchey, Jeraldine Schmoker, Arlene Frogly, Margaret Smith, Barbara Brunidge, Beatrice Smith, Norma Newgent, Lois Farley, Velma Swart, Selma Hanson, Corabelle Weeks, Ardana Fretage, Joyce Jacobson, Leona Wallace, Jean Hoffert, Darlene Simmons and Elmira Ephlin.

Seal Sales Gain Shown

The final report on the tuberculosis seal sales for 1940 were made at the Marion county public health association luncheon meeting on Friday at the Quells. Total seal sales amounted to \$5,827.61, a seven per cent increase over 1939.

Dr. Hugh Doud presided at the meeting and plans were discussed for the state tuberculosis annual meeting in Portland March 27 to 28. Several from Salem are expected to attend the meeting. The 1941 budget was adopted by the members.

Mrs. Bernice Skinner, health nurse, reported on the progress of the appraisal of tuberculosis work in Marion county.

Bible Class Slated

Simon E. Forberg, dean of the Multnomah school of the Bible, Portland, will teach an interdenominational class at the Salvation Army auditorium at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

THRU TUES. (May be Jeeter will find Grand-ma)

HOLLYWOOD 15c NOW PLAYING 2 FEATURES

Victor McLaglen in "Diamond Frontier" and 2nd Feature--Richard Carlson, Ann Miller, Frances Langford

"TOO MANY GIRLS" Also News, Our Gang Comedy and Serial, "The Green Archer"

Two Big Features 15c

MELODY RANCH GENE AUTRY JIMMY DURANTE

And 2nd Feature

WHO KILLED AUNT MAGGIE?

Free Text Book Extension to Parochial, Private Schools Brings Flood of Letters

Capitol "Snowed Under" With Epistles on Controversial Measure; Sprague Continues to Sign Many Bills

The free textbook question, raised by the legislature, is bringing more letters and telegrams to the executive department at the capitol than any other of the 511 enactments the lawmakers left behind them last Sunday, attaches said Friday.

The bill insuring the letters would extend to parochial and private schools the privilege of using free state textbooks, now held only by the public schools. They would first, however, have to comply with requirements of the state department of education.

Signs 21 Measures

Gov. Charles A. Sprague signed 21 bills into law Friday. They included measures to cut in half industrial accident contributions of employers whose employees have drawn benefits under 50 per cent of all past contributions, to place allocation of gasoline tax revenues to counties on the basis of actual residence of car owners rather than their postoffice addresses, and to merge the state board for vocational education.

A senate bill by the banking committee relating to the operations of savings and loan associations was filed with the secretary of state without the governor's signature to become a law at the expiration of 90 days.

This measure authorizes savings and loan associations to make installment loans up to 75 per cent of the appraised value of the property instead of up to 66 2/3 per cent as provided under the present law. Investment in real estate contracts also is permitted under this bill.

Other bills signed by the governor: SB 96, by education committee--Relating to the organization of non high school districts. SB 166, by education committee--Relating to the levying of school district taxes. SB 371, by revision of laws committee--Relating to the right of attorneys licensed in other jurisdictions to practice in Oregon. SB 389, by Wallace--Relating to the issuance of securities by public utility.

SB 382, by joint ways and means committee--Relating to the state board of accountancy.

SB 172, by education committee--To merge present state board of education and state board for vocational education to designate its powers and duties, and provide for its operation.

SB 198, by Walsh--Relating to the levy of public money and providing a penalty.

SB 100, by ranking committee--Relating to business of making loans on automobiles and declaring an emergency.

SB 370, by irrigation and drainage committee--Relating to operation of irrigation districts.

HB 243, by Gleason--Relating to liability of cities and towns of less than 10,000 population.

HB 389, by French--Pertaining to assessment of taxes on property.

HB 489, by Kuralt--To provide fire protection for lands lying outside of incorporated cities and towns not otherwise protected.

HB 485, by joint ways and means committee--To provide for the payment of expenses incurred in operating the state employment service, and appropriating funds therefor.

HB 540, by joint ways and means committee--To provide for the payment of salaries and expenses of and in connection with the department of state and appropriate funds therefor.

HB 245, by Heister--Relating to the registration of motor vehicles, in connection with the allocation of state funds.

HB 42, by revision of laws committee--Providing for the deposit with the state treasurer as a part of the guaranty fund certificates of deposit in federally insured savings and loan associations.

HB 486, by Rodman--To enable municipal corporations organized for the purpose of supplying their inhabitants with water for domestic purposes to provide protection from fire and authorizing such corporations to levy a tax for such purposes.

HB 236, by Heister--Relating to the appropriation to counties from the state highway fund.

HB 521, by livestock committee--Relating to sales stables and markets.

Willkie Backing



Backed actively by Wendell L. Willkie in his race for congressman in New York's 17th district, Joseph Clark Baldwin, above, wins out in a close fight with his Democratic opponent, Dean Alfange, whose candidacy was wished success by President Roosevelt. The election was to fill the vacancy in the house caused by the death of Representative Kenneth Simpson.

Fort Stevens Men "Gassed"

By DAN H. SELLARD
FORT STEVENS, March 21--Gas attacks at various stations manned by the 249th CA afforded variety for the troops partaking in the intensive training of the regiment's nine-day war game.

The attack was the second workout for the training masks recently issued to the soldiers, and no "casualties" were reported. During the maneuvers, all men are ordered to carry the masks or have them within reach at all times.

The band of the 249ers, led by Warrant Officer Walter C. Germain, has paid frequent visits to the units at their emplacements, and has played happy concerts for the men at work.

Much interest is displayed by the men of the Salem units in the drive being conducted by civic groups of their home towns for furniture and accessories for the battery day rooms and recreational halls. The idea of having a place comfortably furnished in which to relax after duty hours is a popular one with all the men.

During the absence of the troops from their barrack-area, streets and sidewalks are being paved and many improvements initiated.

ASTORIA, Ore., March 21--(P)--A military committee conducted a search here Friday for a beachfront site for a possible camp for 20,000 anti-aircraft troops.

Officers from Fort Stevens, Ore., told the Clatsop County Industrial Commission that the army had decided to establish the troops in the Pacific northwest with a beach location preferred for firing practice over the ocean.

SALEM'S NEWEST THEATRE

LIBERTY

Last Times Today

TEX RITTER

ARIZONA FRONTIER

2nd Hit

Plus Chap. 6 Serial "WHITE EAGLE"

STAND ACCUSED

The Sensational Stage Success which ran for eight years on the New York stage...

HELL OVER

THRU TUES. (May be Jeeter will find Grand-ma)

Directed by JOHN FORD with CHARLEY GRAPEWIN as "Jeeter" MARJORIE RAMBEAU Gene Tierney, Dana Adams and a Great Cast

GRAND 30c Balcony 40c Lower Floor

DANCE

SPECIAL TONIGHT

BILL De SOUZA'S ORCHESTRA (Roger Miller)

2 Miles North of Independence

Admission 25c and 40c AT

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