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Only the Figurehead Dies

General MacArthur has directed the carrying out of the death penalty for Masaharu Homma with the irrefutable comment that "if this defendant does not deserve his judicial fate, none in jurisdictional history ever did." It is an apt statement, even though there will be criticism of his use of the word "jurisdictional." Jurisdiction ordinarily carries the connotation of authority within limits, and there still remains the question as to what legal and moral limits such authority extends.

But MacArthur certainly is correct in declaring Homma, whose command perpetrated some of the most infamous atrocities of the war including the Bataan death march, deserves the firing squad—or worse! If we must tread on unprecedented ground in the prosecution of defeated war criminals, there is no more worthy subject we can use. It must be remembered, however, that Homma is paying the penalty not only for himself. Many of the Japanese who served under him, who are indisputably linked to the bayoneting of babies and the torturing of prisoners, may now be home suavely prating of their love for democracy. The execution of four-star generals isn't going to change the national psychology which prompted the crimes.

It should be increasingly evident that the war crimes trials on both sides of the world, are purely punitive in effect. Yamashita has been executed; Goering may be one of the next to go. But unless their prestige and leadership finds decent replacement in the re-moulding of their nations, their deaths will cause nothing more than a cry in the continuing dark.

Why is it the emperor does not publicly deny the atrocities of his subjects and tell them their ancestors will be ashamed to welcome such men as Homma into the ghostly glories of Japan?

There's Still Romance

Clare Booth Luce is an estimable wife, a respectable representative, and an attractive woman. But her crystal ball of the future does not seem to hold much with romance. She told 500 young co-eds that opportunities for marriage are "slowly, surely closing," and that the girls should take husbands unto themselves before it's too late. Her crystal ball also sees less children, productivity, prosperity, as well as a drop-off in business at the marriage license bureau.

Why fewer marriages? Because papa can't keep up with the Joneses in outfitting his daughter who therefore has to go to work—and by the time her chosen hero strides by she's in the money more than he is so that both shy off from the marital bonds. So, therefore, she has to settle on a Lochinvar much older than herself because he must be of an age to match her own in financial status and cultural accomplishments, since the husband must not be outshone.

She may be right—in infinitesimal degree. But there still are a lot of young Sallies and Johnnies to whom life and love are not such cold-blooded affairs. Mutual attraction of boy and girl hasn't been outlawed by sophistication, ambition, the war, papa or the atomic bomb, and there hasn't been a new statistic thrown out from Portland to Palestine in the last thousand years to prove that innate human nature has changed.

It's fine for Clare Booth to advocate marriage over a career, but if there is one thing we refuse to view-with-alarm its the marriage rate.

Parental Delinquency

Parental delinquency stands out sharply again in 1945 figures of the FBI showing that the ages of 17 and 18 predominated among arrestees responsible for crimes which increased 12.4 in number over the previous year.

The FBI's report ties in closely with the statements made this week by M. D. Woolley, superintendent of Oregon's training school for boys at Woodburn, who said his charges' average age was around 15 and that their plight in many instances was due to parental neglect during the war.

The ages of the most frequent violators of the law, both locally and nationally, are a reflection upon the nation's homes. More and more it is becoming recognized that so-called juvenile delinquency seldom arises without its counterpart—parental neglect. It is a sad commentary that nationwide figures show persons under 21 years old are responsible for 30 per cent of all rapes, 33 per cent of the larcenies, 35 per cent of the robberies, 50 per cent of the burglaries and 61 per cent of the auto thefts.

The wages of war run deep when they penetrate so keenly into the youthful brackets. The home front did a good job in some ways; in others just as important it failed. A re-evaluation of responsibilities is in order.

Filing of affidavits of prejudice against a judge is not at all uncommon in circuit courts. It remained for Federal Judge Claude McCulloch of Portland to "seat himself out" of a case because of one of its attorneys, Cecilia Gallagher (Mrs. John Galey in private life). Miss Gallagher is OPA enforcement attorney and the judge says she contradicted herself in her affidavits.

Co-eds at Willamette may sing "Happy days are here again"—more men than women are enrolled this semester. But this fact may flatten some of the notes—many of the men are married.

Russians are seeking a "friendly Korea." We'd like to find a friendly Russia, too.

Rationing and UNRRA

Herbert Lehman, who has retired as director of UNRRA, recommends a return to rationing in this country. Government officials frown on the idea, though President Truman says he would not object if it becomes absolutely necessary. Rationing will not solve the problem of food lack, and unless something is done about black markets might not solve the problem of food distribution. Since the pinch ought to moderate after the next harvest which now is not many months away our people should be able to get through without resort to blue points and red points again.

Speaking of the UNRRA it is noted that ex-Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York has been appointed director to succeed Lehman. He was reputed to be a good administrator in New York, at least an honest one; but if he does no better job than he did as director of civilian defense in 1941-1942 he will make the mess worse than it is. Maybe the job will get him out of radio commenting and newspaper columnizing. That would be some relief here, but hard on Europe.

The army has arrested "Axis Sally," the girl who was born in Portland, Maine, and broadcast German propaganda in Germany during the war. She will be brought back to this country to be tried for treason. She might meet up with her axis counterpart, "Tokyo Rose," Los Angeles native daughter who tried to woo and woo the Yanks in the Pacific theatre. Fortunately we had very few turn traitor on our country during the war.

Drew Pearson says that "Roosevelt always found Stalin easier to deal with than those around him." And Stalin evidently found Roosevelt easier to deal with than those around him. Witness, Yalta.

As long as fact-finding boards are all the rage, how about one delegated to discover what happened to the Monroe Doctrine!

Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, March 21.—The condition of foreign affairs is apt to become more deeply involved before it gets better.

The military man, Lt. Gen. Walter Bedell Smith, selected by Mr. Truman to go to Russia as ambassador, has now been sent on his way to Moscow, presumably with new instructions on the course of Soviet-American affairs. My guess would be General Smith will enter into the confusing diplomatic fray with a purpose of establishing the usual direct non-political approach. Diplomats seldom say what they mean; military men speak directly. With them it is a question of "what do you want?" "what have you got?" and "what do you propose to do?" The West Point schooling always has taught practical considerations. For these reasons I judge the permanent mission of General Smith represents a fresh effort by this administration to establish some reasonable and practical grounds for future Russian negotiations.

This under-interpreted venture seems to me to be equally as important as the Iran developments which are deeply involved in diplomacy. The filing by the Iran government of a protest against Russia with the United Nations security council in its provisional nature, may have been too happily interpreted in this country. On its face it represented a decision by the Iranian government to stand for its independence. This naturally has raised American hopes that a new sanction has been built to resist the encroachments Russia has been making upon the basic peace doctrine of the four freedoms.

Underlying Doubts
The wiles of diplomacy are such however, that this conclusion must be hedged. Some underlying doubts in the situation can be found upon analysis of the strength of the sanction.

In the first place, the new premier of the Iranian government was established after the Soviets had protested the resistance policy of the former government head. The protest of his minister here to UNO was made after his recent visit to Stalin out of which many rumors have grown.

One story accredited to British circles is that the premier was told by Stalin not only that an appeal to UNO would be considered an unfriendly act—as announced—but his government would be replaced if he tried it. On the other hand an un-accredited rumor here supposes that the protest will not be pressed before UNO as it occupies only a status on the provisional agenda of the council—that is it may not be taken up. Regardless of rumors or reports on either side, the status of the protest, of course, is provisional. It can be taken up by a vote of 7 members but a veto by Russia would shelve it.

With matters in this involved diplomatic state, the dispatch of General Smith represents the most encouraging development, and a firmer one.

Few Swayed by Appeasement

As nearly as I can judge, few authorities are being swayed by the appeasement efforts such as represented most conspicuously by the speech of Senator Pepper. Big three gatherings were important from a publicity standpoint and were necessary when the foundations of peace had not been laid. But now that the agreements have been established, the problem is to put them into effect.

My latest information suggests Russia has nothing of a military nature which we need fear. Specifically she does not have the atom bomb or early prospects of getting it. The bomb formula is so deeply covered by arrangements for secrecy made during the war, that it may be assumed to be safe.

The need for appeasement in the face of Russia's threatening diplomatic position is therefore not apparent.



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Production As Usual

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

MEMOIRS OF HECATE COUNTY, by Edmund Wilson (Doubleday; \$2.50).

Hecate, goddess part earthy and part not, presides over the spirit of these half-dozen stories as surely as over the place. In one, time runs mystifyingly backward; in another, a man's hate changes to love, out of which he makes money; in another, guests become host and hostess and have a phantom try at what they hesitated to risk in reality; in another, the wounded soul develops into the injured body.

But it isn't only this aspect which gives them unity. They are all told in the first person by the same person. Characters in one reappear in another, and their relationships remain the same. Finally, they have in common a most distinguished prose style.

Three were published before: "The Man Who Shot Snapping Turtles," "Ellen Terhune" and "Glimpses of Wilbur Flick." Of the others, "The Princess With the Golden Hair," a novelette, is easily the most effective; "The Mithollands and Their Damned Soul" indicts the book publishing business and book clubs; and "Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn at Home," in which you must prepare for several pages of French, winds up with the claim that, though Hecate county is a New York suburban area, it's universal and its inhabitants are middle-class people anywhere... which is perfectly true.

"The Princess With the Golden Hair" is 150 pages of practically nothing but sex given an admirable Proustian twist. While on a purely imaginative level in effect, it is, strangely, on an impurely physical level in detail. If you want to become really intimate with a couple of girls, you'd almost do better to meet Anna and Imogen than go philtering on your own account. Thought the censors may call foul, this is creative writing of the most praiseworthy caliber.

Whether the "I" of these stories is none of Wilson, New York magazine critic and author of a dozen books, or all of Wilson or part of him, you are free to guess. In one place Imogen says to him: "You're really a brilliant man, aren't you?" Later, Blackburn remarks: "I've just read your very brilliant article."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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tion. If he enlists within six months after his discharge he is given the same rank (non-commissioned) he had on his discharge. Commissioned officers, warrant officers and flight officers are re-enlisted as master sergeants, grade one. Numerous cases have been reported of officers as high as colonel in the wartime army who are enlisting as sergeants, their army grade being only temporary.

Considering pay, allowances and retirement annuity, the pay of a private is equivalent, according to the war department spokesman, to \$40 a week in civilian life. While the base pay is \$50 a month the private gets his full sustenance, board, clothing, housing; and his pay increases with service and promotion. The master sergeant is drawing \$207 a month on his tenth enlistment, plus all his allowances. Married men enlisting before July 1 next will receive family allowances also. His compensation is computed as the equivalent of \$5000 a year in civilian life.

Retirement on pay is allowed after 20 years service and amounts in the case of master sergeant to \$89.70; or \$155.25 after 30 years service. Wartime service counts toward the retirement annuity.

All men enlisting before July 1 next are entitled to the privileges of the GI bill of rights in the way of education. Young men just out of high school may enlist and on the completion of their term get the benefits allowed according to their length of service, to attend college.

I believe, virtually all of us recognize the need of maintaining an army of considerable size for some time to come, to wind up the last war and man our posts. Many people, perhaps a majority, are opposed to compulsory universal service in peace time. The alternative then is a volunteer army; and those who oppose conscription should

That much, certainly, is true of Wilson; "brilliant" is the word I'd use unhesitatingly.

heartily endorse the plan the army is now carrying out to provide an army on that basis. It offers soldiers a chance to learn an occupation, to travel, to receive good compensation and promotion, and to serve their country. For thousands who may not be able quickly to adjust themselves back in civilian life it offers a worthy career.

The general public needs to be educated on what this army program is and then to adopt a friendly attitude towards it, so men may be encouraged to enlist.

Meat Scarcer In Salem Area

Meat is becoming scarcer in Salem again, local packers and slaughterers warned Thursday.

G. F. Chambers, head of the Valley Packing Co., said cattle are virtually unobtainable at prices allowed by OPA and that hogs are scarcer than ever because the high cost of feed has put farmers out of the hog raising business.

B. E. Edwards of Edwards & Drakey blamed black market competition for the scarcity of stock for slaughtering.

Silver Creek Camp Opens Registration

Registration for boys' camping at Silver Creek Falls recreation area will be open to the public April 1, after boys who have gone on YMCA camping trips in previous years complete their registration. Boys register at the local YMCA.

Older boys will camp June 16-30, younger boys in two periods, June 30-July 7 and July 7-14. The older boys are those 12 and older.

BIBLES SET ASIDE FOR NIPS

TOKYO, March 21.—(AP)—Six hundred copies of the New Testament have been set aside for war criminal suspects held in Sugamo prison. The books, printed in Japanese, are among several thousand contributed by the American Bible society.

MALHEUR SEEKS POW AID

ONTARIO, Ore., March 21.—(AP)—Malheur county farmers have asked for 1550 foreign laborers -- 800 German prisoners of war and 750 Mexican -- the County Farm Labor association said today.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Vera Martin vs Gerald S. Harrison: Complaint charges negligence in an auto accident, asks \$15,333.15 damages.
Laura Greene vs William Greene: Complaint charges cruel and inhuman treatment, asks divorce, custody of child, possession of a house trailer, \$100 a month support, and attorney fees. Married Oct. 10, 1942.
State ex rel. Marie Katherine Oster vs Albert Levi Oster: Order for citation for defendant to show cause why he should not pay support money as ordered.
R. L. Wallin, Paul R. Wallin and Charles A. Wallin vs Denver Young, sheriff of Marion county, and the Regional Agricultural Credit Corp. of Washington, D. C.: Order sustaining defendant's demurrer to amended complaint and discharging same.
Ester Bradshaw vs Ray Bradshaw: Judgment and decree of divorce.
Mrs. Jerrold Owen vs Franklin Fire Insurance Co.: Demurrer to amended answer because it does not state facts sufficient to constitute a defense.
Mina Alaman vs L. M. Alaman: Order overruling defendant's demurrer.

PROBATE COURT

William Dehier, estate: Order setting hearing of objections to final account.
Ben Schlag, estate of incompetent: Petition to appoint Godfried Schlag as guardian.
Mary Davis, guardianship of incompetent: Order authorizing guardian to subordinate all claim of ward to certain premises for considerations.
Otto F. Zwicker, estate: Order setting time for hearing of objections to final account.
George E. Martin, estate: Order replacing Phillip Gardner Beyer as appraiser with Neal M. Hanson.
John Leslie Haugen, estate of incompetent: Annual account filed.
B. C. Meskinens, estate: Order appointing Ida E. Meskinens as administratrix.

Salem Spanish Club Meets Tonight at YWCA

The Salem Spanish club will meet at the YWCA, 768 State st., at 8 o'clock tonight.

Miss Theresa Aguilar, program chairman, has procured the following program: Sound pictures, "Fiesta of the Hills" and "A Line from Yucatan," both on Mexico, and baton whirling by Anita Aguilar accompanied by Mrs. Barbara Lovick.

Theodore Merritt will conduct a study drill from the new study book written by Sra. Victoria Villagomez de Macaulay of Portland.

Action Urged To Preserve State Wildlife

Oregon has every reason to expect a \$100,000,000 tourist business, in the opinion of W. J. Smith of Portland, president of the Oregon Wildlife federation, but citizens of the state must act to preserve its wildlife and natural scenic spots in order to attract tourists and new residents.

Addressing Salem Lions club at Hotel Marion Thursday, Smith asserted that no state has the varied terrain and outdoor attractions of Oregon. He pointed out that the Willamette river alone carried 38 species of fish and that the state as a whole has 450 species of birds and 350 of mammals.

Other outstanding attractions, the speaker noted, are the 155 public parks and a coast line public-owned except for 23 miles.

The public must interest itself in preserving Oregon's natural advantages, however, Smith said in recommending action to provide winter feeding areas for big game, public right-of-way along streams, and public approval of house bill 378 which was enacted to protect salmon, keep the steel-head trout for game fishing and provide coastal stream studies and control.

At the luncheon the club welcomed a transfer member, J. Wilbur Richardson, farmer who recently came from Las Cruces, N. M., and among its guests, Hollis Smith of Dallas, former district Lions governor.

Reports were heard from Wesley Stewart of the forthcoming Lions state convention, June 9-11; from Lee Henderson on the city's recent rat control action, and from Floyd Bowers on the recent Lions-sponsored dog show. Joseph B. Felton introduced the speaker.

Cub Pack Sets Hike for Sunday; Schools Praised

Cub pack 3, their den mothers, and den chiefs were guests of the Hollywood Lions meeting Wednesday noon. Present were 45 guests including 36 cubs, four mothers and five chiefs.

The pack, one of the largest in the district has nearly 60 members, and is growing fast.

Denmaster Don Goode said it is "only through the fine co-operation of the schools that this constructive program has been made possible."

At their next general meeting, the Cubs will be shown movies loaned by Dr. D. B. Hill, and shown by Lion Charles Edwards. Next Sunday the pack and their den mothers are planning a hike and weiner roast, starting from the Highland school building at 12:30.

NIPS PRODED STATISTICS

TOKYO, March 21.—(AP)—General MacArthur today ordered the Japanese to improve their system of compiling vital statistics. He said such information is necessary for occupation policies on social and economic factors, and the present system was too slow and expensive.

Report Upholds Lincoln County Utility District

Reporting on a proposed north Lincoln county people's utility district, the state hydroelectric commission stated Thursday that such a PUD could be operated successfully either by building a new power system or by operating the existing facilities of the Mountain States Power company.

The district would contain 63 square miles in the northwestern part of the county and would include Oceanlake, Gleneden Beach, Kernville, Cutler City, Taft, Neilscott, Delake, Wecoma, Road's End, Otis and Rose Lodge. It would have a population of 3311, an assessed valuation of \$1,315,815.

The power company now has 1883 customers within the boundaries of the proposed district, its facilities being valued at \$248,708.

The district would use Bonneville power. The company now has \$75,961 annual revenue from the customers within the proposed district, and expenses of \$50,401, leaving \$25,560 a year which the district could use to take over or build a system.

This amount, the commission said, would be sufficient to build a \$343,550 system and still leave a surplus.

Services Held For Mrs. Day

MILL CITY, March 21.—(Special)—Funeral services were held in Stayton Tuesday for Mrs. Rosa Day who died at the age of 73 in the McMinnville hospital Saturday after a long illness. Interment was in Fairview cemetery near Mill City.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Lizzie Van Buskirk of Dallas, Mrs. Merle Hammond of McMinnville and Mrs. Morris Howe of Mill City; three sons, Lafe of Red Lodge, Mont., Charles and Howard of Mill City, and several grandchildren.

12 Initiated By Sigma Tau

Twelve pledges were formally initiated into Sigma Tau fraternity on the Willamette university campus this week.

Rituals were conducted by Dr. Robert M. Gatke, faculty advisor, Bill Storz, Wes McWain, Val Slopper, Dave Geddes, Otto Wilson and Reid Sheldon. A formal banquet at the Quella cafe followed.

New members are Sam Barker, Bob Busick, Norton Fricky, Bill Haiseth, Morris McElwee, Willis Person, all of Salem; Bill Bonington, Albany; Keith Evans, Independence; David Bristow, Ben Mosher, Don Preiss, and Dick Spooner all of Portland.

SHS Wins District Speech Tourney

Salem high school's debate team won the district championship and qualified for the state speech tourney April 11-13 by defeating Dallas high in a debate at Linfield college Thursday.

Four Salem debaters, Cornelius Bateson, James Danielson, James Ragland and Thomas Bartlett, debated on both sides of the question. Resolved, that every able-bodied male citizen of the United States should have one year of full-time military training before attaining the age of 24.

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