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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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The Healthier Attitude

The all-important factor of a healthy attitude and the danger of futile brooding over the ever-faster tempo of the modern world stand out sharply in the family tragedy of the Washington attorney who was associated with development of the atomic bomb.

The attorney shot his wife, his daughter and himself. Relatives said he had developed a phobia regarding a leak in the secret of atomic energy. It was a dangerous trend of thought.

Day by day we are confronted with facts and figures showing twentieth century man is learning probably more than is good for him. New destructiveness looms as a probability. More terrifying weapons are disclosed. International relations run hot and cold. The cloud of doubt persists. But it is so much different from the status of the little boy, lying on the ground at night, who looks up at the millions of stars, asks daddy the kind of questions for which there is no boyhood answer, shivers, and says, "It scares me!"

It is different only in this way: The little boy with the resiliency of youth can cast off the fears and doubts of the infinite unknown— which are as real to him as are the potential horrors of man's inhumanity to man among folks who are grown. And we have the power in our collective hands to control the factors of which age has given us understanding.

The little boy and his dog still are with us, as well as the little girl and her doll, the flowering cherry, the green hills and valleys, the kind words of friends, churchbells on the Sabbath, the laughter of happy homes, and the cherished hopes for future years. The atomic bomb or any other human device has not changed that picture. There are births and marriages and deaths. There are smiles and tears. And the way is open as never before for health, security and happiness.

The person who lets an utterly futile worry becloud the joy of seeing the first budding rose is on the way to trouble.

Commodity Price Changes

From the current news letter of Guaranty Trust co. of New York we take some comparisons of wholesale prices of primary commodities, revealing price trends over the last third of a century, from before the first world war to the present. The dates are based on the quotations for April of the years mentioned, except for 1946 when March is used.

	1913	1920	1939	1946
Cattle, per cwt.	\$12.25	\$13.90	\$10.50	\$16.25
Cotton, per lb.	13	24	17	13
Copper, per lb.	15.10	18.15	17.4	12
Corn, per bu.	95	1.08	48	1.18
Cotton, per lb.	15.10	18.15	17.4	12
Wool, per cwt.	10.10	15.10	15	14.80
Wheat, per bu.	20	63	34	29
Lead, per lb.	0.4	5.0	0.4	0.6
Petroleum, per bbl.	1.15	3.50	1.04	1.15
Rubber, per lb.	1.15	46	15.4	22
Sugar, per lb.	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Steel, per lb.	20	2.01	75	1.74
Wool, per lb.	30	2.35	80	1.04

The effect of wars is visible in the price increases of 1920 and 1946 over preceding years, although this is blunted by stricter government control in this war and use of subsidies on certain products.

Strangely enough the devaluation of the dollar can scarcely be traced as a price stimulant. Despite devaluation in 1934 the prices of 1939 remain generally lower than for 1913.

One general observation may be made and that is the commodity prices have not yet reached the postwar peaks of 1920. In view of recent developments in pricing we may expect further price increases, but probably the averages will not reach those of the period after the first world war.

Ultimately the market is the determinant of prices, and the market is the blend of supply and demand, of availability and use of credit, of employment and purchasing power. Change is a rule of the marketplace because of the presence of many variable factors. That system is the most flexible of any. In comparison government price-fixing is stiff and slow. The live economy prefers the fluidity of the market to the dull rigidity of pricing by officials.

Call for Food

Our national food authorities certainly miscalculated last fall when they relaxed most of the restrictions on foods. They should have been able to determine at that time the narrowness of the margin of subsistence in many lands. Instead they threw off rationing except on sugar, made no effort to conserve bread grains, and let matters drift until winter was well advanced and the pinch was visible in the emaciated faces of Europe's children.

Now there is a rush to salvage supplies to help Europe survive until another harvest. But much of our stock of grain has gone into livestock, domestic foodstuffs and beverages; and farmers are hanging onto remaining supplies in anticipation of higher prices.

Timid controls are being invoked to reduce domestic consumption; and rationing is fended off. Reliance is placed on a publicity campaign to conserve food. Properly handled this could accomplish much; but the temper of the time is adverse. Our people seem quite unwilling, now that war is over, to make much sacrifice. They are all eager to be on the receiving end. Scant sympathy is felt for our late allies and none for our recent enemies. We are disposed to withdraw again into a selfish isolationism, though we reserve freedom to criticize all the other countries. Few Americans are going to bed on empty stomachs that their cousins across the sea may be spared the persistent gnawing of hunger.

Rousing the conscience and dulling the appetite of the people of the United States is a stupendous task. Maybe some form of shock treatment like rationing would be better.

Out of Hibernation

The Grants Pass Courier asserts there is "little doubt locally" that Grants Pass is the tourist capital of the world. It gives much of the credit to the Cavemen of that city, who, says the Courier, go through their antics "for a very definite purpose, a hard cash purpose—to publicize this area and bring the tourists there."

Since Rex Tussing left, the Cavemen have kept out of the news until we thought they must have abandoned their caves and lairs to live humans for awhile. Evidently the organization is being revived because it is holding a contest for Cave Queen. We can expect it—and Grants Pass and Oregon Caves—to hit the headlines again, now that Harold Say is joining up as manager of the caves. As a jawbone-holding member we are pleased to note the Cavemen are coming out of war-length hibernation.

Nature has been pulling some of its tricks. Radio communication was badly messed up for hours last week, scientists blaming the aurora borealis or a sun spot. Over the weekend an earthquake in the Aleutian region caused seismic waves which were observed as far away as Hawaii and the California coast. Neither disturbance was due to the spring equinox which usually gets the blame for what happens around its date.

House and senate in Washington have been busy planning a new tune. It's an anti-Petrillo number, which will sound pretty sour for the czar of American music.

Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Dewey completely lost control of party headquarters in the election of a congressman for the past 26 years, Carroll Reece, as national chairman.

This was not reported but was evident in what went on inside at the national committee election, to wit:

Party people tried some weeks in advance to find what the 1944 candidate, Gov. Dewey, was up to, in allowing his man Brownell to resign. He said he was up to nothing. Also he knocked down each name mentioned to him, raising objections to Reece, Danaher and others. The party people concluded Dewey was searching for a strong candidate.

Thought Danaher Would Be Fair About a week before hand, Dewey's men got behind John Danaher, the former Connecticut senator, who had been given a \$20,000 loan by the republican national committee by Brownell. They did not see eye-to-eye with Danaher on many issues, as Danaher had been rated an isolationist and had played close to the unions in matters, but they, presumably, thought he would be fair.

Forty-eight hours before the voting, it was a struggle between Reece and Danaher, with no other names being mentioned. But after a day of hot campaigning among the national committeemen, it became evident to all, Reece would win. Reece not only had his southern bloc of votes, based on his Tennessee residence, but a mass support from the westerners who were determined that the chairmanship "should not go east."

About 1 p. m. Sunday, the day before the vote, strange things began to happen. The old Willie-Weeks crowd brought forward John Hanes, the New York "financier-industrialist," as the papers called him. Stassen's floor manager started vigorously campaigning in the hotel lobby and the Minnesota ex-governor, held a sort of campaign court in his suite upstairs.

Other New Names Brought Up Some other new names were brought into campaigning, including Wherry of Nebraska. It was evident the opposition to Reece was trying to break up his support by putting up new men who might draw votes away from him.

This worked only to the extent of delaying the Reece election from the first ballot, where it might ordinarily have occurred. To the third, when the score stood Reece 58, Danaher 22 and Hanes 21. Stassen covered his defeat by announcing the election did not mean anything regarding policy, and he would cooperate.

But it does mean something, as subsequent events immediately began to demonstrate. A vacancy on the executive committee was to be filled. To this place, the committee elected West Virginia's Walter Hallanan, a powerful party leader who had been eased off the national committee by Dewey after the last Chicago convention. Hallanan had been conspicuously snubbed by Dewey there. When Dewey was meeting the national committeemen in groups, Hallanan, who rated a private conference as a leader, was called in with the least important group of committeemen. Thereafter he stepped down. Then Reece's campaign manager, Clarence Brown of Ohio (good friend of the Taft-Bricker crowd) was chosen chairman of the executive committee.

Congressional Group Took Control These inner events show without a doubt, control of the republican party has been taken by the congressional group, with particular eminence for the Taft-Bricker people, and to the setting back of both Stassen and Dewey. This is not an unreasonable, or unhappy development for the party as the campaign ahead involves no national candidates, but only congressmen. Furthermore, as little gore was shed in the melee, there is every prospect of genuine unity between the party regulars in congress, the Taft-Bricker forces, Stassen and Dewey.

I hear further Dewey has recently enhanced his chances of re-election this year as governor of New York. His popularity has been improved by his handling of the O'Dwyer New York City subway, tax and other matters.

Unless Farley runs against him, the wisest of political owls are saying Dewey will win, and if Farley does not get into the race on the democratic side but lets the nomination go to Mead or Johnson (O'Dwyer's campaign manager) it will be a sign Dewey will not be required to strain himself.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"They're young, Emma!"—they'll have the strength and stamina to endure children raised by modern methods!"

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers

WAKE OF THE RED WITCH, by Garland Koark (Little, Brown, \$2.75).

In some 430 pages written just to keep you reading, and succeeding in it, too, Koark has put together a combination adventure-mystery yarn that spans the last 75 years and ranges over two oceans and two civilizations, primitive and modern.

To match these extremes in place and time, there is no passion except red-hot passion, no drunk except crazy drunk, no danger except mortal danger, no ambition except unholly ambition, no fortune less than fabulous, no girl less than divinely beautiful.

Half a dozen fortunes are available for the reading: one in the gold bars sunk in the Red Witch when she hit a reef in the glamorous South Seas, one in the enormous trading empire built ruthlessly under the name of Batjak, one in the pearls preserved deep in a tropical lagoon under the quadruple guard of whites, natives, sharks and octopus.

The women of course are made for love and definitely disinclined to waste themselves. Back in Europe it's Zulinde; out in the palm-fringed islands there are Lonyta, Angelique, Teleia, with and without sarongs. For men you have Sam Rosen, van der Ruysdaal, Harmentoon van Schreeven, Ritter du Buys, Ripper Arzeo, Wilde Younger, Mayrant Ruysdaal, Sidney and more names of a romantic cast.

And as for food, you may enjoy suckling pig and taro sauce, roasted red mountain banana, wild pineapple, hot clam shells, flying fish bake in leaves, pearl oyster shell of fermented breadfruit, crabs in hot coconut milk.

Sam Rosen tells the tale at start and finish, and somebody spells him in the middle... but there's nobody to spell you, the reader. It's an admirable, sure-fire story if you have five or six hours to waste. But after you've read it as you read it; in fact you forget it as you read it; the author seems to have expected you might, for it's one of those novels with the principal characters listed separately before the story begins. The Literary Guild picked it for this month.

The Safety Valve

LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

"TROUBLED WATERS"

I have lived near the Pacific ocean most of my life, have also been on the ocean beach many a time, at no time have I heard of such storms, or of such high waves, I just heard of tidal waves that killed some people and did a lot of damage. We are also having earthquakes in diverse places, some of them bad ones.

How can the people expect anything else, they way they are doing? God knows what is in each one's mind and heart. He also knows just who are taking advantage of the war we have just had, all the suffering, the lives that were given to make this and other countries free, to live in peace and prosperity. But what are a lot of them doing? Making a lot of money in the black markets, not caring who is to suffer for it; but God cares, and will repay. They can not hide from God, no matter how they try. Study God's Holy word and see what the reward of the wicked is. Do those unions who are receiving wages up to and over \$150 an hour ever think of what or how the people who have to live on a small old age assistance or a small pension live? It is those who make the large wages who can buy in the black market and who keep the prices so high.

Trend Toward Socialism Hit By Sammons

"Choose capitalism or socialism, you cannot have both," E. C. Sammons, told Salem Rotarians Wednesday. "Write to your congressman and let them know what you think about this tendency toward socialism in our government; those who are in favor of it write to them, let your representatives know how you feel about it."

Sammons is president of the United States National bank of Portland and the state chairman of the eight war bond campaigns, a project which gave Oregon first place in per capita sale of E bonds.

Acknowledging the tribute to his bond work, Sammons commented he had kept carrying the torch for sale of bonds and now he would carry it "to make the bonds worth something."

He advocated a return to "constitutional form of government" and said that for 96 years of its history the government has lived within its income and for only 42 years of its history has lived beyond its income.

Sammons, who recently returned from a meeting of state bond chairmen in Washington, said he had promised himself to make a speech a week from now until election in November in an effort to acquaint citizens with the trends in government which he considers are not in accordance with constitutional government.

He read General MacArthur's speech on the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokio bay last September and said he considered it one of the three greatest pieces of writing. The first he listed as the ten commandments, the second as Lincoln's Gettysburg address.

Attorney General Wins Rehearing in Macomber Case

Further argument of the habeas corpus proceeding, in which Circuit Judge George Duncan, Marion county, recently issued a memorandum decree directing the release of Ted Macomber from the state penitentiary here, was granted Wednesday upon request of the attorney general's office. The rehearing has been set for next Tuesday.

Macomber was convicted of grand larceny in Polk county in 1939 and sentenced to a term of five years in the penitentiary. Following his sentence in Polk county the district attorney there filed an information against Macomber under the habitual criminal law. He was convicted of three felonies and sentenced to 39 years in prison.

Judge Duncan held that his conviction under the habitual criminal law was invalid.

Prof. Knight to Attend 'Y' Meet

Prof. John L. Knight, assistant to the president at Willamette university, will attend the annual meeting of the northwest area council of the YMCA, April 5 to 7 in Seattle, in preparation for a training school for YMCA workers which will be held on the Willamette campus April 22 to 27.

It will be the first full-week YMCA event at Willamette since 1942. Willamette was designated by YMCA as a center for the professional training of youth secretaries.

Committee Named For Green State

Getting ready for one of the most vigorous drives against forest and farm fires in Marion county's history, Gov. Earl Snell this week released the names of those to serve as Marion county "Keep Oregon Green" committee-men. Judge Grant Murphy, county chairman of the fire prevention activities, indicated that an early meeting of his committee will be held to map out plans for an intensive educational campaign aimed at stopping fires before they start.

Named to the policy forming group are: From Salem: Gene Vandeneyned, Fred E. Zimmerman, Rev. Dudley Strain, Chris J. Kowitz, Robert Fisher, James Bishop and Frank Bennett, and Dr. A. W. Simmons, Silverton, and F. H. Frenz, Woodburn.

Completing the county committee are these workers: Roy Phillipi, Mehama; R. Irwin Wright, Jefferson; J. W. Berkeley, Hubbard; J. S. Moisan, Gervais; E. B. Stolle, Mt. Angel; E. J. Gilstrap, Turner; Lee Higbberger, Aumsville; J. H. Wolf, Sublimity; Merton Cox, Stayton; D. B. Hill, Mill City; Roy Newport, Detroit; E. W. Coulson, Scotts Mills; John Todd, Aurora; A. H. Flicker, St. Paul; and Mrs. Agnes Booth, Salem.

Judge Murphy also announced that he will call a meeting of his Green Guard committee within the near future to get the youth movement in Marion county fire prevention work organized for the fire season. Work will be carried on directly with the schools and will be started before schools adjourn for the summer recess.

TRUE ENOUGH



Burl Dutton Dies En Route From Pacific

Burl A. Dutton, navy air corps storekeeper from Salem, died April 1 aboard the USS Hermitage on route home from Guam. Notification came to his wife Jeanette Arehart Dutton, Fisher rd., Salem. He had been ill from the heat on Guam before starting home.

Before entering the service 21 months ago, he was sub-branch manager in Salem for the Kraft Cheese company. He was born in Salem 27 years ago, son of the late Frank A. Dutton and Maude E. Dutton, the latter of whom survives him and makes her home at Lake Labish. He attended Salem schools and was a graduate of Salem High.

Besides his widow and his mother, he is survived by two children, Charlie and Tad Dutton; one brother, Tillman E. Dutton of Salem; sisters, Mrs. James Coates, who lives near Turner, and Mrs. John Henry, jr., Lake Labish. Funeral services will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Spears to Head YWCA Building Drive

Mrs. Frank H. Spears has been selected by the local YWCA as chairman of an executive committee for the forthcoming campaign for funds for a new Salem YWCA building.

YW officials announced Wednesday that the nine-member committee will designate a steering group, name division leaders and determine the general organization of the campaign.

Other executive committee members include Mrs. James T. Brand, Mrs. H. G. Maison, Miss Dorathia Steusloff, Douglas McKay, W. L. Phillips, Paul Wallace, Loyal Warner, Frank A. Doerfler.

A campaign information dinner is being planned for early in May by the board of directors. Architect's sketches of the proposed new YWCA are expected to be made public next month.

Preliminary to opening of the campaign, many volunteer workers are assisting in getting lists of names and files in order and with other details. Any woman or girl interested in doing something toward the campaign is invited to do so by contacting the YW office.

OSC Returns to Old Site For Temporary Dorm

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, April 3 (Special)—The former Corvallis USO building, now converted into a women's dormitory and ready to house about 100 coeds for spring term, will be officially known as Madison Street hall, the administration has announced.

College control of the building on a lease from the government has some historical significance, oldtimers recall. Formerly the South Methodist church, the building is located on the site of old Corvallis college, the mother institution from which Oregon State grew. Thus the college is returning to the old site 57 years after it left it to move up "on the hill."

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