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Paper Chains in Britain

The labor government in Great Britain is being belabored by the opposition press which has picked up the government order for bread rationing as a club for controversy. So bitter has the invective become both in the press and in parliament that a motion is pending in the commons to investigate the British newspapers, particularly the newspaper chains.

Single ownership of newspaper properties has gone much farther in England than in this country. There the "lords of the press" have really been advanced to such honors, though not by the present government. Viscount Kemsley heads the Kemsley press which has eight morning, seven evening, six Sunday and six weekly papers in nine different cities. Lord Beaverbrook's group includes two dailies and one Sunday paper. Viscount Rothermere heads an affiliation of three morning, twelve evening, two Sunday and six weekly papers. Then there are smaller groups of papers.

In this country the Hearst and Scripps-Howard chains have been prominent, but they have not expanded in late years. The Gannett group is an important though smaller group. The Chicago Tribune-New York Daily News-Washington Times-Herald form a powerful combination under the McCormick-Patterson group but are separately operated. There are other group ownerships of various kinds, minor in size. In this country, though, ownerships are far more widely scattered than in Britain. Also, newspaper circulations here as a rule run far below those of leading London papers.

Chain operations of newspapers run into the same criticisms as do chain operations of banks and stores. Since a newspaper is chiefly a local operation, chain operation is not so advantageous from a financial standpoint as in other types of business. Most communities like to have the ownership right at home to their appeals can go directly to the high command. In Britain, though, with population concentrated around London chain ownership pretty well claims the field; and British traditions of free speech will make it hard for the irritated labor government ministers to shut off criticism from the conservative press. But they can, like the new dealers here, brand the papers as reactionary when they protest the gospel according to Karl Marx.

Faithful Public Official

Death Saturday deprived the state of the services of one of its most conscientious and capable department executives, in the passing of Lewis D. Griffith. After working four years in the state and office he was made its clerk, which is the title of its executive officer, in 1936 and reorganized the office on a more efficient basis. His great initial task was to reduce delinquencies on loans made from the state school fund and to work out the foreclosed lands which had accumulated during the depression. Through his industry and good management rapid progress was made and at late reports the land board's delinquencies had been extinguished.

Under his administration blocking of state-owned grazing lands in eastern Oregon was carried out, a long and difficult task which has increased greatly receipts of the school fund from this source, an improvement was made in the checking of such sources of income to the school fund as checks, and an excellent plan of appraisal of land pursued.

In public duty and in private life Lew Griffith proved himself worthy.

Institute for Pastors

Something new is being tried at Oregon State college this week—an institute for town and country pastors. New, that is, for Oregon. Washington State college has conducted such a school with marked success for a number of years.

The college acts as host to the school which has had the endorsement and support of the Oregon Council of Churches, the Catholic Archdiocese of Portland and the Home Missions Council of North America. Registration is set for Monday afternoon and the institute continues through Friday evening.

The purpose of the institute is to give pastors in the rural environment a short course in problems and methods peculiar to their field of work. By drawing in pastors of various denominations and furnishing instructors of different religious bodies it is thought that more good will be accomplished than can be obtained by pastors of separate denominations meeting together.

Because of the rapid changes in rural living the rural church has suffered greatly in the last half-century. Many churches have closed, and though good roads make attendance at city churches easy, many rural folk do not make the effort and so remain unchurched. How to provide rural people with religious instruction becomes one of the real problems of today, to which many leaders are giving thought. The institute at Corvallis is designed to help rural churches adapt their programs and methods to the conditions of modern living. It thus is an offering rich in social significance.

Summer's Hazards

The summer's return brings the usual story of bad fires and drownings. Oregon has had too many of both in recent days. Extra caution is needed in hot weather to guard against grass fires and forest fires. The customary warnings need reemphasis: Put out your campfire, don't throw lighted matches or cigarets around.

The lure of swimming holes may prove fatal if one doesn't know how to swim or fails to observe the proper caution in venturing into the water. Everyone should learn how to swim and now is the time to attend swimming classes.

Guard against fires, help prevent drownings are good slogans for the good old summertime.

Anyhow, the depression is over, an OSC sorority is going to build an \$80,000 chapter house in Corvallis.

Here is news that gets in the dog-bites-man class. The Klamath Herald and News, seeking to stimulate interest in beautifying its home city of Klamath Falls, ne Linkville, sent a reporter and photographer not to some city in California or Washington or Alabama but to nearby Bend. The resulting story and pictures confirm the beauties of Bend and may stir residents of Klamath Falls. Klamath Falls has some beautiful homes, but they are secluded from the main part of town.

CFA reports that supply and demand are now in balance or peaked. T-shirts. Supply on sports shirts seems overbalanced in comparison with whites.

Merchants in Klamath Falls, long opposed to parking meters, have changed their minds and are circulating petitions to get the proposition on the ballot this fall. Eventually Salem will enter up with Albany, Corvallis and Oregon City where meters are installed without causing litigation or bankruptcy.

Carroll Reece, new republican national chairman, is due to visit Portland early next month. If he can be induced not to make a speech perhaps the state will return all four republican congressmen in November.

After a brush with Oregon doctors Senator Morse gets into a tangle with Carl Crow of Portland who tries without success to make the senator eat political crow.

Paul Mallon's Behind the News

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WASHINGTON, July 20.—The final defense of Mihailovitch, the hero of the Chetniks, was little reported in this country. American popular interest in him waned when he was reported to have "admitted acts of collaboration" with the enemy during the war. Of such a character is our acute sense of justice. But in this case it has been successfully abused—and misled.

Mihailovitch spoke for four hours from noon to 4 p. m. for 30 days, ending his speech at midnight, with this final accounting from an anti-Nazi resistance soldier: "I had against me a competitive organization the communist party which seeks its aims without compromise. I was faced with changes in my own government and accused of connections with every possible secret service, enemy and allied. I believed I was on the right road and called on any foreign journalist or red army mission to visit me and see everything. But fate was merciless to me when it threw me into this maelstrom (between the western democracies and Russia). I wanted much. I started much, but the gale of the world carried me away from my work."

Tortures Forced Confessions
This is a Serbian soldier of resistance, far from the early time when he and the British alone were resisting the Nazis but Russia was not, speaking after clever communist torture in a mockery of trials which could find a counterpart only in the Moscow treason trials for Russian propaganda purposes. The methods of torture which broke his mind, have been frequently described in books available at our libraries (Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night"). This was the Slavic temperament and mind led to confess anything his captors wished for their purposes of propaganda in strengthening the disliked Tito government in Yugoslavia and, for effect upon people throughout the Balkans, their own house for foreign sub-committee says Tito was educated in Russia, was a soldier of the red army and rules Yugoslavia for the communists by machine guns, although he has the voluntary support of only 15 to 19 percent of his cities and "from 5 percent down to zero per cent" of villagers and farmers.)

Before the "trial" of the Chetnik commander-in-chief on our side up to December 1945 his communist party adversary Tito went to Moscow. With him he took his military leaders and the head of his secret police—the OZNA. A full military agreement was reached (Tito can contribute 800,000 in the army to any Russian cause) and a propaganda agreement for Mihailovitch's Court Composed of Tito's Officers
This is the same Tito government which later informed our state department the crimes of Mihailovitch, before the trial, had been judged to be "too great and terrible for any discussion," or for American testimony. It's foreign minister had announced before the trial (May 11): "Mihailovitch will be shot."

The Russians took no chances on it. The three members of the court were officers from the Tito army, and members of the communist party. The spectators hissed and booed statements, such as the truthful assertion of a defense attorney that the law under which the men were being tried was made up by the communist government after the supposed "crimes" were committed. The verdict of death for Mihailovitch was cheered.

Criticism Brings Expulsion
The whole situation in the communist-ruled Balkans has been asserted by a Christian Science Monitor correspondent who was expelled, Reuben Markham, being accused privately by the Russians with collaboration against them because of his reports. He said: "The worst that any tyrant ever did in the way of violence, terror, suppression or freedom is being matched by the communist dominated governments of Bulgaria and Rumania. Russian-imposed dictatorial methods include concentration camps and legal massacre of opponents. The courts are a travesty of justice and people are killed by the thousands. An extremely unpopular regime is determined thus to compel an unwilling nation to vote for it." This is the condition of all the Balkans, Rumania and Bulgaria now being involved in peace treaties which the twenty-one nations are to ratify and thus pledge world approval, and perpetual help through UNO to enforce by arms.

"Trial" Came When Captured
Mihailovitch was not "tried" in Belgrade. The CP tried him when it captured him in March, and staged the Belgrade show to scare the people and strengthen the CP regime, as it did in Moscow before the war.

What was tried in Belgrade was Russia and communism. In evidence, with her methods and techniques, her foolish attempt to ape Anglo-Saxon justice with a staged "trial," her complex tactics taking refuge in barbarism, in which it framed the whole bench and broke the mind of a 59 year old Serbian general to create an Anglo-Saxon excuse for a Russian propaganda death.

When the Spaniards landed in Paraguay in 1503, it is said that natives came forth to oppose them by throwing water and blowing strong tobacco smoke in their eyes.

While the American's parents go to England, he is left with his grandfathers on a farm. Other characters are an interfering grandmother on the other side of the family, a woman with a southern accent, an artist in water colors, a chauffeur with a jail record. Incidents include a birthday party where the children spoil their pretty clothes, a runaway horse, a still operated under the sheriff's permit, rivalry about melon patches, a manure pile of which horse and cow contents have to be separated, and a toilet seat spread liberally with glue. The grandfather having a broken leg, is of course as funny as a crutch.

The hero of "Homeland" is Arthur Gardox, son of a big family. The father, a watchmaker, moves wife and children from village to village as he changes jobs. Arthur has some fights and, as befits the hero, wins them. He religiously does what he is told not to. Father has a weakness for wine and women and indulges them, and is regularly forgiven by his wife, who thinks they prove he's a big, lovable boy.

However, there are a few rather touching pages, particularly those describing the death of a brother and a sister. You sorrow, too, with the mother for the eldest son and daughter, who go off to America, a land she finds forbidding, an alien land that constantly tempts her husband and children away from the homeland. And there are good bits about Radique, the reformed smuggler whose wife loses her love for him when he stops beating her; and about the old artillery horse that joins the parade.

On the whole, however, these novels fall into the class of "light summer reading," which is one notch below doctor's-waiting-room fiction. On the jacket covers, the optimistic publisher hails them both as "thrillers," but perhaps he meant two other books.

THE LITERARY GUIDEPOST
A little boy tells each of these fictional accounts in the first person. In "Homeland" it's a Swiss; in "Grandfather Objects," an American.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't worry, Margie—he tells a girl he loves her right after an introduction—he's only down here for a few days!"

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Grant B. Smith and Violet Smith vs J. D. Parker and others: Motion by plaintiffs that the court appoint an attorney to represent the defendants.

Ruth G. Martin vs Walter D. Martin: Complaint of divorce, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, asks for restoration of maiden name, Ruth G. Hodges. Married at Vancouver, Wash., July 10, 1945.

William L. Haplin vs Gordon B. Coffey, doing business as The Cottonwoods: Order overruling demurrer.

Lea Bedard vs Ulric Bedard: Complaint for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment, plaintiff asks for custody of two minor children. Married at Missoula, Mont., April 15, 1934.

State vs Ernest William Avery: Sentence of two years for obtaining money under false pretenses, defendant released on parole.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Raymond Jackson, 28, farmer, and Vera Early, 25, both of Salem.

William G. Frost, 28, student, and Barbara Ann Ricketts, 23, nurse, both of Salem.

Richard E. Nolan, 21, laborer, and Linda A. Duah, 22, factory worker, both of St. Helens.

A. Benson, contractor, and R. L. Tursley, landlady, both of Salem.

JUSTICE COURT
Henry A. Smith, assault and battery, continued for plea until Monday, July 22.

Carmen Edward Clark, failure to stop, fined \$1 and costs.

Art Lewin, found guilty of disorderly conduct upon trial, fined \$25 and costs.

PROBATE COURT
Deloris May Gottfried, guardianship estate: Order authorizing settlement of a compromise of \$578.50 damages for auto and bicycle collision and order appointing John P. Gottfried guardian.

Robert Lewis Sharp estate: Final account filed and hearing set for Aug. 26, 1946.

Michael Streff estate: Order canceling sale on certain real property.

Albert J. Kaufman estate: Order fixing the amount of inheritance tax due state, \$188.18 and net value of taxable estate set at \$23,478.19.

Lizzie M. Evans guardianship estate: Order for sale of real property.

Cecilia McKay guardianship estate: Order appointing Karl Becker, Walter Socolofsky and Clark Jackson as appraisers.

MINICIPAL COURT
Arthur A. Arnold, route 5, failure to stop, fined \$2.50.

T. B. Newman, 1457 D st., failure to stop, fined \$2.50.

James C. Jones, 206 Hoyt st., violation of basic rule, fined \$7.50.

John L. Wehrle, 405 Union st., violation of basic rule, fined \$7.50.

Mrs. D. C. Roberts, route 4, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

Lawrence G. Sheridan, route 6, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

T. W. Scott, Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

George L. Stender, 1110 S. 23rd st., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

John L. Stayton, Santa Monica, Calif., violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

Ernest D. Fish, route 3, failure to stop, posted \$2.50 bail.

Gene Schlag, route 7, reckless driving, posted \$25 bail.

John M. Combs, 1080 Elm st., West Salem, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Frances Toyce, 600 S. Church st., warrant for child's curfew violation, posted \$5 bail.

Dewey K. Dobson, Los Angeles, Calif., violation of the basic rule, \$7.50.

Harold Fields, Highway ave., violation of the basic rule, \$10 bail.

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Salem Band Concerts Will Start Monday

Maurice Brennan, director of the Willamette university band, will conduct a 28-piece Salem musical band in concert for 10 concerts Mondays and Thursdays in Willson Park. The concerts begin this Monday at 8 o'clock.

The band is made up almost entirely of veterans, many of whom played with the Salem band prior to the war.

The program includes:
Manhattan Beach
March, Westerner
Make Believe
On the Quarterdeck
In A Chinese Temple
Garden
España Waltz
Fugue Modernistic
I'll See You in My Dreams
March Gipsland
Star Spangled Banner

Street Repairs Responsible For Accidents

State repair work in the 600 block of North Capitol street was indirectly responsible for two automobile collisions Friday, it is reported by Salem police.

Both collisions occurred when a car stopped at the flagman's signal and an auto behind crashed into the rear of the first car, and drivers of the second cars in both instances told police they had not seen the caution signs or the flagman at the spot.

Mrs. L. H. Brooks of Florence, Ore., incurred shoulder and arm injuries and other passengers were badly shaken when a car driven by Ralph E. Fosback, Eugene, crashed into one operated by Walter H. Bick, San Jose, Calif., police said Mrs. Brooks was taken to a physician.

The other collision involved cars driven by Robert H. Ballard, 290 Evergreen ave., and Gerald G. Gaiser, 882 N. 20th st. Nobody was hurt, police reported.

Col. Meehling Here For National Guard

Col. Edward T. Meehling, representative of the national guard bureau at Washington, D.C., Mrs. Meehling and their daughter arrived in Salem Saturday to confer with General Raymond F. Olson and Major W. H. Adams on reorganization of the Oregon National Guard and matters of supply and equipment.

Tonight they will be guests at the Olson home on North 19th street.

PFC Robert Williams Assigned to Fort Sill

FORT SILL, Okla., July 20.—PFC Robert E. Williams, Turner, Ore., has been assigned to Company, infantry battalion, field artillery school troops at Fort Sill. Existing in the regular army in June 1929, Pfc Williams served in the Southwest Pacific Area from January, 1943 to August 1945, participating in the campaigns of

New Guinea, Luzon and the Southern Philippines. Private and Mrs. Williams reside at 116 West Lane in Lawton, Okla. Private Williams is the son of Mrs. T. H. Williams of Turber.

Portland to Start Survey

A count of motorists entering and leaving the city of Portland will be held July 24 to September 19, in connection with the present origin and destination traffic survey under way in that city.

J. Al Head, state highway traffic engineer in charge of the survey, announced Saturday. Thirty-one stations will be established around the fringe of the city with traffic counters operating from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. Each motorist stopped will be asked questions concerning where his trip started, exactly where he wishes to go in the city and what route he desires to follow. Each interview will require 50 seconds. The survey will extend from July 24 to September 19.

Pair Face Added Assault Charges

Al Bennett and Alice Hunter Lovless, who were bound over to the grand jury on assault and battery charges as a result of an alleged brawl in which John W. Unruh, 2365 Center st., was injured seriously, will face additional charges at a Salem justice court trial at 9:30 a. m. July 30.

District Attorney Miller Hayden has brought about the new charge of disorderly conduct against the two.

Unruh was reported in fairly good condition at Salem General hospital Saturday. The alleged fight occurred July 14 near Shaw.

Two Escapees Arrested Here Early Saturday

Two juvenile escapees from the Woodburn state training school were returned to that institution Saturday after their arrest in Salem on burglary charges in the early morning hours Saturday.

A city policeman found the rear door of Les Newman's store in the 100 block of North Commercial street open at 3:30 a. m., with an apparently hastily abandoned auto parked nearby.

Ten minutes later two boys were apprehended by police of a squad car on Front street where the boys had been spotted running, the police report said. Upon questioning at the police station, the boys reportedly admitted escaping from the state school about 7:30 p. m., stealing a car in Woodburn and later a Gervais car, breaking into Newman's store and placing some merchandise in the second stolen car.

Police said the boys were wearing two leather jackets from Newman's when they were caught. An army rifle and other merchandise from the store was found by police in the car parked at the rear entrance to the store.

Police identified the stolen car as one belonging to Oscar Blanchard of 583 Hayes st., Woodburn, and one belonging to Anthony J. Duda, route 1, Gervais.

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