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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Safety in Hotels

The recent hotel fires should prompt a complete reexamination of hotel architecture. The fire in the LaSalle hotel in Chicago showed that a building of steel and concrete was not fire-safe, though there panic contributed greatly to loss of life. Elevator shafts and stair wells become flues. Fires leap along corridors on the different levels. The former fact means that escape from upper stories by usual means of descent is cut off; and the latter fact means that access to fire escapes may also be cut off. When, as is often the case, the elevators and stairways are banked together about the center of the structure the fires race through all parts so quickly that sleeping guests do not have time to reach the exits onto fire escapes. Instead they are trapped in rooms or hallways.

What the proper architectural solution may be we do not profess to know. There must be stairs and elevators in modern hotels. In locating them more attention should be paid to the fire menace, leaving either alternate stairways or wings to the quickly severed from a central pillar of flame.

Something may also be done about furnishings. The fire spread quickly in the LaSalle hotel when it caught the draperies and then the highly varnished woodwork. Curtains of spun glass, fewer deep carpets, less use of wood in interior trim would diminish the spread of the fire.

Then there should be possibilities in the way of use of chemicals to suppress fires, with members of hotel staffs trained to use them. Chemicals promptly applied might serve to retard the fire at least, until fire department forces arrive.

These are hints at possibilities, particularly for new hotels. Older plants cannot be abandoned even if they are not fire-safe. But there vigilance in fire prevention and advance preparation to meet emergencies should bring a reward in saved life and property.

For hotel guests the National Safety Council has issued some timely rules for safety which we reprint:

1. When you go to your room for the first time, locate regular and emergency exits.
2. If you detect fire or smoke, act quickly but coolly; notify the telephone operator; give exact information.
3. Feel your door before you open it; if it is hot, keep it closed, also close transoms and cover the cracks around the door with wet towels or sheets.
4. Do not act on impulse or take unnecessary chances to get out of your room; you may be safer where you are.
5. If by your door is cool, open it a little; if the hall seems safe, leave your key exit.
6. Close doors and windows behind you to reduce drafts.
7. If there is much smoke, hold or tie a wet cloth over your face and go on your hands and knees to an exit.

## Hard to Ignore

While the United States voted against the resolution introduced in the political committee of the UN assembly, it will find it hard to ignore the affirmative vote calling for a partial break with Franco's Spain. The proposal was offered by the Belgian representative. It was adopted 24 to 7, with 16 refraining from voting. The action urges member states to recall their ambassadors from Madrid and calls on the UN security council to take up the Spanish case for consideration if a government is not established in Spain within a reasonable time which draws its authority from the consent of the governed.

This resolution modifies greatly the proposal of Poland for immediate severance of relations with Spain. Nations could continue their representation through a charge d'affaires, but the withdrawal of the representative with Ambassadorial rank would be humiliating to Spain, as a mark of disesteem in which its present government is held.

While the United States and Britain have refused to break off diplomatic relations with Spain, they will have to do a lot of explaining if they refuse to follow the recommendation of the UN committee for this lesser step.

The "case" against Franco is that his government was set up by a revolution made effective through the military assistance of Hitler and Mussolini; that Franco extended all the aid he dared to the nazis during the war; that under him Spain remains an outpost of fascism. Support for Franco both inside and outside his country comes from fear of another bloody revolution and the possible installation of a communist government there.

This fear may be realized more readily unless Franco yields and permits a bloodless change in government to be accomplished. Stiff resistance fostered by outside interests may result in just the blood bath and communism that are feared.

The state department has defined its position as one of opposition to continuation of Franco's rule. To comply with the recommendation of the UN committee is merely to implement its previous declaration without so drastic a step as cancellation of diplomatic relations.

## Farmers and Foreign Trade

Probably the most staunch protectionists in the country are farmers. They fear competition of eggs from China, wheat from Canada, beef from Argentina, nuts from Turkey, butter from New Zealand. But the delegates to the convention of the American Farm Bureau, one of the most powerful politically speaking of all the farm organizations, heard a speaker urge them to support a give-and-take foreign policy for the United States.

The speaker was Henry W. Miller, jr., treasurer of the United States Horticultural council. He told the bureau members at San Francisco:

"The foreign trade and economic conditions of a nation travel hand in hand. The ability to export will enlarge as our ability to accept imports grows, because the will to deal and the buying power of foreign customers will be directly associated with their shipments to this country."

As a matter of fact farmers are interested two ways: some like apple and pear and prune growers are in normal times interested in the export market, because they disposed of part of their crops in foreign countries. Others are fearful of imports of commodities which they produce. It ought to be possible to frame a tariff system which will give reasonable protection to home producers and at the same time help provide a market for our exportable surplus.

Foreign trade is a two-way street. We can consume huge quantities of sugar, coffee, bananas which are not produced in continental United States at least in sufficient quantity, and can ship out manufactures and surplus farm products to mutual advantage. Farmers should give the subject very careful study to avert disaster for themselves and at the same time to help promote world trade in which they have a stake as vital as anyone.

The new president of the National Association of Manufacturers announces a change in its policy in labor relations and says NAM is "aimed right down the middle of the road." Wouldn't it be funny if NAM bumped right into Sen. Wayne Morse who has previously preempted the "middle of the road."

A quote on stock of the Hollywood Turf association is \$50 per share. It paid \$50 in dividends last year and another \$25 is coming later after the first of the year. Must be money in the race promotion business.

Anyway, by a year from this Christmas there should be enough sugar to make that fruit cake.

## Paul Mallon's BEHIND THE NEWS

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Paul Mallon Clark Clifford and aides who worked up the strategy in the coal case. (Attorney General Clark and Interior Secretary Krug), none of them is particularly new — or ascribed more soundly to Mr. Truman's new realization from the elections that the country wants to curb the unlimited power of labor leaders.

These suggestions are more or less true but the carries far greater implications, to wit: Lewis backed down immediately after a conference of the attorneys with new Supreme Court Chief Justice Vinson. Up to then he had maintained a juridical defiance of the government and court and his intent to make the country go cold in midwinter. Also impartial outside attorneys were strongly maintaining doubt that the supreme court (divided three ways as it has been) would sustain Judge Goldsborough, and certain high-placed opinion expected a Lewis decision. Justice Vinson, however, immediately made the case an emergency, called in attorneys for a secret meeting and promised swift decision.

Frederic Fred Vinson would know from the way Judge Vinson went about it that any supreme court he had anything to do with would have a hard time trying to freeze the country for Lewis with winter near its coldest. Any outside observer would hardly expect this Truman appointee to the supreme bench to let government down to a legal nullity in his first case. A decision against Lewis was a foregone conclusion — and fast.

If invisible shades spoke at that conference, Mr. Vinson's at least implied to Mr. Lewis he would get a less passionate trial of his appeal if he called off the coal strike and relaxed the pressures which brought it into fruition. If the invisible shade had been there, it would have said to the Lewis attorneys: "You do not expect to get away with this strike craftily for the law, it would have said: If the contempt move to halt the strike is not sustained, it will be followed by a long indictment of Lewis for violation of the Smith-Connally act and all law, except technicalities, therefore on the side of the government, and its necessity to protect people from arbitrary cancellation of their fuel supply.

At any rate, it was owing to the result of what the Lewis attorney heard and saw at that conference that Lewis reversed his field and started running the other way. So it was the supreme court which settled the strike and Mr. Truman's appointee (selected to bring some order out of the chaos on that court) who did it.

My guess is that Lewis was pleased with the opportunity to escape. His most grievous error had been that he had called a coal strike in midwinter. Always before he had terminated his contracts in the spring when the need for coal was diminishing and comparatively little human damage could be done by a strike.

He had planned his strike craftily but not well. His ace in an adjacent hole or sleeve apparently was a break he thought he could expect in the ranks of the coal operators if the strike happened once before. The break came but the operators, instead of dividing and coming in for piecemeal settlements as they did before, this time kicked the breakers out of their conference and stood firm.

Asked Tremendous Pay Increase. His basic plan (never clearly made public) was to force a tremendous wage increase through reduction of hours. Many miners have been working 54 hours a week but they get paid time and a half and portal-to-portal for this extra work and Lewis sought to get them the same time and a half pay for working 40 hours.

He will resume his strike in March, after the winter is over, as promised. For more than a year now strikes have been losing workers more than could be gained back by weeks, months or years of work. Also, while the supreme court hearing may now be less passionate and pressured, few expect the government will lose away its legal rights of popular protection which have proved to be successful implements and leave itself impotent to deal with national welfare.

Tulane's new head coach, Henry Frnk, was chief pigskin mentor at Tulsa from 1941 to 1945 and he landed the Oklahomaas in a bowl game every year.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Yes, of course, I know the republicans won, but we can't evict guests because they're democrats!"

## IT SEEMS TO ME

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federal income tax rates, while the Oregon commission proposes to increase the take from this source by lowering the exemption.

In view of the substantially higher incomes of people it would seem more reasonable to lift the rate in the upper bracket if a change is to be made.

Again the report recommends diversion from highway funds of some \$2,000,000 for aid of counties and cities, but makes no replacement of these revenues which the commission surely needs to reconstruct the important traffic arteries of the state.

The program recommended is a quilt, a piece of ingenious patchwork, varicolored, with scant harmony of design. How well the quilt will "cover" the needs of the public treasury cannot be determined without further study.

In view of the general requirements go. But the warmth of the quilt goes chiefly to the comfort of invested wealth. The poor and the foolish (patrons of liquor shops and part-time eaters) get only its thin edge.

## PREFAB HOUSES PLANNED

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—A plant to construct 45 prefabricated houses a day is planned by the C. D. Johnson Lumber company. The company said it was bidding on a war surplus building, which with another building already taken over by the company, would be leased to the Prefabricated Engineering Co. to construct the houses.

## Public Records

JUSTICE COURT  
Charles E. Mahaney, 505 Morgan ave., violation of the basic rule, fined \$5.  
Leslie L. Currier, Turner, violation of the basic rule, fined \$15 and costs.  
CIVIL COURT  
John E. Walling, driving while intoxicated, fined \$100.  
Douglas A. Yeater, 1940 Virginia st., violation of anti-noise ordinance, fined \$5.  
Boyd B. Fish, 790 N. Church st., violation of anti-noise ordinance, fined \$5.  
Mary Brasel, Portland, violation of basic rule, fined \$15.  
Maurice Otjen, 3405 Cherry ave., violation of anti-noise ordinance, fined \$5.  
Ray Lick, route 2, Salem, failure to stop, fined \$5.  
Marvin R. Dye, Jefferson, illegal reverse turn, posted \$250 bail.  
Charles A. Knox, 21 Knox st., failure to stop, posted \$250 bail.  
CIVIL COURT  
Frank Remington, obnoxious violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.  
John Richard Kellogg, Brookings, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.  
CIRCUIT COURT  
Mary Just vs Earl E. Just: Suit for divorce charging desertion, married Oct. 27, 1927.  
Ruth M. Frantz vs Muri B. Frantz: Waiver of district attorney filed.  
George Beisell and Lorraine Beisell vs Delmar E. Wood and Martha E. Wood: Reply to amended answer filed.  
Edith M. Melis vs Curt Melis: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment, married Feb. 11, 1922.  
Dora E. Houle vs Joseph A. Houle: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment, married Sept. 19, 1946, at Vancouver, Wash.  
Norma L. Beals vs Glenn H. Beals: Reply by plaintiff to defendant's cross-complaint filed.  
Apolonia Beaulier vs George J. Kuffner and others: Order dismissing cause.  
MARRIAGE LICENSE  
Richard C. Lasky, carpenter, and Lucille E. Wasinger, beautician, both of Albany.  
Charles E. West, 35 truck driver, and Christina Peters, 32, cook, both of Sumner, Wash.  
Harry Niehouse, farmer, Sheffield, Iowa, and Eva Krenzler, church worker, Salem.  
Floyd D. Thompson, 19, mill worker, and Izola F. Shepp, 21, buyer, both of Albany.  
Abel Bergen, 25, refrigeration, and Marjorie Day, 21, mill worker, both of Albany.

## PROBATE COURT

Rose M. Sellers, Karolena R. Sellers and Robert A. Sellers: Guardianship estate: Order appointing Robert C. Sellers guardian.  
G. Schuchman estate: Order setting December 27 for hearing.  
Ludvik A. Ask estate: Order accepting inventory of administratrix.  
Clarence D. Mutton, Janie M. Mutton and Merle A. Matteson guardianship estate: Order approving first annual account.  
F. Zimmerman estate: Order fixing Jan. 8, 1947, for final hearing.  
Leroy E. Norton estate: Order setting Jan. 1947, for final hearing.  
Mary E. Reynolds guardianship estate: Order authorizing guardian to invest funds.  
Frank Wrightman estate: Order appointing Fay Smith administratrix.  
Mary Osborn guardianship estate: Order appointing Beatrice Thomas as guardian ad litem.  
Annetta Numan guardianship estate: Order directing issuance of citation.  
Clara A. Clark estate: Final account filed.

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## R. A. Schramm

## Services Held In Portland

The funeral of Rudie A. Schramm, 66, former Salem resident, was held Tuesday at Finley's Morninglight chapel in Portland. The brother of A. A. Schramm of Salem, he died at his Oak Grove home Saturday. Interment was at the Riverview cemetery.

Schramm retired in 1943 as secretary of the Equitable Savings and Loan association, a position which he had held since 1924. He first became associated with the loan organization in 1902. He was secretary of the Portland Mortgage company from 1918 until 1943 and was state president of the Oregon Savings and Loan league in 1932.

Born March 30, 1880, on a Minnesota farm, his family moved to Albany, Ore., in 1893 and to Salem two years later. Schramm was a graduate of the old Willamette academy and of Capital Business college. He graduated from the University of law school in 1916 and was admitted to the Oregon bar association in July of that year.

Surviving Schramm are his wife, Laura E. Schramm of Oak Grove; two sons, Laurence L. and Kenneth R. Schramm, both of Oak Grove; his brother, A. A. Schramm of Salem and a granddaughter.

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## Light Snow In Mountains



E. S. Turner

## YM Official to Talk Tonight On Philippines

E. S. Turner, senior secretary of the international committee of the YMCA, former Japanese prisoner in Manila's ill-famed Santo Tomas prison camp, and expert on the Philippines, will speak at the Salem YMCA tonight at 8:15 o'clock on his experiences.

A veteran of 25 years' pioneer Y service in Manila, Turner worked daily for years with members of the Philippine cabinet, the national assembly, the supreme court and leading Filipino business and professional men.

Following the fall of the islands Turner and his wife, a member of the board of directors of the YWCA, were imprisoned by the Japanese at Santo Tomas. At the request of Filipino officials they were temporarily released to carry on their relief program, but were again incarcerated a year later.

Throughout this year of freedom Turner worked with Filipino colleagues in passing medical supplies into a camp for Filipino prisoners of war, supplying food and essentials to American soldiers in hiding, establishing a relief program for released Filipino soldiers and war widows and a program for several hundred American and British civilians released from internment because of ill health.

At present, Turner is touring the Pacific coast. Following his Salem appearance tonight he will go to Portland. Tonight he will talk at the YMCA board of directors meeting. Those men interested in hearing Turner speak are asked to phone the Y today to make reservations.

## Scout Leaders Meet To Nominate Officers

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## Office Shift to Aid Legislature

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel, jr., has started the task of finding quarters for several state departments which must move out of the statehouse because of the legislative session starting January 13.

The postwar readjustment and development commission, occupying a room on the second floor of the statehouse, will move into a room on the first floor. Several other state activities also are slated for temporary transfer.

State police will continue to operate in their present room on the fourth floor. Quarters being vacated are used largely for committee rooms during the legislature.

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