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The Warm Springs Foundation

The twentieth anniversary annual report of the Georgia Warm Springs foundation is a remarkable account of the growth of an idea into a nationwide movement that has spelled hope and health to every person stricken with infantile paralysis.

Before the coming of white men, Indians of the Creek confederacy brought their wounded warriors to bathe in the magical warm springs in the pineywoods of Georgia. But the magic of those waters proved more inspirational than medical.

When Franklin D. Roosevelt discovered in 1924 that swimming in the warm water pool at the run-down Georgia resort soothed the cramped muscles of his lame legs, he became interested in the ancient healing art of hydrotherapy. Soon the pilgrimage of crippled patients to Warm Springs was under way and, in 1927, Roosevelt and four others incorporated the Georgia Warm Springs foundation to give direct aid to polio victims and pass on to the medical profession any useful observations resulting from the specialized work.

Well-wishers built dormitories, a school and chapel, occupational therapy buildings and a complete orthopedic hospital at Warm Springs, but the president, vacationing in his "Little White House" there, realized this resort-hospital was not the whole answer to polio. So the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis was formed in 1938.

Through more than 2,700 chapters throughout the nation, dimes and dollars contributed by the American people are distributed to victims of poliomyelitis. And the March of Dimes and Birthday Ball receipts finance one of the largest medical research programs in history and provide funds for special wards in many hospitals and for training of specialists.

That is not the end of the story. The experience of this foundation should be heartening not only to polio victims, but also to the victims of other diseases. This record shows what can be done when philanthropists, professional workers, the great public and a guiding spirit join forces against a common enemy. The progress made thus far in the fight against tuberculosis and infantile paralysis should be a challenge and an inspiration to the current campaigners against cancer, rheumatic fever, heart disease and other afflictions.

Old Steamer Goes for Salvage

We read that the steamer Charles L. Wheeler, jr., the first ocean-going steamer to sail up the Columbia river through the Bonneville locks and on to The Dalles, has gone to the salvors for scrap. Built by Albina yards in Portland in the first world war she was part of the McCormick Steamship Co. (Pope & Talbot) fleet and was a frequent visitor in Pacific ports. She saw service in two world wars, making the Alaska run in the last war.

It was in 1938 that the Charles L. Wheeler, jr., made navigation history in Oregon. To celebrate the development of the river for navigation through building the Bonneville dam and to advertise The Dalles as an inland "seaport" city a voyage was arranged for the Wheeler up the river, carrying cargo for the Port of The Dalles. Many distinguished persons rode in the vessel and in the coast guard cutter Onandaga up the river. The affair culminated with a dinner at The Dalles. Among those present were Governor Charles H. Martin of Oregon, Governor Bazilla Clark of Idaho and Governor Clarence Martin of Washington and Congressman Walter Pierce of the second district.

A veteran river man, Capt. Arthur M. Riggs was the pilot and he handled the vessel skillfully, especially in the swift currents below the dam.

The trip upriver was never repeated by the Wheeler or any other ocean steamer. The river carries a large amount of inland traffic however, on barges and in log rafts. The Dalles however may still entertain hopes of becoming a port of call for ocean vessels when the world gets set to rights.

Allegory from China

Some days ago we told in this column of the discovery of dawn redwood trees in China by Dr. Chaney of the University of California, and reported in the San Francisco Chronicle by its science writer, Dr. Silverman. The journalistic story of the expedition is itself of interest.

The reporting cost a good deal more than most papers would pay (or could afford to pay) for an "exclusive." Furthermore, this scoop hardly fitted a conventional definition of news; it had no great conflict, no crime, no cheese cake, no Russians, no portentous decisions by statesmen or significant movements among masses. There was a scrape with some bandits, but in China that's everyday stuff. It was just a story about some trees. The Chronicle explains:

"But beyond that, we confess, we had a sense of allegory. We thought that it would be good for all of us to be reminded that in a world full of the sound of clashing power there are men concerned only with the calm and patient stalking of the truth. We thought it would be good for the perspective of all of us just now, when our every act seems fateful, to be reminded that there is life and health on earth which has survived the upheavals and exhaustions of a hundred million years. It was a good deal of fuss to make over an allegory, but we are content with our bargain and we hope you are, too."

Indeed we are. That type of newspapering will neutralize most effectively the toxic effects from daily reports of the varied pathology of our particular (and temporary) society.

Children back east probably still dream of going west to hunt mountain lions and grizzly bears and maybe a few Indians; and while we who live in the far west may laugh at their childish imaginings sometimes the evidence is against us. An Albany hunter showed up at the Linn county seat this week with pelts of a seven-foot cougar and four wildcats he had killed in the mountains five miles east of Mehama. He will get in bounties \$65 for the cougar and \$5.50 for each of the bobcats from the state and Marion county where the varmints were shot.

Lansing Hoyt, head of the MacArthur-for-president organization, thinks the general would have done better in Wisconsin had he made personal appearances. That is undoubtedly true, and what kept rival politicians worried all winter. The general would run the risk of losing a few votes however when he took off his famous cap.

A Beverly Hills designer predicts that within five years "all males" will have at least one fur garment in their wardrobes. That will be just a fashion revival in some parts of the country. We can recall auction sales in midwinter in the middle west, with so many farmers wearing buffalo overcoats it looked like a zoo.

President Truman has asked congress for a half-billion dollars for use by the Export-Import bank for loans to South American countries. This looks like the familiar squeeze play. If South America had kept its credit good it would have no trouble borrowing money from private investors.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"But I don't want to learn anything about housekeeping. Mother—I want to be a sweet, innocent bride!"

MATTER OF FACT

Stassen's Victory in Wisconsin May Pay Off for Vandenberg or Taft

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, April 9—Now that the dust is settling, the practical politicians are beginning to draw conclusions from Governor Harold Stassen's resounding victory in Wisconsin. A number of these are pretty obvious. Stassen, once an extreme long shot, has become a Presidential contender to be seriously reckoned with. General of the Army Douglas MacArthur has fallen off his white horse, and in this undignified process has badly bruised Colonel Robert R. McCormick, William Randolph Hearst and the other republicans of their peculiar kidney. And of course, Governor Thomas E. Dewey has suffered worst of all.

But the curious thing is, the professionals generally agree that Stassen is going to have to work very hard, from now on out, to capitalize his Wisconsin victory. Stassen and his supporters recognize this. They went into Wisconsin in a mood to be glad of a Vice-Presidential nomination on a ticket with H. Vandenberg. They bet the bottom dollar of their considerable campaign funds, actually outspending the lavishly well-heeled MacArthur forces. They were themselves astonished by the outcome.

The primary ballots were not completely counted, however, before Stassen was laying out the next phases of his strategy at a meeting with his lieutenants at his house in St. Paul. As these words are written, Stassen men are passing the hat (with gratifying response) in the east where the big money is. What is now planned is a sort of series of simple line-backs—first, an attempt to come out top man in Nebraska, which the Stassen camp claim they may achieve; second, a grand effort to cut the gizzard out of Senator Robert A. Taft in Ohio, where the Stassenites hope for 10 delegates; and finally, another victory in Oregon. If all this can be accomplished, they hope that Stassen will come into the convention as front runner.

Beware of Defeat
The professionals agree that if Stassen thus adds three more victories to his success in Wisconsin, he will indeed have the republican presidential nomination conceivable within his grasp. But they add the qualification that if Stassen should now experience a defeat, his Wisconsin success will prove more beneficial to others than to him.

The loudest claimers to incidental benefits are the adherents of Senator Taft. Stassen, they say, has dealt a body blow to Taft's most dangerous rival, Governor Dewey. And Stassen, they add under their breaths, has also disposed of a grim threat to Taft by MacArthur. It is hard to know which pleases them most.

Certainly to the Taftites, pleasure over MacArthur's defeat has a certain irony. MacArthur was first put into the Wisconsin primary by Taft's people, in the hope of hurting Dewey, and in the knowledge that Senator Taft himself could hardly win a Wisconsin primary for county clerk. Then, for various local reasons, a large part of the local organization climbed on the MacArthur bandwagon. And after that McCormick, Hearst and a gaggle of others like them joined the parade, and the money began to pour in. The Illinois delegates are Taft's dearest treasure. The redoubtable Colonel McCormick's loud proclamations that Taft was a very nice man but MacArthur was very much nicer sent cold chills down every Taftite's spine. Hopes for Dewey Delegates
In short, until MacArthur tumbled, the Taft people feared they had created a sort of Franken-

stein's monster, who would compete with them for the ultra-conservative Republican support. That fear is now laid. The Taft camp also hopes for Dewey delegates, like some of those in Oklahoma, who may be unsettled by the Wisconsin results.

The professionals agree broadly with this analysis, but add two provisos. First, it is far too early to count out Governor Dewey. He can still recoup in Nebraska, where the situation seems to baffle the experts even more than that in Wisconsin.

Second, the defeat of MacArthur was a resounding rejection of the extreme conservative-isolationist brand of republican in the same state which once dramatically rejected progressive republicanism in the person of Wendell L. Willkie.

Taft belongs to precisely the conservative-isolationist wing of the republican party, and had indeed planned to use MacArthur as a stalking horse. The professionals therefore ask how the obvious harm done Dewey can counterbalance the less visible, more psychological damage to Taft. They still predict Taft cannot gain enough for a majority at Philadelphia.

There is one further factor in the situation. Stassen has given bitter personal blows to both Taft and Dewey, so that he must make an almost miraculous show of strength to make the grade against their opposition. That is why the professionals suspect that the man to benefit most from Wisconsin may be Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg. On the one hand, the philosophy of Vandenberg has now been loudly affirmed by an important, representative group of voters who were supposed to dissent from it. On the other hand, deadlock at Philadelphia has been rendered little less likely. This is exactly the situation desired by those who hope that Vandenberg can be drafted.
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Church Meetings Set During Week For Silverton

SILVERTON—Fellowship dinner will be served at Trinity church immediately following the morning service Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Bloch, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bergerson and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Kallis as hosts.

The quarterly business meeting of the congregation has been set for Wednesday at 8 p.m. Congregational quarterly business session of Calvary church will be Tuesday at 8 p.m.

At Immanuel Lutheran church the Rev. S. L. Ahmie announces Bethany circle for Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the Albert Overlund home with Mrs. Laura Henjum as co-hostess. The Sunday School Teachers association will meet Wednesday night at 8 at the Arthur Dahl home, and on April 17 Immanuel Ladies Aid will serve luncheon at noon, featuring Norwegian dishes. Jonas Byberg is now choir director at Immanuel.

The Rev. Arthur Charles Bates reports a sound and color film, "The God of Creation," will be shown at First Christian church Tuesday at 7:45 p.m. It is open to the public.
Doras society of the Seventh Day Adventist church will meet Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the church.

School expenditures in the United States totalled \$3.3 billion in 1946.

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Hop Worker Held for Jury

DALLAS, April 9 — Raymond Harvatt, 51, an independence hop worker, is in Polk county jail here awaiting action of the Polk county grand jury. On a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, Harvatt was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace W. A. Wiest of Independence, after waiving preliminary examination.
The charge followed a stabbing fray at Horst Brothers hop ranch last week end, in which Wallace F. Norwak, a fellow worker of Harvatt, was fatally wounded. State police said the fight originated over possession of a bottle of wine.

Baptist Youth Conference at Bethel Church

Approximately 200 young people from nine western Oregon churches of the North American Baptist convention are expected to participate in a state conference today at Bethel Baptist church, Cottage and D streets. The meetings opened Friday night.

Dorothy Ratke is president of the Salem group, and state officers are Jim Buitter, president, and Florence Schmunck, secretary, both of Portland.

Principal speakers for meetings, including a banquet at 6:30 p.m. today at the church, are the Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, of the church's headquarters at Chicago.

According to the Rev. Gustav G. Rauser, pastor, the Rev. Mr. Gunst will speak at the church's 11 a.m. service Sunday. The 7:30 p.m. service will be the color film, "The God of Creation," shown by Moody Bible institution.

Foster to Head Optimist Club

Kenneth L. Foster, Salem insurance agent, was elected president of the Salem chapter of the Optimist club for the year 1948-49 in a meeting of the organization Friday noon.
Other new officers are Sidney Jerry and Dr. Harold Poole, vice presidents; and Leo Olson, secretary. Elected to the board of governors were Floyd Coburn, Clark Lethin, Rev. Orville Jenkins, Holly Jackson and Dal Jepson.

Petition Suggests Birchwood Name

Hearing on a petition filed with Marion county court Friday seeking the name of Birchwood drive for a road lying between Swegle and Fruitland roads has been set for April 19 at 10 a.m. by the county court.
The road runs south from Swegle school. Names signed to the petition include Roy R. Burch, Marie L. Burch, Claude W. Ames, L. J. Radcliffe and Mrs. L. J. Radcliffe, all residents of that area.

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UNESCO Talk Moved; Brand To Preside

The Salem meeting on UNESCO preceding a San Francisco conference will be held Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium, not at Willamette university music hall as previously announced. The change was made so that more persons could be accommodated, Charles A. Sprague, local member of the Oregon UNESCO committee, said.

James T. Brand, Oregon supreme court justice recently returned from the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, will preside and Constance Roach, executive of the U. S. commission on United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural organization, will speak. Miss Roach will be guest of honor of the Salem League of Women Voters at a dinner at the

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The UNESCO expert is expected to pave the way locally for plans of community action on behalf of world peace which will be drawn up at the California regional conference May 13 to 15. At least 2,000 delegates from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, California, Arizona, Montana, Hawaii and Alaska will meet in San Francisco "to find out what the people can do about the world situation," the conference chairman said. Forums on projects adopted for action at the Mexico City UNESCO conference are scheduled and plenary sessions will be held.

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