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Our Friends, the Public Health Nurses

We do not want to let this week pass without tipping a chapeau to the public health nurses for this is the week of the year when their work is called to public attention. These agents of good health work rather unobtrusively, and the adult population is hardly conscious of the tasks they regularly perform. Armed with immunization needles and informative pamphlets, the blue-uniformed corps of public health nurses do yeoman service in the battle against infectious disease and ignorance of health practices and standards.

Residents of Salem and Marion county owe their better chances to keep healthy in high degree to the efforts of seven nurses employed by the tax-supported city-county health department in the Masonic building. Their generalized service, free of charge to everyone anywhere in the county, is mainly preventative, not therapeutic. Each nurse is charged with the care of 10,750 potential patients. Public health experts say there should be one nurse for every 5,000 patients.

Their duties include house calls on communicable illnesses like tuberculosis and venereal diseases, pre- and post-natal care for mothers and babies, school clinic work, immunizations for adults and children, guidance for children with behavior and learning problems, follow-up work on juvenile delinquency cases, special services in mobile x-ray units or in the crippled children's clinic and some instruction work.

Lack of nurses is the major problem now. There is no way to draft new recruits so the only immediate solution at present is through publicity, such as this national public health nursing week, to acquaint the public with the work and needs of the whole movement. The long-range answer to this problem is a program to make public health nursing a more attractive career for young women with better working conditions, better facilities, better wages. Meanwhile, the small corps carries on.

Bulwark Against Inflation

The federal government is taking a sound, sensible approach in promoting its latest campaign for funds, and the campaign is worthy of full support. The latest borrowing is dubbed America's Security loan and the treasury bluntly states its purpose—to maintain widespread ownership of the public debt and provide proceeds for use in retiring maturing bank-held debt.

The bond issue actually is a double-barrelled attack on inflation, permitting retirement of inflationary debt and syphoning off excess funds in the hands of individuals which would otherwise be used to bid up prices.

Despite heavy cashing of federal securities, it is encouraging to note that outstanding E bonds of \$31,000,000,000 constitutes an all-time high, and the amount of savings bonds outstanding is steadily gaining—an invaluable cushion against depression and a latent buying power for the day when business and the individual will need it.

At present, individuals hold a total of \$51,000,000,000 in federal savings bonds of all issues. The national debt has been reduced \$20,000,000,000 in the last two years. Our economy is being stabilized and insured by these factors. Further individual participation in the bond program will help even more.

"Out Where the West Ends"
Oregon gets the call in the current issue of Collier's. It is featured in an article by Jim Marshall, "Out Where the West Ends," the sixth in a series on "designs for touring." What catches the eye is the lush blue and green map of western Oregon which fills the page opposite the lead of the text. The blue is for the ocean and the green for the evergreen land. The artist however was hardly a geographer because he locates Oregon City "birthplace of Oregon republicans," south of Salem, which is marked with a sketch of its imposing capitol. While many will snicker over that slip really the local scene gets good attention: pelicans at Klamath Falls, caves and caverns at Grants Pass, cheese at Tillamook, timber-faller at Bend.

Jim Marshall's piece is lively, accurate and inviting. He knows his Oregon and his flowing narrative weaves in geography, history and legend. He notes how the advertising club promotes Oregon's lure for tourists and then reports that the "state highway commission is spending millions building four-lane speedways over which visitors may rush at 80 miles an hour." But he puts in items that should induce tourists to clamp down the brakes and tarry a while; and the accompanying picture of blue Crater lake and the vivid green map of the Oregon country ably illustrate Oregon's attractions, despite the dislocation of Oregon City. There are omissions of course (Medford, Albany) and eastern Oregon is not covered, which is regrettable because that region has riches for tourists too.

We ought to be very appreciative of the recognition this national magazine has given to the western Oregon wonderland. An American correspondent has been ordered out of Russia on charges that he has operated as a spy. The complaint was made by his former secretary, an American-born Russophile, now married to a Russian. His employers deny any misuse of his privileges; and the case may merely be one of Russian nerves—our immigration officials seem to have had a similar nervous upset on the recent visit to this country of one of the Curie daughters. However every country of importance tries to keep tabs on what is happening in other countries. Congress quizzed the head of our central security agency to see if it had information of a coming outbreak in Bogota. Most of the stuff reported is purely informational. We ought to have many sources of information from inside Russia. They are indispensable in working out the problems of our own relations with the USSR. As a rule however a press correspondent undertakes no espionage—as such, though he sends back a wealth of material which is useful to his editors at home.

Congressman Walter Norblad with the aid of the others in the Oregon delegation has obtained from the maritime commission promise of establishing a laying-up basin for merchant vessels in the Columbia river above Astoria. Ships now held at Olympia are to be moved to the river—over the loud protest of the Washington delegation. Astoria already is a base for a portion of the navy's mothball fleet, and this addition will greatly augment the federal payroll in that vicinity. It is a distinct victory for the first district congressman.

Bob Ruhl of the Medford Mail-Tribune suggests a get-together—"a tete-a-tete"—between Truman and Stalin. Recalling Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam we're not so sure about that. We nominate John L. Lewis to do collective bargaining for the USA with Uncle Joe.

Prospect for the largest winter wheat crop in the history of the Pacific northwest. Forecast is for 113,750,000 bushels which would be 25 per cent more than last year and 61 per cent more than the 10-year average. This yield, if realized, will help offset losses in the big bread basket of the southwest.

The Indian suit to stop building of McNary dam sort of fizzled when Judge Driver in Yakima refused to issue an injunction to halt construction of the coffer dam. This would seem to foredoom an injunction against the dam itself because the coffer dam is part of the necessary construction work.

Group insurance in the United States has increased from \$30 million dollars in 1916 to 33 billion dollars.

Comparing youth to natural resources, with both right and wrong ways to use both, Dr. Lawrence Riggs of Willamette university appealed Friday for a mid-way corrective process for delinquents. His talk was made to the Salem Optimist club meeting at the Salem hotel.

Such a process would be for young delinquents who should not be sent to Hillcrest or Woodburn state schools, he said. Correct development of youth resources, he asserted, would eliminate the costly correction processes for maladjusted children, which is carried on by governments principally.

Vice President Sidney Jary conducted the meeting.

Bids Submitted On East Oregon TB Hospital

Low bids of \$225,500 for construction of a dormitory at the Eastern Oregon State Tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and \$25,000 for construction of a superintendent's dwelling there, were submitted here Friday by H. J. Settergren of Portland.

It originally was estimated that the dormitory, with a capacity of approximately 50 persons, would cost \$242,336. Six bids were received.

The bids will be presented to the state board of control Tuesday for final consideration. Part of the money required for construction of the dormitory will come from the state building fund of \$6,000,000 allocated to the board of control for betterment of state institutions.

Before actual construction work can start a majority of members of both the board of control and state emergency board must give their approval. This is the last project in the state building fund program involving state institutions.

Approximately \$400,000 will remain in the state building fund, for institutions, after the dormitory contract is awarded, board of control members said.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

Pearl S. Berry vs William L. Berry: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment and for custody of three minor children. Married Dec. 24, 1937, at Salem.
Lillian Alice Mae Green vs W. L. Green: Decree of divorce restored plaintiff's maiden name of Lillian Alice Mae Karau, approves property settlement agreement, and awards plaintiff \$500 lump sum alimony.
Vinita Boise vs William Harold Boise: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married Oct. 26, 1942, at Carson City, Nev.
Ernest Ingram and Ada E. Ingram vs Anna Loewen and William E. Loewen: Jury finds for plaintiff in the sum of \$1,500.

DISTRICT COURT

Dean Alvin Schomaker, 715 Highland ave., no operator's license, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.
Walter C. Hunter, 209 S. Winter st., overweight load, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.
Ed Haney, Aumsville, driving while operator's license revoked, fined \$30 and costs.
Samuel L. D. Hunter, Salem route 3, no operator's license, fined \$15 and costs.
Era Jackson Pitts, jr., charged with non-support, preliminary examination set for May 7; posted \$250 bail.

PROBATE COURT

E. H. Kennedy estate: Final order settles estate.
Louis Lovre estate: Order appoints Mike Engelhardt administrator.
Estate of John E. Waldman estate: Estate appraised at \$2,325.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Martha G. St. Clair, 975 Edgewater st., West Salem, excessive speed through intersection involved, fined \$12.
James E. Dougherty, 690 1/2 Locust st., violation of basic rule, mulcted \$7.50 bail.
George Earl Simmons, 3327 Mulligan st., charged with reckless driving with liquor involved, fined \$12.

LYNN COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSES

ALBANY—A marriage license has been issued to Allen J. Soto, and Ellen E. Faust, 18 Mill City.

ALBANY CIRCUIT COURT

ALBANY—Beulah Huston vs Lloyd Huston: Divorce complaint asks restoration of plaintiff's maiden name, Beulah Waring. Married Aug. 31, 1941.

Russians Flock To Canal Zone

NEW YORK, April 16—(AP)—Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R-NJ) said Thursday there has been a "startling influx" of soviet nationals into Panama since the beginning of last year.

"There is reason to believe that their chief interest is in the Panama Canal zone," he said.

The chairman of the house committee on un-American activities, said the Russians travel with the approval of their government, which is not lightly given, and their listed occupations are varied.

Group to Discuss Consolidation of Fund Campaigns

A survey of opinion of "the contributing public" and a study of other cities' methods regarding a plan to consolidate financial campaigns in Salem is to be conducted by a committee named on Friday.

The group representing the chamber of commerce, retail trade bureau and Community Chest indicated a desire for coordination of the many drives by separate agencies and the annual chest campaign.

The committee comprises A. C. Haas, chairman, Al Loucks, Mal Rudd, W. L. Phillips, sr., Dorathia Steustoff, Loyd Warner, Carl Hogg and Charles A. Sprague.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Forget about where last week's salary went, Otis—When you start reminiscing, it's a sign you're getting old!"

Commission to Decide Soon on Tax Suit Reply

The state tax commission announced Friday that it will decide by Monday whether to file an answer to the recent suit in Marion county circuit court which seeks to prevent transfer of surplus state income tax revenues and corporate excise taxes to the general state fund.

The announcement came following a conference Friday of tax commission members and commission attorneys.

The suit to prevent the proposed transfer was filed by former Governor Charles A. Sprague. It contends that the surplus funds are earmarked to offset property taxes and are not transferable.

In an opinion several weeks ago, Attorney General George Neuner ruled that surplus revenues from income and corporate taxes are classified as miscellaneous receipts and subject to transfer.

Tax commission attorney, Dean Ellis, said the commission has 10 days in which to file either an answer or demurrer. Arguments will be heard in the circuit court of Judge George R. Duncan in Salem. Attorneys said the case will undoubtedly be appealed to the state supreme court regardless of the lower court decision.

Marion County Roads Claimed 'Best in State'

The 1,618 miles of road in Marion county are in the best shape of any county road system in the state, Marion County Commissioner Roy Rice told the Salem Board of Realtors at their luncheon Friday noon in the Marion hotel.

A program designed to eliminate weeds and bushy growth along county roads by a system of spraying was begun last year and should bear fruit this year, Rice said. The spraying program will cost the county about \$10,000 every three years. The spray used, he said, is not poisonous to livestock.

Among roads slated for a re-surfacing this summer is Lancaster drive, just east of Salem, the commissioner said. The county has budgeted \$500,000 for its road system, \$300,000 of which is derived as the county's share of the state gasoline tax levy while the remainder is made up from county taxes.

Tank Blamed For Explosion

A ruptured ammonia concentration tank was blamed for the explosion which shook the Kelley, Farquhar & Co. frozen food plant at 1400 Tile rd. Thursday night, company officials said Friday.

The blast occurred about 10:15 Thursday night and sent a heavy concussion through the building. Several spot fires which broke out near the tanks after the explosion were caused by the gas contacting electric wires.

Dr. Riggs Urges New Handling of Pre-Delinquents

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MATTER OF FACT

Primary Contests Show Isolationist Republicanism 'Dead As a Smelt'

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, April 16—The republican future begins to boil down to a simple question: "Can Dewey and Taft stop Stassen, and if so, with whom?" The primary returns had hardly been counted in Nebraska before a stop-Stassen movement began to be grimly discussed in the camps of both his beaten rivals.

The present position is easily described. The Stassen forces are like an old-fashioned heavy-weight football team which has just completed two successful seasons in line-bucks, in Wisconsin and in Nebraska. Two more line-bucks are planned, in Ohio and Oregon, against an opposition seriously weakened by hard knocks taken to date. If successful in Ohio and Oregon, the Stassen forces will be in scoring position. The opposition will then be able to halt Stassen's onward march only by a really tough effort, which means a stop-Stassen movement uniting Governor Thomas E. Dewey and Senator Robert A. Taft.

That Governor Dewey and Senator Taft will wish to unite in this manner, if necessary, hardly needs to be pointed out. To be perfectly plain about it, both men hate Stassen's guts.

Both men mean to fight it out with Stassen to the best of their ability, and a real win in Oregon might yet save Dewey. Even a victory in Ohio will hardly rescue Taft. His extremely poor showing as a vote-getter in his mid-western Nebraska only confirms the depressing verdict of the opinion polls—and the republicans will not nominate a conceivable loser.

Assuming for the moment, however, that Stassen wins his next two line-bucks, the first problem of the Stassen-stoppers will be to hold strength Dewey and Taft have long relied upon.

The rat leaving the sinking ship is a loyal old slowpoke compared to the delegate fleeing from the weakening candidate. The political livestock picked up in the Southern delegate auctions have this grave disadvantage: They don't stay bought if they don't wish to. This endangers one of the basic assets of the Taft forces. Dewey will have as equally hard time hanging onto delegates until now strongly pledged to him, but not controlled, as in Kansas and Iowa. Certainly there will be a fair number of defections from both the New York governor and the Ohio senator if Stassen scores in Ohio and wins in Oregon.

Even allowing for reasonable defections, however, Dewey and Taft will still constitute a formidable combination, provided they find a way to combine. And here, of course, is just where the rub is. Taft's real backers are the extreme isolationist-conservative wing of the republican party, most conspicuously represented by Colonel Robert R. McCormick.

To this group, Governor Dewey, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg and all the other more modern-minded republican leaders are "just as bad as Stassen"—in the odd language of Colonel McCormick, a mere troop of Benedict Arnolds.

Therefore Taft will at least have the utmost difficulty in swinging his support to any republican representing the party's post-McKinley era. On the other hand, while Governor Dewey can be as agile a politician as the next man, he also has some pretty deep-rooted convictions. These convictions seem almost certain to prevent him from giving his backing to any of the conservative-isolationist republicans, such as Senator Taft or the almost unchangeably eager Speaker Joseph W. Martin.

Candidate Problem Difficult
If Dewey sticks by his guns (and the sentiment in New York will almost force him to anyway), the Stassen-stoppers will thus have a lot of trouble finding a candidate of their own. Governor Warren of California, whose total dimness of record on all national issues makes him theoretically acceptable, is a very long-shot bet. The obvious choice is Senator Vandenberg, whom Dewey, it is believed, would heartily favor. But the Taftites would swallow Vandenberg with many an unhappy gulp and grimace, if it could be brought to do so at all—which is the really doubtful point.

Meanwhile, one lesson sticks out a mile from Wisconsin and Nebraska. Dewey's showing, poor in Wisconsin, was distinctly creditable in Nebraska, considering that he has no organization support at all. MacArthur, on the other hand, with all his glamor, did badly in Wisconsin and Senator Taft, despite the aid of Senator Hugh Butler's organization, made a disastrous showing in Nebraska. The lesson is that the real, old-line

Daughter of Gov. Geer Dies

Theodosia Geer Little, 75, daughter of the late Oregon governor, T. T. Geer, died Tuesday in San Francisco where she had lived for more than 30 years, friends here learned this week.

Mrs. Little was born March 19, 1873, at the pioneer Geer home in the Macleay district, near Salem. Survivors include a son, Gene Downing; a granddaughter, June Stewart, and a great grandson, George Stewart, all of San Francisco. Several distant relatives also reside in the Salem area.

Funeral and interment are in San Francisco.

C. of C. to Hear Jay Stevens

Jay Stevens, assistant manager of the fire prevention bureau for the National Board of Fire Underwriters, will be guest speaker at the Salem Chamber of Commerce forum luncheon Monday noon.

in Ogden. The CAA has agreed to place our tower under their jurisdiction and absorb the salaries.
This letter is offered and intended for constructive criticism only and it is hoped that it will help avert an accident that is bound to happen sooner or later when no control tower is used with a lot of air traffic.

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Local Students Win Contest

Three Marion county high school students are the only winners in the nationwide school press project of the National Tuberculosis association and the Columbia Scholastic Press association.

Elizabeth Morley, a junior at Salem senior high school is one of the winners. The other two are Bede Annen, student at Mt. Angel preparatory school, and Loren Horley, Aumsville high school student.

The students, who were among eight original contestants from this county, wrote articles dealing with the prevention of tuberculosis in communities and schools, which were published in their school papers. Through the Marion county public health association, the winning students will receive certificates for their work.

The Safety Valve LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

URGES CONTROL AT AIRPORT To the Editor:
This letter is written to call to your attention, and the people of Salem, a serious and dangerous condition that exists at the Salem Municipal Airport. This condition being that there is no air traffic control tower in operation.

I visited your city by air last week and found that flying in and out of the Salem Airport is indeed a very risky business. If a tragedy is to be averted it is my urgent suggestion that a control tower be placed in use as soon as possible.

I talked with several of the boys at the airport and they thought perhaps the reason the city had no control tower was the cost of equipment and salaries. It is believed that the equipment can be obtained from the CAA at no cost, and if only one control operator was placed on duty during the rush hours, then the entire cost would not be excessive. Our city of Ogden has three operators and the control tower is in operation from about daybreak until nearly midnight. Our air traffic here warrants control and the business at your airport is much greater than

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