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## "We Call It Culture"

Fifty years ago up and down the Willamette valley, the first warm days of spring did more than bring on sulfur and molasses; they started people thinking and talking about spending the summer vacation at Gladstone, near Oregon City.

Gladstone was the site of Oregon's Chautauqua, and Chautauqua was a camping trip, good food, religion, culture, music, oratory and hero-worship all rolled up in a \$1.50 ticket. Whole families rolled into Gladstone by wagon or special train and children admired the Chemawa Indian band while adults sat absorbing the glittering phrases of golden-tongued orators like William Jennings Bryan, Dr. Robert McIntyre, or Henry Watterson.

The Willamette valley Chautauqua, organized in 1893, was one of thousands of such assemblies which built the nation-wide tradition and established the programs as the "purveyor of uplift, inspiration and morality, the poor man's college, the only free platform in America," and perhaps the one and only time in history when the assemblies of "good" people were more fun than the circuses. In those words, Victoria Case and Robert Ormond Case, two of Oregon's top-notch writers, tell the story of Chautauqua in their latest book "We Called It Culture" (Doubleday & Co., N. Y., 1948).

Chautauqua was born in upstate New York in 1874 where 40 young people gathered to study and enjoy themselves "with careful attention to propriety." The idea of outdoor living plus enlightenment spread amazingly when tent circuits sprang up throughout the country. The movement's initial greatness, and its success, was rooted in a thirst for knowledge and through Chautauqua millions of Americans were exposed to "the better things of life." The roster of "talent" from presidents to whole orchestras to humorists, was the "Who Who of the era."

But Chautauqua became too big. Its size and "the cancer of exploitation gnawing at her very bones" quickly strangled the movement when competition—radio, motion pictures, automobiles, colleges, newspapers, popular magazines—became big business.

Since then, Chautauqua has sometimes been ridiculed by the pseudo-sophisticated who fail to realize that "however poor the talent" may have been at the last, the cultural seeds planted in the minds of such receptive, even eager audiences for almost a generation could not help but produce a mighty harvest.

Chautauqua helped develop adult education, study clubs, summer schools and camps, extension courses, correspondence study, youth movements, and it conditioned the rural population to broadened horizons. Many now-accepted theories on equal suffrage, soil conservation, child welfare, nutrition, physical culture, the dignity of the individual and the virtues of private enterprise were promulgated from Chautauqua platforms.

"We Called It Culture" is a highly readable, sometimes nostalgic, always good humored and carefully factual appreciation of a movement that helped shape millions of living Americans. This book will remain a lasting volume in the great library of Americana.

## One Man's Opinion

What's with Robert Magidoff? He's the American correspondent expelled from Moscow when his secretary was quoted in a letter to *Isvestia*, government newspaper, charging him with being a spy. Is Magidoff mad? Is he blowing his top? Is he making noises like Winchell?

No. An Associated Press story from Frankfurt, Germany, where he stopped off on his way to New York, quotes Magidoff as talking calmly and, of all things, making sense.

The radio newsman said his own expulsion was just part of a general internal propaganda program to remind the people that Russia has enemies. This campaign isn't intended to whip up war fever, he said, but to emphasize a need for unity and self-reliance in the Soviet.

As a matter of fact, there's hardly any war talk in Moscow, he reports. The Russians are busy in productive work, building up the nation's economy, and the internal communist press has done no war-mongering. Only dry official accounts of the recent East-West crisis in Berlin appeared in Russian newspapers and consequently the people showed little concern—nothing like the hysteria that followed crisis reports in this country.

Allowances have to be made, of course: The Russians haven't the opportunity to express opinions of which their government does not approve, so any expressions of fear of war would be individually suppressed. And maybe Magidoff is waiting until he writes his report for McGraw-Hill before he releases the story.

Nevertheless, his view of the Russians as a busy, uncommunicative, and unfriendly but not villainous people, merits our attention. Perhaps we are the victims of war-phobia.

## Stability Should Be the Goal

U. S. Steel refused to grant a wage increase, but work at its mills will continue. The company and the steelworkers' union have a three-year contract which has two more years to run. President Fairless expressed the view that conditions did not warrant further wage increases and that they would not be in the best interests of labor itself.

If labor wants to consolidate its gains it will devote its attention less to wage hikes and more to stabilizing the country's economy. Further general wage increases will put up prices to a point where demand will fall off. This reaction would mean loss of jobs which workers would feel keenly.

Our production machine is getting back in stride, and if its smooth working is not interrupted by military diversions we should see price reductions in many lines, which would be of general benefit. It is time for labor leaders to counsel conservatism in wage demands, in the interest both of workers and of the country at large.

Manufacturers and others should put brakes on price increases, and if possible institute reductions, such as have been announced by Fairless for U. S. Steel and by the two largest manufacturers of electric goods.

The goal now should be stability, not building higher the cost pyramid.

Police in Kansas City, Kan., engaged in old-fashioned brutality in clubbing CIO members in the effort to maintain peace in the packing house district where a strike is in progress. Keeping the streets clear and company gates accessible to workers willing to work is police duty. But in this case the police stormed a union headquarters across the street and cracked skulls inside the union hall, which certainly violates civil rights. Such abuse of power calls for investigation and punishment.

## Lockman Ties As Top Orator

MISSOULA, Mont., April 26—(P)—Frank Lockman, 42-year-old Willamette university sophomore, tied for first place in oratory with Herman Robison of Linfield college in the finals of the five-

state, northwest intercollegiate speech tournament at Montana university Saturday night.

Brigham Young university's debate team won top honors in the debate event. The winners were decided after 200 speakers from Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Washington had been narrowed down by two days of preliminaries and semi-finals.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1)

trained army, the Haganah; also the radical irregulars, the Irgun forces, and the violent Stern gang. The Arabs within Palestine are poorly prepared for war. They depend on their kindred in surrounding Arab states, particularly the British-trained legion from Trans-Jordan under King Abdullah.

Another late development is the announcement by Russia that it would be represented on the UN trusteeship council, which it has spurned for nearly a year. Since this body is the one now to consider what to do in Palestine, Russia concluded she had better claim her seat or else have no voice in the parley.

It seems incredible that a country so small as Palestine could contain so much strife; that people whose racial origins are so close could be so bitter; that those who religion has many elements of similarity could be so antagonistic. The real seat of the trouble is impact of the westernized Jews, aggressive, accustomed to modern machines and manners of living on the still very primitive culture of the Arab world. It is too late for any voluntary truce. Peace now depends on outside policing, which is very uncertain; or on the decision of fierce warfare.

## Public Records

### MUNICIPAL COURT

James Stewart, 1775 Front st., violation of basic rule, fined \$10.  
Dean C. Lowry, Brooks, violation of basic rule, posted \$750 bail.

Daniel J. Siebold, 110 Beach st., violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.  
Duane D. Marshall, Independence, violation of noise ordinance, posted \$5 bail.

Clayton E. West, Portland, charged with reckless driving, posted \$50 bail.

Frank G. Cappell, Clowdais, Ore., violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.  
Roy E. Earley, Jr., Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

### DISTRICT COURT

Ruth Cecelia Nichols, 2490 Lancaster dr., no operator's license, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.  
Hazel Lydya Bartlett, Brooks route 1, no operator's license, \$5 fine suspended on payment of court costs.

Joseph Bohall and Lillie Grice, Eugene, both charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, preliminary examination set for April 28; held in lieu of \$2,000 bail each.

### PROBATE COURT

Emma Snook estate: Order authorizes sale of real property.  
Edith P. Ficklin estate: Estate appraised at \$23,890.

Peter Hagenauser estate: Date for hearing on final account fixed at May 31.  
Warren F. Pohle estate: Order approves final account.  
Ruby Blanche Gritten den estate: Order approves final account.

### CIRCUIT COURT

Elton Lee Ball and others vs Lewis D. McAllister and Roy Simmons: Order continues time of trial to a later date.

A. M. Janssen Drilling Co. vs Carl and Donna Wicklander: Default order awards judgment of \$477 to plaintiff.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

David Curtis Brown, 21, student, 1805 Market st., Salem and Nathalie Ruth Scoggan, 20, student, Dayton route 1, box 99.  
Clyde Robert Oliver, 21, student, Gates, and Evelyn L. Schultz, 19, domestic, 645 Marion st., Salem.

Dennis A. Sport, 21, student, 1215 Saginaw st., and Sharon Coover, 22, housewife, Salem route 3, box 991, both of Salem.

Cleat Mammie, 61, farmer, Circle, Mont., and Marie Vanslow, 44, housewife, Mt. Angel.  
Louis A. Heinsohn, 51, highway employe, Sisters, and Kirstina A. Swainson, 42, laundry employe, 445 S. Winter st., Salem.

James Gilmore, 24, student, Boise, Idaho, and Florence Waepe, 22, student, Portland.

## Airlines' Troubles Hardest on Public

The traveling public has taken the hardest knocks from the air transport companies, Capt. Edward A. LePenski, United Air Lines pilot, told members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Over-enthusiastic salesmen were blamed by the speaker for many of the difficulties which undoubtedly have not been given proper attention.

## Waldo Hills Telephone Group Files Articles

Articles of association of the Waldo Hills Telephone company were filed with the Marion county clerk Monday.

Purpose of the association is to operate rural telephone line. The association is to be operated "on a cooperative plan for the mutual benefit of its members and is not for profit," according to the articles.

The articles were filed by Claude C. Ashby, Clarence Goffin, Albert Mader, Paul Rieck and Harry Martin.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Just put in a temporary filing. Doc! What with threats of atomic war I don't see much sense in a permanent one!"

## MATTER OF FACT

### Threats of Soviet Aggression Keep Tension High Despite Italy Election

By Joseph Alsop

WASHINGTON, April 26—The happy outcome of the Italian election has done little to lessen the extreme nervous tension of the policy making groups in Washington and other friendly capitals. The explanation of this and other recent, seemingly mysterious phenomena is all too simple. Highly placed representatives of the Soviet Union have lately begun to threaten naked acts of aggression.

Joseph Alsop

A little more than a fortnight ago in Tiberian, for example, the Soviet ambassador to Iran, Sadchikov, succumbed to what can only be described as a calculated tantrum. Sadchikov was almost certainly sent to the Persian capital in the first instance because his knack for roaring out threats was considered likely to intimidate the members of the Iranian government, which he has repeatedly tried to do. In the present instance, however, his chosen victim was a diplomatic colleague.

The wholly inoffensive individual, whose country has not the remotest part in the Soviet quarrel with Iran was treated to a trade calculated to turn any normal ambassador pea-green with horror. Sadchikov's theme was the come-uppance in store for the wretched Iranians, who were co-operating with the American imperialists and obstructing the glorious onward march of the people's democracy.

### Fredeick Iran Invasion

Sadchikov said flatly that Soviet forces would shortly invade Iran. He dwelt at some length on the strength of the Red Army units now poised on the Iranian frontier. He predicted that the occupation of Iran would be a very easy business. And he hinted that when Iran had been successfully occupied, those who had unwisely opposed the Kremlin's wishes would learn to regret what they had done.

Not even the diplomacy of Adolf Hitler shows any parallel for this incredible episode. Yet there was another roughly similar episode, involving another Soviet diplomat, whose name cannot be disclosed, shortly prior to the rape of Czechoslovakia. This episode was the explanation of the violent fit of nerves in Scandinavia and of President Truman's and Secretary Marshall's warnings of danger to Scandinavia, which coincided with the Czech crisis.

In this case also, the Soviet diplomat involved selected a colleague not directly implicated as the recipient of his confidences. He began by predicting that the installation of a people's democracy at Prague would take place shortly, by force if necessary. He then expatiated on the sins of Scandinavia and pretty plainly stated that Norway and Denmark were next after Czechoslovakia on the Kremlin's list.

### First Part Confirmed

This obviously planned indiscretion began to cause the utmost alarm when the first part of the forecast was confirmed by the tragic events in Czechoslovakia. The alarm was greatly intensified when the five to seven Soviet divisions stationed in the northern part of the Soviet German zone held extensive landing maneuvers on the Baltic, centering around Rostock, which is extremely close to the eastern border of Denmark.

Denmark and Norway were already full of rumors of Soviet arms, air-dropped by night to the communist underground. The Mos-

## Big-Scale Cake Contest Today By 4-H Youth

(Story also on page 1)

Cakes will be made on a wholesale scale today by 4-H club members in the Portland Gas and Coke Co. auditorium-kitchen, 109 S. Commercial st., from 8:45 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Seven shifts will perform on the platform. Starting the contest will be Shirley Pickett, Joanne Evans and Mary Lou Holcomb of Roberts and Barbara Daly of Halls Ferry.

In the next shift starting at 10 a. m. will be Darlene Klean and Dorothy Salchenberg of Roberts and Jeanette Brodessaer and Louise Schindler of Mt. Angel. The third shift at 11:15 will include Ariene Dummer, Ruth Smieck, Maureen and Angela Sprauer, all of Mt. Angel.

The fourth shift at 12:30 includes Carol Ann Frisch, Mill City; Jeannette Gilmore, Sidney; Janice Siddall and Nell Dean Foster, both of Hoyaville.

Two boys and two girls will work in the fifth shift at 1:45 p. m. They are Jack Rasmussen of Butteville and Wayne Feller of Cloverdale and Lorin Larson and Patty McLaughlin of Union school.

The 3 p. m. shift includes Lynn Brown, Darlene Haworth and Ernestine Lambert, all of Talbot. The last shift starts at 4:15 and includes Joanne Fabry, Shirley Page and Yvonne Goode, all of Middle Grove.

Bread bakers taking part in the Marion county spring show competition will work in two shifts Wednesday at the gas company auditorium-kitchen.

The first group includes Nina Bowman and Pat Morton of Halls Ferry and Carole Hilfiker of Middle Grove. The second group includes Mary Edgell and Frances Dieker of Mt. Angel and Joyce Kuenzi of Middle Grove.

## Politics on Parade . . .

(Editor's note: Comments in this series are made by or for the candidates without restriction, and may or may not reflect the policy of this newspaper. This particular series deals with the post-district candidates to the national convention, two of which are to be chosen by each party.)

Today's subject: Dr. J. H. Anderson (r) Candidate for National Delegate

Dr. Harry J. Anderson is a practicing physician in Corvallis where he owns and operates his own private hospital. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University Medical school and served his internship at Michael-Reese hospital. He is 58 years of age, a World War I veteran, married and the father of three children, all of whom saw service in World War II. He has been a registered and active republican in Benton county since his arrival there to practice medicine in 1914.

He has a broad fraternal and civic background and is a member of the Shrine Elks, Moose, Rotary, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars as well as county, state and national professional medical associations. His origination and sponsorship of the Annual Mary's Peak Shrine trek to benefit the crippled children's hospital has earned him the honorary title of "father" of the event.

He is pledged to support the republican candidates at Philadelphia who can and will win at the general election this fall. His patriotic, civic and professional background qualify him eminently to effectively represent the renewed republican party of Oregon at the national convention. (Tomorrow: Wallace Telford.)

## Salem Man Succumbs To Wreck Injuries

OREGON CITY, April 26—(P)—Automobile accident injuries claimed the life today of James Samuel Johnson, 70, of Salem. Johnson was a passenger in an automobile driven by Ben W. Batteison, Canby real estate man, near Canby Saturday. It was in collision with an automobile driven by Dale Chick, 26, of Oregon City. Johnson was lacerated and was suffering from shock when brought to a hospital here.

No charges were filed.

## Motorists Escape Injury in Wrecks

Three cars involved in a rear-end collision at High and State streets early Sunday morning were damaged slightly, but none of the occupants was injured, city police said Monday. The drivers were Chester C. Schlep, Albany; Troy Scales, 2470 State st., and Herman Phillips, 1130 McGüchrist st.

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## Lawyers Work On Tax Suit

It will be at least 10 days or two weeks before arguments can be heard in the circuit court here in the suit brought by former governor, Charles A. Sprague, Salem, to enjoin transfer of surplus state income tax revenues and corporate excise taxes to the general fund for governmental expenses. Dean Ellis, state tax commissioner attorney, announced Monday.

Ellis said a number of stipulations probably would be made between attorneys which would reduce materially the issues in controversy. Plaintiff contends that these surplus funds, now estimated between \$20,000,000 and \$35,000,000, are earmarked as an offset against property taxes and cannot be used for any other purpose.

The defendant tax commission filed its answer to the complaint last week.

## Highway Lawyers Move

The legal department of the state highway commission here, which has occupied space on the third floor of the state office building for many years, is moving to the fifth floor.

## Keizer Cubs Get Honor Awards at Friday Meeting

KEIZER — Howard Pingel received his Webelos at a cub pack meeting held Friday night. Other awards made were Lion badges to Arnold Pederson and Don Boynton.

Bear badges to Dick Pearson, Howard Parker and Wayne Murphy.

Gold arrow to Jack Reinwald, Dick Pearson, Don Boynton, Irl Gibbertson, Howard Parker and Wayne Murphy.

Year Stars to Bruce Estes, Robert Yunker, Wayne Dahl, Lucian Baker and Clyde Rempie.

Rolf Gibbertson presented motion pictures, and a skit was given by den 4.

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