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Looking Under Rocks

Can you squeeze blood from a turnip? Is there any honey in the rock? Could you grow moss that would adhere to rolling stones? How many swallows make a summer?

The questions addressed to industrial research engineers may not be phrased in just those terms, but they might as well be. The scientists engaged in applied research make a business of disproving old notions, pushing past heretofore insurmountable barriers and finding things that no one knew was there.

They are explorers into the uncharted fields that may lie under every stone left unturned.

And there are probably more unturned stones in the west than in any part of the country. The fields of industry and agriculture here must inspire in the industrial researcher the same feelings a New England pasture communicates to the farmer. The west's recent unprecedented growth justified—no, demanded... establishment of a research center here.

That is why the brochure just released by the Stanford Research Institute is of particular interest. The Stanford Institute is a non-profit corporation, jointly supported by the university and western industry, located on the Palo Alto campus with access to all university facilities. After 18 months of operation, the west's only independent applied research center has grown to 125 staff members engaged in research and development activities in 22 fields of science and industrial economics.

The institute was established to foster the application of science to commerce, trade, industry and agriculture in the eleven western states. It is particularly concerned with industrialization of the west and with the discovery and development of methods for the best use of natural resources. Its broad objective is the improvement of the general standard of living.

The Stanford Institute undertakes on its own account research work intended to be of broad public benefit and it works on specific problems assigned by industry or the government. Its facilities are available to large and small enterprises alike. It will consider any sound applied research problem—for instance, finding new uses for forest or petroleum products or better methods of preserving foodstuffs, and so on.

The report of the Stanford Institute's work-in-progress portends its continued existence as a significant new force in the west.

Second Airplane Tragedy

A second airplane crash in southern Oregon has claimed the lives of four men active in community and political life in this state. Two, John Snellstrom of Eugene and Earle Johnson of Corvallis, were members of the last legislature and Snellstrom had served in two previous sessions. Both were candidates for reelection. The other two, William H. Fluhrer, Medford bakery proprietor, and H. H. Evans of Waldport, were candidates for legislative positions, the former for the state senate, the latter for the house. All were republicans. The midsummer outing for a group of legislators and candidates at a lake resort had a tragic ending.

The accident is in close parallel to that of last October when three state officials lost their lives: Governor Snell, Secretary of State Farrell, President of the Senate Cornett. Again it points up the hazards of aviation. Singularly, though the pilot in this instance was not only experienced in flying his private plane. He had flown for the air force in many parts of the world, attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel. Just what the failure was when his plane plunged into the lake may never be known.

News such as this leaves one stupefied, with a feeling of helplessness. In the space of seconds life is snuffed out, there is no chance of rescue and relief. One thinks of these men as able, in the full tide of their careers, recognized by fellow citizens, honored and respected in the affairs of state. Now they are gone and all we can do is to lay them to rest and pay respectful tribute to their memory.

Travel editors write glowingly about the trips other people take, or might take. Sports editors write glowingly about the sports other people engage in. But this year these working craftsmen of the fourth estate, some of them, are sharing in the pleasures they report. A few weeks ago a delegation of travel editors from the country's leading newspapers made a tour which included many cities in Oregon. Over the weekend sports writers from several eastern papers came into the Deschutes country by plane to enjoy a few days' fishing at resorts in that region. One thing sure... both groups will have something to write about after their Oregon visit.

The Newport News scolds the state statute which makes it a criminal offense to sell or furnish liquor to Indians or those of mixed blood who live or associate with Indians. Editor Sweetland brands this as unjust racial discrimination. It is discrimination, based, of course, on the tradition that firewater was bad medicine for Indians, worse for them than for whites. Of course it was the whites who wrote the laws. However, Sweetland should aim higher. The federal law is the same; and most every term of federal court is cluttered with cases against those accused of selling hooch to the Indians.

Oregon employment is in full tide. On August 1 only 23,400 persons in the state were listed as out of work. We grouse a lot about the high cost of living, but truth to tell most people live pretty well, enjoy a standard of living the highest in the world. The real time to worry is when the rolls of unemployed keep growing and prices fall and fall and fall, with "no bottom."

The Statesman thinks Governor Hall made a mistake in failing to include on the new draft board men from other parts of the Marion county than the Salem area. All appointees are from Salem. It is not just a matter of fairness to the rest of the county but a matter of success in administering the draft law. Many cases will arise from out in the country where mistakes may be made because no board member is familiar with local facts.

W. H. Fluhrer, nominee for the state senate who died in the plane crash Sunday, was a frequent target for the pointed paragraphs of the late Art Perry of the Medford Mail-Tribune. To Art he was "Heinie, the demon baker," with a screwdriver for a familiar tool. Now both are gone, which leaves a big void in Medford.

After recommending the imposition of the draft President Truman opened gates to make the army fence look like a sieve. Husbands, fathers, farmers, students all get exemptions, the last named only for limited periods. This is election year and the commander-in-chief has no eagerness to bite very hard on the nation's man-power.

Soviet Consul Lomakin has booked passage in a \$1400 suite on the Swedish-American liner Stockholm. That will probably be a final taste of capitalist luxury for this man who bungled the battle with the school teachers. For Americans it will be "Red sails in the sunset."

Woman Wins Vindication in 'Loyalty' Case

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23—Traditional American liberties are precious to most of us. So is the security of the United States.

Yet if our freedoms and our national security are to be entrusted to men like J. Parnell Thomas, or to such men as the bumbling politically illiterate accusers of Mrs. Ann Smith, then God help the United States.

Some of Mrs. Smith's recent experiences by no means uncommon in government service today—have already been too briefly reported in this space. It has been recounted how Mrs. Smith, a navy clerk-stenographer in the Panama Canal Zone, was prevented from marrying Petty Officer Robert Jones; how she answered a remarkable questionnaire, and in March of this year, she was charged with disloyalty to her country.

Against the advice of the navy legal officer, Mrs. Smith, a woman of considerable spirit, immediately demanded a hearing before the loyalty board of the 15th naval district. The transcript of this hearing is a distinctly disturbing document. It is not that the navy officers and other officials concerned were brutal, gestapo-minded men. They were nothing of the sort. The evidence suggests that they were merely stupid.

What is disturbing is that the hearing was quite obviously entirely meaningless. It was held ostensibly to give Mrs. Smith the opportunity to clear herself. But the record shows that she really had no chance at all to do so.

Most of the questioning, conducted by Commander Joe E. Munster, concerned certain radical outbursts which took place in the 'thirties on California campuses, while Mrs. Smith was going to college. This in itself raises the question whether having indulged years ago in left-wing college shenanigans is really evidence of disloyalty to the United States.

Left Wingers at UCLA

At any rate, it came out at the hearing that the radical activities which had aroused the suspicion of Mrs. Smith's accusers were nothing of the sort. It also came out that Mrs. Smith had attended the University of Southern California, apparently a far more decorous institution than UCLA. This being established, Commander Munster then asked hopefully, "Did you ever have occasion—did you ever drift over there (to UCLA) when one of these affairs was going on?" "No, I never," Mrs. Smith replied, and then nervously volunteered that she had belonged to the women's debate team in her freshman year.

Denied Memberships

The rest of the hearing, which would have been funny were it not for its serious implications, was conducted on about the same level of intelligence. Mrs. Smith denied that she had belonged to various radical youth organizations, and in another pathetic attempt to establish her respectability, volunteered that she had been "very active in the University Methodist church." She denied ever having used a false name, and denied having had subversive contacts with a number of people she had never heard of. Then Commander Munster remarked, "I don't believe I have any more questions to ask," and that was that.

A few days later, on leave in New Orleans, Mrs. Smith and Petty Officer Jones were married, fully believing that the whole silly mess had at last been cleared up. Then, on their honeymoon, she was notified by Rear Admiral E. W. Hanson that she was suspended without pay, because "grounds exist for the belief that you are disloyal to the government." It thus became part of the official record of the United States that Mrs. Smith was a traitor to her country, or a potential traitor. The imaginative reader may be able to sense what this might mean to any decent American.

Many government employees, in like cases, have bitterly or resignedly accepted their fate. The spunky Mrs. Smith did not. She had already written to her congresswoman, Helen Gahagan Douglas, describing the circumstances. Mrs. Douglas had investigated, received countless angry assurances of Mrs. Smith's loyalty and referred the matter to Paul Porter, former OPA administrator and Washington lawyer. Mrs. Smith cut short her honeymoon to come to Washington, and Porter, accepting the case gratis, appeal direct to the top navy loyalty board.

Tolerant Racial Views

It is not known why Mrs. Smith was accused in the first place. Perhaps her tolerant racial views made her suspect. Perhaps it was a case of mistaken identity. It is alarming that the best of us had the first 245 FBI full field investigations under the loyalty order turned out to be cases of mistaken identity. Perhaps it was a combination of both. At any rate, the



Will It Stop Him?

Places Flowers On Actors Grave

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 23—(AP)—"The Lady in Black"—or anyway, a lady in black—showed up today at the Tomb of film actor, Rudolph Valentino, on the 22nd anniversary of his death.

It was the first time in several years that she had appeared. For long after the Latin film idol's death a black-clad woman went to his grave every year and deposited flowers. This finally was exposed as a press agent stunt when someone got his wires crossed and two "ladies in black" dropped around at the same time.

Today's said her name was Ditra Flame, and that she is head of the Valentino Memorial guild. "I knew Rudy for many years, long before he became famous," she added.

She arrived at the cemetery afoot, carrying a huge bouquet of chrysanthemums. Valentino died of acute appendicitis in New York, Aug. 23, 1926.

navy board, prodded by Porter, and "after complete and careful review of all the evidence," immediately reinstated Mrs. Smith with back pay and wholly exonerated her.

Thus the case of Mrs. Smith has ended happily. Many others have not. One thing seems clear: The stupidity and bumbling in the handling of many loyalty cases, and the eager headline-seeking of men like J. Parnell Thomas are no answer to the very real problem of security. Yet the answer must be found. It can best be found by a commission of men of undoubted intelligence and integrity, men like Dwight Eisenhower, Learned Hand, Justice Owen Roberts. Such a commission, meeting in secret, could consider coldly, carefully and intelligently the whole troubling and immensely difficult problem of the relationship between national security and the personal liberty and personal dignity of people like Mrs. Ann Smith.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



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Public Records

DISTRICT COURT

Keith M. Pratt, Gates, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, bound over to grand jury after waving preliminary hearing; held in lieu of \$1,000 bail. Johnny Leonadus Thompson, 3000 Portland rd., no truck mud flaps, fined \$5 and costs.

Judith Evangeline Loring, Salem route 2, no operator's license, fined \$5 and costs. James Monroe May, Powers, driving while intoxicated, fined \$250 and costs, placed on one year probation and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.

Harland Harmony Selmer, Salem route 3, no operator's license, fined \$5 and costs. Richard Glen Garrett, 1825 N. 4th st., failure to heed stop sign, fined \$1 and costs.

Evan Mesenheimer Bankston, 100 Williams ave., no motor vehicle license, fined \$10 and costs.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Violation of red light: John W. Shattuck, 1211 Clay st.; Harold G. Russell, Portland; Arnold F. Jameson, Everett, Wash.; Nick Giesch, Myrtle Creek; Keith E. Norris, Green River, Wyo.; Allen Goldsmith, Vancouver, Wash.; Paul C. Rodgers, 2040 Market st.; John L. Wright, Portland. Posted \$2.50 bail each.

Donald C. Baker, Woodburn, charged on two counts of violation of basic rule, posted \$10 on each charge. Gay L. Miller, Portland, violation of basic rule and driving without operator's permit, posted total \$12.50 on both charges.

Stephen W. Findlay, Victoria, B. C., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Joseph S. Davis, Woodburn, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

Pearl Smith, 1215 S. 18th st., charged with assault and battery; pleaded innocent, posted \$250 bail and trial set for September 9 at 1:30 p. m.

Adah G. Fischer, Salem, violation of basic rule, fined \$10.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Robert H. Morris, 30, refrigeration man, 1271 Chemeketa st., and Patricia Ann Gorton, 21, nurse, both of Salem.

Lauren Delbert Follett, 28, logger, and Eulalia Marcel Huntsucker, 19, musician, both of Toledo.

Roger Emery Loe, 19, farmer, and Phyllis Dean Lincoln, 21, student, both of Silverton.

Ernest Dale Fuller, 30, mechanic, Gervais, and Anna Elizabeth Sparks, 30, x-ray technician, 2191 Maple ave., Salem.

Raymond Hershfelt, 26, lumber yard employe, 3830 State st., and Evelyn Marie Durham, 20, domestic, 610 S. 18th st., both of Salem.

PROBATE COURT

Martha Ruth Schaum Goodman guardianship estate: Estate appraised at \$3,314.

Gertrude Hensel estate: Order authorizes sale of real property.

Antal Daniel estate: Order authorizes sale of real property.

Nels William Nelson estate: Order authorizes transfer of interest in estate property.

Lillian May Bitney estate: Order approves final account and settles estate.

Roberta Stewart Moore guardianship estate: Order appoints Floyd H. Emmons, Jennie C. Emmons and Barbara L. Holland as appraisers.

CIRCUIT COURT

William T. Culps vs Thelma T. Willis, L. Rushton Willis and Joseph E. Willis: Case dismissed with prejudice and, with costs to neither party on motion of plaintiff.

Bessie Curry vs Marion Card: Defendant files motions for order to strike.

Union high school district 3 vs Henry Zorn and others: Order overrules defendants' demurrer and defendants allowed 10 days in which to further plead.

Stanley R. Smith vs Florence Irene Smith: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks that defendant's former name of Florence Irene Davis be restored.

Phillip E. Braddock vs Dale Braddock: Suit for divorce charging desertion. Married March 7, 1933, at Los Lunas, N. M.

Merene Digerness Adams and others vs Evans Lumber Co.: Suit seeks to collect \$12,425 in payment for trees allegedly cut by defendant.

Valley Obituaries

William G. Clark

AURORA—William G. Clark, 82, Butteville, died Saturday after a brief illness. Clark was born October 18, 1865 in Lawrence county, Penn., and came to Oregon 83 years ago. He had made his home at Butteville for the past 40 years, engaging in farming the most of that time.

He is survived by two sons, Donald, Los Angeles, and Daniel, Butteville; two daughters, Miss Klock, Tigard, and Helen Hayes, Butteville; two brothers, Wallace and John Clark, Portland; two sisters, Mae Grier, Los Angeles, and Alta Fowler, Tigard; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m., at the Miller Funeral Home in Aurora, with concluding services at Butteville cemetery.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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sea were covered with dust that had been blown from the light lands of the Inland Empire.

The forest service has a guard station at Pamela lake, the guard serving also to man the lookout on Grizzly peak in bad fire weather. The lake itself is small in size. On up the canyon from its head is Hunt's cove, one of the rare beauty spots of the mountains. From the cove and Pamela lake the ascent is made up the south-south slope of Mt. Jefferson which rises abruptly on the north side.

The Grizzly peak trail consists of three miles of long loops, coming onto a fairly steep approach at the rocky point of the mountain. The view at the top is simply rewarding. To the northeast is a panorama of the Broken Top slope of Mt. Jefferson, in all the other directions spread out the forested slopes and points of the lower Cascades. Along the comb of the range Cathedral Spire, Fingers and South Cinder, Three Fingers and the Broken Top to the left on the far horizon; Marion peak to the south, Three Pyramids, Coffin Mt., on the west; to the north the ridges of the Breitenbush watershed. At one's feet Pamela lake cupped in an emerald bowl.

But there is more than the view to compensate for the self-inflicted punishment of climbing a mountain. There is communion with nature in its pure and elemental forms. The forests heal wounds of the spirit and the majestic mountains give a lift to earth-bound souls of men. The worries of life are suddenly smoothed out. The vastness, the deep silence, the rock-skeletons of the mountains link one with the eternal verities.

Yet the mountains are not changeless. In fact, the evidences of change are all around. Milk glacier on the west slope of Jefferson is itself a remnant, and the eroded flanks of the mountain show where its ancestor and other long centuries of time Jefferson itself stands on top of lavas far more ancient. Wind and frost and rain are sculptors that never rest.

But the time-scale is so different from that of the Gregorian calendar. Mountains count time by millenniums, not by years. Men who breathe the air of the mountains and drink of their waters get a new sense of dimension. They should come to view the human scene in broader perspective.

Just as I got to the top of

Salem Scouts To Attend Meet

Four delegates from the Salem chapter, Order of the Arrow, Boy Scout honorary, will attend a three-day national conference of the organization in Bloomington, Ind., from September 1 to 3.

The announcement came Monday from the Cascade Area council, Boy Scouts of America, sponsor of the groups. Those to attend are Vernon Merrick, Woodburn, lodge adviser; Dick Wyatt, president; Wayne Mercer, secretary and Frank Vitaris, treasurer, all of Salem.

The delegation will be the first from this area to attend the conclave.

County Given Revenue Share

PORTLAND, Aug. 23—(AP)—Marion county received \$40,152.99 Monday when \$9,989,051 of revenues collected from timber sales, grazing fees and recreational leases in federal forests of Oregon, Washington and two northern California counties were distributed.

The money represents total receipts for the fiscal year ending July 31, and sets an all-time high. Oregon counties received \$1,696,110.99; Washington, \$795,543, and Siskiyou and Del Norte counties of California, \$8,109.90.

Grizzly I heard the noise of a motor, proface in that solitude. Looking up toward Jefferson I saw an airplane against the cloud that had enveloped the pinnacle. In the space of a few minutes the pilot could fly all round the mountain and see its glaciers and cirques and ridges. But I doubt if he saw what we saw. Really, to see the mountains you must feel them. You do that in slowly toiling upward to their summits. The price is weariness, blistered feet, aching muscles and sometimes physical risk; but those who love the mountains do not begrudge the cost.

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