

Experts Predict 'All the King's Men' Will Capture 1950 'Oscar'

By Oscar
(As told to Bob Thomas)
HOLLYWOOD—(P)—You know me—Oscar. I'm the most famous hunk of gold-plated bronze in the world.
Next Thursday night I'll be handed out to a few dozen fortunate individuals at the 22nd Annual Academy Awards affair. This year the wise boys predict these will be the winners:
Actor—Broderick Crawford, "All the King's Men."

Truman Acts to Allay Fears of Census Replies

KEY WEST, Fla., March 18—(P)—President Truman acted today to allay fears at home of the approaching census and back up Secretary of State Acheson's seven-point proposal for ending the cold war with Russia.
Mr. Truman assured all Americans that they need have "no fear" of giving frank answers to confidential questions asked when the taking of the 1950 census starts April 1.

His press secretary, Charles G. Ross, disclosed that the president was consulted in the drafting of Acheson's two California foreign policy talks, was in "hearty accord" with them and telephoned his congratulations to Acheson at Washington last night.

Clifford Gets Job
Meanwhile, Clark M. Clifford, former special counsel to the president, joined Mr. Truman at the "winter white house" a day after disclosure that he has been hired as Washington counsel for Howard Hughes' Trans World Airlines. Clifford flew down with Fred M. Vinson, chief justice of the United States, and long-time pal of the president's.

Resigned Position
Clifford resigned his \$20,000-a-year post as presidential counsel January 31 to seek greater remuneration as a private attorney.
Considerable interest has been shown in reports Clifford will represent TWA, which is opposing a proposed merger of its American competitors across the Atlantic. The final decision in such cases is made by the president.

Ross told questioning reporters there was "no significance in the visit of the chief justice and the former White House lawyer."
The president signed the official proclamation that calls for starting the 17th census on April 1.

In it, he said its sole purpose is to secure statistical information regarding the population, its characteristics, its homes and its farms.

Dinner to Fete YM Counselors
Counselors of YMCA-sponsored clubs on the grade, junior high and senior high school levels will be given recognition Tuesday evening at a dinner in the YM, given by the boys' work committee.

The dinner, ordinarily presented in late spring, will honor 17 club advisors. R. H. Boardman, chairman of the leadership committee, is working on arrangements. The leaders will also make plans for later sectional meetings.

Senators Ask Foreign Aid Cut

WASHINGTON, March 18—(P)—Members of the senate appropriations committee agreed informally today to demand that foreign aid bear a share of any budget slashing done by congress.

Domestic spending is ticketed tentatively for a \$1,213,000,000 reduction as the house appropriations committee begins work on it. Foreign aid will be handled in a separate bill.

The senators' action served as significant—if informal—notice to the house that the senate committee won't go along with the domestic cut unless reductions are made in Marshall Plan and Atlantic Pact funds.

Drug Supplies in Stolen Automobile at Albany

ALBANY, Ore., March 18—(P)—J. C. Stapleton, Independence, drug salesman, today reported his automobile had been stolen here last night. Inside were more than \$700 in drug supplies, he said. There were no narcotics.

ASK U.S. STAFF REDUCED
WARSAW, Poland, March 18—(P)—The United States has been told to reduce its military personnel at the American embassy, it was learned tonight.

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FOUR CORNERS—Esther Strang, 2349 Lee st., is shown picking mushrooms at the West Foods Co. plant, located on State road near Four Corners. The plant, the largest in the west, ships the tasty buttons by air and rail to all parts of the nation. (Statesman photo.)

Young Gunman Loses Bout with Bend Police

BEND, Ore., March 18—(P)—A young gunman lost tonight in an alley gunfight with three city policemen.

Eight minutes after Jack M. Widner, 20, formerly of Thousand Oaks, Calif., held up an automobile service station at the south edge of the city he was ambushed. A slug in his chest and another bullet in one hip dropped him on the alley pavement in the business section.

One of the police officers, Emil Moen, was saved from wounding when a bullet from Widner's Luger-type pistol shattered his metal watch fob. Officers Max Weaver and Ted Hinshaw were unhurt.

Widner is in critical condition at the St. Charles hospital. He had received three blood transfusions while doctors worked to keep him alive. The whole blood was from volunteer donors.

The policemen said the attendant at the Pine Tree Motel service station on highway 97 had called the alarm and identified the getaway car. Widner was driving as one reported stolen earlier today. Widner was stopped 8 minutes later for questioning. As he stepped from the car, he pulled the pistol and opened fire, running into the alley.

Widner has been working here in the Great Northern railway shops for the past two weeks. His home address was listed by police as box 88, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

SLIDES BLOCK HIGHWAY

PORTLAND, March 18—(P)—Earth slides blocked travel along the old scenic Columbia River highway east of here today. Recent rains were blamed.

Four Corners Mushroom Plant, Largest In West, Produces Over Ton Weekly

Statesman News Service
By Effie May White
FOUR CORNERS—For hundred of years the edible fungi commonly called the mushroom has been used as a delicacy complementing other foods.

Cooks and chefs the world over vie with each other in concocting a dish a la mushrooms, that attracts the eye, does "things" to the palate.

Webster defines a mushroom as "any fleshy basidiomycetous edible fungus," and then gave it the aristocratic sounding name of agaricus campestris.

One mile east of Four Corners on State road is located the West Foods Co. Here the delicate, desirable and delectable Agaricus Campestris is produced in one of the largest mushroom plants in the northwest. The plant produces more mushrooms than any other company west of the Mississippi river.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland West, owners of the business, began the growing of mushrooms at this location in 1936 in a converted chicken house with their greatest assets indomitable courage and enthusiasm for their chosen work.

The original 11 acres has expanded to 74 and the chicken house has "hatched" 23 growing houses or rooms with 12 "beds" to each room tiered up six high, with a walk way around and between the beds. Each room has 6,000 square feet of growing space.

Set well back from the road the residence in the left foreground in its setting of trees, shrubs and flowers adds a homey touch to the neat, well kept buildings that comprise the large plant. Neatness, cleanliness and efficiency greet the eye at every turn. From the sterile room equipped with germicide lamps to the compost sheds, everything is so quietly ordered.

Formerly all the spawn was shipped out here from the east coast. Wests are now equipped for growing their own pure-cultured spawn as well as supplying other growers on the west coast. The establishment of this new spawn laboratory is not only more economical but saves time as the time element is of the utmost importance in preserving the fertility of the spawn. The culture of the mushroom spawn is a tedious and delicate process of transferring the starting spores through several stages of flasks and bottles over a period of several weeks always under the sterile conditions. The different strains must be kept pure.

It requires from 60 to 70 tons of raw compost to prepare the finished material for the beds in one room. These are changed three times a year. When a room is made ready for a new planting it is kept at 140 degrees for 48 hours for sterilization. It is then cooled to 80 degrees for planting and kept at 80 degrees for the growing period. They grow in total darkness. Three weeks after planting the beds are "cased." "Casing" in the mushroom vernacular, means placing about one inch of special sterile soil over the beds. From the time of planting the spores to picking the development of matured mushrooms takes six weeks.

Women Do Picking
Women do all the picking, sorting and packaging. The mushrooms then are pulled up by the roots. About 65 per cent of the output is shipped fresh in cartons covered with a new breather wrapper that keeps them sanitary and fresh for a week.

United Airlines brings in a cargo ship six days a week to ship the packaged fresh mushrooms to the Los Angeles and San Francisco markets. From 1,000 to 2,000 pounds are shipped daily except Saturdays. The remainder of the output is canned in about two days each week.

The modern and completely equipped cannery can pack six thousand pounds in an 18 hour day. A variety of the canned product is packed. Buttons, slices, stems and pieces and another item that contains whole chopped mushrooms in beef gravy are canned.

This canned pack is shipped by rail on their own spur track direct from the plant warehouse.

During the war the West Foods Co. packed mushrooms for hospital ships. They were and are much in demand for this market because of their digestibility qualities. They are high in protein being only surpassed in protein content by peas, lima beans and baked beans.

100 Workers Employed
Howard West is production manager. At times as many as 100 people are employed. West maintains a chemical laboratory for testing and improving the culture of the spawn. A machine shop, equipped to take care of every emergency, is ready at all times. Shook for crates and containers is purchased in knocked down bulk and assembled at the plant. Just recently installed is a new machine for wrapping with the new breather wrapper.

With the increasing growth of the plant in the last three years a new plant of 12 rooms has been acquired at Milwaukie.

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DRIVER UNDER ARREST
Peter Arthur Johnson, 1715 Baker st., was in the city jail Saturday night in lieu of \$250 bail following his arrest by city police on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Police reported Johnson was arrested in the 500 block of North Capitol street.

SMELT IN LEWIS RIVER
WOODLAND, Wash., March 18—(P)—Smelt moved into the Lewis river late today and dignitaries got busy after lifting of the ban at 8 p.m.

Mill City Miner Held On Bad Check Charge

Walter Julian Honeck, Mill City miner, was in the Marion county jail Saturday charged with obtaining money by false pretenses following his arrest by Deputy Sheriff Ed Scott.

Scott reported that Honeck had allegedly passed a bad check in Mill City. He was held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

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