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Round-Up and Barber Shop Quartet

For the 1951 Pendleton Round-Up the directors may truthfully advertise, "Something new has been added." New but old—it's the barber-shop quartet. According to the Forest Grove News-Times a treaty of mutual assistance and alliance has been entered into, by and between the All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad contest and the Pendleton Round-Up. The agreement is that one of the finalist quartets in the competition to be held at Forest Grove February 23-24 will be selected to appear as guests at the Round-Up next September.

This may seem like a strange affiliation, and one can't help wondering how it will turn out. Will the barber shop four be given time to sing between calf-roping events at the arena or at the Happy Canyon event at night? Will they have to let their whiskers grow to qualify for the wild west occasion? Do they sing on horseback, and at full gallop? Will a singer be disqualified if he gets off key?

We presume of course that they will sing cowboy songs instead of "Sweet Adeline" and "Clementine," and harmonize on "Home on the Range," "I'm Back in the Saddle Again" and "Riding the Range in a Ford V-8."

It should indeed be an attraction for the Round-Up which has been looking around for something to jazz up the attendance. Barbies really can fit into a horse opera—they are working with lather all the time. So when you go to Pendleton next fall and see your usually meek barber all togged out in chaps, sombrero and colored kerchief don't be shocked, just say "Hi O Silver, Let 'er Buck."

Since the price rise however we wonder if the Round-Up, to seal the alliance, shouldn't revise its old slogan to "Let 'er Buck and a Quarter."

Facts Out of Korea

We have long wondered how the airforce could report the dead from its air raids in Korea in specific numbers. How is it possible to tell how many red soldiers have been killed by bombs dropped on them? It seems quite impossible to know just how many are in the area, or how many were hit by bomb fragments. Planes fly fast, and never come down for a count.

This type of reporting is now challenged by the London Daily Mirror, the paper with the largest daily circulation of any in the world, which calls these airforce reports "completely valueless because they are almost always false."

The Mirror recalled its reporter, David Walker, from Korea, and in his article written after his arrival in London he calls the picture given of the Korean fighting "dreadfully distorted," adding:

"This is not the fault of the British correspondents in Korea nor the newspapers at home, but of the Alice-in-Wonderland information handed out at high level either from Tokyo or the 8th army headquarters."

For a long time reporters were free to write without censorship. Later that was imposed. While we have had a lot of information and many pictures from Korea there still are gaps which are confusing. Latest is the apparent precipitate retreat from Seoul, which implies that there was no intention to hold the city. One wonders whether an orderly retreat to Pusan is planned, keeping a toehold around the port city with the support of the navy.

We may not be able to get the full story from American sources but foreign correspondents may be able to tell it. The Mirror has started

by holding its glass up to the official communications.

The Senate and "Lame Ducks"

Noting the appointment of ex-Senator Thomas of Utah, who was defeated in the last election, to an important federal position by the president, the Oregonian says that the senate should be tough in examining the qualifications of these "lame ducks" that Truman is in the habit of taking care of. It is doubtful if the senate will need the advice. Every Senator knows he may be in the lame duck class himself some day, and looking for a federal berth. The only time in recent years that an ex-senator has failed of confirmation was Mon Wallgren of Washington. Thomas of Utah has good qualifications for high office and it is probable that the senate will confirm his appointment promptly, for he is highly esteemed by the members with whom he worked for many years, regardless of party. The job he is assigned to is high commissioner of U.S.-administered trust territory in the Pacific—the old Japanese islands.

The machinists' union which broke with the AFL five years ago over a jurisdictional dispute, has rejoined the federation, bringing the AFL membership to the highest in its history, over 7,000,000. This is the union that controlled shipbuilding jobs during the war. It still has a membership of over half a million, and under the rearmament program its numbers will doubtless increase. Rosie the riveter may be back in slacks and tin hat, paying dues to the union for her working permit.

Deification of Stalin

The adulation accorded Joseph Stalin would in more primitive times be preliminary to his deification. In the atheist state of Russia where God has been abolished Stalin serves as an alternate for popular veneration. His birthday is substituted for the Christian Christmas. All this must gag the old man who ducked out of a Georgian theological seminary in his youth to become a revolutionist.

To show the extent of the glorification of Stalin a Yugoslav provincial newspaper, the Zagreb Daily Naprijed, checked the November 17th issue of Moscow's Pravda and found Stalin's name mentioned 101 times on the front page alone. Here was the score:

Josef Vissarionovich Stalin—35 times.
Comrade Stalin—33 times.
Great Leader—ten times.
Dear and Beloved Stalin—seven times.
Great Stalin—six times.

"Other variations were 'Stalin the Genius,' 'Great Leader of Entire Mankind,' 'Great Chief of All Workers,' 'Protagonist of Our Victories,' 'Great Fighter for Peace,' 'Stalin the Hope of Fighters for Peace,' 'Faithful Fighter for the Cause of Peace,' etc."

If and when the Russians take over Yugoslavia we know of one editor whose corpse will adorn a Zagreb lampost, unless he reaches the border first.

In this matter of price and wage controls the attitude of each group seems to be like that of the schoolboy in the old bit of doggerel: "Teacher, teacher, don't whip me; Whip that boy behind the tree; He stole peaches, I stole none..."

Judging by the "white sales" folk expect to continue sleeping for some time to come.

GENTLEMEN, BE SEATED!



Comes the Dawn

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat who likes to see legislative sessions take off with a bang, says he will seek a ruling to chase women to the sidelines. The secretaries, in the memory of the oldest lobbyist, have always had chairs right next to their bosses in the legislature chambers.



only state which permits secretaries in legislative chambers.

The secretaries give the legislature a sort of honey touch, though. While their bosses argue and fume over legislation the girls purr one and drop two or work crossword puzzles. An attempt to banish the secretaries from the session chambers was made four years ago and fell as flat as last week's hairdo. Oregon, incidentally, is the

Sen. Mahoney may stir up trouble in another quarter, though... The erudite senator took lunch at a prominent Salem coffeshop Saturday morning... asked the waitress if the menu prices were "jacked up for the legislature"—and left with the menu in his pocket... P.S. the coffeshop hasn't had an extensive price raise in months.

Indications are that the session to open Monday will probably equal in duration the record 97-day marathon of two years ago... Bill McDougall, Willamette Collegian editor, will work as an Associated Press staffer at the legislature... Rep. Mark Hatfield, 28, is the youngest member of this session... Sen. Richard Neuberger and Rep. Mrs. Richard Neuberger, which hubby Neuberger claims is the first legislative husband and wife team in the history of the United States, will be there to needle those legislators who think even one Neuberger is more than enough.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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chain runs out into the ocean at about 55 degrees north latitude, while the narrows of Bering strait are about 66 degrees. If the crossing was made at the latter point then the mountain masses to the south may have discouraged migration that way, and thrown the travel to the north along the coastal plain bordering the Arctic ocean. Now what evidence is there that man came this way? Writes Solecki: "It was not until 1947 that the first unmistakable proof of man's early presence in this region was discovered. In that year a U.S. Geological Survey party found a single stone spearhead on a bare, windswept ridge in the unglaciated northern foothills of the Brooks range, Alaska's northernmost mountain range. This fluted stone point was definitely identified by Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr., the foremost authority on the Paleo-Indians, as the work of the Folsom man, who had already been dated by the finds in New Mexico at some 10,000 years ago."

Later J. Louis Giddings of the University of Alaska unearthed a number of artifacts along Norton sound, just south of Seward peninsula which jut toward Asia. These included Folsom and Yuma projectile points, and burins, tools used to carve bones and antlers. Other artifacts, not so ancient, have been found on this

Washington... Ways In.....

By Jane Eads

WASHINGTON (AP)—The army, navy and air force all have their own nurses and continuously want more.

All have officers' commissions.

Current army corps strength is hush-hush, but as of last June the army had 3,460 on duty, more than 1,000 stationed abroad and more than 5,000 others in the reserves. On Nov. 21, the army called for 3,000 volunteer nurses and involuntarily recalled 650 reservists.

The navy on Nov. 16 had 2,250 nurses on active duty and about 5,000 reservists. About 400 have been recalled voluntarily since the Korean crisis. Involuntary recalls have been for hospital corpsmen only.

The air force says it has about 1,200 nurses on duty and would like to have two and a half times as many. It has about 500 reservists.

All three services also have women doctors, dentists and veterinarians and women's medical specialist corps made up of dietitians, occupational therapists, physical therapists and other specialists.

Army nurses all come into the service as second lieutenants at \$21,75 a month with \$50 for living quarters and \$42 for subsistence if they do NOT live at Army hospitals, which most of them do. All must be graduates of accredited nursing schools. Brand new nurses must NOT be over 28 years of age. If they want to be reservists there is no age limit.

They must be U. S. citizens, have no dependents under 18 and must pass the usual physical, mental and character qualifications. Those who have not had previous military service will receive a four-week training course at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., at the army medical center. Those wishing to enter the specialist corps must be registered nurses and graduate dietitians, physical therapists or occupational therapists between 21 and 45.

Navy nurses in the regular corps must enter as ensigns (corresponding to second lieutenant) and must not be over 28. To be eligible for the reserve corps, a candidate must be a graduate of an accredited school of nursing, currently registered in a state or the District of Columbia and must be a member of a nursing organization affiliated with the American Nurses association. In the reserves ages are from 21 to 40 years. Requirements for air force nurses are roughly the same as they are for army nurses.

Albany Law Firm Robbed

ALBANY, Jan. 6 (AP)—If the burglar who robbed a law firm office of \$305 here last night is ever caught he can expect to be prosecuted to the limit.

The thief apparently opened the office door with a pen knife and found the safe unlocked, Police Chief Ray Maddy said.

Members of the law firm are Courtney Jones, district attorney, and Melvin Goode, former district attorney now a state legislator.

Akron is one of the highest spots in Ohio. It is about 1,000 feet above sea-level.

Safety Valve

Suggests Radio Hook-up For Air Raid Warning

To the Editor: A short time ago The Statesman reported the failure of the Spokane air warning system, people not hearing it while shopping in stores, and again another report comes of the failure of the combined police and fire departments' warning of San Francisco. I think we all will remember the failure of the Salem warning system.

In the event of an attack by enemy planes, although not probable on a city the size of Salem, there still remains the possibility it is most imperative that we have an early and effective warning, as it appears to me that the best defense against an attack by an atom bomb, is to be out from under. Or in other words, off the streets and in whatever shelter we have provided or can find, as more lives will be saved by an early warning than any other means. With an early enough warning, a city the size of Salem could even be evacuated.

I would like to suggest that we already have the means at our command of creating a perfect system of warning which would include all. That is, that one of the local broadcasting stations be taken over to act as our system of warning, just during the hours from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. It would do no broadcasting between those hours, but act as a listening post, and that we keep our radios tuned in to that station all night. Upon that station receiving an alert from the radar watchers, it would immediately broadcast the warning, and our radios being tuned in would warn us even if we were asleep at night or were listening to another radio in the evening. It would also be invaluable inasmuch that instructions could be given from defense headquarters to the general public which in the event of a warning without some such control from headquarters might end in panic. Cars with radios, if tuned in to that station, could also be controlled.

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Early Climbers of Mt. Hood

Gave Altitude at 17,640 ft.

To the Editor: In the issue of Friday, December 29, 1950, under the heading, "It Seems to Me", you asked "How high is Mt. Hood?" and show different answers in the Blue Book and other places.

I wish to quote you a paragraph from Rev. Gustavus Hines' "Oregon and its Institutions", written in 1868. In describing two attempts to ascend Mt. Hood, the first one unsuccessful and the second one successful, he said of the second attempt:

"On the morning of the twenty-fourth day of July, 1866, in company with three gentlemen from the city of Portland, Oregon, I set out with heart and hope full of determination to stand upon that summit if mortal energy and determination could reach it. We crawled back along the sharp escarpment, and in a few minutes stood erect on the highest pinnacle. This was found to be seventeen thousand six hundred and forty feet high; the thermometer, by a very careful observation, standing at one hundred eighty degrees, where the water boiled about forty feet below the summit. This gives thirty-two degrees of depression, which, at the usual estimate of five hundred and fifty feet to the degree, gives the astonishing altitude indicated above." (Pages 37 and 44.)

I thought this information might be interesting to you, hence the letter.

Oscar Furuset

Your Health

Written by Dr. Herman N. Sundens

Cervical Rib Causes Trouble

The lines on which the body is formed are pretty much fixed and the same pattern is followed in every individual. Nevertheless, it sometimes happens that there are deviations from this standard model. Usually, for instance, only a certain limited segment of the spine throws out ribs. Once in a while, however, the spine in the region of the neck will sprout these bony projections which may vary in length from mere spurs of bone to a complete rib. Whatever their size, they are known as cervical ribs and sooner or later can be expected to cause trouble through the pressure they exert on the important nerves and blood vessels which traverse this area.

Women seem to develop cervical ribs more frequently than do men. The abnormal ribs are usually present on both sides but may be confined to one, in which case the extra ribs are likely to be to the left. At the same time the infrequent ribs which appear on the right side seem to cause more severe symptoms, possibly because most people are right-handed and use the right arm to a greater extent.

Symptoms vary greatly from case to case, their nature and severity depending on exactly which of the underlying structures are cramped and the degree of pressure exerted.

There may be pain passing from the neck down to the fingers and even into the chest, shoulders and upper back. Numbness and tingling may also be present. Now and then there may be slight weakness in some of the arm muscles, and this may gradually get worse until there is even paralysis and wasting of the muscles. The circulation through the arm may be so disturbed that the skin feels cold. There may be increased sweating of the arm, and paleness.

To make a diagnosis of cervical rib, a physical examination is necessary, together with an X-ray of the upper part of the spine. Conditions which may produce similar symptoms are arthritis of the upper part of the spine or protrusion of one of the spine's cartilage disks between the bones of the spine.

In treating cervical rib, exercises to raise and bring the shoulders forward may help. The application of heat may be of advantage. If these measures fail, operation for removal of the rib is required.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

A Reader: What causes enlargement of the prostate gland? What is the cure for it?

Answer: Enlargement of the prostate gland occurs in some men as they get older. The cause is unknown. It is part of the aging process, just as gray hair may occur in people as they grow older.

For the mild or moderate case, medical treatment is generally sufficient. If the enlargement is extensive, surgical removal is usually required.

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FIRECRACKER KILLS SNAKE

GOA, Portuguese India—(AP)—A firecracker tossed by a child in the house of a government official in a village near here brought a deadly cobra out of hiding. The cobra darted toward the cracker and picked it up in its mouth. A second later it exploded, killing the snake.

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(Editor's Note — This is the first time we have heard of the use of a thermometer to determine altitude. The reckoning was badly off. The present altitude is 11,245, and the mountain hasn't shrunk 6400 ft. in less than a century.)