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No Reorganization for Flood Control

The spring floods of 1952 are about over. Utah is still well drenched but the states along the Missouri and Mississippi are drying out after their deluge. Government has provided some financial assistance to states in the Midwest and the Red Cross is raising funds for flood relief. But the challenge thrown out by President Truman on his air tour of the Missouri Valley to "do something" has brought no results. Congress probably will appropriate more funds for the Pic-Sloan plan. Engineers will make fresh studies, but "ol' man River, he just keeps rollin' along."

Mr. Truman after he returned to Washington said he would move to carry out the recommendation of the Hoover Commission to transfer the civil functions of the Corps of Engineers to the Interior Department. A week later he retreated from that statement, saying he wouldn't make such a move.

The weight of informed opinion is that responsibility for handling water problems should be consolidated in a single agency. The evidence of rivalry, of wrong estimating and of waste laid against both the Corps of Engineers and the Reclamation Bureau was so convincing that the Task Force of the Hoover Commission that it wanted to create a new Department of Natural Resources. The majority of the Commission didn't go that far, but they did seek to effect a consolidation.

The President didn't say why he changed his mind. However, one can surmise the reasons. First, there is lack of confidence in the Reclamation Bureau of the Interior Department which has been one of the free spenders and poor estimators of cost. Second, the Corps of Engineers has such powerful political support in Congress that the President couldn't hope to abolish its civil functions. Any measure to effect such a reorganization would go to the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments of which Sen. McClellan of Arkansas is chairman. But McClellan as member of the Hoover Commission wrote a minority report objecting to any change in the functions of the Corps of Engineers. With his opposition the Senate probably would reject any such reorganization plan. So the rivers will keep on rolling; the rival bureaus will keep on competing; and the spending will continue to mount.

Higher Car Insurance Rates

Ordinarily the more business a concern has the more profit it makes. The rule doesn't always hold, however. Take the casualty insurance companies which insure against damage to and by automobiles. They fostered legislation to encourage car owners to take out insurance; now they are caught with heavy losses due to the high rate of accidents and the high cost of repairs and the high level of personal injury damages granted by juries. Most of the companies had a poor year in 1951; so now they are getting ready to ask for higher insurance rates.

They have no other alternative, unless they go to a strict screening of their risks. If the great mass of car owners are to be insured the casualty companies must carry the insurance. And if car owners continue to produce record numbers of accidents and fatalities and injuries the costs

to companies will increase—and the rates must follow apace.

Rate determination is based on experience, but with the greater number of automobiles and the higher rate of speed the accident rate tends to increase in spite of all the accident prevention campaigns which are carried on. Perhaps the quickest way to bring home to car owners the costs of accidents is to increase the insurance rates. Then if they could work out some rebate for those who have no accidents we might be able to make progress in accident prevention.

In the end it is the car drivers themselves who fix the rates for their car insurance.

"Inside" Politics

Taft's easy victory in the Ohio primary gave him a bloc of delegates which puts his total ahead of that of Eisenhower. The see-saw will continue right down to the eve of the convention. Oregon's majority will go to Ike; but in many of the states the delegations will be in the pockets of politicians, kept there for trading purposes.

In this situation it is reported that the old Dewey organization is moving in, headed by Herbert Brownell, with the idea of doing the close-in work needed to get a majority for Eisenhower. Heretofore the Lodge-Duff-Carlson group has kept rather tight control of the Ike-for-President campaign. Dewey has been shouldered to the sidelines. The reason for this was that they regarded the Dewey name as something of a liability and second, they didn't want the Dewey crowd to take over control.

There have been rumors and denials of this inside maneuvering, with nothing really definite one can hang a hat on. As the showdown comes, however, and it will come in the last few weeks before the convention the Eisenhower supporters will have to compose their differences and stage a unified campaign or they are apt to fall apart and fail.

This preliminary bickering though is just a mild sample of what will develop if Eisenhower is elected. Then the competition for seats near the throne will result in real jungle fighting.

Kefauver Runs Ahead

The politicians may not like him but Estes Kefauver remains the man to beat for the Democratic nomination for President. Tuesday he garnered 24 delegates from Ohio. While he ran behind Senator Russell of Georgia in the Florida primary his vote there was substantial, not very far behind that of Russell. Under the Florida system a runoff primary will be held on May 27 when delegates will be chosen. Kefauver's campaign method is "old shoe" but it has proven remarkably successful with the people. If Eisenhower is nominated, however, maybe the politicians will wish the nomination on Kefauver, making him the sacrificial goat.

King Ibn Saud is said to be putting the squeeze on American oil companies operating in Saudi Arabia. He now gets 50 per cent of the profits but wants more. The companies doubtless will dicker with the king, lest they get the bum's rush as did the British in Iran.

In the Gasoline Alley election we recommend: Vote for Skeezix instead of his partner Bobbie.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

by Lichty



"Election years seem to act like a tonic on Finnewton . . . I think he enjoys getting in a voting booth and doing as he pleases . . ."

Comes the Dawn

Chester Stackhouse, Willamette University athletic director, gets a constant barrage of mail—and most of it has his name twisted into all sorts of odd shapes. He's used to it by now. He figured he'd seen everything until a letter came to him this week—and it carried the payoff in screwy spelling stabs at the Stackhouse family monicker. The letter was addressed to "C. Hester Steak House." It came from a firm in New York. Come to think of it, Stackhouse is almost as big as a Steak House.

A gal volunteer worker put in four hours at the Salem Eisenhower headquarters one day—and all this time she wore a flashy red, white and blue button which read: "I Want Roosevelt Again." She wore this holdover from another age in plain sight and met lots of ardent Ike boosters during her stint of duty at the office and not one person questioned her about it. Now the poor girl is worried sick—she doesn't know for sure whether it was her or the Roosevelt button which failed to attract attention.

Sixteen-year-old Leo Demers Jr. is following in the slipstream of his Dad, "Ace" Demers, local flying demon. Leo Jr., a sophomore at Sacred Heart Academy, soloed this week and got his student pilot license. Papa Demers thinks this makes his son the youngest pilot in these parts.

Odds and ends . . . A Portland paper ended a story about a fire in an Agate Beach golf clubhouse with this tricky note: "The fire brought an estimated 100 spectators in 500 cars." . . . The O. J. Watts family in West Salem is now looking for a small three-wheeled kiddie-cart for their baby black bear, Sugar Loaf. Seems that Sugar Loaf likes to ride them . . . The Salem Chamber of Commerce loves Martin Holm, superintendent of Chemawa Indian School. A Holm friend in Iowa was looking for a place to retire. And Holm urged him to try Salem, which he said was the friendliest city he had ever encountered as a federal employee. (This was probably before the daylight time issue ticked onto the scene.)

Seven years ago today Salem observed V-E Day—ending the European phase of the war which had up to then cost six million lives and one trillion dollars. Unofficial announcement of Germany's surrender, sprung by AP, came before the official announcement. Surrender took place May 8 at 2:41 a.m. French Time— which was really 5:41 p.m. May 7 Pacific War Time (Sunday). Salem celebrated V-E Day by jamming the blood bank here and sporting lapel re-dedication cards which pledged them to continued blood donations, salvage efforts and bond purchases. Everyone agreed it was the beginning of the end.

IT SEEMS TO ME

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out of a desire to wind up the Korean affair? No intimation comes from Washington as to what our next move will be. Maybe no policy has been agreed on, which would mean continued drift.

President Truman, it is reported, has been eager to get the Korean police action wound up. With his term drawing to an end that is natural, especially in view of his expressed eagerness to prevent a third world war. It may well be that the Reds are taking advantage of the American domestic situation and just stalling. One thing sure, there is no prospect they will fare any better with a change in the occupant of the White House. Taft may call this Truman's war, but he will not let himself be exposed to the accusation of appeasement, by giving in to the Reds.

Another odd saying is when you "hold a bear by the tail"—you can't let go and you can't hold on. The saying, in reverse, applies as to Korea. The Russian bear has the U.S. and U.N. by the tail, and won't let go.

We could, of course, organize forces on the scale of D-day and try to force a showdown; but there is no indication that a peace could be written if we drove the Reds out of all Korea. So it is very doubtful if this administration—or its successor—will press for a military decision. Me may just have to take the other choice which Van Fleet offers, and try to outsize the Reds.

LANE REGISTRATION HIGH

EUGENE (AP)—The number of voters in Lane County is at an all-time high of 60,871. Of those registered for the May 16 primary election, 21,021 are Republicans, 28,633 Democrats.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Each of us have their part to perform, and we shall surround the building completely."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Homo sapiens" (mankind)?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Denunciate, delinicate, deligate, demitasse.

4. What does the word "inadequate" mean?

5. What is a word beginning with der that means "ridicule; mockery?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "Each of us has his part," and omit completely. 2. Pronounce ho-mo-si-pi-ens, both o's as in hoe, a as in say, I as in it, e as in end, accent first syllable in each word. 3. Delinicate. 4. Inefficient. "The money they received was inadequate for their daily needs." 5. Derision.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MARION

GOLDIE L. LETHBRMAN, Plaintiff, vs. J. H. LETHBRMAN, Defendant.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON you are hereby summoned and required to appear and answer the complaint herein on or before the date of the last publication hereof, and for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for a decree dissolving the marriage and awarding to the plaintiff an absolute divorce, and awarding to plaintiff such other, further and different relief as to this court may seem just and equitable.

This summons is being published by order of the Honorable Joseph B. Felton, one of the judges of the above entitled court, once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Oregon Statesman, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Marion County, Oregon; that the date of the first publication hereof is April 24, 1952 and the date of the last publication hereof is May 15, 1952.

R. W. PICKELL, Attorney for Plaintiff, 207 McGilchrist Building, Salem, Oregon.

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Public Records

PROBATE COURT

Hilda E. Smith estate: Will admitted to probate, and A.L.V. Smith appointed executor. Elmer J. Gehring estate: Closing order.

Tommy Dale Porter guardian-ship: Hearing set June 16 on petition for appointment of Adolph and Alice Vittone as guardians. Amanda B. Gueffroy estate: Jewell E. Brown appointed administratrix.

Imogene Porter estate: Adolph Vittone appointed administrator. Herman J. Spitzbart estate: Appraised at \$1,223.58; sale of bond authorized.

John F. Manning estate: Final hearing set June 16. Otto H. Hunt estate: Appraised at \$954.53.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Verl A. Terry, 27, farmer, Dayton, and Iyvmae Reynolds, 25, beautician, 141 S. Winter St., Salem.

Gary Ray Green, 18, musician, 1544 Hickory St., and Joyce Knobe, 18, cashier, 3865 Monroe Ave., both of Salem.

Irvin J. Koenig, 33, sheet metal worker, 1110 S. 22nd St., Salem, and Dora Barrett, 25, bookkeeper, Brooks.

DISTRICT COURT

Braulis Ducusine, Brooks, charged with non-support, continued to May 8 for plea, held in lieu of \$500 bail.

CIRCUIT COURT

Nona Olive Schlag vs John Albert Schlag: Divorce decree grants plaintiff custody of minor child, \$50 monthly support for child and \$40 monthly for plaintiff, ownership of real and personal property.

Joseph P. Weber vs Shirley Keith Weber: Complaint for divorce alleging cruel and inhuman treatment seeks custody of minor child. Married May 15, 1950, at Vancouver, Wash.

Frances Holloway Boardman vs Roland Thomas Boardman: Complaint seeks annulment of marriage on ground that six months had not elapsed following plaintiff's divorce from former husband, seeks restoration of former name of Holloway. Married July 18, 1949, at Vancouver, Wash.

Mary Klein vs Delbert Klein: Complaint for divorce alleging cruel and inhuman treatment seeks custody of minor child and \$50 monthly support. Married Aug. 3, 1948, at Independence, Ore.

Harold H. Etzel vs P. Etzel: Defendant's demurrer to complaint overruled.

Ervin J. Hardy vs Dorcas Jeanette Hardy and others: Defendant Hardy demurs to complaint on ground of insufficient facts.

State vs Russell Hoffman: Charge of depositing polluting matter in a river. Dismissed on district attorney's motion for lack of sufficient evidence to sustain a conviction.

State Board of Control vs U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. and United States of America: Plaintiff files bill in interpleader seeking determination of defendants' respective rights to \$5,794.25 held by defendant U.S.A. under levy and distraint.

Elmer E. Heman vs Wilma L.

Salem Obituaries

LESTER, Estelle M. Lester, late resident of Estelle Pass, in this city, May 2, at the age of 51 years. Survived by mother, Mrs. Edith May McCormick, two sisters, Mrs. Hazel Schueller and Mrs. Grace Ellis, all of South Bend, Ind. Burial has been made to South Bend for services and interment by the Howell-Edwards Company.

SMITH, Elbert H. Smith, at the residence, 2595 Brooks St., May 5. Survived by wife, Mrs. Alda Smith, Salem, son, Dr. Elbert Smith, Honolulu, T. H.; daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Thomson, McKenzie Bridge, Ore.; two nieces, Mrs. Leona Wilson, Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Evelyn Dorch, Port Morgan, Colo., and one grandson, McKennie Thomson. Services will be held Thursday, May 8 at 1:30 p.m. in the Clough-Barrick Chapel with Dr. Daniel Poling officiating. Private concluding services will be held at the Mt. Crest Abbey, Richmond, services by Pacific Lodge 50 AF and AM.

BENNETT, Mrs. Marion M. Bennett, late resident of 1010 N. 13th St., at a local hospital, May 6, at the age of 28 years. Survived by husband, Noah S. Bennett, Salem; father, Alfred Ames, New York, N. Y.; sister, Roxanna Hutchings, and Miss Eva Ames, both of Elmira, N. Y., and one brother, Alfred Ames, New York State. She was a member of the Catholic Church. Recitation of the rosary will be held at the Howell-Edwards Chapel Friday, May 9, at 8:30 p.m. (PST). Requiem mass will take place Saturday, May 10, at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, interment at Belcrest Memorial Park.

BIRCH, Lee M. Birch, late resident of 1308 Fir St., at a local hospital May 6. Survived by wife, Rosa Birch of Salem; daughter, M. M. Reed of Clatskanie; son, K. D. Birch of Salem, and three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Services will be held at the Clough-Barrick Chapel Friday, May 9, at 3 p.m.

SIMS, Errol J. Sims, at the residence, 2190 Byram St., May 7. Survived by wife, Mrs. Daisy Sims, a son, Willis D. Sims; three grandchildren, Kathleen Sims and Darlene Sims, both of Salem; four sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Hanks, Dallas; Mrs. George Flook, Mill City; Mrs. Milton Hutchings, Portland; and Mrs. Pauline Linteen, also of Portland; three brothers, William Sims, Scio; Kenneth Sims, Lebanon, and Theodore Sims, Shedd. Services will be held Friday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. in the Virgil T. Golden Chapel with interment at Shelburn Cemetery.

MERCER, Mrs. Elsie Lee Mercer, late resident of 908 Union St., at a local hospital, May 6. Survived by husband, Francis E. Mercer, Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Betty Kirchhoff, Little Ferry, N. J.; son, Maurice E. Mercer, Van Nuys, Calif.; grandchildren, Judy Kirchhoff, Little Ferry, N. J., and Gary Mercer, Van Nuys, Calif. Services will be held at the Clough-Barrick Chapel Friday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. with interment at Belcrest Memorial Park.

GAVER, Mrs. Anna Garver, late resident of 1230 Highland Ave., at a local hospital May 7 at the age of 85. Survived by mother, Mrs. Mary P. Geilberger of Salem; sisters, Mrs. Mae McClellan of Salem and Mrs. Edna Coult of Eureka, Calif.; brothers, Edward J. Geilberger of Salem, Ray C. Geilberger of Sacramento, Calif., and William J. Geilberger of Lakewood, Calif. Services will be held at the Howell-Edwards Chapel Friday, May 9, at 1:30 p.m. (PST) with the Rev. Thornton Janama officiating. Concluding services at Tuslath Cemetery.

Heman: Divorce decree to plaintiff restores defendant's maiden name of Knies. Minnie Harding vs Clarence Harding: Divorce decree granted plaintiff.

Cascara Bark Starts Price Rise

CORVALLIS (AP)—Cascara bark started its seasonal climb in price last week, going up 4 cents a pound in the Eugene area, the weekly farm forest products market report said Wednesday. The price now is 20 cents for dry cascara bark.

The Arctic ocean has a low salt content compared with other seas because of the many American and Asian rivers flowing into it.

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America's First Real Guided Missile Shows Well in Tests, Opens New Field of Defense

BY JOSEPH AND STEWART ALSOP

WASHINGTON — Historians are quite likely to hold that this year's most significant military advance, surpassing even the scheduled explosion of the first hydrogen bomb, was the obscure testing of an obscurely named guided missile.

The missile, called "Nike" for the Greek Goddess of Victory, is a fully guided, supersonic rocket developed by the Army. In an impressive number of tests, it had achieved 100 per cent destruction of drone-operated B-17s flying at maximum speed at 35,000 feet. Because of this triumphant showing, "Nike" has already been ordered into quantity production.

When available in quantity, "Nike" will give our great cities and critical industrial installations their first effective "point defense," which is technician's language for close air defense. But even this long forward step is only a fragment, so to speak, of the truly revolutionary meaning of the "Nike" tests.

In brief, the guided missile art consists in solving an inter-related group of hideously difficult problems, involved in building, propelling, stabilizing and guiding any missile in flight. Each "family of birds," as the initiators call the types of guided missiles, of course presents its own family problems. In missiles of great range, for instance, it is necessary to overcome gyroscopic precision—the tendency of gyroscopes to get out of whack because of prolonged friction between their parts. "If the gyro goes, the missile loses stability and can't fly," is the way the practitioners of the art put it.

For all the families of birds, however, the really basic problems are similar or closely comparable. The "Nike" success therefore suggests that birds of other families either have flown or will shortly fly. It can in fact be stated, on highest authority, that this is the case. And from the standpoint of America's air defense, this general progress of our guided missile development is inexpressibly more important than the single success of "Nike."

This is true, in turn, because a fully effective air defense now requires an elaborate weapons system, including at least two guided missiles besides "Nike," as well as many other essential parts. Early warning radar must instantly register the enemy's first approach. Radar-directed fighters must intercept the enemy while he is still in the outer approaches. For accuracy of destruction, the fighter interceptors must fire air-to-air guided missiles able to seek the enemy in flight. An inescapable continental-wide warning net must await the enemy who evades the fighters' onslaught. Missiles of considerable size and range must be guided by the warning net, to strike down the enemy flying towards his target. And finally, the point defense which "Nike" will afford, must destroy any enemy plane that succeeds in running the formidable outer gamut.

Such are the fantastic requirements of a true air defense nowadays. Nothing less will give reasonable security against air attack with atomic weapons, when all may be lost if half the enemy planes get through. And no such defense was even remotely practical, until the doors of a new era began to open this year.

needed for air defense should be satisfactorily tested before the year's end.

Furthermore, the other missing parts of a modern air defense system have been, or are being, or can be provided. The all-weather fighter-interceptor now in use, the F-96, is unsatisfactory, but there are great hopes for the newer F-89. The continental radar warning net is on its way to completion. And for the really early warning which the continental net cannot give, there is the combination of radar picket ships and, still more important, air-borne early warning. Convair aircraft, equipped with warning devices, designed to fly continuous patrols at the extreme limit of the outer approaches, are included in the Air Force budget which Congress is currently hacking to death.

In theory, then, the job of air defense against atomic attack can now be done, although it will take a long time to do it. To this, however, three stern warnings must be added.

First, no single wonder-weapon will do the air defense job. "Nike," for instance, with its short range, cannot knock down bombers firing ground-to-air guided missiles against their targets, or the outer approaches, and it is also questionable whether "Nike" can hit these much smaller, far speedier ground-to-air missiles as well as it has hit the lumbering B-17s. Everything depends, therefore, on having the whole weapons-system.

Second, there is the widest gap between probable performance in a combat emergency and performance in carefully prepared test flights like those which "Nike" has shown up so well in. Even with the complete weapons-system, there will be no complete security—hardly enough security, in fact, to let us sleep at night, and certainly not enough to justify abandoning the balanced defense effort because of our new air defenses. Third, and finally, creating these new air defenses will impose very great additional financial burdens.

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