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"Somewhat by Surprise"

The hero of the Waldorf-Astoria wired GOP Chairman Gabrielson that the invitation to give the keynote address at Chicago "takes me somewhat by surprise." However he accepted "with a real sense of grateful appreciation." We do not know how surprised he was, but have a suspicion he has been polishing up his vocabulary for such an occasion. He has been visible in the wings awaiting his cue to come on stage.

As for the content of his speech, the country is familiar with that. He gave it before the Mississippi legislature, and the sentiment will be the same. It will be larded with high oratory which the General will declaim with whistling effect through his dentures.

—A lot of comment has been offered over MacArthur's participation in politics while still a General on active duty, though unassigned. The Pentagon is quoted as saying it doesn't plan to "do anything" about it. George Turnbull in the Albany Democrat-Herald offers the suggestion that President Truman will sidestep any crackdown, first because he doesn't want to give "the impression he is pursuing MacArthur with persecution," and second he is disposed to "let the General do all the damage he can to the opposition party."

The pre-convention proceedings staged by the Taft Republicans including the selection of MacArthur for keynote speaker, are certainly doing plenty of damage. One can just feel the prospects of GOP victory in November oozing away. Even the popular Eisenhower will have his work cut out for him if he is the party nominee for president.

Progress in Race Relations

Salem's gain in at least one direction was shown in the recent visit by the Wings of Jordan Negro choir. Concerts by colored choruses aren't unusual here, but the members usually have returned to Portland in order to find lodging. This time the singers stayed several days at a large Salem hotel, ate most of their meals there and reported "not a single unpleasant incident" in hotels, restaurants or stores here.

The contrast comes in recalling the survey report five years ago by Willamette University students that only a handful of Salem establishments would cater to Negroes.

Long Court Fight Ends in "Draw"

After prolonged and extensive legal battles in the past five years the government and the R. Stanley Dollar interests have decided that half-a-loaf is better than risking the loss of all. Instead of going to the showdown fight of all or nothing in control of the American President steamship lines, formerly the Dollar Steamship lines the parties have agreed to offer the stock at issue, which is 92 per cent of the total, up for sale, and to split the proceeds. If the stock doesn't bring over $14 million then they will divide the stock. Since the value of the 92 per cent has been figured at $69 million the minimum selling price certainly should be realized.

The deal will end a prolonged legal battle. While the Dollar interests have won most of the rounds in court, it was fear of losing the last round, plus the cost and delay, which induced them to accept a 50-50 deal. Now they can bid on the stock, and should be able to make the best bid since they would have to put up only half as much cash as another purchaser. If they get the lines they will need to do a better job of running them than they did in the 1930s when they lost them through debt. Improved business conditions now however should make that possible.

State Harmony With Time Discord

In the interest of harmony between urban and rural residents proponents of an initiative to establish daylight saving time for the state have dropped their petition-pushing. The Oregonian suggests that the Farmers Union do the same with its initiative to fix standard time as universal for the state. Whether the F.U. persists or not the next legislature should repeal the 1949 standard time act. It puts the Governor annually on an almost untenable spot — and doesn't provide uniform time.

In view of the wide difference of opinion on the time question perhaps the only solution at present for Oregon is to let communities "roll their own" though uniformity is really the most important consideration.

The politicians in Washington, as they battle over who does what or doesn't in the steel strike, need to remember that steel isn't made unless the workers work. It's a job in human relations as well as law and politics. The greatest failure in the present impasse is the failure in human relations between workers and employers. And the politicians haven't poured any oil on the troubled waters.

Smokers should get ready to face the ballistocardiograph. The name itself is enough to scare them. It's a machine that shows "without error" which persons are sensitive to nicotine, by measuring the "blood impact." With it the doctor will be able to say, with greater positiveness to those with heart trouble, "Stop smoking."

Here is one for the book: A bus company was fined for operating overloaded buses on the approaches to the San Francisco Bay bridge. The charge was based not on the count of passengers but on the weight. Even so, the common complaint of bus owners is over the underload rather than the overload.

Another Russian general is dead at the age of 50. That seems to be the customary "retirement" age for Russian army officers.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty

"...Four years at college, Rosalie... and you still haven't the faintest idea who you want to marry?..."

Comes the Dawn by Conrad Prange

Moving Marion County offices from the old courthouse to the old Salem high school building on Marion Street this week has caused lots of confusion... When the county clerk's counter was torn out (at the courthouse) a $12 check dated 1949 and a $5 check dated 1945 were found under it. Both the checks were from lawyers for fees. Some employes remembered there had been shortages in the past at the counter... And speaking of records: County Recorder Herman Lanke and others are worried about the stacks of invaluable county records, which are to be stored in a non-fireproof room in the old school building.

Among items thrown away at the courthouse prior to moving was an old government book on "Dust Preventatives." It concerned county roads but some employes thot it referred to the old courthouse.

Several persons returned to the scene of their high school hey-days in the move. The school building was a noisy high school for about 40 years until 1937. Gladys White, deputy county clerk, says she graduated from there once and now is returning to the scene of her youthful battle with knowledge. Attorney Allan Carson, who also graduated from the old high school, says he still doesn't feel right, now, walking down the halls with his hat on and smoking.

Even the judges are having troubles. Circuit Judge George Duncan's office stuff was moved out of the courthouse ahead of schedule. So for several days he carried his "office," consisting of a court calendar pad, around with him... And District Judge Val Sloper who is already holed up in the school building, carried on his court trials, hearings, etc., with all the moving racket going on around him... Then there are the offices which have branch offices miles down the hall or on another floor, necessitating much running back and forth by panting secretaries.

A nice regard for sidewalk superintendents was shown when the fence on the west side of the courthouse square was erected this week. If the rest of the fence is like that, it will be a kibitzers dream for those full and part-time watchers who will be on hand daily while the old courthouse is being torn down and the new one erected. The fence is not so high but what an averaged size adult can see over the top. And the fence boards are spaced far enough apart so that even junior-sized hangers-on can get a load of what's going on without having to sneak a peek over the peak.

Public Relations Expert for America's U. N. Team Gives Up, Says Nation Bypassing Agency

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.
Associated Press News Analyst

Porter McKeever is a young man of high capabilities, a crusader for the theory that nations as well as people should do what is right, who has done an excellent public relations job for the American delegation to the United Nations.

He is leaving that job in disillusionment, feeling that the United States is by-passing the U.N. He says there is a trend in Washington to ignore the organization.

Yet his speech might have been more timely if made three years ago. At that time the U. N. had just demonstrated its complete inability to handle such matters as the Berlin blockade, although it did provide the lounge in which settlement negotiations eventually began.

U. S. authorities felt at the time that the U.N. was merely a facade for an idea which would have been fine if it had worked; that it was important as a meeting place for East and West which might some day prove of value, but that it was no good in the cold war except for propaganda.

McKeever argues that this might not have been true had the U. N. not already been weakened through being bypassed on such matters as the Truman Doctrine the beginning of the containment program, the Marshall Plan, Point Four, the North Atlantic Treaty and the like.

He thinks the trend has continued in refusal by the U. S. out of deference for her Allies, to let colonial problems such as Tunisia and Morocco come up for discussion. He now has the agreement of practically everybody that this was wrong.

On many of these things, however, the U. S. was actually acting to preserve the U. N. and still get things done which could not be done any other way. Perhaps, it would have been better to use the U. N. for the direct purpose of strengthening it. But on the U. N. record, Congress was not going to hand over either the money on the control for Greek-Turkish aid, the Marshall Plan and the other things. The people wouldn't have stood for it. And there was also the distinct fear that attempting to force such programs through the U. N. might have meant the final withdrawal of the Communist world from the U. N. and all conmunications with the West.

In the meantime, the U. S. was using the U. N. informally if not formally as the focal point of its developing coalitions and alliances with the peace-seeking nations. The U. S. was bearing by far the major cost of keeping the U. N. alive. It was using the U. N. for the vastly important attempts to secure atomic agreement. It had used the U. N. to drive Russia out of Iran, and for scores of other purposes.

And when the chips were down, when Communist aggression took the form of direct warfare in Korea, the U. N. became the master key for U. S. policy. For the first time the free nations of the world became principles in an area which meant little or nothing to any of them, either militarily or economically.

This was followed immediately by other U. S. sponsored measures to strengthen the U. N. The General Assembly was given power to act where the nations had previously been hamstrung by the Security Council veto. Steps were taken to give the organization a police force of its own to take care of future Koreas.

Men under the U. N. flag stopped the Communists in Korea. U. N. negotiators seek a truce. Perhaps the United Nations in New York should have been the center of consultations between the Allies regarding conduct of the war, instead of Washington. Embassies, rather than the U. N. council tables, have monopolized this work.

Nevertheless, if you are going to discuss trends, and who is responsible, Korea is certainly outstanding evidence in judging the standing of the U. N. in U. S. foreign policy, and in the world.

The Safety Valve

Tribute to Late Friend

To the Editor:

For more than 40 years Paul B. Wallace was my very lovely friend.

In 1916 I served with him upon the Mexican border—"M" Company 3rd Oregon Infantry, under command of Capt. Max Gehler. Paul was a corporal, and I was a private.

In November, 1918, I met Paul Wallace who was then a first lieutenant and I was the regimental sergeant major of the 23rd Engineers.

This meeting was near the Charlemagne Tour in Tours, France—Base Hospital 7, just before Thanksgiving.

Paul had been shot through the legs with a German machine gun. I was a medical patient in that hospital and waited upon Paul.

The state of Oregon has lost a very high class individual, and I am the loser of a very, very lovely friend.

LINN W. NESMITH

Turn the Knob, Colonel

To the Editor:

The more I listen to radio musical programs the madder I get. I wonder if there are others who, like me, would like to own a radio net-work headquarters just long enough to demonstrate my executive ability. I would stand in the wings with a basketful of rocks and whenever a vocalist cut loose with a "new arrangement" or "interpretation" of some grand old song which was beautiful when I was young, I would cut loose and bop him (or her) with a rock. Popular singers have become musical murderers and have steadily grown worse since they tortured "The Man on the Flying Trapeze" to death and raped "The Messiah" in order to produce "We Have No Bananas." Probably they are even planning ravishment of "America" and "The Star Spangled Banner." Singing was once melodious but has now become a feat in vocal acrobatics and endurance; and how the singers do love to show their prowess!

A. M. CHURCH
1400 N. Summer

IT SEEMS TO ME

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result of the vote to the Attorney General within five days thereafter. (Sixty plus fifteen plus five give the 80 days frequently mentioned in discussing the conditions of the Taft-Hartley law).

Section 210 provides that on receipt of the election certificate from the NLRB or after a settlement is reached the Attorney General "shall move the court to discharge the injunction."

The mechanics of the T-H law as applied to the present steel strike would involve:

(1) Appointment of a board of inquiry which would make a report to the President.

(2) The President would direct the Attorney General to seek a court injunction. If the district court granted it, either party might appeal the case to the circuit court of appeals or to the Supreme Court. Whether the court would require men to work in the interval is not indicated in the law.

(3) After an injunction is issued the limit of its duration is 80 days.

It should be noted that the Taft-Hartley law does not direct the procedure the President shall take; the controlling word is "may". This gives the President the option of using the T-H law or not. To date he has refused to invoke it in the steel case though he did use it in the strike of United Mine Workers (with resulting heavy fines against the union).

The maximum benefit of the Taft-Hartley law if invoked would be to get the steel mills in operation for another 80 days. In that period a settlement might be reached. Such is the stubborness of the parties at interest that one may not be too optimistic that they would reach an agreement in that time.

An injunction would force the union officials to withdraw the strike order. It would terminate picketing and make strike activity illegal. It would flow against concerted action by workers to maintain a strike, but it would not force an individual to work if he didn't want to. Whether there would be a rash of "sickness" such as developed among coal miners when the injunction against their strike was in effect, one can't say.

The President contends that through his personal appeal without resort to an injunction he has kept the mills running ten days longer than a T-H injunction would have done. The workers of course are aware of this and probably will resent now being denied the right to strike. Leaving political considerations out, which is difficult at this time, the President must weigh the question whether resort to the injunction and reopening mills for 80 days would speed or retard the settlement which the parties finally must arrive at. At this distance the answer to that is by no means clear.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I am not sure what sentence? "I am not sure but wat I will be there."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "research?"

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Supercilious, superfluity, superficiallity, superlative.

4. What does the "ennui" mean?"

5. What is a word beginning with pr that menas "living by preying on other animals?"

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I am not sure but that I shall be there." 2. Accent both noun and verb on second syllable, not the first. 3. Superficiality. 4. Boredom. (Pronounce an-we, a as in ah, accent first syllable). "His manner of living produced a state of ennui." 5. Predatory.

TINNY FLAVOR

NEW YORK (INS) — The so-called "tinny" flavor of canned foods is in reality an "excessive-heat" flavor, states the 1952 Encyclodedia Americana Annual. Certain canned foods must be subject to extreme heat to avoid spoilage.

Yamhill Fir Attracts Top Bid Thursday

Douglas fir timber in Yamhill County attracted a bid of $41 per thousand board feet, compared to appraisal of $32, in a sale Thursday by Salem District, U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

The office also received expanded authority for sale of salvage timber tracts on which no bids are received at the regular sale. For the next 90 days, these may be sold, at or above the appraisal, to operators in any O&C marketing areas, not only those in the area where the timber is situated.

At present this could affect one tract on Sardine Creek and another in the Dallas watershed, fire-killed in 1951 and 1949, respectively.

Salem District Forester Rodney O. Fety said the action occurred because the great amount of wind-thrown, fire-killed and bug-infested timber in recent years constitutes a threat to Oregon forests. Cutting is considered the only practical method for control of Douglas fir bark beetle.

In yesterday's sale, L. H. L. Lumber Corp. of Carlton won the bidding over two competitors, paying $291,004 for the 8,725,000 feet of fir, hemlock and cedar, according to Fety. The timber is west of McMinnville and is to be cut in "staggered settings" to provide maximum natural reseeding for continuous production.

On one Sardine Creek salvage tract not sold in May, the office has received a bid, and other bids can be taken up to June 16. The appraised value is $51,836 for 2,000,000 board feet of fir, hemlock and cedar.

Pen Inmate Wants Out on Technicality

Petition for his release from the State Penitentiary on grounds that revocation of his parole was illegal was filed Thursday by Louis Theodore Hirschi.

Superintendent George Alexander and Warden Virgil O'Malley were ordered in a writ of habeas corpus to have Hirschi in Marion County Circuit Court next Wednesday for a hearing on his petition.

Hirschi is serving a five-year sentence for forgery from Linn County. He was sentenced July 2, 1951, and placed on probation, which was revoked Oct. 9, 1951.

The prisoner alleges that the revocation order was illegal because he was given no notice of the proceeding and he was not informed until the order had been issued, and that he was not present in court or represented by counsel when the revocation was under consideration.

Wiley Douglas Succumbs to Woods Mishap

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN — Wiley Frank Douglas, 71, died in a Portland hospital Wednesday night from injuries received in an accident two days ago.

Douglas was struck in the head by a piece from a log he was cutting.

Born at Eagle Creek April 25, 1881, he had lived all his life in Oregon and the last 16 years in Woodburn.

He is survived by his widow, Maud, sons, Durwood of Gresham and Arthur in California; daughters, Verna Douglas, also in California and Mrs. Bessie Faller of Lebanon.

Services will be held in the Ringo Chapel at 1 p.m. Saturday with the Rev. Arthur Goble officiating. Interment will be in Belle Passi Cemetery.

Guard Officers Win Promotion

Promotions of two mid-Willamette Valley National Guard officers were announced Thursday by the adjutant general's office.

Robert E. Renn, Woodburn, was boosted from first lieutenant to captain. He is assigned as base supply officers at Portland Airport.

Vernon E. Townsend, Tangent, operations and training officer for the Third Battalion, 152nd Infantry, at Lebanon, was promoted from captain to major.

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Berrymen Eye Weather, Fear Loss of Crops

Strawberry growers, who fell behind in their harvest schedules because of recent rains, are in danger of losing part of their crop unless harvested quickly, it was reported here Thursday.

The Salem office of the State Employment Service said that pickers, whether full- or part-time, are desperately needed. Manager Harold Rose Roessler, said that most growers were several days behind in picking.

Roessler suggested that even persons who have steady employment might pick strawberries over week-ends. Picking scale ranges from 4½ to 5 cents a pound.

Free transportation to the fields and return are supplied daily by growers. Trucks and buses leave the employment office each morning, Monday through Saturday, from 6 to 7 o'clock. Information on patches, to which pickers may drive out, also is available by calling the employment office at 3-9288.

State Worker Pay on Board Agenda Today

The state emergency board will meet in Salem today to decide whether to recommend the average 4.7 per cent pay increase for state employes.

The civil service commission proposed the increase to bring salaries in line with those paid in private industry.

The emergency board is a legislative committee which advises the governor on how he should spend the state emergency fund.

The pay increase would not apply to all state employes. Many of them would get no increase because the commission considers that they now get salaries equal to those paid in non-state employment.

SHINGLE CHANGE

PENTWORTH, England (INS)—Dan Hooper, chimney sweep, bought himself one of the latest electric vacuum cleaners. His shingle now says: "Dan Hooper, Fluographist."

YMCA Adopts $108,224 for Year's Budget

Adoption of a $108,224 budget for the year beginning Oct. 1 occupied most of the Salem YMCA board of directors meeting Thursday.

Comparing with $101,389 for the current year, the budget is subject to review by the Community Chest, which provides part of the revenues. As okehed yesterday, it allows a nominal pay increase for employes and a new assistant physical director. Donald A. Young is chairman of the budget committee.

The board paid tribute to the effect on the YMCA of the life of Paul B. Wallace, who died this week. Wallace served on the board for nearly 50 years and was president from 1940-50. The directors plan to attend the funeral today en masse.

A plaque was presented to Allan Haggerty, 14, as the Northwest's outstanding boy in his age group in physical achievement, the result of recent competition. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Haggerty, 1015 S. 23rd St.

Death Takes T. Poorman Of Woodburn

Statesman News Service

WOODBURN—Tracey Chandler Poorman, 75, long-time resident of Woodburn, died in the Veterans Hospital in Portland Thursday morning following an illness of several weeks.

He was born Sept. 13, 1879, at Dayton. He has lived in Woodburn for about 70 years and was a retired businessman.

Survivors include the widow, Flora Livesley Poorman of Woodburn; daughter, Mrs. Stuart Bothwell of Portland, and brothers, Kenneth of Portland and F. W. Poorman of Salem.

Funeral services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Rose Funeral Home in Portland.

It takes from 3,500 to 5,000 bees to weigh a pound.

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