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An Anniversary and a Reminder

A milestone in conservation will be marked with an observance in Klamath Falls tomorrow—the 10th anniversary of the tree farm program of the 12-state Western Pine region.

Tree-farming, now spread far beyond the confines of the original sponsoring group, embraces nearly 3700 plots scattered throughout the United States, and covers in excess of 27 million acres. It is a project the importance of which can hardly be over-estimated and one of which the forestry industry generally can be justifiably proud.

Tree farms right here in the Willamette Valley have reached extensive proportions. And one of their greatest values lies in the added protection such areas receive.

Coincident with announcement of the Klamath commemoration has come a new reminder that forest protection by no means has reached its maximum—but that progress is being made. W. D. Hagenstein, chief forester of the Industrial Forestry Association, said a careful survey had shown that man-caused forest fires have been cut two-thirds since 1940 when Keep Green programs were launched in 36 states.

But on the debit side, 90 per cent of man-made fires still arising start within 100 yards of main-travelled roads and highways—certainly indicative of carelessly-thrown cigarets and unattended campfires.

Hagenstein understandably refuses to be consoled by the reduction in such fires in the last decade—"The crime is that we should lose any timber at all from preventable fires."

Losses in our forests are well below normal thus far this year—but August and September oft-times are bad months. Klamath's observances certainly can be worked in with a renewed program of conservation both on tree farms and off.

Now the Voice Typewriter

The Japanese are perfecting a typewriter that will automatically write out whatever is spoken into it. Now maybe that's an advancement, and maybe it's a good idea. But—

"OK, Norma, let's go. Letter to Bifocal Bicycle Company. Gentlemen: Due to the steel strike, that's the steel with two e's, Norma, not an a, anyway, due to the steel strike, only better make it tie-up instead of strike, Norma, to the steel strike we will not be able, no make it we will be unable to make delivery as promised, no that should be as scheduled, we can't admit it was promised, on those spokeless wheels you ordered. Therefore, and you know what to say from there on, Norma. Now then, here's another to —"

Maybe stenographers aren't perfect but they could sort out that sort of dictation better than any Japanese typewriter and we're still for 'em. Their bosses aren't perfect, either.

Franco: Tough Hombre

Generalissimo Franco of Spain is a tough hombre. He has had to be, to be sure, to get where he is and then be able to stay there. Ever since the revolution, Spain has been described as an impoverished police state whose internal tensions were so great the fall of the regime seemed inevitable. But Franco's government hasn't fallen. Spain is still a porhouse, and repression by police power still sustains the Franco government; but the counter-revolution has never come off.

This toughness may account for the terms which Franco has laid down for Spain's military cooperation with the USA. First, he wants \$125 million with no strings attached. Then he wants

"large quantities" of equipment for his army, and the rehabilitation of Spain's transportation and food production. The tab on this would run into billions.

And what would Franco give in return? He says Spain "would be prepared to consider the desires of the United States for the use of such bases." No lease, just a use permit.

Oh yes; Franco wants a Spanish-American alliance with the guarantees flowing in Spain's direction. He makes no promise of the Spanish army for use in warding off a Russian attack on Western Europe, but wants U. S. military assistance if the USSR attacks Spain.

All of which adds up to a very good deal—for Franco. Too good for him, in fact; and not worth anything to the western alliance.

Reaching for the Dough

The Roseburg News-Review notes with appreciation the report of the Bureau of Land Management which showed a profit of \$3.20 for each dollar of expenditure. The O. & C. Land grant counties can smack their lips because now they get 75 per cent of gross income from these lands which the BLM administers.

The News-Review scolds the bureau for urging a revision of the apportionment of funds and says the government is entitled only to the cost of administration. Its reasoning is rather tortuous. The fact is that Congress is the one which is irked by the present formula for dividing the spoils.

The counties as such have no legal or historic claim for the lion's share of the gross. The state might well claim a share because these lands paid taxes to the state when owned by the railroad. Congress should act to settle the question; but with its customary lethargy bills to settle this issue, also that relating to the controverted lands always die with the session.

Our flexible alphabet has spawned a new word: ANZUS. It is the designation for the contemplated pact being worked out at Honolulu among Australia, New Zealand and the United States. It is being framed on the principle of mutual security and may be extended to include other Pacific nations. Our relations with the folk "down under"—Australians and New Zealanders—have always been good, and became quite close during World War II when the three were united in resistance to Japanese aggression. A treaty would confirm the community of interest the three have in the peace of the Pacific.

Missouri Democrats seem to pay little attention to Harry Truman's recommendations. His man lost out for congressman in his home district, another of his men fell by the wayside in a race for the Senate in 1950, and now his choice for the senatorial nomination has lost to Stuart Symington, formerly head of the RFC. Truman follows the old political rule of standing by friends and punishing enemies; but he can't get Missourians to stand with him, and them.

Three million Argentinians are said to have trooped past the bier of Eva Peron. Some went out of curiosity; most of them in all probability out of respect for her deeds of charity and for the place she occupied in public life. This personal tribute is remarkable and underscores the comment that Eva was one of the most remarkable women of the hemisphere in recent times.

A big coffee roasting plant is going to be built in Portland. Must be to help take care of the Salem "coffee hour" patronage.

Concern for Commonwealth Voiced in Affect Of ANZUS Defense Pact for Pacific Areas

By J. M. ROBERTS Jr.
Associated Press News-Analysis

Worry is being expressed in Britain over the effect on the commonwealth of the ANZUS defense treaty in the Pacific which ties Australia and New Zealand to the United States in a treaty which Britain was not asked to join.

The London Times recognizes the complaint, but warns that it is a mistake to go too far with criticism of Britain's absence from the Honolulu sessions just concluded. The Daily Mail said it is Britain's right "to take an active part in any commonwealth defense arrangement with a third power. If we were content to let the Americans fill our role, it would be the end of the commonwealth."

Well the U. S. isn't playing any sort of freeze-out game out there. It just happened that America wanted to bring Japan into the Pacific defense picture, and the Aussies are afraid of a revived Japan. The Philippines are too.

The Philippines also are worried about future relations with Nationalist China, which presumably would attempt to join any wholesale alliance. Former Chinese Nationalists who got their money out ahead of the Communists are infiltrating the islands in great numbers, buying up businesses which represent the Philippines' greatest national assets.

Indonesia, India and Burma are having no part of any broad Pacific alliance at this time. France is already over-committed in Indochina. Portugal might like to get in.

such an arrangement for the protection of Macao, right under Chinese Red guns and already the scene of border incidents.

The United States, meanwhile, is already far extended politically when you balance her commitments against her ability. It's easier to keep control, to limit commitments, under the individual treaties with Japan, the Philippines and the Aussies, than in a super-alliance. And there is a far greater divergence of fundamental interests of the potential members of such a group in the Pacific than among the countries which form the multi-lateral North Atlantic Treaty organization.

[There is even a wide differ-

ence in the basic Asiatic policies of the two great world-wide allies, Britain and the United States. All in all, the ANZUS pact is a small thing, supplementing regular British Commonwealth defense arrangements with a specific regional planning group instead of just waiting for things to fall together in a crisis by guess and by golly, as they did in 1942.

And there's nothing exclusive about the arrangement for the long pull. If the occasion arises, the agreements reached at Honolulu provide specifically for the pact's extension when needed. There's certainly nothing about it designed to drive a wedge between Britain and the Antipodes.

Literary Guidepost

By A. C. LANG
THEIR TOWN, by Wilbur Daniel Steele (Doubleday; \$3.50)

This is a story of two men, a woman and a town. The portrayal of each is painted with meticulous precision by Wilbur Steele, who became a writer only after he was well launched on a career as an artist.

Once a boom town in the silver-mining days, Argentite, Colo., started to backslide when the silver ran out. When its once-profitable harness industry faded, it dropped into obscurity. And when the projected railroad decided to by-pass it, Argentite lost what would have been a grand opportunity to regain heights.

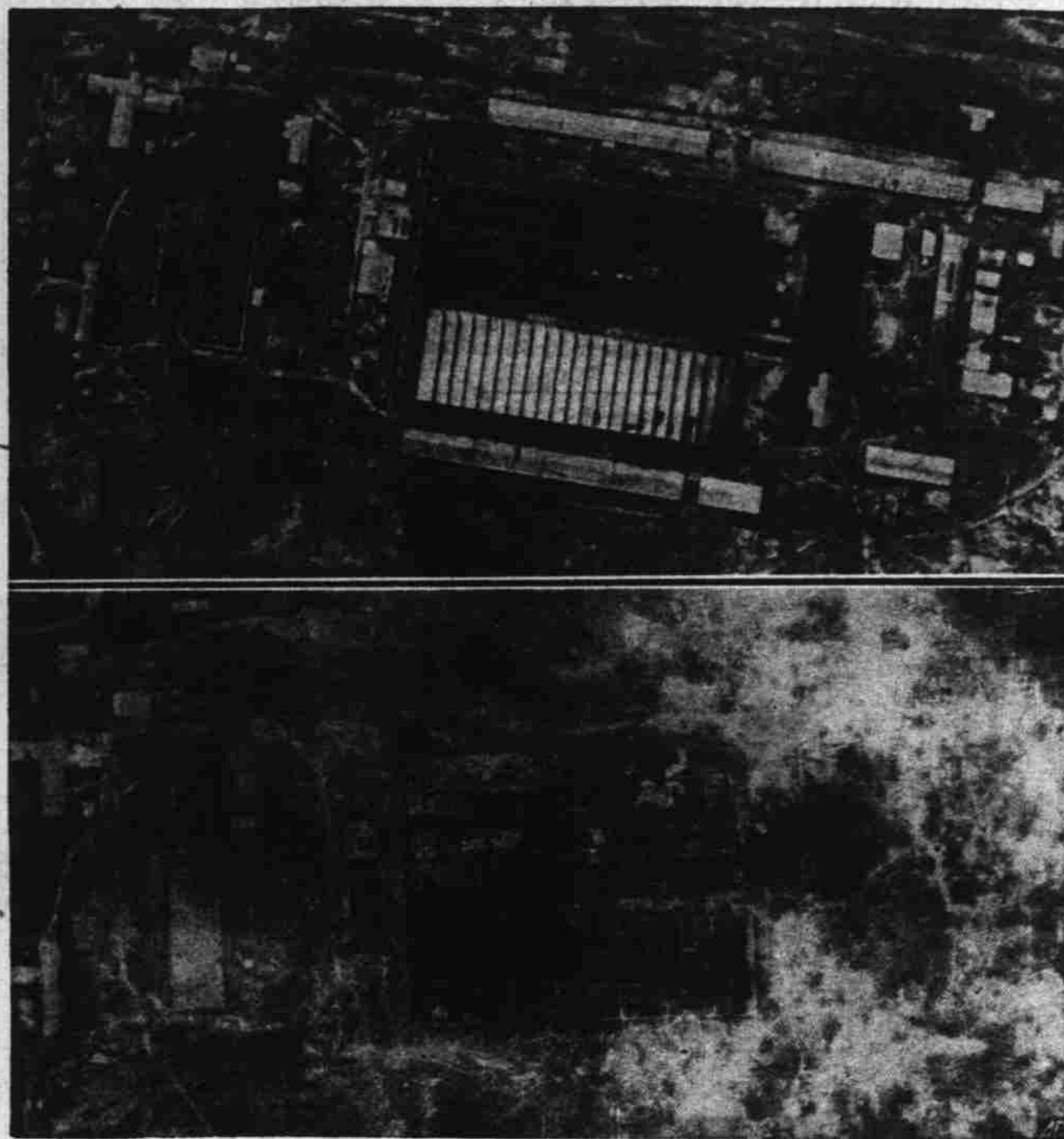
Hube Spooner—the man selected by the author to bring the town alive again—was a rare combination of a dreamer and a plodder. He had vision, but results never came without great effort. In school, he had to work much harder than his classmates to gain passing marks. Yet gain

them he did. Later in life, this determination to drive toward a goal, even when it meant an extra expenditure of energy, enabled him to give Argentite its second chance.

The beautiful Kentucky Holm loved and understood Hube and brought him out of his self-condemned solitude. Intertwined in the lives of these two persons and their town was Cabot Cunningham, the flamboyant scion of a wealthy Eastern family.

Wilbur Daniel Steele is not the kind of writer who taxes your imagination. He leaves nothing to chance that you may miss his point. If there is some particular quality in the character's makeup which he wants you to notice, he tells you about it. If a situation calls for explaining, he explains it. This type of writing has an occasional dullness about it. And there are times when the naive of Hube Spooner strains your credulity. But the over-all impression is good.

The B29s Paid a Visit



The Oriental Light Metals Co., a militarily important factory (upper), four miles from the Manchurian border in North Korea was the target of the largest air strike of the war against a single target. (Lower) This is all that remained of the plant after 63 B-29 bombers had dropped 1,200,000 pounds of high explosives. Air Force officials estimated 90 per cent destruction. (Far East Air Force Photo via AF Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

The Safety Valve

Urges Stricter Enforcement Of Traffic Laws in City To Editor:

After reading in the papers the story of the death of a lovely Salem girl who was a neighbor of mine, I can no longer be silent on a question that must be on the mind of every good citizen. While this accident was not in the city, we will have them if we do not change our situation.

The traffic law enforcement in our lovely city is in a deplorable condition. Trucks with huge trailers, cut-outs wide open, roar through our streets. Speed means little to hundreds of drivers, and I am not confining this criticism to the youth of our city. We have far too many people who have reached the age when they should know better than driving automobiles like morons.

Oregon Code 115-381 says that every powered vehicle must have an effective muffler and that it must be in constant use. Have you seen this law enforced in Salem lately?

We have posted areas that tell us that the speed in the area is twenty, twenty-five, or thirty miles per hour. People who respect the law and drive at posted speeds are continually passed by cars and trucks going twice that speed.

If the City of Salem will put on the police force three more good policemen, in cars, who will arrest and bring into court traffic violators, the fines should pay the expense very readily.

I live on the corner of Mission and High Streets. This corner is a bad one because of a slight jog in High Street. It is at the corner of the park and children are constantly on the crossing. The cars roar west on Mission and careen wildly to the south on High. It is a stop street on High. I think the city for that. If you think that I am going too strong, I invite you to spend an evening with me on my front porch. You will get more thrills than most athletic contests will give you.

When the huge trucks roar down Mission Street with mufflers open, I often wonder what effect it has on the children in the School for the Blind. These boys and girls see with their ears.

They have to make their ears make up for as much as they can of their lost vision. Motorcycles are just as bad as the trucks.

On Mission Street is the park, Willamette's athletic field, and the Blind School, but it apparently makes no difference to the moron behind the wheel. Am I asking too much when I say, let's have law enforcement.

I am not alone in my request. In talking with many people in Salem it seems to be the opinion that we need and should have very strict law enforcement in traffic.

We well know that people who get away with law violations in one field soon have contempt for other laws. I would like to have people feel when they drive in Salem that the law is enforced, that they will be arrested if they do not obey it, and let them be as angry as they please that they are not allowed to endanger the well-being or safety of our children or ourselves.

I would invite the law enforcement officials of the City of Salem to take a ride with me around our city. I am supposed to be a very tight man, but I can assure them that I will pay all expenses for such a trip. I would like to keep a log on this trip of the violations of speed, dangerous movements, and muffler violations and have them printed in the next days news.

This is the nicest place I have ever lived, except for the thorough lack of law enforcement. It's a long letter, but I am hoping that it may save a life and save some of the nervous strain now being put upon our people by the terrific roar of the great trucks.

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates
and men decay."
Harry S. Dorman
505 Mission St.

POOR REDMEN

ALBUQUERQUE (—INS) Isleta Pueblo Chief Elias Jiron complained that Indians weren't even safe from the white men on their own reservation. He cited campers who scattered beer cans around their campsites and used firearms "indiscriminately."

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



"You can't beat the U.S. Mails... and their determination to see that I get urgent notice of an alumni dance..."

Karnes' Confession Entered in Evidence

(Story also on page one.)
The sequence of events which led up to the death of Mrs. Susan Litchfield last June 6 was related to a jury Thursday which is hearing the trial of Albert William Karnes for first degree murder.

Salem Police Detective David M. Houser took almost an hour to tell the court of what Karnes allegedly told in two separate sessions at The Dalles.

Basis of the testimony was a 14-page confession which Karnes is alleged to have signed and in which the state alleges he confesses fully to slaying Mrs. Litchfield Saturday, June 7, in the woodshed of her home at 1333 Waller St.

Houser told the jury that he and several others including Chief of Police Clyde A. Warren and Detective Wayne Parker, talked to Karnes in The Dalles twice on June 17. That was shortly after Karnes had been arrested on a burglary charge in the Columbia River city.

District Attorney Edward O. Stadter led Houser into admitting that Karnes told the same facts at two separate times, once at 6:30 p.m. and a second time at 7:20 p.m. It was the second interrogation which was recorded by a court stenographer of Wasco County and is now Exhibit 8 in the state's case against Karnes.

According to Houser's testimony, Karnes first saw Mrs. Litchfield for about 20 minutes on June 6, sometime early in the afternoon. He returned around midnight and spent the night in the woodshed.

Mrs. Litchfield appeared in the woodshed about noon, Saturday, June 7. Karnes struck her with a piece of stove wood on the back of the head. She fell to the floor screaming. Karnes said according to Houser, Karnes then struck Mrs. Litchfield "approximately five times" with an axe.

After that Karnes went into the house to the bathroom, where he cleaned up and changed his clothes. Then he made a sandwich (which further testimony indicated was of luncheon) and ate it. After that he went into Mrs. Litchfield's bedroom and took money from a drawer. It was shortly after that when Karnes saw cabdriver Harold Shell, who was sleeping in another bedroom. After talking for a short while, Karnes went downtown, stayed in the Argo Hotel until 12:30 or 3, went to the bus depot where he caught a bus to Portland and went from there to The Dalles.

Stortz interrogated Houser extensively on the succession of events immediately following the killing and before Karnes left the house. He quizzed the detective on just how the dresser drawers looked when police investigated the house Sunday, June 8, after the crime had been discovered.

Also drawing the attention of the youthful, court-appointed attorney for Karnes was what benefits of law were made available to Karnes at The Dalles. Houser testified that there were none, but at the same time there were no threats, nor inducements, nor promises of immunity for signing a confession.

Detective Wayne Parker was called to the stand and corroborated Houser's testimony. He added that he removed a piece of grey hair from a coat which was later shown to have been worn by Karnes. Parker also testified that Karnes admitted having gone to the house for the purpose of robbing Mrs. Litchfield.

Warren's testimony dealt mainly with articles of clothing which were initiated by him and were introduced as evidence. He reaffirmed all that was said by the two previous witnesses.

Stortz cross-examined Warren on just when he saw all these articles. Warren said he first investigated everything at The Dalles on Tuesday afternoon, June 17. He admitted that the suitcase was found in a The Dalles hotel, then

taken by Mrs. Warren to Astoria, there given to state police, who then took it to Portland.
Stortz objected strenuously to the introduction of several pieces of evidence. Judge Duncan overruled him in all but one instance. That was an attempt to introduce a chip of wood cut from the door-casing of the Litchfield house.
Admitted was the axe, the hotel card bearing a signature purported to be an alias of Karnes, hair taken from Karnes coat and one strand from the head of the murdered woman, blood-stained pants, socks, shirt, pieces of string, one from the woodshed door and another holding two keys together; keys found at the house by police after the woman had been discovered, and a key found in Karnes' suitcase.

During nearly the entire course of the session Karnes sat impassively. At rare moments he whispered with his attorney. During Stortz' reading of the confession, Karnes leaned over his shoulder and followed Stortz intently.
Karnes' sister and aunt kept their faces averted during the introduction of the blood-stained exhibits in the afternoon.

Stortz began presentation of his case shortly after 4 p.m., following a short recess. His first witness was Donald Heiser, district attorney of Wasco County, who told of talking with Karnes in connection with a burglary in The Dalles. He identified a confession purported to be that signed by Karnes for that crime. This was admitted over Stadter's objections.

A lengthy interrogation of W. J. Mulkey, state police sergeant from Newport followed. Mulkey described the scene where a car was found run over by the tank and almost into the ocean sometime around June 6. Stortz introduced several photographs of the area, which were entered as evidence.
Mulkey said that it appeared the car had been driven over the cliff purposely.

4-H Exhibits Deadlines Set For Monday
Entries in the Marion County and Salem 4-H fall show, set for Aug. 20-22, at the State Fairgrounds, must be registered by Monday, according to Anthol Riney, county extension agent.
Included will be all livestock, poultry, rabbit, forestry, electricity and tractor maintenance entries and record books. These books will be judged by 4-H leaders between Aug. 12-15 at the 4-H office. Records received after those dates will not be considered in the record book classes but may compete in the regular fall show class.

Better English
By D. C. WILLIAMS
1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Let's you and I go visit with her."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "carte blanche"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hydrophobia, heliotrope, holocaust, halibut.
4. What does the word "meritorious" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with dr that means "wearisome toil"?
ANSWERS
1. Say, "Let's (let us) visit her," or "Let you and me visit her." Omit with. 2. Pronounce kart blanch, both a's as in ah, principal accent on second syllable. 3. Hydrophobia. 4. Deserving of reward or honor. "Praise awaits these meritorious deeds." 5. Drudgery.

Stamps In The News

By SID KRONISH
KING BAUDOUIN, 21-year-old monarch of the Belgians, appears on a stamp from Belgium for the first time. The stamp, a 30 franc violet, has been expected for some time. It shows a profile view of the young ruler without his eyeglasses. (There was quite a controversy in Belgian philatelic circles as to whether or not the king should be pictured wearing spectacles.) The "non-glasses" group evidently won.

As previously announced in this column, this stamp was issued to commemorate the 13th Congress of the Universal Postal Union held at Brussels.

Also issued by Belgium were 12 stamps honoring the Thurn and Taxis family, members of which held the office of Grand Master of the Post for the Empire from 1490 to 1815. Portraits appear on 11 in this set. The Chateau de Baulier, summer residence of the Masters, is seen on the other.

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