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Friendly, Tourist-Conscious, Both

The mayors of the score or more of cities named Lebanon are in for quite a time if they accept the invitation of the Republic of Lebanon to be its guest the first two weeks in March.

It was quite a gesture on Lebanon's part and Mayor Scroggin of Oregon's own Lebanon could hardly be blamed when he answered telephonic word of his invitation with an incredulous "Aw, you-re kidding." But still, the gesture is symbolic of what appears to be almost a world-wide attempt to promote amity and peace through personal visitation (Iron Curtain countries apparently excepted), and to encourage tourist dollars.

At least Mayor Scroggin knew about where Lebanon is. We wouldn't wonder some of the other mayors of similarly-named towns weren't quite as well-informed. Lebanon, formerly (between World Wars) a part of the French mandate of Syria, is less than 14 years old as a republic. It is about the size of Marion and Linn Counties combined, with a population about three-fourths of Oregon's—just over 1,200,000. About half are Christians, most of the remainder Moslems. It has been a member of United Nations since 1945, but joined with other Arab states in invading the protested state of neighboring Israel in 1948. That skirmish ended shortly, however, and in most recent years Lebanese, interested primarily in agriculture, have shown no inclination to revert to the tribal or other warfare which marked that area of the world for hundreds of years prior to the 18th century.

Geographical characteristics of the Mediterranean republic aren't too much different from Linn County with which Mayor Scroggin will compare it if he makes the trip. Mountainous in parts, good farming country in other parts. But he'd find the sub-tropical republic a lot warmer than his own climes. It will be interesting to find how many of the mayors make the trip. Assuredly those who do will be in demand as speakers in their home towns for a long time.

A. A. Lee

Andrew A. Lee . . . Andy Lee as he was familiarly known . . . lived a long, useful and highly honorable life. In his quiet way he was very influential, too, rendering able service on the school board at the time the high school was built on Marion Street between High and Church, the first high school building for Salem. Several grade schools were built in the same period. Mr. Lee was loyal to the organizations he was identified with: First Methodist Church, Rotary Club, board of trustees of Willamette University, First Federal Savings and Loan Association which, with its predecessor the Mutual, he served as executive for many years.

Gloria Vanderbilt has left her husband Leopold Stokowski, and the next news items says that Gloria dated Frank Sinatra for the opening of a Broadway musicale. Sic untransit Gloria mundi.

Magazine of 1911

A subscriber has brought in a copy of The Pacific Monthly for May, 1911. This was a quality magazine published in Portland . . . one of the many which flourished for a time and then succumbed. Only Sunset Magazine has survived as a western magazine of general interest.

The feature article was "New China's Invitation" by Lewis R. Freeman, a report of the visit of an American business delegation to China; but the accompanying pictures show it was the old, old China they were dealing with. What really provokes mirth is the article giving an account of a motor trip from Tia Juana, Mexico, to Vancouver, B. C. Illustrations show the open autos of the day, and the roads look to us like backwoods lanes save in a few places where permanent construction had been started. One narrow, ungraded road, without surfacing, shown in Northern California has the caption, "A stretch of the Pacific Highway in Northern California that will not need much improvement." That stretch has either been abandoned or made over at least twice in the past 40 years.

Tremendous strides in road building and motor car construction have been made, but the Pacific Monthly itself, which must have excited real literary pride in its day, has long been out of existence. Culture didn't keep up with mechanics.

Portland Smog

It is not particularly surprising that Portland should get a taste of Los Angeles' smog. After all, it doesn't take an extra lot of smoke to turn a low pressure area and natural fog into repellant atmosphere which Angelans are protesting. But it's going to be interesting to learn what Portlanders will blame it on. In Los Angeles there was a great furore recently because city officials decided the oil refineries were causing the dirty work and asked them to shut down for a time. Portland has no oil refineries. In fact, it is not even as industrialized otherwise as a lot of cities which don't complain of smog. It looks like cities which are somewhat susceptible to atmosphere conducive to smog will have to arrange some sort of smoke disposal or build chimneys higher than the areas of depressed air.

A columnist for the Hindustan Times at New Delhi counsels Dag Hammarskjold to "observe humility" when he asks Premier Chou of China to release the imprisoned American airmen. If he doesn't Arthur Godfrey may fire him.

Editorial Comment

SECURITY

The search for security is a natural expression of one of our basic physical urges. This is the driving force in the lives of many people, and often causes them to develop a perverted sense of values. Many people spend so much of their time, energy and ability seeking physical security that they completely miss all of the good in life. They don't help the needy, they never give to any worthwhile endeavor, and they often deny themselves and their dependents. However, they never feel secure because there is no security in such behavior.

This type of security is just a dream that never comes true, because complete physical security is impossible. We must do our best to make provisions for our physical needs, but man's search for absolute physical security is as hopeless as Ponce de Leon's search for the fountain of youth.

Real security is not found in our finances but in our faith, and we shall call it spiritual security. It is the inner sense of well being which is the fruit of our confidence in our Creator and His providence.

One inspired writer said it this way, "I know whom I have believed and I am sure that He is able to guard that which I have committed unto Him." This is real security, the only absolute security.—(Amarillo, Tex., Daily News).

GRIN AND BEAR IT — By Lichty

"Thank you for a very interesting talk, Senator! . . . AND NOW FOR A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE! . . ."

Comes the Dawn — Conrad Prange

The recent Oregon elections and how they reflected the national political scramble are to be the subject soon of a Time magazine yarn. The article will pinpoint the political mechanics behind the Democratic victories. And guess who it is rumored will be on the Time cover this week? That's right—Sen. Richard Neuberger, about whom the article will have much to say. Not that a lot of articles and persons haven't already said much about the new junior senator. . . .

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Salem's new Mayor Robert White is already up to his elbows (literally) in work on his new job. Seems that a name stamp for him has not been made. And he practically wore his right arm out Friday signing by hand stacks of official city checks. . . .

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Kindy edgy, these politicos . . . Last week when it was rumored that Rep. Harvey Wells of Portland was to resign his seat in the House, a few eager-beavers got him mixed up with Harry Wells, representative from Union-Wallowa Counties . . . If the latter Wells had really resigned, there was a good chance that Dave Baum, who, until his defeat in November, was slated to be speaker of the House, would have been appointed to the vacancy . . . Then where would all the organization be that the present Speaker-to-be Ed Geary of Klamath Falls had set up when Baum's pledges switched to Geary? . . . Would Baum have demanded them back and then been speaker of the House himself? . . . Anyway, it wasn't Harry Wells who resigned. It was Harvey . . . So why worry? . . .

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Salem Police Chief Clyde Warren is due, one of these days, to receive a request from President Eisenhower asking the chief to permit an Army tank and anti-aircraft gun to be parked on downtown streets. Plan is to promote the showing here Jan. 16 to 22 of a feature-length film, "This Is The Army," at the Elsinore. The film, strictly an educational and documentary affair, will be shown in cooperation with local recruiters. . . .

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And city police got a real toughie the other night. Somebody called and wanted to know if he could sing along with the jukebox in a tavern. "Can I accompany my own nickle?" was the way the tavern thrush put it. Well, police told him they thought a state law prohibited any kind of singing in a tavern. Fellow sounded sort of disappointed with life when he finally hung up. . . .

Time Flies:

From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago

Jan. 8, 1945

Ralph Moody, Salem, a former assistant attorney general and one time special state prosecutor, was employed by the Oregon senate as its legal advisor for the legislature.

Richard E. Byrd, the polar exployer, won new laurels as a pioneer in aviation, this time in the Pacific. President Roosevelt awarded him the Legion of Merit and pinned it on his uniform at the White House.

Profits of $87,319.25 was turned over to the Shriner's Crippled Children's hospital in San Francisco as a result of the 20th annual East-West football game on New Year's Day.

25 Years Ago

Jan. 8, 1930

Kenneth Hawks, motion picture director, was one of the victims in the fatal mid-air crash between two cabin planes which were filming a picture above the sea, at Santa Monica, Calif. Mary Astor, film star, is his widow.

The Salem Y's Men's Club received its official charter at a banquet at the Marion Hotel. The local Y's Men's Club is one of 165 such clubs scattered through five countries. Membership in the local club is 15.

The largest percentage of completions in boys' and girls' club work ever recorded in Marion County was marked up for the 1929 club year, finishing 100 per cent. The boys and girls in the cookery projects served 23,415 persons.

40 Years Ago

Jan. 8, 1915

The Cherrian banquet was a gala affair, marked with a clever program at the Marion Hotel. Taking part in the program were Miss Beatrice Shelton, Miss Hazel Erixon, Miss Emmaline Klein, Cleeta Peery, Kenneth Wilson, and Malcom, the latter three impersonating state officials.

With "Economy" as a battle cry, the advance guard of members of the 28th legislative assembly invaded Salem in preparation for the 40-day session.

The Supreme Court handed down 450 written opinions in 1914, according to a report compiled by the secretary, Judge J. C. Moreland.

Tito Mystery Strengthened, Tito Role, Too

By WILLIAM L. RYAN
AP Foreign News Analyst

The remarkable Tito becomes more and more a mystery as time goes by. And the striking thing about all this is that the more mysterious he becomes, the stronger becomes his position in international politics.

While his Communist Party at home in Yugoslavia undergoes a convulsion, Tito abroad purrs amiably about peaceful coexistence between the United States and the Soviet Union, like a detached, disinterested arbiter concerned only with the greater good of mankind.

The whys and wherefores of that domestic Yugoslav convulsion might well cause concern in the Western world. Yet so long as nobody on either side is sure just how Tito might jump, or indeed whether he will jump at all, the Yugoslav dictator remains a powerful figure. There is, therefore, every reason why Tito might continue to make himself an amiable mystery.

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Is Tito interested in being a spokesman for a neutralist bloc of nations? Perish the thought, he tells correspondents in India and Burma, two of the neutralist nations which he suddenly chose to visit for no announced reason other than "good will."

Is Tito ready once again to collaborate as an equal with Moscow? If it happened, he and his Communist Party probably would never say so. Even if the two parties already had agreed to reconciliation, it would be foolish of them to admit it to the rest of the world.

Tito, who, along with his party and Politburo, still subscribes to the notion of a world revolution against capitalism, would be a tremendous help to that revolution in his present position as a member of a Balkan alliance sponsored and fostered by the West. He would be of considerable help both to himself and the world revolution also if he continued to receive millions of dollars worth of American material and financial aid.

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Yet, so long as the United States is not certain what is in the back of Tito's mind, it cannot throw him overboard. Conversely, if Moscow is unsure what Tito has in the back of his mind, it cannot again afford the Stalinist adventure of attempting to crush him by economic and subversive force.

Whether his stated aim is creation of a neutral bloc or not, it might just as well be the goal, because he amounts to a European spokesman for such a group. And he is more and more attracting the attention of the leftist Socialists both in Europe and Asia who lean to the idea of long-term competitive coexistence of East and West.

In his absence, his lieutenants carry out a purge to strike his former friends, Milovan Djilas and Vladimir Dedijer, from their high perches, destroying at the same time the hopes of many a Yugoslav intellectual that real political reform, Western style, might yet come.

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Perhaps Tito still is an enemy of the Moscow Communist Party. But there is something disquieting about his Djilas purge. Djilas and Dedijer, besides being rather Western-minded, were the most violent denouncers of Moscow after the Yugoslav split with the Cominform in 1948. Is this purge a Tito gesture to the new Moscow rule, or is it strictly an internal affair?

Architects to Attend Session at Corvallis

Three Salem members of Oregon Society of Landscape Architects will attend a short course in landscaping at Oregon State College next Wednesday and Thursday.

Mark H. Astrup, William A. Wharton and Roy D. Olson, all of whom are employed as State Department landscape architects, will hear the lectures and panel discussions to be offered.

Tax Facts

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Your Federal Income Tax

New Federal Tax Law May Save You Money

(Editor's Note—This is the first in a series of articles on income tax changes. The articles are based on information provided by the American Institute of Accountants and the Oregon Society of Certified Public Accountants.)

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The "Ides of March" will no longer hold any terror for the average taxpayer, but the new tax deadline of April 15 can be just as alarming if you don't start early to prepare your federal income tax return.

To help you get started this newspaper is publishing a series of articles prepared with the help of the national and state organizations of certified public accountants. Use these articles, together with the instructions that come with your federal income tax forms, to guide you in making out your return.

Most taxpayers report their income for the calendar year on a cash basis, and the new rules are explained here as they apply to these typical taxpayers. Anyone who uses a different fiscal year or reports on an accrual basis should check the official instructions to see how he is affected.

Revised Tax Rules

Last August the Internal Revenue Code was completely overhauled by Congress and thousands of changes were made affecting taxpayers. It is estimated that every year a million taxpayers overpay their income taxes by a total of more than $100,000,000. More millions of taxpayers pay less tax than is due, making them liable for assessments, interest and possible penalties.

With the many changes of the new law there is even greater danger of mistakes this year unless you read the instructions and prepare your tax return with great care.

This is a good reason for starting long before April 15. Here's another:

You May Get a Refund

If you find that more tax has been withheld from your wages than you actually owe, you will be entitled to a refund of the difference. The sooner you file your return, the sooner you are likely to get your refund.

What are the chances of a refund? Well, your tax will probably be less because of the reduction of approximately 10% in tax rates since last year, but you have been getting the advantage of this reduction all through the year in the form of reduced withholdings from your pay.

Many newly authorized deductions, however, may cut down your tax bill below the amount that has been withheld, thus entitling you to a refund.

New Savings This Year

Here are some of the changes, to be discussed in later articles, which may cut your tax this year:

1. More single persons are entitled to "head-of-household" status.
2. Medical expenses are deductible to a greater extent.
3. Certain health and accident benefits are not counted as income.
4. The $600 exemption applies to various dependents not previously eligible.
5. A special deduction of as much as $600 for child care is now available in some cases to working wives, widowed and divorced persons.
6. Tax may be reduced by new credits for dividends and retirement income.
7. Salesmen and other employees who travel may benefit from new rules on expense deductions.
8. New provisions may benefit anyone who bought or sold a home in 1954.
9. Farmers get new deductions for soil and water conservation expense.
10. Businesses are helped by liberalized depreciation rules and other changes.

Additional Information

Be sure to read the official instructions. You can also get help from the Internal Revenue Service, which urges you to consult only qualified advisers.

(Next: Invest a Little Time in Saving Tax.)

DEAR DEER

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP)—Venison in his freezer cost George H. Bailey dear. It came from a buck that collided head-on with Bailey's automobile. The car damage was several hundred dollars. The deer dressed out a little more than 100 pounds of usable meat.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "When he was finished with his work, he returned back home."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "genteel"?
3. Which one of thes words is misspelled? Millenium, million, vermillion, prescience.
4. What does the word "derogatory" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with er that means "scholarship"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "When he had finished his work," and omit "back." 2. Pronounce jentel, first as in gentle, second e as in me, accent second syllable. 3. Vermilion. 4. Lessening in good repute; disparaging. (Pronounce first o as in of, accent second syllable). "He made some derogatory remarks about the man." 5. Erudition.

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Thailand Village Party Leaves Impression
Communism Unwanted—and a Headache

By JOSEPH ALSOP

NONGKHAY, Northeast Thailand—This reporter is currently recovering from giving a New Year's eve party which perhaps deserves recording on a higher level than the expense account, if only because it was a dinner-dance for 150 people that cost $35.

Joseph Alsop

It was born of a decision to spend Christmas and New Year's day in this lovely northeastern region of Thailand, which is also the most exposed to Communist pressure and the most penetrated by fifth columns. When I got here, my friend Rod Hemphill, who runs a local silk factory, said no one could understand northeastern Thailand without getting the feel of village life.

It was a pity, Rod added, there was no village party coming up, because going to a village party was the best quick way to see what a Thai village was really like. And so I asked whether I might give a New Year's eve party at the village of the Lotus Lake, where Rod's silk factory is situated.

From there, Rod's charming and intelligent Thai partner, Kun Nom, and the extremely able, tough village headman, Som Si, quietly took over. There were a couple of preliminary crises, about the price of the cow that was to be the main dish, and about the difficulty of obtaining the truly superior brand of local white mule that is made across the Mekong River in Laos.

But Kun Nom and Som Si were as efficient a catering service as any in Washington. On the morning of Dec. 31, they reported that my $35 had provided a cow, half a buffalo, and several ducks and chickens; plus about 15 gallons of white mule for the common people with a specially invigorating and precious bottle of white mups mixed with black monkey's blood for the honored guests; plus the most celebrated player of the ken, a local instrument halfway between bagpipes and pan pipes; plus prizes to persuade the young ladies to dance, which they are reluctant to do without suitable inducement.

Rod and his beautiful wife, Annong, and I set off for the party in the late afternoon. The children of Lotus Lake village were driving the village buffaloes home from their wallow; the herons were gloriously winging their way back to the heronry by the Lotus Lake, and the lowering sun was gilding the rice straw in the fields. But this perfect atmosphere of pastoral peace was shattered when we reached the ballroom (Rod's silk factory). Som Si had insisted on installing the powerful American public address system that the village bought last year to brighten up its festivals.

The noise of alternating records of Bangkok songs, local ballads and arias from Thai classical opera was downright deafening. Besides, half the village was already there. The white mule was already going round. And the conversation was beginning to show that added brightness that always marks the cocktail hour.

The first item on the program was the idea of the village elders—to wind the bai see strings which bring good luck on the arms of Rod, Annong and me. The ceremony involved sitting on the floor through an interminable, imitation Pali chant, and being wound with the strings while all those not busy stringwinding held hands to strengthen the life forces.

After that, the party really got going. The white mule circulated rapidly, by an efficient loving cup system. The cow and the buffalo appeared in the form of laap, which means that they had been chopped fine with the fieriest red peppers available, extra seasoned with spices and rather summarily cooked, with laap and curry and salad and white mule in plenty. The usual second stage of every party, when the conversation almost overtops the music, was easily reached.

Then the ken player took over the microphone. With many a shy gesture, the young ladies took the floor, and the village bucks stepped out for the circle dance. This involves revolving, very remotely, around your partner, making elegant hand and arm gestures. An American buck would find it unexciting, but Thai bucks think differently.

And so we reached the party's final phase, which continued, with louder and louder music and faster and faster circle dancing, until all could wish one another a happy new year. There were the usual late party incidents—the headman's son went a bit too far, as headman's sons so often will. There was also the usual group who could not resist the temptation for "just one nightcap" so the Lotus Lake village was still ringing with song in the dawn. But as a party it was a clear success.

And what useful information did I gather from this evening, it may well be asked. Well, I learned from all those present that Thai villagers are charming, gay and friendly people. From Som Si and one of two other intelligent and sober elders, I learned they hate the Chinese and Vietnamese with an intense passion, and equate Communism with its great Asian converts. And just by listening to the loud speaker, I learned that this was a semi-neolithic community, experiencing a violent impact from Western civilization whose final outcome you could not predict.

And I also learned that Kun Nom was not factually accurate, when he promised that Laos white mups mixed with black monkey's blood never gave you a headache.

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IT SEEMS TO ME

(Continued from page 1.)

Salem folk to keep the orchestra functioning, they also embrace recollection of some very fine performances and of the development of fine musical talent among Salem young people. Its conductors in succession were Hans Seitz, Jacques Gerskovich, Edouard Hurlimann, and they welded the largely amateur groups into a group of fine performers. I think many people miss the Salem Philharmonic, though conditions have not been favorable for its revival.

For that matter, hasn't Salem been falling down in other lines of community endeavors in music? We used to have the Salem Civic Chorus, and later the Gleemen; the Madrigal club; and the American Legion Auxiliary quartet won national honors. All have succumbed, and no community organizations have arisen to take their place. We do have fine church choirs, and the schools and Willamette university make a great deal out of their musical organizations—singing groups, orchestras, bands. But a "cultural lag" has set in for adult groups in vocal or instrumental music.

Salem does get superior musical performances from the Community Concert series, the Willamette Artists' series and the Portland Symphony. These are of the highest order; but unfortunately they seem to have been substituted for home effort along musical lines. Some day a revival of such activity surely will come. In the meantime, Salem folk ought to pack the high school auditorium Tuesday night to hear Portland Symphony and observe Stravinsky as a conductor.

REPORT OF CONDITION of "WILLAMETTE VALLEY BANK" of Salem in the State of Oregon at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1954.

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1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	$ 617,260.09
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,646,380.32
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	967,248.93
6. Loans and discounts (including $624.98 overdrafts)	2,804,897.38
7. Bank premises owned (none), furniture and fixtures $45,148.48	45,148.48
11. Other assets	74,375.66
12. TOTAL ASSETS	$6,155,310.86
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	$2,915,289.02
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,600,959.10
15. Deposits of United States Government	80,103.03
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	246,558.17
18. Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	29,434.89
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS	$5,872,344.21
23. Other liabilities	60,479.08
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	$5,932,823.29
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital	$ 130,000.00
26. Surplus	70,000.00
27. Undivided profits	22,487.57
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$ 222,487.57
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$6,155,310.86
MEMORANDA	
31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	$ 760,595.89
33. (a) Loans as shown above are after deduction of reserves of	16,565.42

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