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Taps for G. A. R.

The Grand Army of the Republic finally is mustered out. Taps sounded for its last living member, Albert Woolson, at Duluth Thursday. Aged 100 years, he had outlived those who had sung in '61 'We're coming Father Abraham, 300,000 strong,' and the thousands of others who wore the blue uniform until the armies of the Southern Confederacy surrendered in 1865.

Though the nation has engaged in subsequent wars in which the number serving was much larger, in none has the proportion of deaths and casualties been greater. The Civil War was a bloody contest at arms. The number serving was 2,213,363; number of deaths in battle 140,414, other deaths 224,097, wounds not mortal 281,881. In the second World War the statistics were: Number serving 16,112,566; battle deaths 293,986, other deaths 113,842, wounds not mortal 670,846. The Korean War had two and a half times as many serving, but the list of dead and wounded was relatively low.

The battles of the Civil War have become classics for study of military strategists. While there were many battles fought, it was the "bos constrictor" policy which in the end forced the surrender of the South. Naval blockade, steady military pressure on land, the opening of the Mississippi which cut the Confederacy in two, more than offset the brilliant victories which Lee's armies obtained.

Those who forged the victory for the North and for the federal government united in a remarkably close-knit comradeship in the Grand Army of the Republic—GAR. Its annual encampments were attended by veterans dressed in their uniforms of dark blue who regaled themselves with stories of their wartime experiences. Unlike those of later wars who have seemed to "clam up" on their wartime experience, the "boys in blue" lived the stirring days of '61-'65 over and over again.

The GAR became a power in politics, too. A war record, especially if it carried an officer's title, was almost a requisite for office-holding in the North. Quite naturally the GAR for the most part affiliated with the Republican party, the party of Lincoln under whom the war had been fought. Sometimes its activities became quite selfish as it brought pressure for pensions—Cleveland alone had courage to veto some of this legislation. The practice of "waving the bloody shirt" to insure Republican success concealed from public attention many vital issues of election time. These excesses, however, should not dim the credit which is due the Grand Army for preserving the Union in its hour of greatest peril.

The last veteran has gone to the final bivouac. The Grand Army of the Republic exists only in memory, but the Union itself stands as its enduring monument.

Governor Smith is back on the track. In a statement Thursday, he had praise for the anticipated balance of some \$28 million in the state treasury at the biennium's end, and made no promises of cutting the surtax and distributing the surplus receipts. The governor says he endorses "conservative state government financial policies," which sounds better.

Shift of Farmers Against Ike Declared 'Real'; Sample Poll in Iowa Bolsters Such Opinion

By STEWART ALSOP KEOKUK COUNTY, Iowa—Ester Kefauver could be Dwight D. Eisenhower handily in this typical Iowa farm county. Adlai Stevenson probably couldn't. But the shift of the farmers against the President is perfectly real, and the Eisenhower campaign strategists ought to do some hard thinking and hard worrying about it.

These large conclusions spring from an admittedly small but nevertheless fascinating experience—two long days of door-to-door interviewing of farmers in Iowa's Keokuk County and neighboring Muscatine County, with one of the best of the professional pollsters, Louis Harris, as guide and mentor.

Harris chose Keokuk and Muscatine counties because they vote the way Iowa votes. The two counties came within one percentage point, for example, of repeating Iowa's 47 per cent to 53 per cent vote for Eisenhower over Stevenson in 1952. For the statistically-minded, our two days of polling showed the following heavy drop in pro-Eisenhower sentiment:

Eisenhower 47 per cent; Stevenson 53 per cent; Don't know 18 per cent. Eisenhower 40 per cent; Kefauver 49 per cent; Don't know 11 per cent. It is silly, of course, to base confident conclusions on a couple of days of interviewing (although the coverage of a small area was in fact considerably heavier than in most polls). And yet the experience of talking at length and consecutively to nearly half a hundred Iowa farmers left certain very strong impressions.

Federal Reorganization

Bill Jenkins, managing editor of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, covers the fish and game beat for the Klamath basin. He had this to say about the pending reorganization of the federal fish and wild life service: The long-looked-for shake-up in the Fish and Wildlife Service was accomplished before Congress adjourned. The new compromise creates a Fish and Wildlife Division within the Interior Department. This will call for an assistant secretary of the interior for fish and wildlife. Under him will be a commissioner for fish and wildlife and further down the list two separate agencies, each with the status of a bureau, which will be administered by a director. One will be the Bureau of Sports, Fisheries and Wildlife and the other the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. Probably a smart move. For many years sports fishermen and commercial fishermen have been clashing head-on. Now we can have top level government clashes, as well. Besides which bureaus are fashionable today.

Evidently sportsmen and commercial fishermen clash in other parts of the country as well as Oregon.

"One-Way Street"

Roscoe Drummond, Washington newsman, summed up the Stassen boomlet for Gov. Herter for vice president thus in an article in the Christian Science Monitor:

This leaves Mr. Eisenhower standing pat and Mr. Stassen pushing down the accelerator of an engineless car against traffic on a one-way street. But it is still possible that it is the others who have their signals mixed. We should be able to deduce the answers from the November results.

Nothing daunted, Stassen has opened a "headquarters" for promotion of the Herter cause, even though Herter backs away from being a candidate.

Editorial Comment

A SPATE OF COLLECTIVES

Without hesitation we speak of a herd of cattle or a flock of sheep, but what's the correct collective noun to use for whales?

Such questions about English vocabulary weigh heavily on an editor at times. One has to be prepared for anything in this business. If a large number of whales suddenly appeared in the Willamette River just about Canby, our store of words should be sufficient that we could refer to them collectively in a manner that would pass muster even on the hallowed copy desks of the Saturday Evening Post or Harper's.

So this slave to accuracy has just devoted a few spare moments to collecting collectives. The surface has barely been scratched, but we did learn that an invading whales might be either a pod or a ram. A pod of whales or seals, either, for that matter, is a small school or herd. A gam of whales is genuine whaler's lingo for a large number—spotters as far as the eye can reach, or a good sized group.

Pursuing the elusive collective still farther we find that covey is the made-to-order word for partridges, quail or similar birds which take off in a flock, all at once. It wouldn't be used much for pheasants which are individualists when they burst into the air. On the other hand the useful word bevy may refer to larks or quail, not necessarily in flight, and also to women not necessarily in flight either. First time we ever saw bevy used the latter was when a reporter covering a beauty contest referred to the collection of shapely gals as "a bevy of beauties" and he was incorrect either.

Practically everybody knows that a family of bees moving out or occupying a new hive is known as a swarm, and that a number of hounds or wolves travelling together is correctly called a pack. But supposing you were fishing up a stream and came upon a reedy spot literally alive with long-legged, long-beaked birds. Would you know that you had run into a sedge of herons?

We've heard, too, that real Englishmen speak of "an episode of sparrows," but that could refer to the occurrence or recurrence of an unusual number of the pests.

For our money the most efficiently descriptive collective noun we've run onto lately is "a gaggle of geese," and you'll find that in almost any dictionary.

What we are working on currently is a plot to introduce into common usage a phrase which should be quite handy during the next few months: an epidemic of politicians.—Canby Herald

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"No, no, dear! . . . These are the heartburn pills I use on narrow, winding roads . . . Give me the tranquilizer tablets for super-highways! . . ."

IT SEEMS TO ME

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British ships and British troops could accomplish this mission; but that would constitute military occupation and the Middle East would fester as long as it lasted. The Arab world already is excited against the West because of Israel and because of French re-occupation of North Africa. Military seizure of the Suez would invite an Arab "holy war" in words if not in deeds.

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there's an election campaign on in this country, with Republicans hoping to win on a Peace and Prosperity appeal! Really, though, Americans are not much excited over the Suez. Of course if Panama or Colombia tried to take over the Panama canal our reaction would be very different. U.S. policy in the Middle East has aimed at smoothing its troubled waters. Rejection of Egypt's plea for help on Aswan dam has been followed, however, with a sudden and violent churning of the Suez, with a threat of worse trouble before calm is restored.

In our woods the troublesome porcupine is easily taken care of with a blow from a club. That may be the treatment accorded Egypt, but unlike our porcupine, Egypt may have quills that fly and sting.

Wheat Yield Estimate Up

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Estimates Friday placed the Morrow-Umatilla wheat yield this year at 10 million bushels. The Morrow County Grain Growers Assn. said its elevators expected to handle about 3 million bushels of grain with yields averaging 30 bushels to the acre—about 10 bushels an acre more than last year.

James Beamer, manager of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, a semi-federal agency, said the Umatilla County wheat harvest would be 7 million bushels. He said the harvest is averaging 35 bushels per acre—about 2 bushels an acre more than the good year of 1952. A shortage of both rail cars and trucks has necessitated ground storage at some Morrow County points.

Death Claims Salem Man

Ernest DeSloover, 2660 Dorfs St., a Salem resident for the past six months, died Friday at his home. He was 58.

DeSloover was born March 9, 1896, in Moline, Ill. A farmer, he came to Salem from Riceville, Iowa.

Survivors include his widow, Lily DeSloover, Salem; three daughters, Miss Vivian DeSloover, Salem; Mrs. Veronica Cappier, Rochester, Minn.; and Mrs. Virginia Farris, Riceville, Iowa; two brothers, Alfonso DeSloover, Moline, Ill.; and Victor DeSloover, Lawler, Iowa; two sisters, Mrs. Cantell Plovier, Chelsea, Iowa; and Mrs. Marty Martins, Charlotte, Minn.

Shipment is to be made to Iowa by the W. T. Rigdon funeral home for services and interment.

\$100 Donated by Lions for Salem First Aid Car

A check for \$100 from the Salem Lions Club raised the city fire department's fund for purchase of a new first aid car to \$2,290 Friday. Fire Chief Ellsworth Smith reported.

Full price of the new car, which will be bought through money donated by service and civic groups, is estimated at about \$3,000. Smith said, including standard furnishings.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "Neither one of the girls are congenial people." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "solace"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Devotee, destructible, development, destructible. 4. What does the word "formative" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with "s" that means "filled with active interest"?

ANSWERS 1. Say, "Neither one of the girls IS A GENIAL PERSON." One person cannot be "congenial." 2. Pronounce sol-iss, accent first syllable. 3. Devastate. 4. Giving, or tending to give, formative. "These things date back to the formative period of my life." 5. Zealous.

Troutdale Plant Damage Hearing Ends in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — A 41-day hearing in a \$500,000 damage suit against the Reynolds Metals Co. at Troutdale was completed in federal court here Thursday. Fairview Farms, a large dairy serving the Portland area, contends fumes emitted at the plant caused heavy damage to its hay and forage crops, resulting in reduction of milk output, and affected cows in its 500-animal herd. Reynolds denies that fluorine emitted at the plant, near the dairy, was sufficient to cause harm.

Steel Contract Clears Way To Production

NEW YORK — U.S. Steel and Republic Steel, first and third ranking steel producers in the land, Friday night signed strike-ending contracts with the United Steelworkers Union. Big Bethlehem Steel, which was believed Thursday to be the closest to signing, was still in negotiations at a late hour. Wheeling Steel Corp., the nation's ninth largest producer, signed several hours after U.S. Steel and Republic.

Friday night's signings to all intents and purposes marked the end of the 34-day-old, 650,000-man steel shutdown.

Behind the industry's leaders were more than 30 other firms, large and small, ready to follow suit. Apparently, they will sign their union contracts Saturday. Three smaller companies had signed before Friday night.

The hope was that fires would begin building up again in the vast steel furnaces Monday, with production under way in quantity by the end of next week.

Red Chinese Deny Burma Area Invaded

HONG KONG — Communist China Saturday termed "groundless" reports that Chinese troops have invaded northern Burma.

Peiping Radio broadcast a statement from the Peiping People's Daily which said any such invasion would be "completely devoid of military common sense."

The People's Daily reflects official government policy in Red China. Burmese officials announced Tuesday that Red Chinese forces, believed to number about 500 men, had moved across the poorly defined northern border into Burmese territory. The Red forces were reported digging in along several classes with Burmese army units. Minor patrol incidents have been reported previously in the area, but the Burmese spokesmen said the move this week involved far larger numbers of troops.

Burma's government was reported to be pressing the Peiping regime for speedy withdrawal of the troops.

The Peiping Radio broadcast was the first comment from Red China on the reported incursion. The People's Daily said the wild northern border between Burma and China always had been "undefined." It said negotiations should be the key to settling the dispute.

Man Held in Traffic Death Escapes Jail

ELLENBURG, Wash. — Lee Timnell of Spokane, held in Kittitas County jail here on negligent homicide and hit-run charges, disappeared Thursday night and, for the second time in three months, was the object of a state-wide police search Friday night.

Timnell walked away from the jail where he was a trustee and stopped only long enough to drop off a pair of jail coveralls before leaving the town. He was identified by a bartender as the man who had asked for paper to wrap up a pair of coveralls and left the package at the tavern saying he would "be back later to pick it up."

Timnell was being held on charges resulting from a two-car accident on the Vantage highway May 4 in which Mrs. Margaret Wulff, 45, Spokane, was killed. Police said Timnell, 42, fled from the accident scene but gave himself up in Spokane one week later.

He entered a plea of not guilty and has been held under \$2,500 bail for trial at the fall jury term of Kittitas County superior court.

North Koreans Accuse U.S. of Hatching War Plot

TOKYO — Communist North Korea Saturday accused the chairman of America's Joint Chiefs of Staff of visiting South Korea "to hatch plots for a new war."

Pyeongyang Radio said Adm. Arthur W. Radford discussed "delivery of modern weapons including atomic weapons and increased military aid" with South Korean officials.

Radford, who flew here Friday, told reporters South Korea had not asked for nuclear weapons. He did repeat, however, that the United Nations command must introduce more modern weapons.

Stassen Says Odds Improve, Still Tough

WASHINGTON — Harold E. Stassen acknowledged Friday he faces an uphill struggle in his effort to win the Republican vice presidential nomination for Gov. Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts. Stassen told a news conference the odds "have improved" but are still against him.

He said his job now is to stand steady while the American people and the convention delegates give thought to their choice of a vice presidential nominee.

Herter said in Boston Thursday night he is not a candidate and that if his name is placed in nomination at the San Francisco convention opening Aug. 29 it will be without his consent. He agreed that he could not prevent any delegate from entering his name, however.

Commenting on this Friday, Stassen said Herter "has taken exactly the right attitude to unite the party if it turns to him at the convention."

"Contributions Flow in" Stassen said contributions to finance his Eisenhower-Herter campaign are "now flowing in" and he has received \$1,730 from a wide range of individuals. This will enable him to open a small headquarters at the San Francisco convention, he said.

President Eisenhower has given Stassen a leave of absence for the rest of this month from his cabinet-level job as special assistant on disarmament matters. This was to give him a free hand for his "political activities."

At his news conference, Stassen refused to answer a series of questions as to why he believes Vice President Richard Nixon would "defect" from the Republican ticket if renominated.

Private Poll He repeated that a private poll indicated the most serious detractor would be in Nixon's home state of California and on the West Coast, where he said the vice president is best known. He has announced a new poll is now being taken.

Asked if he had considered, in starting his drive to replace Nixon with Herter, that Eisenhower might die, Stassen said he was acting in the belief that Eisenhower "will continue to give magnificent leadership to the country for 10 years or more," even after another term in office.

The Republican state chairman of Massachusetts, Ralph H. Bonnell, said in Boston that he knows of no move among Massachusetts delegates to nominate Herter at the GOP convention.

Leg-Breaking Convicts' Story 'Unconfirmed'

REIDSVILLE, Ga. — A joint legislative committee investigating mass leg-breaking of convicts at the Buford State Prison branch for incorrigible convicts said Friday that charges of cruelty and brutality at the state's "Little Alcatraz" have not been substantiated.

The legs of 36 convicts were smashed with 20-pound sledges during a rest period Monday afternoon and 5 others were mutilated Tuesday. The prisoners were quoted at the time as saying they broke their own legs in protest against brutality and hard treatment and they told the committee that brutality and cursing by the guards drove them to the act.

While 41 prisoners suffered leg injuries, examination at the hospital of the state prison has disclosed that five merely suffered cuts and bruises but no fractures.

In a unanimous report, the committee said "the allegations of cruelty and brutality have not been substantiated by the group before us."

President Signs Wheat Pact Bill

WASHINGTON — President Eisenhower signed Friday legislation authorizing subsidy payments in connection with this country's participation in the International Wheat Agreement for three more years.

Under the agreement, the United States promises to supply 132 million bushels of wheat to importing countries in each of the next three years at \$1.50 to \$2 a bushel.

Domestic prices are expected to range higher, and the subsidy payments will make up the difference on exports.

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Benefit Games For Hospital Due Tonight

MT. ANGEL — The Shrine Hospital Benefit doubleheader at Ebner Ball Park at Mt. Angel Saturday will start at 7:30 p.m. The first game will be a softball contest between the Mt. Angel and Molalla Juniors. A baseball game follows in which the Mt. Angel Townies challenge the strong Mill City club, host team for the State Softball tournament. The Hubbard Merchants, originally scheduled for this game, must play in a district playoff that night.

A short program will be presented between the two contests. All proceeds go to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children, and about 100 of a large Mt. Angel following as several children from this community have benefited from the benevolence of this institution.

The event has been staged here annually for the past six years through the cooperation of the Molalla Shrine and the Sports Committee of the Mt. Angel Business Men's Club. The Molalla Shrine will assist with car parking at the ballpark.

Successful bidder was the firm of Grubb, Johnson & Rose. The contract price of \$22,254 was about \$3,000 under the next low bid. Carl Wood will be in charge of construction for the contracting firm.

Start Due on Newspaper's New Building

DALLAS — Construction of a new building to permit expansion of The Polk County Itemizer-Observer will get underway immediately, it was announced by Editor Earle Richardson and assistant editor J. B. Eisenbrandt.

The building will be of one-story concrete block construction with concrete floor. Adjacent to the present Itemizer building, the new structure will have two 15 by 50-foot office spaces. The back half will be utilized for expansion of the newspaper plant.

One of the new office spaces will be owned by Laird W. Woods, who is participating in the construction. District Attorney Welfer Foster plans to lease the other office space, it was announced.

Will House Press The additional shop space will house a Goss Cox-O-Type press purchased by the Itemizer. Delivery of the press is expected about January 1, Richardson said.

The firm's Miehle press has been sold to the Woodbury Independent and will be removed when the new press is in operation.

The Itemizer plans to expand its present office space early in 1957 when shop equipment has been rearranged.

Pringle Club Picks Officer

PRINGLE — Joe Gray was appointed vice president of the Pringle Community Club at the first meeting of the new Executive Board last Wednesday night.

The vacant office was due to the resignation of Dr. Ted Deams, formerly a doctor at Fairview Home, who has entered private practice in Albany.

It was stated at the meeting that Pringle Girl Scout Troop 96 will have to be disbanded unless a new leader is found to replace Mrs. Deams.

Appointment of Chairmen for standing committees was discussed. The appointments will be made at a board meeting later this month.

Consolidation Talk Slated

BROOKS — Charles Schmidt, superintendent of Salem School District 24c, will discuss school consolidation at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Brooks School Gymnasium.

Patrons of Brooks Labish Center and Buena Crest School Districts are invited to attend the public discussion.

Stephany Grabenhorst Breaks Arms in Fall

PRINGLE — Stephany Grabenhorst, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Grabenhorst Jr., is convalescing at home from injuries incurred when she fell from the top of a stock trailer at her home. Both of her arms were broken in the fall and her face was severely lacerated by gravel, the family reported.

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