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Morris Dunne to Retire
In 1933 Gov. Julius L. Meier appointed T. Morris Dunne of Portland to the State Industrial Accident Commission. When later legislation was enacted to provide unemployment compensation, a new commission was created whose personnel was the same as for the Accident Commission.

Oregon's administration of workmen's compensations and unemployment compensation has been conducted with a minimum of criticism and an absence of scandal. Morris Dunne is entitled to a large share of credit for the fine record of the two commissions. As he retires April 1st after 24 years of continuous and faithful service for the State of Oregon, its workers and its employers, the gratitude of the people should attend him, and their best wishes for his pleasant retirement.

An "Oregon" Company
To the editor's desk has come an attractive, brightly painted brochure, "The Story of Standard Insurance in the West." It is the history of the Standard Insurance Company, which is still known to many by its former name of Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Washington reports that Nathan Zasman "flunked" his test for truthfulness via the lie detector. Evidently he did protest "too much."

Commiss Exploiting West's Setbacks But Regain Big Part of Own Satellite Losses

PARIS, March 8.—For the Soviet citizen, the gradual evolution of the iron society in which he lives and has his being must be a matter of really passionate concern. And this same evolution should also be a matter of deep interest for Americans. All the same, the evolution of Soviet society that began with the death of Stalin has neither softened nor deflected Soviet foreign policy. On the contrary, while considerably more sunny than their late master, Stalin's heirs have actually proven somewhat more adventurous. And on the basis of a rather intense experience in the Soviet Union, this reporter is convinced that a wholly new generation of Soviet leaders will probably have to come to power before there is any real change in the meaning of "peaceful coexistence."

Split on Utility Excise Tax?

Our legislators appear to be more diligent divesting the state of revenues and revenue opportunities than of increasing the flow to state coffers. Latest "giveaway" is a bill by Sens. Bovin and Lewis to give counties half the receipts from the state excise tax on utilities. The justification for the bill lies in the shift through property revaluation which has resulted in raising the ratio for non-utility property. Counties have complained. They have lost no revenues as a result, but the share paid by utilities has been less in proportion.

Utilities now are being made subject to the corporate excise tax which, of course, goes to the state.

It doesn't seem to The Statesman that correction of inequities in assessments warrants a diversion of utility taxes to counties. With all the calls on the state for government services, its need for funds is paramount.

Nobody seems to be happy over the national budget—or the state budget for that matter. Complaints of taxpayers are being heard in legislative halls, and there is some evidence that legislators are listening. The Democratic target in Oregon, as stated by Speaker Pat Dooley, is considerably under previous estimates. In Washington the administration seems disposed to have Congress hack at the budget submitted if it can see any soft wood that might be cut off. And the President says he is asking department heads to sharpen their pencils in figuring their expenses. The House Ways and Means committee has done some paring of department requests. Interior's first of all. When the job is done, probably the savings will be mere shavings compared with the total.

Ford Motor Company reports that its stockholders number 300,000. Pretty big family in itself. Ford stock still sells at several points under its offering price of two years ago. This year the company will get into production of its medium-priced Edsel line and hopes this will contribute to earnings. Despite the decrease in number of motor car manufacturers competition is keen and earnings restricted.

Mayor Terry Schruk of Portland is vigorous in his denial that he picked up an envelope containing \$500 by a telephone pole in Portland, a parcel left there as an alleged payoff for protection when Schruk was sheriff. The story is hard to believe. A sheriff certainly wouldn't be that dumb.

Editorial Comment

DURANTE THE MAGNIFICENT
On March 17 at the Waldorf-Astoria the American entertainment industry is uniting to honor one of its great men. Only Jimmy Durante could be the subject of so universal and heartfelt a tribute. Very few others have maintained so lengthy and so undimmed a reputation as a great comedian very few others have engendered in audiences such a sense of personal affection. Old-timers who go back to the days of Clayton, Jackson and Durante have known and loved Jimmy for years that seem countless. Youngsters who have encountered him for the first time on television have responded to him with a kindred enthusiasm. Like Cyrano de Bergerac—pardon, de Bergerac—Mr. Durante has exposed the great soul that lies beneath a massive nose and also like Cyrano, he has at times left his audience uncertain whether to laugh or to weep. If versatility is one of the hallmarks of a great entertainer, Mr. Durante certainly has a powerful claim to greatness. In vaudeville, in night clubs, in the movies, on records, on radio and, finally, on television, he has invariably delighted his audience. Today he is known to and beloved by more Americans than at any time previously, and the good wishes and thanks of all of them will be extended to him warmly as he receives the formal appreciation of the profession of which he is a part.—New York Herald-Tribune.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"If they're gonna use canned laughter in filming my new comedy series, it gotta be in the contract they'll use only belly laughs and no giggles, titters or chuckles!"

IT SEEMS TO ME

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further punishment as may have been prescribed by law." Curious to know why the drafters of the state constitution had forewarned the remedy of impeachment, I looked up the matter in Carey's history of the constitutional convention. Apparently there was no debate on this section. It was part of the original draft on the judicial department and sailed through first, second and third readings to final adoption.

A related provision which appears as Section 20 "Original Article VII" did provoke some debate. This read:

"The governor may remove from office a judge of the supreme court or prosecuting attorney, upon the joint resolution of the legislative assembly, in which two-thirds of the members elected to each house shall concur, for incompetency, corruption, malfeasance, or delinquency in office, or other sufficient cause stated in such resolution."

The debate in the constitutional convention was over a proposed amendment to change "may" to "shall." This would have required the governor to oust the official on resolution of the Legislative Assembly. The amendment was defeated, members feeling that the governor should have some option in the matter lest an official be ousted for mere political reasons. So far as I know this provision of the constitution has never been applied. There may even be some question as to its validity since it was omitted from the 1910 revision of Article VII.

Some provision should be made for suspension of a public official who is under indictment, especially for a district attorney. His salary should be continued pending a disposition of the case; but he ought to be detached from handling of criminal matters. If a law can do the job, all right. However it looks as though the constitution should be revised to provide mechanics of removal or suspension of a public official from office, where sufficient cause exists.

This Legislature also is considering a proposal for selection of jurors assuring that selection is made by lot from names of

Time Flies FROM STATESMAN FILES

10 Years Ago
Mar. 9, 1947
Formation of a Men's Garden club of the Pacific Northwest took place at the YMCA at a conference of five Oregon Garden clubs. Elected president of the group was Mark Taylor, and Harry M. Each, secretary of the Salem club.

25 Years Ago
Mar. 9, 1932
Mrs. Isabel Gray Clifford, 1585 Ferry street, received word that she was the winner of first prize in a "Feature Story" contest conducted by "The Writer," which is the oldest authors' magazine in the country.

40 Years Ago
Mar. 9, 1917
At the meeting of the directorate of the Salem Commercial club plans were made for new club quarters in the building that is being constructed by Steusloff brothers on Liberty street.

Most people like smelt—most Salem people at any rate. Last week it took more than 11 tons of smelt to satisfy this city.

Mentally Ill Duo Captured

SPOKANE, March 8.—Two escapees from the maximum security ward at Eastern State Hospital were captured in downtown Spokane tonight, tired, hungry and unarmed.

Charles Barrett, 24, Washougal, Wash., and Cornelius Nowell, 35, Seattle told officers they had walked all the way to Spokane after escaping from the mental hospital at Medical Lake, Wash. They told police of leaving John L. Wilson, 28, Yakima, after scaling the hospital fence and said they did not know where the third escapee had gone.

Detective Fred Obde said the two men offered no resistance when he stopped them at the intersection of Main and Washington. They gave wrong names at first, he said, but later admitted their identity and complained of being hungry.

Police planned to return the men to Eastern State tonight. The three inmates, described as dangerous, used a mandolin wire and hacksaw blades in their escape.

TV, Radio Ads Monitored by Critical FCC

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Chairman John W. Gwynne said today Federal Trade Commission investigators are tuning in on TV and radio ads and may soon lodge complaints against "illegal claims."

Gwynne gave this word to the House Commerce Committee after some members complained of what they called "misleading," "exaggerated" or "absolutely deceptive" advertising on radio-TV or elsewhere.

The FTC chairman said his men have been checking advance scripts of radio-TV ads for long time, but recently investigators in nine field offices throughout the country have been ordered to actually monitor the live broadcasts on an airtight basis.

"And in the very near future," Gwynne said, "it could result in complaints against illegal claims including visual misrepresentations."

Negro Church Infiltration 'Tried by Reds'

BATON ROUGE, March 8.—Two former Negro Communist leaders testified today Red agents have been trying since 1929 to infiltrate Negro churches, especially in the South.

Leonard Patterson told the Louisiana Joint Legislative Committee on Segregation, probing influences behind racial unrest, "The Negro people in the South never accepted the Communist party program." And Manning Johnson said Communists worked on Negro pastors in Dixie, pressuring them to participate in various front movements.

Both New Yorkers were former Red leaders before they turned against the party. Johnson said Communists favored the churches in the South as a target because they provided a cloak of respectability and a place to hide from police investigations.

"When a cry arose against the law investigators," he added, "the agents thus created sympathy for their cause. The Communists were very clever in this." The committee hearing in a state Capitol courtroom was less than half full when the hearings opened yesterday. But an overflow audience was present today.

Ghana Joins U.N. Family

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., March 8.—Ghana became the 18th member of the United Nations today less than three days after it came into existence. The new African nation was welcomed by unanimous vote of the General Assembly. Its action came a day after the 11-nation Security Council unanimously recommended Ghana for membership.

Ghana combines the former British Gold Coast colony and the U. N. trust territory of British Togoland. It became independent Wednesday. Ghana's Setha Kobla Anthony was on hand for the U. N. vote and took his seat in the Assembly immediately.

Bank Bandits Get \$30,000

AKRON, Ohio, March 8.—Two masked men held up the Evans Savings Assn. branch bank and escaped with an estimated \$30,000 here today.

Gerald Foley, branch manager, said the two men, wearing masks, came into the bank about 6 p. m., and holding employees at gun point emptied the tellers' cash boxes.

They then forced Foley to open the bank safe. The bank is located in the south shopping plaza on Waterloo Road just outside the Akron city limits. Akron police, Summit County deputies and the FBI are investigating.

Salem's Post Office to Lose Long-Time Worker



Charles E. Eyre, Salem, assistant postmaster, who will end more than 33 years of postal service with his retirement March 31.

The Salem Post Office will lose one of its long-time employees March 31 with retirement of Assistant Postmaster Charles E. Eyre. He has been on the payroll for 33 1/2 years.

After first joining the postal service here in August, 1923, as a substitute clerk, Eyre advanced through every clerical position. He was named assistant superintendent of mails in 1944 and later was promoted to head of that department.

Eyre was named assistant to Postmaster Albert Gragg on March 1, 1951. The retiring veteran is second oldest employee of the Salem facility in point of service. His stretch of service is reportedly exceeded only by Sam Spiller, downtown section carrier who has been with the postoffice for about 36 years.

Gragg indicated that he will name a successor later this month. Replacement probably will come from the postoffice staff. The 66-year-old Eyre, a native of Salem, said that after retirement he will "devote a lot of time to gardening, flowers and some interior decoration on my house."

Eyre and his wife, Stella, who live at 1945 N. 15th St., also plan to spend more of their daughter, Charlotte, and her two children in California.

'Epidemic' of Scrap Metal Thefts Probed

Marion County, along with most of the state, has been plagued recently with a virtual "epidemic" of theft of scrap metal in rural areas, Sheriff Denver Young said Friday.

Immediate disposal of metal by junk dealers makes such cases almost impossible to trace down, he said. Sheriff Young advised residents to take down license numbers and contact the sheriff's office when "suspicious persons" or vehicles are spotted in rural communities.

Bargains in Books Offered In YMCA Sale

For only one thin dime you could get a thick 2-400-page copy of "Corpus Juris Secundum," a scholarly law book written by three professors.

Of, if your taste runs to the classics, you could buy at 10 cents per early editions of "A Tale of Two Cities," "Macbeth," or "Dick Tracy and the Mad Killer."

These words were on sale Friday at the YMCA's annual "Book Fair" but maybe they've already been swallowed up by knowledge-thirsty Salem readers.

By the time the first day's sale was halfway over, an estimated 4,000 of the approximately 7,000 volumes had been sold. The public will have a final crack at the remainder today, from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m.

The books are laid out on tables and sold cafeteria style. There are separate tables for fiction, non-fiction, textbooks, children's books, and paper-covered books. (Paperbacks are half price.)

This is the third such "Fair." The YMCA solicits book donations from all over Salem, and then uses the money for worthy "Y" causes.

Soldier Reports \$110 Missing

ARMY Specialist 3 C. Harold Roll, Camp Irwin, Calif., told city police Friday that \$110 was missing from his wallet when he woke up in a Salem motel.

He related to officers that he and three other men went there about 3 a. m. and that when he woke up the money was gone.

Total County Funds Reach \$4.5 Million

Some \$1,591,000 remained in the Marion County general fund with total county funds standing at \$4,564,424 at the end of February, according to county treasurer Samuel Butler.

Other sizable fund balances included the general road fund, \$1,413,146; market road maintenance fund, \$164,733, and the county school fund, \$228,171.

7 Students to Lead Service

FRUITLAND, March 8.—A spiritual clinic composed of seven students from Cascade College, Portland, will appear at two services Sunday evening in Fruitland, Evangelical United Brethren Church. They will conduct a discussion at the 6:30 Youth Fellowship Service in which problems of Christian youth will be considered. The young people of the church are inviting adults and children to this special service.

Five Salem ROTC Cadets Assigned

Branch and length of service assignments for five Salem senior Army ROTC cadets at the University of Oregon in Eugene, who will go on active duty next year, were announced by the Department of Army Friday.

They are Chuck B. Huggins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Huggins, 743 Stewart St., assigned to serve with the transportation corps for two years; Murray A. Jensen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther L. Jensen, 1790 N. 23rd St., adjutant general corps for six months.

Gilbert E. Jones, son of G. E. Jones, 405 N. 21st, military police corps for two years; Charles R. McClelland, son of C. R. McClelland, 903 Union St., ordnance corps for two years; and William Mainwaring, son of Mrs. Bernard Mainwaring, 2660 Doughton, military intelligence for two years.

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