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From Who's Who To Prison Term

It isn't everyone who rates 15 lines in Who's Who in America. Very few of us ever get there at all. So Dave Beck could feel himself signally honored.

Thirty-four years ago he was secretary-treasurer of the Laundry and Dye Drivers Local Union 566 in Seattle. Then he became its president, started his climb with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, became a part-time organizer, the general organizer, western conference chairman, vice president and 1952 president of the largest union of them all.

Veritably Dave Beck climbed steadily and well. He acquired stature and prestige. He served on the Washington State Prison Board of Paroles, became president of the University of Washington's board of regents. It was a full and satisfying career. It would have been more satisfying and longer, had he been able to handle the power and authority and wealth he picked up along the way.

Dave Beck stands now not only convicted of embezzling from the union he led, but sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in prison. And on the same day of his sentence he saw his son, disgraced with a similar conviction against him, squeak out on probation, with orders never to touch the labor movement again.

The story is not one peculiar to labor. The major factor here is that the labor movement has had fewer checks and balances on the men to whom their vast funds are entrusted. Which is all the more reason labor's men in power should be men equal to or a cut above those in other high places.

We don't know whether Beck will serve the minimum of three years which the prosecution demands. His case will be appealed, of course. We don't know how much he will suffer. His wealth is intact. But he leaves a pretty sour note at the end of the kind of a success story we were taught could be written by any American boy with gumption, ambition, ability and integrity. Beck seems lacking in the most vital point of all.

More Juveniles In Our Prison

The premise that lack of sufficient education plays a major part in crime seems to have been born out beyond doubt in Warden Gladden's recent survey of the Oregon State Penitentiary.

Of the 1,400 or so prisoners, more than half were found in tests to rate below the 8th-grade level. Only 85 rated at the 12th grade or above and 115 were illiterate.

On the other side of the picture, nearly half were found to have normal intelligence and 24 per cent were rated in the sub-genius or genius class.

But the most startling data pertained to age. At the present time the average age of inmates is 23.3 years—nearly eight years younger than a very few years ago. There is no longer any blinding ourselves to a very real juvenile problem.

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One of the definitions of Atlas is "the bearer of great burden." Looks like the Air Force is bearing the burden most of the time.

Wide Range of Public Projects Possible to Fight Economy Dip

By A. ROBERT SMITH
 Statesman Correspondent
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 — If Congress and/or the Eisenhower administration should decide that a stepped up public works program is the best stimulant to revive the nation's economy this year, there are a host of projects now pending which could be usefully undertaken without embarking on a mass make-work or leaf raking program.

In Oregon alone, some \$400,000,000 could be expended by the federal government on a variety of currently slowed down programs—such as backing of hydroelectric dams and reclamation projects to a new federal office building in Portland.

Members of Congress from both parties are talking more willingly these days of using public works spending to arrest the climb in unemployment, even the Republican congressional leaders whose conservative leanings are well known. After the GOP leaders had been to the White House this week for their regular weekly strategy talks, they allowed as how they might find it necessary to join the Democrats in backing a public works program.

Numismatics Big Business Now

Numismatics, the collecting of rare coins (as if they all weren't rare these days), was given great impetus just 100 years ago with the formation in New York City, where it still maintains a museum and expanding offices, of the American Numismatic Society.

The one-time hobby has grown into really big business in some areas, and its eminence is pretty well proven with ever-growing attempts at counterfeiting. One of these attempts came this week in Portland, and we must say that isn't much of a way to observe a respectable hobby's centennial.

All manner of good-looking coins were found in the Portland raid—1913 buffalo nickels, now worth \$7.50; 1885 liberty head nickels which bring \$27.50 each, and many others. But they were phonies—though apparently selling well. It's quite a business that brings such a healthy profit on age, a la our bigger antiques. The counterfeiting of antiques is by no means infrequent, and coins are even more vulnerable to deception.

All we hope is that the people who discover they've bought counterfeits don't start using them in our favorite vending machines. They'd probably gum up the works right.

Bill Aims at News Barrier

A comparatively little-known and vastly underrated bill comes before the House government operations committee for referral to Congress this week. It carries the unanimous support of a three-man sub-committee which has been studying it.

The bill seeks to break the curtain of censorship which 10 Federal departments have used to keep many non-classified records from public scrutiny. The censorship has been imposed through mis-interpretation of a rather general "housekeeping" statute which was passed years ago solely to set up means by which the federal departments would use and preserve their records. The departments, instead, have used the statute to secret their records on the claim such was the intent of the original law. It never was.

It is somewhat natural that all 10 departments are opposed to the bill. After all, the more information which can be withheld from the public the less chance there is of criticism. Conversely, it is natural that newspapers and other media of communication would be in favor of the bill—its passage would better enable such media to carry out their obligation to keep the public informed of what is going on. And that, after all, is the sole meaning of the oft-used phrase Freedom of the Press.

The 10 Federal departments have had no right to withhold information on the pretext of the old "housekeeping" statute permitted them to do so. We hope the curtain, and one more barrier to proper news coverage, will be lifted.

Editorial Comment

Value of a Good Teacher

As taxpayers—federal, state and local—Americans are giving much thought these days to the costs of an adequate education. The question of teachers' salaries rightly ranks high in these considerations.

The trouble, you can no more put a price on a good teacher than you can judge the real worth of a man by his income. There is a dimension of teacher dedication that defies salary schedules.

We cite the Auburn high school mathematics teacher who has initiated post-high school math classes on Wednesday afternoons—on her own time—as her contribution to the need of her students and of the nation for better science preparation.

It is to be hoped certainly that this teacher, and others of her like will receive financial rewards for such service beyond the ordinary call of duty. But we can never hope to find enough such teachers merely by raising salaries.

America needs more of this kind of devotion to duty, this readiness to give more than is required; and not just from teachers.—Portland (Maine) Press Herald.

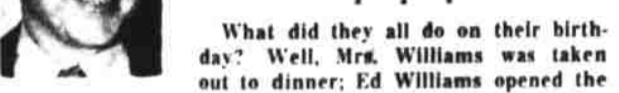
GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Looks like the pasture for us, gentlemen! ... All officers too old for the missile and satellite program are ordered to report for military duty!"

Comes the Dawn

Amid the hoopla over Lincoln and Washington birthdays this month, the strange case of the Williams' birthday stands out like a plug hat in a cherry tree. Seems that three members of separate Salem Williams families all observed their birthdays on Feb. 19. They are Mrs. Fred Williams, wife of an attorney and mother of attorney Bruce Williams; Attorney Reg Williams and Ed Williams, greeting card shop operator. All are unrelated and how they all found out about their mutual birthday is a long story...



What did they all do on their birthday? Well, Mrs. Williams was taken out to dinner; Ed Williams opened the many tricky greeting cards his relatives always manufacture for him on these occasions, and Reg Williams stayed home and cheerfully (more or less) marked another "X" on the calendar...

Is Salem ready for the new fashions—spring or no spring? There was a little confusion when Deana Pace, Statesman's personable, blonde switchboard operator drifted in Thursday clad in the latest—a spooner-type dress designed by Harry Burnmaster of Stayton. A spooner differs from a plain sack dress in that the spooner is looser under the arms—or, as someone put it, it gives the wearer a sort of spoon shape. Or something like that. Anyway all the girls said Deana looked comfortable and Bob Schwartz took one look and said he was suddenly reminded to bring potatoes home for dinner...

One of the Willamette University Collegian reporters, in writing up a visiting speaker, included in his story a list of the man's books. One was "The Alternative to Futility." But the reporter wrote it, "The Alternative to Fertility." Unfortunately the error was noticed before it got into print. But it DID raise a few eyebrows on the Collegian staff...

U. S. Rep. Norblad, in town this weekend with his running shoes on, noted that sometimes his mail gives the post office almost as much trouble as dogs and slippery steps. Norblad's home address is Stayton. And many of his correspondents from out of state—and a quite a few right around home—spell it as everything from "Stanton to Station." But the payoff was the recent letter addressed to him at "Stacey, Oregon." The post office gave up and sent it to him in Washington...

Remember that track meet in Madison Square Garden last Saturday when U. of O. runner James Grelle came in third in the Baxter Mile? Well, the relaying of that story from the East to the West coast was a family affair. Columbia U. student John Harvey, son of Paul Harvey, Salem newspaperman, called news of Grelle's third-place win from New York to the Register-Guard of Eugene. And guess who took the call at the R-G? Why, John's brother, Paul Harvey III, student at U of O and part-time worker on the R-G...

Time Flies:

10 Years Ago
 Feb. 21, 1948

Marion County's expanding population grew by pairs in Salem when two sets of twin boys arrived. The proud parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kandle.

Salem friends are interested in the announcement of the coming marriage of Chester Olcott, eldest son of former governor Ben W. Olcott, Portland, to Miss Helen McHugh, Seattle.

25 Years Ago
 Feb. 21, 1933

President-elect Roosevelt named Sen. Cordell Hull as Secretary of State and William H. Woodin of New York, Sec.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "In Egypt there is the hot, dry sun and the swirling sands."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "masseur"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Misapprehension, mischievous, missile, misdemeanor.
4. What does the word "feasible" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with "re" that means "to read here and there"?

ANSWERS
 1. In Egypt there ARE the hot, dry sun and the swirling sands. 2. Pronounce masseur, accent second syllable. 3. Misdemeanor. 4. Capable of being done or effected; practicable. "It is not feasible to make such a move at present." 5. Browse.

Day-Old Infant Taken by Death

Steven Douglas Galloway day-old grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Galloway Jr., 1648 Cottage St. SE, died Wednesday at Rifton, Miss., according to word received here Thursday.

The infant son of Airman 2nd Class and Mrs. Douglas Galloway, was a victim of pneumonia. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shilling, Scio.

The baby's father is stationed at Kessler Air Base, Bixby. Grave-site services will be at Scio under direction of Fisher Mortuary, Albany.

IT SEEMS TIME

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is affected universally. Favored views are out across the desert to the mountain rim where light and shadow play with the sun's course across the skies. The day is largely spent out of doors, cultivating that burnished bronze which is presumed to contribute to good health.

What a colony of Oregonians are here, especially from Salem. I'll not try to list all we have met in the day, or heard of as here now or recently. They make a goodly company and cordially welcome each refugee from the rain belt.

Palm Springs is warmer than Phoenix, and drier. It is exclusively a sunbather's resort, save for some growing of dates and grapefruit, while Phoenix is a thriving commercial center in a very productive valley. But in both areas real estate is booming. Faith in continued growth seems unaffected by stock market setbacks or business recession. The papers are filled with ads of new real estate developments, chiefly residential.

Barring temporary upsets (such as Florida has had this year), this optimism seems well founded. With more people going into retirement from occupations, on pensions, the migration to the sun belt is bound to grow, calling for more estates, more motor hotels, more mobile houses with and without cabanas. What the Northwest needs to do is to attract the reverse migration, drawing to its summer coolness those fleeing from desert heat and brazen sun.

Safety Valve

Contributions to the Safety Valve must be signed by the contributor, giving also his address. This is necessary to insure authenticity and responsibility. Contributions should be limited to 300 words.

Recreation Problem

To the Editor: The thoughtful and tax-paying citizens of Salem and their elected administrators must all be complimented for making and keeping your city the clean and quiet place of residence it is. You have fine public parks, a remarkably good business district, a progressive and admirable outlook on public education, and a laudable taste for "culture." You are rightfully proud of your many churches, your libraries, your state government, and of your university. This I have observed as a visitor. I must call myself a visitor, for I only remain in attendance at this university. Yet, in my semi-residential state, I have found the one weakness of your city that causes me to weep with sorrow. You offer very few recreational facilities for my campus colleagues.

It is a well-known fact that a great number of college students eventually take up residence in the town of the college that they attended. So, as future citizens of Salem, we too are interested in the problem.

Here is the problem. On the weekends, there is no place that a fellow can take his date, with the exception of one of the three, and sometimes four movie theatres that always seemed to be filled with very talkative youngsters. We would often like to go dining and dancing, but because of the rules of our university we are barred from frequenting places that serve alcoholic beverages. These are the only places that offer such recreation. We would very much like to participate in the inexpensive forms of entertainment for couples and singles. You have very little to offer us.

We are willing to work with and help you, as we have demonstrated in the past. Are you willing to work with and help us? Do not neglect one of your most valuable assets, future Salemites. As a Willamette student I ask you, isn't there something that you can do?

John Hondula
 Willamette University

Morality vs Law

To the Editor: Fortunately, the citizen who wants to read books which Mrs. John Pfeifer disapproves has the support of the courts against district attorneys who neglect their duties by trying to enforce "morality" of the law. In Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee v. McGrath, 341 U. S. 123 (1951), the Supreme Court has laid down the rule that it is unlawful for the government to blacklist private organizations without a previous trial; and, more specifically, in HMH Publishing Co. v. Garrett, 151 F. Supp. 903 (N. D. Indiana, 1957), a United States District Court decided that "it is unlawful for a state prosecutor to blacklist, or otherwise smear or harass, book-dealers, newsstands, etc. who sell books which he thinks to be 'bad' for some reason or other. All a prosecutor may do is to use precisely that method which the Mrs. Pfeifer frowns upon: the only lawful way, that is, to indict, rather than smear, the dealer if the selling of a particular book constitutes a crime. It usually doesn't, however."

If a book or magazine hurts or even outrages the feeling of a particular person, another recent court case points out an ex-

Lakeview Soil District Asks Oregon Help

Lakeview Soil Conservation District Thursday filed an application for planning assistance under the watershed protection and flood prevention act for the Thomas Creek and Cottonwood Creek watersheds, tributaries of Goose Lake in Lake County. The watersheds contain 208,000 acres.

Sponsoring the application are the city of Lakeview and Lake County Court. The application to the State Engineer is further supported by resolutions of nine organizations in the vicinity of Lakeview.

Floods have caused damage to agricultural land, livestock fences and bridges in the Thomas-Cottonwood Creek watershed almost every year. In 1956 an estimated \$45,000 worth of damage was attributed to the spring run off with only 30 per cent of the landowners within the watershed reporting.

It was reported that the flood waters have not only caused loss but had a noticeable effect on farming efficiency.

As soon as conditions permit, a preliminary investigation will be conducted under the direction of the soil conservation service, the state engineer and interested federal and state agencies.

Keizer School Parking Ban Wins Approval

Marion County Court authorized action Thursday on a Keizer school suggestion to prohibit parking on Chemawa Road in front of the school for loading and unloading students.

The suggestion in a letter from school officials stated that attempts to have parents park elsewhere to avoid a traffic hazard have failed.

The court authorized the county engineer to post signs in the area prohibiting parking from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In other communications, a letter was received from Edna F. Ross, Santiam Union High School clerk at Mill City, requesting that additional forestry lands in the school district not be removed from tax rolls.

Considerable Acreage

The letter stated that there is a considerable acreage of state and national forestry lands within the district and that a slump in the lumber market has made it impossible for business firms and home owners to absorb any more taxation.

The request was referred to the State Forestry Department.

The court accepted a low bid from Stadel Pump Service of Silverton to provide and install a water pump at new county shops on Silverton Road near Middle Grove for \$2,028.

County Engineer John Anderson was instructed to prepare specifications for a front-end loader for trucks as provided for in the last budget.

Request Referred

A petition requesting improvement of County Road 648 northwest of Silverton was referred to the county engineer's office.

The petition stated that fruit crops near the road are being damaged by dust raised by traffic on the gravelled road.

Reckless Driving Charge Lodged

A Portlander was charged with reckless driving early Thursday morning after a vehicle ran a red light, went the wrong way on two streets and forced several other cars to swerve to avoid collisions, city police said.

Cited, said officers, was Gerald Victor Curtis, who was released after posting \$50 bail. The red light was run at Tile Road and Capitol Street NE and the vehicle traveled wrong-way south on Capitol to Center, then wrong-way west on Center, police reported.

cellent, infallible remedy: Not to read it.

As to juvenile delinquents, I am persuaded by leading authority that they don't read those books. Juvenile delinquents do not read, period.

REGINALD PARKER,
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 Salem.

Early Strawberry, Pear Harvests Said Possible

(Story also on Page 1.)
 Continued warm weather, minus any but very light frosts, may bring strawberry harvest into mid-May and pear harvest from August to July, farm forecasters were saying Thursday as they were viewing the "most unusual" weather of the Willamette Valley. Little or no damage was expected to small grains unless "very severe, prolonged frosts" arrive, the farm forecasters say. Continued severe frosts would "heave" grain by intermittent frost and thawing. This causes as much damage to grains as any other type of weather, county agents said Thursday.

Farmers in the Willamette Valley are already seeding red clover in wheat plantings. Here, the farmers say, they usually expect some cold weather and little damage by frost would be expected.

Military Roundup

Salem Man Serves on Carrier

San Diego, Calif. — George E. Stoutenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Stoutenburg, 3194 Tess Ave. NE, Salem, Ore., is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Shangri-La, operating along the southern coast of California. He is an electrician's mate, second class.

Key West, Fla. — Marine 1st Lt. John A. Reese Jr., whose parents live at 3294 Noblegren Ave. S, Salem, Ore., completed aircraft carrier landing training Feb. 19 at Key West and Dana Field, Fla.

Augsburg, Germany — Pvt. Harvey L. Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Peterson, 951 Red Hill Dr. SE, Salem, Ore., arrived in Germany recently and is now a member of the 11th Airborne Division. The 23-year-old soldier, a 1933 graduate of North Salem High School, is a truck driver. He entered the army in July, 1957.

Fort Campbell, Ky. — Pvt. Frank D. DeShon, Dallas, Ore., recently was assigned to the 17th Cavalry at Fort Campbell from Fort Bragg, N.C. DeShon is 19-years-old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. DeShon, Route 2, Dallas.

Hearing Today In Robbery Case

Vern Eugene Hunter, 15, Turner, accused of robbing a Turner variety store Wednesday, is scheduled for a preliminary hearing this afternoon in Marion County Juvenile Court.

Sheriff's deputies were unable to locate a "long-barreled revolver" which they stated Hunter said he threw into Mill Creek after the robbery.

Trio Completes Sewage Course

M. M. Kephart and Leo B. Finkle, both Salem city sewage disposal plant operators, and Lawrence VanValkenberg of Woodburn have successfully completed the annual three-day short course for sewage treatment plant operators at Oregon State College.

Purpose of the course is to promote better operation of sewage works systems and reduce public health hazards in sewage disposal. The school is sponsored by OSC, state board of health, sanitary authority and League of Oregon Cities.

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