

Dr. S. D. Read Retires After Nearly 30 Years Of Practice

By GLENN HASSELROOTH

There had been a bad flood from the Willamette that winter of 1889-90, and the following spring the Springfield bridge was being rebuilt when young Salathiel Daniel Read came to Eugene.

Sixteen years later (1906), having achieved a diploma in dentistry from Willamette medical school and a license to practice, he set up office over George Hall's grocery (now known as Dean's Place) on Willamette street.

Last week Dr. S. D. Read, 71, and of ill health but bursting with stories of the "good old days," announced his retirement.

He has practiced dentistry 37 years, and his record here is only surpassed by that of Dr. M. C. Harris. He has closed his office in the Tiffany building, his place of business for the past 16 years, and is now taking it easy at his home, 560 Eleventh avenue east.

Winfield, south of Wichita, Kansas, is where he was born in 1871. With his invalid father, his mother, and a sister, Ora Read, now Mrs. W. A. Hemenway, a retired Cottage Grove teacher, he came to Eugene in 1890. He was the family's only support, and he did "every kind of work"—carpentry, masonry, farming. His first job was at Thurston, picking hops. He and a friend could pick three boxes a day, at the rate of 50 cents per box.

"We paid 50 cents a day for

Post-War Plans—

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tion of the last legislature is now creating a state post-war plans board of 15 (of which State Senator Angus Gibson will be a member) but the work of this board probably will be limited to projects for state institutions and to advising counties and cities.

Eugene is the first city in Oregon to undertake to shape a preparedness of its own, although acute problems are foreseen in the Portland area and other districts which have shipbuilding and other war industries which may collapse when fighting ends.

Monday night's meeting will undertake a general survey of projects possible for Lane county and for this immediate area.

Mr. Harpham says that county, city, school and water board officials will be invited to come before later meetings to discuss their own proposals in considerable detail.

In nearly all projects, there are not only financial methods to be determined, but legal considerations to be observed. In many cases the active cooperation of adjacent cities and unincorporated areas will have to be negotiated.

To date the list of projects actually financed and planned and ready for contract is very small. The city has accumulated about \$70,000 toward the sewage disposal plant which will cost at least twice that amount. It has \$25,000 for the swimming pool but may need \$50,000. The Water Board has ample cash reserve to rebuild the old Waltherville generating plant, but if it is decided to launch a 10 or 20-year program of putting power lines underground some form of special surcharge of power bills may have to be voted.

The county and school board have no accumulated funds on hand for the projects they have in mind and graduated tax levies to build up such funds probably will be proposed.

However, county, city, school district are all nearly finished with the big chore of paying off their old bonded debt, and it is estimated that by 1945, enough millage will have been released from debt service to offset any taxes which may be voted for the post-war program.

Plans are being shaped toward a combined special election at which county, city, school districts and all other divisions would vote on proposed levies, but even if such an election were held this year, money from these levies could not begin to be collected till 1944, and that is why the proponents say time is growing short if plans are to be ready by the end of the war.

board, and by the time we paid our other expenses, at the end of each day we'd each have 12½ cents in our pockets. I worked in a sawmill for a while, too, for 10 cents an hour. It was good wages in those days."

At the time, Dr. Read recalls, "there wasn't much to Eugene. Where the Catholic church and the Masonic temple now stand was a cowpasture. Block's shoe store corner was then a livery stable. Across the street from the Heilig, considered the best theater south of Portland, was a hotel on stilts, on the back of the lot where Johnson's Furniture store is. The Bijou theater beside it was sort of an amusement place. Hotels were the Smeed—then called the Eugene—and Hoffman House, now the Hoffman hotel."

Read worked hard at odd jobs and put his sister Ora through the University of Oregon, then she helped him through dental school. With 22 others he took his examination in Portland. They took 13 subjects in two days. Read scored an average of 83, the highest he has ever heard of. Needless to say, he passed the board.

In 1901 he set up practice at Elgin, near LaGrande, practiced there for four years before coming back to Eugene. The year after he opened his office here, he recalls, the river rose to the 23½ foot stage.

In 1908 he married Ethelyn M. Barbour, first musical teacher in public schools of Eugene. Their first child died. Their living family consists of Maluta E. Read, who studied at the U of O and OSC and is teaching home economics at Dinuba, Calif.; and Dannie Wayne Read, assistant to the vice-president of Douglas Aircraft, who married Maude Graves, who will become mother of Dr. and Mrs. Read's first grandchild within a few days.

Read, who was all-coast guard on the Willamette eleven for two years, likes to recall that Dannie helped University high beat EHS in 1937 with a score of 31 to 13.

During his years of work, Dr. Read has extracted thousands of teeth, made more than 5,000 plates. One of his most prized possessions, which has been shown at dental exhibits throughout the country, is an extraction made up of three teeth grown together, which he took from a 70-year-old grocer.

In his peak years he built a home in Kincaid park, which "had to go" when the current highway project began east of town. It housed his famed Persian rugs, his Oriental curios including a Japanese antique chair from which he refuses to part, since he believes that destruction of objects of beauty should not be added to war's devastations. Many of his prized curios were collected by a missionary who lived in the African Congo.

Although never published, he is an inveterate writer and has a trunk full of stories about pioneer days in the Kansas sod country and a book manuscript titled "Inspiring Lies by Ebenezer Setback," from which he will quote at the slightest opportunity for fun making.

His name, Salathiel, is from the genealogy of Christ as listed in the New Testament. "Dr. Burnett is the only person who ever called me that," he laughs, referring to Dr. R. T. Burnett, another veteran local dentist. His family in the U. S. dates back to 1680, and he is eligible for membership in Sons of the American Revolution.

He is a member of AF and AM, Springfield 171, and of the First Christian church of Eugene. He's also considered to be one of Eugene's best known citizens.

WAR COURSE REQUIRED

NEW YORK.—According to the new wartime curriculum at Hunter College here students in the freshman, sophomore and junior classes are required to complete courses in any one of the 30 odd war training groups. Through this program, designed by the War Service Training Committee, students can prepare for careers in meteorology, drafting, bacteriology, chemistry and engineering.

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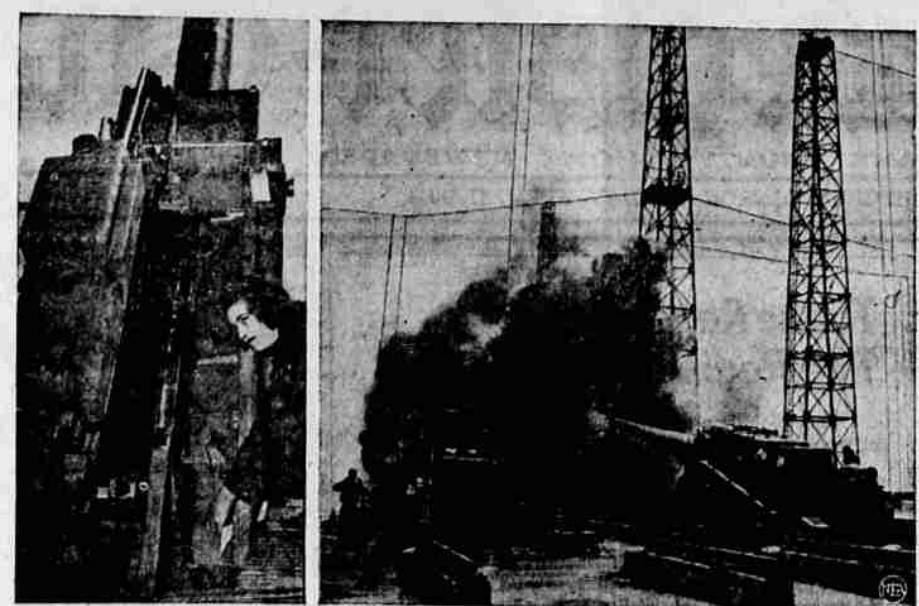
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British anti-tank gunners chalked up a tidy score against Rommel's forces on the southern Tunisia front, knocking out this trio of Mark III tanks and another pair not shown.

70-Cent Wage—

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fruits and berries in the state of Oregon have increased more than 15 per cent since January 1, 1941, and that the present minimum rate for such male employment of 65 cents per hour has also increased more than 15 per cent since January 1, 1941. You have in view of these facts, any further increase in such minimum rates would be approved by the national war labor board acting pursuant to the national wage stabilization policy as expressed in the executive orders of the president dated October 3, 1942, and April 8, 1943.

"I am authorized by the national war labor board to state to you that in light of the above facts any further increase in such rates would appear to be inconsistent with the existing provisions of said executive orders of the president and consequently could not, under existing circumstances, be approved by the national war labor board.—Signed: Jesse Freidlin."

"This means that we begin all over again," E. A. McCormack, manager of the EFGA cannery here stated Saturday evening after being informed of the state commission's action.

"The whole labor situation in Oregon is thrown back to scratch" by executive order. It will be necessary to start again to build rates up so that the canning industry will be in a position comparable to other industries."

He pointed out that comparable rates were necessary to assure a supply of workers to save the crops being grown by local farmers.

U. S. Composers—

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tors conference opens many of the aims of the conference have already been fulfilled and the musicianship and leadership of groups as well as individuals have been brought forth in the sessions and concerts of this conference. Sunday's sessions include a variety of speeches and discussions which will be taken up by the more than 200 northwest educators in attendance. A brief summary of the program follows:

9:00 a.m.—Fifth general session opens, Masonic temple; music and panel discussion: "Making Teacher Training Vital to the Present Emergency."

1:45 p.m.—Visit exhibits; Eugene hotel.

2:30—Sixth general session, Masonic temple; music and panel discussion: "Radio in Education."

4:45—Informal reception and tea; Osburn hotel.

6:00—College dinners; local hotels.

8:15—Orchestra and chorus concert, McArthur Court, (combined orchestras of the NWMEC and University of Oregon. Eugene all-city choir).

The institute is providing opportunities for students and townspeople to meet and listen to the many educators who have arrived from northwestern states and to participate in the institute sessions and concerts.

Other visiting participants for the four-day convale.

Father George Dunn, instructor of vocal music, Portland University; Wayne Hertz, Central Washington College of Education, Ellensburg, Wash.; Don Bushell, cellist, Washington College of Education, Bellingham, Wash.; Jennings Pierce, station relations, NBC western division, Hollywood; George Kirchner, professor of music, University of Washington and guest conductor of the combined University of Oregon symphony and NWMEC orchestras; Stanley Teel, University of Montana in

Wartorn London Compared To Paris Of First World War

By HARRISON SALISBURY

LONDON.—(U.P.)—London is the Paris of World War II.—Paris without the French and with a battlefield which sometimes is hundreds of miles away and sometimes right above the rooftops.

It is the wartime capital of the British empire and also the general headquarters of the mighty Allied war effort stretching thousands of miles across sea and land.

By day the city is shabby in places, dilapidated and a little grim to the thousands of Americans pouring in from the shiny glitter of New York's dazzling buildings and swank show windows.

But at night London is a fairyland. Red, green, and yellow traffic lights wink pin-point beams down broad Piccadilly, The Strand, and Regent street. Taxis, jeeps, and trucks clatter along with dim yellow beams. Huge, double-decked buses emerge from the gloom like phosphorescent elephants. Pedestrians' flashlights splutter like fireflies.

The most startling fact about the London blackout to Americans fresh from the other side is the apparent brilliance of illumination. Light in London streets appears sharp and fresh in contrast to the dingy drabness of Broadway and Forty-second street under dimout conditions. The reason actually is the complete blackout of all windows, doors and building lights. And the reduction of street lighting to a minimum with tiny bulbs makes traffic lights, flashlights and taxi headlights appear more brilliant by contrast.

The second surprise is the throngs in the streets. From darkness to midnight, the principal London streets, particularly Piccadilly, are crowded. The constant shuffle and scrape of military boots and army shoes echoes loudly between buildings.

Sometimes there is an outbreak of singing and along a whole street soldiers and their girls sing "When the Lights Go on Again All Over the World," London's current favorite—or even "Tipperary." Veterans of the first World War, hearing "Tipperary" sung by crowds from the Marble Arch to Green Park, pinch themselves to make sure they are not back in Paris in 1918 instead of London 1943.

RATION THIEVES FOILED

PASADENA, Cal. (U.P.)—Hopes of years of high living for thieves who forced the door of the basement of the Alexander high school with the evident intention of stealing all the ration books No. 2 distributed from there were sent glimmering. The books had been removed from the school at the close of the day under strong guard and placed in a vault for the night.

Missoula; Waldemar Hollensted, Oregon State Music Educators association; Dr. Harry F. Burke, superintendent of schools, Great Falls, Montana.

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Soviet Nurse Kills Self When Nazi Soldier's Courage Fails

MOSCOW, U.P.—Peasant villagers tell how Vera Stepanovna Badina, a Soviet nurse who was born in New York, killed herself when a Nazi soldier couldn't summon enough courage to carry out an order from his commanding officer to shoot her.

The story came chiefly from Katerina Vesovaya, a peasant woman from Bolshoydolzhik, a hamlet on the western front. The incident took place last July when the Russian army retreated through the village, which was recaptured on Feb. 22.

A machine gun manned by three Russian soldiers, aided by Nurse Badina, held up the German push in the locality after the Nazis had swarmed through the village. Finally a shell scored a direct hit on the machine gun position.

When the Germans advanced they found Nurse Badina and a soldier named Napivkov badly wounded and the other two soldiers dead.

"The German officer immediately shot Napivkov dead with his

revolver," the peasant woman said. "We began crying they shouldn't kill the girl but the officer chased us away. We went away but but looked back."

The officer handed his gun to a soldier and told him to finish off the wounded nurse. The German aimed a long time but couldn't fire and finally his arm dropped.

"She laughed at him," the villager related. "She raised herself a bit and said 'give me the revolver.' The officer told the soldier to give her the revolver. The girl put it against her left temple and fired. She died a half hour later. We buried them all where they died."

Katerina Vesovaya took papers from the body of Nurse Badina which said she was born in New York in 1913. Her family lived at Minsk.



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