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DEAN ALLEN OF OREGON

Only the other day Dean Allen called up and "came right down", this time bearing a voluminous report by his "Three Musketeers" (Margie Major Goodwin, Marjorie Robinson and Anne Leo) on post-war preparedness—an excellent report. Dean Allen was a man of many enthusiasms, but the chief of his interests was people, especially his students. This is what made him a great teacher and the University of Oregon's school of Journalism a distinguished school. It also explains why the influence of this gentle man is written into the character of the press of Oregon. There was something about him which was irrepressible and irresistible and it was the quality of indomitable idealism.

Eric W. Allen will be long remembered in this state and on the campus of the University of Oregon. People will remember Eric and his wife Sally who died only last year because Eric and Sally were inseparable in their works. They were among those who came to this campus when the late Prince Campbell was president. They had their part in transforming a "rural college" into a restless university, and they contributed to making Eugene something like what Walt Whitman had in mind when he wrote that line about:

"The City where stands the brawniest breed of orators and poets."

Some day somebody will write a book about the people of the University of Oregon, and there will be a long chapter about Eric and Sally. It will be written with genuine affection. It will tell how they labored to bring together the editors and publishers of the big daily newspapers of this state and those who built the weeklies in the little towns—a feat not accomplished in many states. It will tell about boisterous conventions of "the working press" into which somehow Eric injected always a few hours for sober discussion of this world in which we live and newspapers as a great agency of democracy.

No doubt the story will tell of "Eric's boys" (and girls) who have achieved high honors on every newspaper front. There are many who have become editors or owners of great newspapers; others who are sending back the front line dispatches from many a battlefield; many more in the ranks of "working press", doing the much less heroic job of reporting the communities in which they live, standing for decency. These were the young people who gathered about Eric and Sally at the Allen home, to sit on the floor in front of the wood fire and talk about this beautiful world and this strange civilization in which we live.

The tale may be enlivened with kindly anecdotes about the Dean's periodic enthusiasms. One year it might be walking, the next golf or horseback riding, or expeditions into the mountain snows. Younger members of the Dean's faculty were often startled by his "whims", but perhaps a chapter could be devoted to some of these characters—Ralph Casey, who has built the great school at Minnesota, Reggie Coggeshall, the picturesque Bostonian and cosmopolite from Paris. And of course, the story would not be complete without George Turnbull, Goodwin Thacher, Bob Hall, the "standbys" of this institution.

Always through the life and work of Dean Allen ran insatiable curiosity about this world we live in. That was what he transmitted to his neophytes in journalism. Warren Price tells us that in these last few months the Dean had been delving deeply into the history of the British constitution and procedures, seeking answers for much that has happened and is happening. Those who profess to know all about "scholarship" complained sometimes that Dean Allen was "scholarly but without pattern." This may have been high praise, unknown.

Even those of us who did not attend his school came to have a deep affection for the Dean. There was the gorgeous morning in June some years ago when we rode to Oregon City with the Dean "to back up Bob Sawyer on the new state capitol." The Dean had that "end of the year feeling" and he was very low:

"Sometimes I doubt if even Sally loves me."

Dean Allen was a fine man, one who gave his whole life and strength to making this a little better world to live in. Death is not sad when it can come quickly and without suffering and at a "high moment." They say the Dean had gone out in his yard Sunday morning to trim a hedge. He was standing on a small ladder reaching for something which had caught his eye when death struck. This end was somehow very fitting.

MAHLON HARLOW AND THE "EFG"

Whenever strangers come into this community the Eugene Fruit Growers Coopera-

tive Cannery is one of the achievements which we display most proudly. Other times we may fuss and fume about the cannery. Its methods have never been sensational. Some think it is much too slow. At times you hear the complaint that the EFG has "blocked out cash canneries" (as if such a thing were possible in free industry). But we always come back to "pointing with pride" to "our cannery"—and it is really ours, a community institution—and we tell how it packs more green beans than any other cannery in the world, what it has done for stability of Lane county agriculture, how "Diamond A" products are known over the wide world.

One of the men, one of the citizens of Lane county who has helped to build this institution is retiring. His name is Mahlon H. Harlow and he is a farmer. For 36 years he has been an officer and a director of this institution. Into its firm standing and into the quality of its products he has written his own character. We have known Mr. Harlow many years, and we are going to whisper a little story:

"It took an awful long time to get him to read the old Guard because for years he had read the old Register, and to that newspaper and its able editors he gave LOYALTY."

To have him for friend is to have something worth having. To have him as a citizen is to have strength and honesty in the community. He is one of our pioneers, and he represents the best that has gone into the building of Oregon and into communities such as ours where mere size and wealth are not the measure of achievement. We wish him many happy years. When this farmers' cannery was started it was a bold venture. We who look to the future must be bold but we must also have solidity. We have in Mahlon Harlow the pattern of the sound citizen, the real builder.

Ajax McGurk suggests that Governor Earl Snell is clearly entitled to the hand-embroidered cushion for "the buggy ride of the year." We leave it to Jock McLean to call the meeting.

All the boys who went down to Salem meant all right in their tributes to a great man, but it is difficult to "pay tribute with bees in the bonnet and ants in the pants."

It is difficult to remember that it is only 26 days 4 hours and 31 minutes to trout season because the political fish are rolling up the tank.

Wayne L. Morse breaks into Gregory's colyum with his stallion "Spice of Life." Greg, of course, forgot to mention that the Dean himself is also a racehorse, but for a college professor the Dean is learning who reads what.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

OUR NAVAL TACTICS EXPANDED
THE pasting which a U. S. Navy task force administered the Japs on Truk offers the best example you could ask for to show how naval tactics have expanded since the start of World War II. For Truk is 3500 miles from Pearl Harbor, principal base for U. S. fleet operations in the Pacific, and under the old concepts of logistics, it wasn't considered safe for a fleet to operate in combat that far away from home.

Today, however, 3500-mile radius operations for naval task forces may be considered just a beginning for long-range naval warfare, and even a 5000-mile radius for future naval operations is not beyond the realm of possibility. Rocking-chair admirals and amateur strategists have frequently stated as gospel the maxim that maximum distance at which a fleet could fight was 2500 miles from its base. Sound naval tacticians have never considered themselves bound by this 2500-mile range limitation, insisting that it has been a misconception and too tight a radius of operation. Nevertheless, it is admitted that today combat zones have been so lengthened that tomorrow anything may and probably will happen in extreme range warfare at sea.

Fuel Oil Increases Range
EXPANSION of task force and naval combat range of operation has been due to a number of factors. Of primary importance is the increased efficiency of ship propulsion which has increased the range of ships by as much as 1000 miles. It has given the U. S. Navy a decided edge over the Japs. It has been effected generally in the U. S. Navy over the past 10 years, first through the substitution of fuel oil for coal, permitting the carrying of more energy in a given space; second, through the use of high-pressure boilers and turbines developing and using high-temperature steam, a combination that in some cases has resulted in fuel savings and increased efficiency of 35 per cent.

On top of this 1000-mile gain in radius, airpower has increased the range of fleet operation by as much as 500 miles. This has led to the development of the aircraft carrier as the central figure of a task force. Carriers, needing speed to give their stubby-winged planes the extra lift which will get them into the air and back on the comparatively short landing decks, have had to sacrifice armament to get the speed. But that has meant that the carriers' protecting forces of cruisers and destroyers have had to be built to keep up with the range and speed of the carrier.

All down the line, supply ships—tankers, ammunition ships, repair ships, tenders—have had to be built so they could keep up with this new pace and range of naval warfare. Battleships now do 30 knots an hour instead of 20. Carriers do 32. Cruisers and destroyers do 35, for longer ranges. Convoys do 12 and will do 15 in place of eight or 10. Refueling at sea, replenishing supplies of both ammunition and food at sea, are no longer occasional tricks but established routines.

While submarines cannot keep up with these speedy movements, they have range that permits them to operate out of Pearl Harbor for attacks on shipping lanes near the Jap coast, the full 3800 miles, covering perhaps 10,000 miles on one tour of duty, staying at sea for weeks.

New Bases Big Factor
INCREASED operating ranges of U. S. naval forces in the Pacific have not, of course, been entirely dependent on this greater efficiency of ships and planes. Pearl Harbor is supplemented by the new and known bases at Samoa, Auckland in New Zealand, Noumea in New Caledonia, Brisbane, Sydney and Port Darwin in Australia—all from 3000 to 5000 miles from Tokyo, but only 1000 to 2000 miles from newer auxiliary bases in the Solomons and the Gilberts. The job of Vice Admiral William L. Calhoun, commander of the Pacific Fleet Service Force, is now one of keeping ample supplies at these most advanced positions, well over 2500 miles west of Pearl Harbor, over 5000 miles west of San Francisco.

As the war moves into these extreme range operations, all pointing towards the Jap base at Truk, the Pacific campaign centers on a new and highly important triangle of Truk-Tokyo-Manila. Truk is 3500 miles from Pearl Harbor, but from Truk to Tokyo or from Truk to Manila is only a little over 2000 miles, and that's getting the war back under the old 2500-mile radius of operation, even though Manila is 7500 miles from San Francisco, 8000 miles beyond Pearl Harbor.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

CDA MEETING TO BE WEDNESDAY

The Catholic Daughters of America will hold their regular March meeting Wednesday in St. Joseph's hall immediately following Lenten devotions. Mrs. James Bell will present the story of the volunteer nurse's aid work in Eugene.

FROM CUSHMAN

State Representative and Mrs. Earl Hill of Cushman were in Eugene over the week-end and were among guests at the wedding of Miss Barbara Huntington and Lt. John Clayton, Jr., Saturday evening.

HERE FROM SALEM

Lt. Col. and Mrs. Carlton E. Spencer of Salem, formerly of Eugene, were in Eugene over the week-end as guests at the home of Mrs. Spencer's mother, Mrs. Mary B. Wheeler. They were among those attending the Assembly club dance Saturday evening.

MRS. LITTLE HERE

Mrs. Ralph B. Little (Louise Baker) has returned to Eugene from Berkeley, Calif., planning to be here for the duration. Mr. Little is in the service with the navy, being a gunner's mate 2C. Mrs. Little is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton F. Baker.

WCTU EVENT

East unit, Women's Christian Temperance union, has postponed indefinitely the meeting announced for Wednesday of this week.

★ OUR CITIZENS IN SERVICE ★



PFC. Robert E. Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Simmons, 84 North Jefferson, entered the service in October, 1942. He was home on furlough in mid-fall from Camp Claiborne, La.

McFARLAND ASSIGNED
Pvt. Harvey J. McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McFarland, Oakridge, has been assigned to the AAF training command radio school at the Sioux Falls army field, Sioux Falls, S. D., for training as a radio operator-mechanic. He will be given a 26-week course, at the end of which he will be qualified to be a member of an AAF bomber crew.

McFarland was graduated from Oakridge high school in May, 1943, then was inducted at Fort Lewis, Wash., in October of the same year. Prior to his arrival at Sioux Falls, he was stationed at Buckley Field, Colo.

GETCHELL VISITS

PFC Lester Getchell, son of Mrs. Flora Getchell of Eugene, visited his home in the past week, on delayed orders. He is being transferred from Lowry Field, Colo., to Clovis, N. M.

ATWOOD AT HARVARD

Wayne R. Atwood, son of J. E. Atwood of Eugene, recently spent a few days at his home here. He has been studying at UCLA under the naval V-12 program, and now is being sent to Harvard university for training as a supply officer in the naval supply corps. He formerly attended the University of Oregon, and is a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

BLAYNE MISSES RAINS

Pvt. Blayne Brewer, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brewer, 1581 Lincoln street, misses "the comforting rains and tall timber" of his native state. Brewer, who is an instructor in aircraft radio engineering at Scott Field, Ill., formerly was CCC education advisor in Oregon. He was transferred from CCC into the air corps in June, 1942 and was inducted into the army in August, 1942. Private Brewer is a 1932 graduate of University of Oregon.

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RECENT WEDDING IS ANNOUNCED

The marriage of Miss Bessie Woolley to Richard D. Curson was solemnized the evening of February 26 at eight o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. McClelland, Rev. Ira B. Sandusky of the Church of Christ officiating. Mrs. Bessie L. Cook and Russell Hackett attended the couple. A reception followed the service.

Attending the wedding were Vernon Sharpe, Miss Bonnie McClelland, Mrs. E. Hill, Miss Eileen Frasier, John Biglin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McClelland, Mrs. Virginia Smith, Lewis St. Dennis, Miss Claudia Lutzendorf, Norman Skipstead, Miss Dolores Hackleman, E. Bradford, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gould, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. William Short, Miss Lorena Filippie.

RETURN FROM SOUTH

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Parker are home following a visit with their daughter, Miss Patricia Parker, at San Leandro, Calif. Miss Parker is staff manager for the Red Cross at the Oak Knoll naval hospital. She is a graduate of the University of Oregon.

FROM SCIO

Mrs. Hazel Pague of Scio was a visitor here over Sunday.

Eugene High News

The big E-club Pep club joint dance, "Foggy Fantasy," was held at Eugene high, Friday night, Mar. 3. The dance was a costume affair with all students wearing old clothes.

The Girls' League annual spring frolic, the March Hare party, is to be given next Wednesday, Mar. 8. The ninth grade students of Wilson and Roosevelt junior highs, are invited as guests. The main attraction of the evening will be three plays put on by the junior, senior and sophomore classes, the winners having their class put on the award plaque.

The health class of Miss Marguerite Du Rette attended the Eugene fire department recently where they observed the resuscitator and inhalator. The captain of the fire department demonstrated the two instruments to the First Aid pupils.

Leaving Eugene high school after a term of student teaching, Dorothy Gustafson, has been appointed to fill the physical education instructor's position at Klamath Falls union high school. Miss Gustafson is an alumna of the University of Oregon, having graduated with the class of 1943.

Initiation of new members was held at the last meeting of the Latin Club, February 28. The new members are: Alex Risanovsky, Shirley Finley, Gerald Harris, Pat Sullivan, Alvin Campbell, and Pat Chambers.

The leading roles in three plays, put on at the University theater for an invited audience, were played by high school students, under three university drama student directors.

George Northam, Craig Beeson, Gerald Fox, from Eugene high and Marjorie Jones, from University high, played parts in "The Valiant," first put on February 18, and later February 28.

Byron Pengra, Virginia Bailey, and Nanette Haggard, were chosen to play parts in "Angels Don't Worry," which was put on February 28. Those playing parts in "The Purple Door" were Janet Tugman, Nanette Haggard, and Doris Doran. This was also put on February 28.

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Pinza Concert On Campus March 20

By BILL BUELL

Enzo Pinza, the basso with a voice "as warm and flexible as a tenor's yet deeper and richer than a baritone's," whose superb singing and unique acting ability have made him one of the most striking figures of New York's Metropolitan opera since 1926, will sing in McArthur court on the evening of March 20. The concert is sponsored by University of Oregon.

The Italian-born basso first studied under Vizzani at the conservatory of Bologna. He made his operatic debut in "Tristan" at the Teatro Reale dell'Opera in Rome, where he remained for two years. After a short period in the Turin opera, he went to La Scala where he sang for three years under the direction of Arturo Toscanini.

In 1926 Pinza came to the United States and made his debut at the Metropolitan in Spontini's "La Vestale." His opening performance was greeted with both popular ovation and critical praise. Since then he has appeared with the Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Montreal opera companies as well as retaining his popularity in New York.

Christian Science

"Man" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, March 5. The Golden Text was, "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Gen. 1:27).

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible: "God that made the world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. . . . For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring" (Acts 17:24, 28). The Lesson-Sermon also included the following correlation:

ages from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy. "In Science, is the offspring of Spirit, beautiful, good, and pure, and like that of mortals, in brain, instinct, nor does he pass the material conditions prior to being intelligent. Spirit is primitive and ultimate, being; God is his Father, and is the law of his being" (p. 10).

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