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JUST AN IRRESISTIBLE IMPULSE Some weeks back we were "chastised" by the venerable Oregonian for venturing to quib about the roses which Eugene supplied for the "City of Roses" in the first air shipment of produce of this region to New York city.

"In '46 the southernmost house in the Willamette valley was near the site of the present city of Eugene. Passing down the valley from there, one came to a kind of settlement, of which Lieutenant Howison, of the U.S. schooner Shark, reported this year that 'too little exists to be worthy an attempt at description'.

This quote is irresistible since it is only a few years since Salem had its Centennial Pageant, and in asking Eugene to postpone its normal pageant date, a distinguished lady of Salem wrote to this effect:

"We do not intend to have noisy displays of soldiers and cowboys and Indians and such shows to please the populace, because Salem from the beginning was a city of culture and deep spiritual purpose, etc."

The Salem request was granted by the directors of our pageant, of course, but not before some of the local talent had given Governor Sprague some moments of explaining "Salem's cultural aspects."

All good clean fun and no lasting damage! Towns are much like people. Each town has its background, and none of us can ever claim that a family tree is without a few gnarled limbs or that the finest city has grown without imperfections. What we do now is almost more important than the past.

In 1946 Lane county will be 100 years old and in 1947 it will be 100 years since Eugene Skinner (also with an eye to real estate) staked out Eugene City. It is time for us to be thinking of our next pageant, and this DeVoto book, in spite of its somewhat flippancy on some parts of that period, is a storehouse of suggestions.

DeVoto's description of the hardships of the trail is one of the most vivid bits of writing we ever have encountered, and it moves us to the thought that perhaps our presentation of "the trail" should contain more of this realism. Anyhow, it is time to begin planning. Goodwin Thacher, author of our script, is already planning, but he can't make ready alone.

We have had a memorable 100 years, and an inspiring century of opportunity lies ahead. (And we shall doubtless find some profit in Friend Sprague's suggestions).

MATTER OF HOME TOWN PRIDE

Right encouraging is that story of how the people of the little town of Berlin, Oregon, over in Linn county have refused to let their town's name be changed to suit the patriotic (and publicity) whims of some "big shots." It is encouraging for two reasons:

Apparently the American people have not been swept into the futile rage of the last war when it seemed patriotic to ban everything German, including even the beloved hamburger which went disguised as "Salisbury steak."

American citizens still have that strong feeling for local self-government which is foundational in our democracy—no taxation without representation, and no naming of names by remote control.

It was a bright idea which inspired Carl Curlee, the enterprising secretary of the Albany Chamber of Commerce, and Maxwell Anderson, the famous New York playwright. Find some little place with a German name and change it to commemorate the martyred Greek city of Distomo. Over in Illinois, some little town did it, changed its name to Lidice, in honor of the heroic Czech village which was destroyed by the vengeful Nazis.

Only trouble was they neglected to consult the people who lived there. The people of Berlin were not pleased! They pointed to the fact that their town got its name from the slurring of the pioneer designation of Burrell's Inn, and with all due respect to the heroic Greeks they preferred to remain plain American.

These are times when the validity of local self government is challenged in high places. Not long ago a bright young man returned from a large eastern university to say:

"The best thought of experts in government calls for a complete reorganization of American political and social structures. States are to be abolished and regrouped by regions reporting to various metropolitan centers which in turn will report to Washington..."

You can see the design shaping in the various "valley authority" schemes. States, counties, cities in this country have not been conspicuously efficient, at times (but neither

er has federal authority). And reformers are going to find that despite all their faults, each community has had its history and its reason for being. In the Northwest we tend to come together by voluntary action on regional matters, but we do not like to be told, and it is a good thing.

Old Walt Whitman wrote about "the great city":

"Where outside authority enters only after the precedence of local authority. Where presidents, governors, mayors and whatnot are merely servants for pay..."

We applaud the instinctive resistance of the citizens of Berlin, Oregon, even to a change of name.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

HEATS ON "POLITICAL" CLUBS IF you haven't yet joined the Girls Who Save Nickels to Elect a Republican President Club, 105 West Adams St., Chicago, for gosh sakes get busy and join up.

Or, if that doesn't appeal to you, send in an application for membership in Elect Roosevelt for Life, 307 South Burlington Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif.

If you still insist on being snooty, how's about selling you a membership in I Love America, Inc., 287 Broadway, N. Y.?

These are just three of the 168 allegedly political organizations which the Senate Special Committee to Investigate Campaign Expenditures in 1944 has started out to check up on, and high time. To each of the 168 organizations—there will undoubtedly be 168 more—the Senate Committee chairmanship by Theodore Francis Green of Rhode Island has sent a five-page questionnaire, wanting to know all about founders, offices, members, dues, other financial backing and subsidy publications, activities, who is being supported and why. Answers are requested within 10 days, and the committee will report its findings on the first day of the next session of Congress, right after election—probably with some recommendations for new legislation on all this nonsense.

Clubs, Societies, Federations RUNNING down this year's list of crackpot political organizations making up the lunatic fringe is enlightening as to how the great game of American politics is played.

A fellow by the name of Herbert Brownell who, if memory serves aright, is chairman of the Republican National Committee and Candidate Thomas Dewey's campaign manager, seems to be the head man for five of these parasite organizations: First Voters' League, Inc., Friends of Finland for Dewey, the Young Republican Clubs, the Young Republican National Federation, and the National Republican Builders.

Not to be left completely out of the running as a great organizer, Mr. Robert Hannegan, in addition to being chairman of the Democratic National Committee and campaign manager for Roosevelt, is listed as head of the Independent Voters for Roosevelt.

And boy, how this word "independent" takes a beating in the names of these political marching clubs. There are the Independent Citizens Committee for Roosevelt and Truman, the Independent Committee to Support Norman Thomas, the Independent Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and the Independent Voters Protest Committee. None of them is probably much more independent than a concubine in Haroun Al Raschid's harem but then, the organizers probably think it's fun to kid themselves, if nobody else.

A lot of these outfits may turn out to be not political at all, but this whole manifestation of spurious political organizing can be compared to what happened when they started to clean up college football by driving out the professional ringers and putting an end to awarding scholarships to promising athletes for picking up towels in the gymnasium. The coaches and graduate managers with the best eligibility rule evaders usually turned out the best teams and won the ball games.

Doctrine Peddlers Busy

THE same sort of thing seems to be happening in politics. In the great desire to keep politics clean, a deal of corrupt practice legislation is appearing on the books. Big money contributions to political parties are now outlawed so that certain rich men can no longer finance or boss American political parties. The game is now to beat these restrictions and smart people with a bill of political goods to sell are finding ways to peddle their doctrines through concealed purpose organizations which black market their ideas.

Congressional activity in investigating the lunatic fringe organizations is merely an effort to learn what's going on and why some of these organizations haven't filed reports on political activities as required by law.

The tendency is probably towards a great deal more legislation aimed to prevent political corruption.

The danger will come if too much restrictive legislation will tend to drive more political activity underground, to evade the laws.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

THE HERO, NOW AND YESTERDAY

According to the last word reaching us the 22-year-old lieutenant has just completed his ninth bombing mission over Europe. The citation accompanying the award read in part, "The courage, coolness and skill displayed by this officer upon these occasions reflect great merit upon himself..."

I've known this lad all his life and for a time he lived with us. Even at the age of six he had courage aplenty and his skill at getting into trouble was often left me a shattered woman by nightfall. His coolness, however, is something he acquired of late years. He certainly wasn't cool the time he crawled under the bed when in the first grade and declared his resolve to pursue the paths of learning no longer.

When recovered to the idea of going on with his education, he was as intensive in his efforts to learn as before he had been not to. At the time a contest was being conducted in his room, those not so good being classed as butterflies, those very good as fairies. There was nothing cool in his attempt to get out of the butterfly class into the realm of fairies. That fall I was teaching beginners in a distant town. After a day's struggle with the butterfly brains of my own primaries, I was in no mood to come home at night and start all over again with another six year old who aspired to find the fairies. But such was his insistence that I had to and when the task was finally accomplished, when he finally got into fairyland, then indeed the potential lieutenant was least cool of all. He capered and made loud and varied sounds of unexpressed glee. He played tricks on all of us and for at least a week thereafter was completely out of hand.

Social in the extreme he would invite a flock of his contemporaries in after school. By the time I arrived home the place was a shambles and the cupboard bare. Once they ate a whole box of apples the groceryman had delivered during the day. Mothers all over the neighborhood exclaimed over their children's lethargy toward supper that night.

Well the wings he wears now are silver and the fruit he deals out is not apples to friends but bombs to enemies. If he hides, it is not under a bed but under a blanket of clouds. May God keep him safe and bring him back to us!

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

YOUNG BUSINESS WOMEN HEAR REPORTS

The Young Business Women's club held its dessert business meeting Wednesday evening at the Del Rey cafe. Misses Jimmie and Iris Pierce were the hostesses for the evening.

The chairmen of the various committees gave reports on the activities they have planned for the club for the coming month. One of the projects that the club has undertaken is to obtain girls to help with typing at the ration board every Tuesday evening.

The next meeting will be a Halloween party at the Skinner Butte park cottage on Wednesday, October 25. The social committee will be in charge of this meeting.

VISITS HERE

Mrs. Clarence H. Grant, San Francisco, is leaving Friday evening following a week's visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Armitage.

BANQUET SATURDAY

Of interest for Saturday evening will be the formal banquet of the Eugene Business and Professional Women's club observing national business women's week, the banquet to be at the Osburn hotel at seven o'clock.

Dr. Henry M. Gunn, city superintendent of schools, is to be guest speaker.

LINCOLN P-TA

Lincoln P-TA held its meeting at the school Wednesday evening, sponsoring a reception for the teachers.

Mrs. J. A. Morgan, president, conducted the business meeting at which Mrs. Masoner was chosen secretary.

Dr. Victor P. Morris of the University of Oregon was speaker of the evening, discussing the topic, "All Children are Our Children."

The sixth grade mothers served refreshments, the committee including Mrs. V. A. Carlson, Mrs. James Baker, Mrs. V. E. Montandon, Mrs. T. C. Wildish.

MOTHERS MEET

Sigma Kappa Mothers' club met Wednesday afternoon for dessert at the home of Mrs. F. H. Skillern.

Oregon Men Escape Death Over Borneo

ADVANCED SOUTHWEST PACIFIC BOMBER BASE—By some succession of minor miracles the 13th airforce Liberator of First Lt. Gilbert G. Tipton of Portland, Ore., emerged from the flak over Balikpapan without damage. One burst left a smoke ball directly in front of the nose and they flew through it but the gods of luck were with them and only a few fragments hit the plane, harmlessly.

But off the target 25 Japanese fighters closed in.

"We were flying in an outside position and they chose us," Tipton said. "For a few minutes I thought we had the whole Jap air force on our tail."

Zeros sent streams of fire into the ship. A fragment struck the desk of the navigator. The hydraulics were shot out. Finally they fought off the last of the Zeros. Hours later the wounded plane landed without brakes but Tipton skillfully skidded and fished it to a stop.

Tipton was one of several Pacific northwest boys who performed gallantly and skillfully in the first raid on Oct. 1 on the Japanese oil installations at Balikpapan on Borneo. It was one of the longest bomber flights in the southwest Pacific theater.

Without fighter cover against a heavily-defended target, the 13th has specialized in this kind of mission until the boys have come to refer to themselves as the "suicide airforce."

Staff Sgt. Elvin L. Barkhuff of Salem, Ore., manned a gun on another plane. "First we sweated out the Zeros," he said, "then we sweated out the ack cak. Then we had to sweat out the Zeros again. Then we had to sweat out the gas on the way home. But we made it."

A second Portlander piloted a Liberator across the target—2nd Lt. Raymond L. Dufur. The plane got its bombs on the target and fought its way out and got home safely.

Mrs. Nels Jorgenson and Mrs. Gus Helikson assisting. There were sixteen members present.

CORSAGES GIVEN TO SCHOOL TEACHERS

Corsages were presented to teachers of the Condon school at the meeting of the Condon P-TA group Tuesday evening, this being the first session of the fall. Mrs. Herman Kehrl, program chairman, introduced Dr. Leona Tyler of the psychology department of University of Oregon, who spoke on the topic, "Effect of War on Children."

Projects of the year which were considered are hot lunches and purchase of a new piano.

The executive committee served as hosts, with Mrs. Wayne L. Morse as chairman.

Officers and chairmen of the group are as follows: President, Mrs. O. K. Burrell; vice president, Mrs. George Nelson; secretary, Mrs. Homer Weber; treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Cloyce; budget and finance, Mrs. C. V. Carter; carnival, C. D. Moore. E. L. Harris and Kenneth Shumaker; Girl Scouts, Mrs. Paul Harter; Boy Scouts, Edgar L. Rice; historian, Mrs. Marshall Fields; hot lunches, Mrs. Mildred Martinson, Mrs. E. L. Harris; hospitality, Mrs. Wayne Morse; kindergarten, Mrs. Stanley Williamson; maintenance and safety, Mrs. John Kalkhoven; membership, Mrs. Lauren Edmisten; publications, Mrs. Thelmer Nelson; publicity, Mrs. Kenneth Shumaker; room mothers, Mrs. Stanley.

INITIATION HELD

Mrs. Walter F. Osborn and Mrs. Raymond L. Sears were initiated into the auxiliary of the B. of R. T. at its meeting Wednesday evening. Plans were made for holding a Thanksgiving dinner later, and also for a rummage sale to be held November 11.

MISSIONARY GROUP

Mrs. Russell Hendricks was leader at the meeting of the Independent Missionary Study group, Thursday afternoon at First Christian church. Theme for study was Korea and Japan. Miss Melba Palmer described a visit to Osaka several years ago.

NOW GROUP

Twelve members of Coburg circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, were guests at the meeting of the local circle Thursday evening, and a class of five candidates was initiated for the visiting order. One new member was initiated for the Eugene lodge.

A short program was presented, Mrs. Lillie Rice giving a reading and Miss Geraldine Thomason singing two solos. Mrs. N. L. Thomason was program chairman.

Number Of September Building Permits Up

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—September building reports indicate an increase in the number of building permits issued, even though actual valuation decreased, according to Western Building's monthly statistical survey of building activity in 11 western states and British Columbia. During September, 13,883 permits were issued in 178 cities, as against 12,880 issued in September a year ago. Permit valuation declined from \$19,278,764 in September, 1943 to \$15,070,495 last month.

Total valuation for the following cities during September was: Vancouver, B. C., \$924,265; Seattle, Wash., \$578,705; Victoria B. C., \$351,397; Vancouver, Wash., \$209,023; Portland, Ore., \$181,545; Spokane, Wash., \$117,437.

Second Lt. William J. Mayer, Seattle, was bombardier on one ship. In the same plane was Staff Sgt. William E. Taylor, Corvallis, Ore., a nose gunner.

Staff Sgt. George W. Crawford, Seaside, Ore., was assistant radio operator and gunner on another.

Second Lt. William S. McClelland, Portland, was navigator of another plane.

Sgt. Frank E. Schnack, Portland, was special radioman on one ship. Copilot of one of the first ships over the target was 2nd Lt. John E. McFarland, Bremerton, Wash. In the same squadron, another plane was co-piloted by 2nd Lt. Myron H. Buswell, Sherwood, Ore.

WASHINGTON P-TA REPORTS FIRST MEETING

Washington's first P-TA meeting Wednesday was attended by a large turnout and the prize for the most mothers attending was won by the third grade. Mrs. George Scott, who has resigned the presidency, was succeeded by Mrs. Louis S. Eade and Mrs. Robert Lemon was elected to fill the vacancy of vice-president.

Committees Named

Committees appointed for the year are: budget and finance, Mrs. Edith Hays; ways and means, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. B. L. Jones, Mrs. E. R. Lyons, Mrs. Keith Fennell, and Mrs. F. S. Newsom; program, Mrs. G. Pyle; membership, Mrs. George Scott; hospitality and room mothers, Mrs. R. L. Barnett; publicity, Mrs. Louis S. Eade; hot lunches, Mrs. J. L. Sawyer and Mrs. Faye Robertson; health and summer roundup, Mrs. Robert Lemon and Mrs. A. L. Adams; founders day, Mrs. D. T. Bayly; Girl Scouts, Mrs. W. R. Cuthbert.

Mrs. George Scott announced Oct. 16-20 as membership week and has set a goal of one hundred per cent for each room. Committee reports were given and Mrs. Faye Robertson introduced the teachers. Mrs. Robertson also was presented with a gift of appreciation by the association.

A skit on carelessness was given by the third grade and group singing by the sixth grade.

Plans were announced for a Dads night meeting Nov. 17 at which time the husbands of the executive board will assume the duties of their wives for that night. The program for the evening will include a spaghetti dinner, movies for the children, and dedication of the playshed improvements.

Oregon Naval Men Listed As Casualties

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Oregon naval casualties:

Bixler, Marvin I., private, first class, U. S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Father, Samuel Bixler, McMinnville.

Moffitt, Chester Malcolm, signalman, first class, U. S. naval reserve. Dead. (Previously reported missing on report of naval casualties for July 26, 1944). Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Terrence Moffitt, East Tillamook.

Ritch, Leonard Edward, aviation machinist's mate, second class, U. S. naval reserve. Wounded. Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Royal Elmer Ritch, Baker.

Schroder, George Edward, boatswain's mate, first class, U. S. naval reserve. Wounded. Wife, Mrs. Katherine Viola Schroder, Portland. Mother, Mrs. Virginia Schroder, Portland.

Ellsworth, Freddie V. Jr., private, first class, U. S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Mother, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Mill City.

Erickson, Jake Milton, seaman, second class, U. S. naval reserve. Dead. Brother, Axel Erickson, Portland. Guardian, Myrtle C. Dalziel, Portland.

Ezell, George A., private, first class, U. S. marine corps reserve. Dead. Friend, Mrs. Nell Jordan, Portland. Brother, Sgt. Robert Douglas Ezell, serving with U. S. marine corps overseas.

Gray, Clarence Lester, corporal, U. S. marine corps reserve. Wounded. Mother, Mrs. Margaret I. Gray, The Dalles.

Long, John H., private, first class, U. S. marine corps. Wounded. Mother, Mrs. Annie R. Long, Fandon.

THE OLD JUDGE SAYS...



"The war sure has made a lot of changes in this old world of ours, hasn't it, Judge?" "Plenty of them, John. One that few people realize is that the rubber producing center of the world is now right here in the United States. "When the Japs conquered the big natural rubber producing centers of the world they thought they had us licked. But in two short years, thanks to American industry, we are now producing synthetic rubber enough to supply all our military and essential civilian needs. "Our rubber experts knew now to make it but the problem was to get the huge amounts of industrial alcohol needed. Almost overnight the country's beverage distillers stopped making whiskey and converted 100% to the production of this vital ingredient. A high government official said recently this was "...an almost unparalleled example of the overnight conversion of an entire industry from peace to war." "Come to think of it, Judge, it was a mighty fortunate thing the beverage distilling industry was in existence, wasn't it?"

Glamourously Yours— Gray Hats, Green Hats, Black Hats and Brown Velvet Hats, Sequin Trimmed... THE SMARTEST HATS IN TOWN. IF IT IS CORRECT, WE HAVE IT. IF WE HAVE IT, IT IS CORRECT. BONNET NOOK Next to Western Union 907 Willamette

Aachen Fate Awaits Other Nazi Cities WASHINGTON, (AP)—Other German cities may expect to suffer the fate of explosive-blasted Aachen if the Nazi high command incorporates them into the battle line, War Secretary Stimson said here. Discussing the ultimatum which was ignored by the Aachen garrison, Stimson said, "No German cities may expect to have immunity from destruction so long as they are maintained as a part of the enemy's battle line. As Gen. Hodges of the American 1st army has stated, there is no middle course. Either surrender or destruction must be chosen by the Nazi. German civilians will necessarily have to bear the burden of any decision imposed upon them by their military leaders which makes their city a part of the defense line." Stimson described the offensive in the Aachen sector as designed "to give us elbow room within the Siegfried line after testing and overcoming some of its most formidable obstacles." Enemy artillery fire has been strong and enemy troops willing to fight desperately, he said. "Again I should point out the German line is collapsing. The discipline of the German troops good. The mobilization effort of the Nazis reaching every last source of German power is producing results, not all their training and quality would desire."

Main Street Lighted Again In Leningrad MOSCOW, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Leningrad's main street after years of blackout. Some 3,000 electric lamps illuminated the districts of Liteiny, Kirovsky and Suvorov and 7000 more will be turned again before the end of the year.

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