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SENATOR TRUMAN AND PARTY LINE

Trained under Boss Prendergast in Missouri politics, it stand to reason that Senator Harry S. Truman, now the Democratic candidate for vice president of the United States, would be one of those well disciplined party men. That does not shock us. There are many such in all parties.

This fact, however, does raise a question as to the fitness of Senator Truman because if anything should happen to President Roosevelt, the presidency would go to Truman (if the Democrats win again).

Wallace was sidetracked and Truman was put into this spot to try to appease conservative Democrats, especially in the South. Roosevelt is Senator Truman's new boss and Truman is trying diligently to follow the Roosevelt line.

Thus in his Oregon speeches and interviews, we find Truman trying to explain the Roosevelt relationship with Sidney Hillman's CIO-PAC. He says President Roosevelt did not seek the support of the CIO-PAC. It just came to him, and he seeks to mitigate this by saying that Hillman once supported a Dewey campaign for governor of New York. But that was before Hillman got the ambitious idea of coercing and taxing millions of workers, without their consent, to establish his political power.

Truman accepts and copies the evasions of his chief on this issue—evasions which are hard to explain with Mrs. Roosevelt and Henry Wallace boasting membership in the PAC.

But there is another indicator of this man's exceedingly small calibre in the Portland interviews:

"Senator Truman said he heartily approved creation of a Columbia Valley authority as well as a Missouri Valley authority, based on TVA principles. He said, however, that he was NOT FAMILIAR WITH the Bone-Smith bill for a Columbia power authority. Truman will discuss the Pacific Northwest power situation in a radio address at Seattle Thursday night."

The reports should really read:
"Senator Truman will read a paper on the Northwest power situation—a paper prepared for him by the party's power promoters, because this is a subject which he admits he knows nothing about."

This is not the first time an inoffensive stooge has been set up for the vice presidency. Both parties have done it, and it has given us some exceedingly variable results—Chester A. Arthur, Andrew Johnson, Theodore Roosevelt, Calvin Coolidge. Now and then the "VP" has turned out to be a person of surprising strength.

However, the only thing that stands out about Truman is UNUSUAL MEDIOCRITY. Truman's subservient attitudes indicate how far the Democratic party has become a ONE MAN SHOW. Even the most rabid New Dealers must be worried about the possibility of this second-rater succeeding to the presidency—in times like these.

Truman is a pretty sorry offering. He is a "Sad Sack" of party politics.

JAPANESE GET MORE SAKI

Somewhat the official Japanese celebrations of their alleged victory over our naval forces at Formosa call to mind that precious cartoon a few years back in which it showed the seconds talking to a badly mauled pug between rounds:

"Ye're doin' swell, Gus. Dat guy can't even lay a hand on yuh!"

However, there may be a certain amount of strategy behind the Jap lies. It is obvious that another big push in the Pacific is in the making and while it probably will be the Philippines, it might even be Formosa itself. The Japs would like to know a lot of things. They are expert fishermen.

Also it is possible that we took a somewhat heavier mauling than early reports indicate. We are working a long way from main bases and if we have suffered any substantial damage Nimitz has a right to protect his men. But—

The Nimitz communiques are marked by a certain calm confidence which was not present in some of the official reports in the early days of the war, and there is pretty good reason to believe that the present communiques contain the whole truth.

The Japs have need to be worried and they will require much saki to dull their doubts. Formosa is very close to that vital China coast and to the Japanese homeland itself. We are fighting from island to island as MacArthur indicated at the beginning but not in the way the Japs expected. We have by-passed many a Jap stronghold and it is likely we shall bypass more.

The war in the Pacific is far from over but the smash at Formosa indicates short cuts.

Eugene's housing shortage must be acute. Man out at the front rail wants to adver-

tise "for a house, an apartment, or even a mother-in-law."

In Detroit an industrial expert has ruled that women in slacks are not a hazard, but Street Corner Sam still says that "it just depends."

OUT OF THE WOODS
By JAMES STEVENS

THE GREAT AMERICAN MYTH . . .

How it grows—the myth of Paul Bunyan and the lore about him! Here I find his name on the front page of the Chicago Tribune, amid the tremendous stories of a world war and a presidential campaign. It says:

"Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Sept. 24—Louis Pierson, 72, residing on Pierson's Island in the Milwaukee river, will paddle a kayak, an Eskimo type canoe, 6½ miles from his home to the meeting of the Mystic Knights of the Blue Ox . . . a society formed to perpetuate stories of Paul Bunyan, mythical hero of the lumberjack."

As Paul's historian, such items are always being sent me. I often wonder at how little of the real history and culture of the lumbering regions of the Lake States and the Northeast has come down to us. Where that old life was once so triumphantly productive, now new crops of trees cover the stumps and skidways, or there is only the blackness of the burn. Literally millions of Midwest homes that were built from Lake States lumber survive, but no one stops to think of where their material came from.

The great vital, growing thing that survives from that wonderful era of lumbering is the myth of Paul Bunyan. It has spread all over the land, has permeated the whole life of America. It typifies our pioneering days, even into the present century. Here is an example, supplied for this column by Florence Schubert of the American Lumberman magazine; one culled from a 1913 issue.

"A Giant of the Maine Woods . . ."

"John J. Nugent, Caratunk, Maine, is the biggest man in the Maine woods. He is 34 years old, 6 feet 9½ inches tall, weighs 235 pounds, and is strong in proportion. He has seven brothers, all of whom are over 6 feet tall.

"Nugent, who is employed by Boyd & Harvey in the woods of the Caratunk region, not only cuts more timber than any other man on the job, but hauls the logs to the landings, using a sled 8 feet long by 30 inches wide. On one occasion Nugent had loaded on the sled the butt of a tree which he had cut. The butt was 17 feet in length and was bound to the sled with telephone wire. With this load he started through the woods to haul the butt to the landing, a full mile away. The log was so long that it caused the front part of the sled to tip up, and in order to make the load balance he placed on the front part two railroad ties which added a weight of 250 pounds. This made no difference to the giant, and he reached the landing on schedule time."

An Axeman Who Was An Axeman . . .

"Cutting and finishing railroad ties is Nugent's long suit, and it is doubtful if his equal in quality and amount of work done in a day can be found in the Maine woods. All of his ties made by him are hauled to the landing on his little sled, and he frequently takes eleven of these ties at a load.

"It is said to be a matter of record in Caratunk that in one day, from dawn to 6 p. m., Nugent cut, trimmed to the proper thickness and hauled to the landing, half a mile away, a total of 91 ties. The ordinary man in the woods, by working right smart, can make between 50 and 60 ties a day. Nugent uses an ax which weighs seven pounds, while the ordinary ax is of about half that weight. He is the picture of health, his flesh is as 'hard as nails,' and he never saw a sick day in his life. It is said that he does not know what it is to be tired."

Now—lessee—I think it was John J. Nugent's grandpa who broke his leg one winter—three feet below the knee.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

MORSE FOR SENATOR
(Salem Statesman)

Oregon has the opportunity to send to the United States senate a man with the capacity to become a statesman of the first rank in the person of Wayne Morse. He is a man of high intelligence and of rare courage. His work in the field of labor relations has given him national distinction, so he would not have to wait for years to establish his place in the senate. Then the country will become his forum.

Morse is running as a republican, and has been a republican all his life. But he is no rubber-stamp republican; and if he becomes senator he will retain his intellectual honesty. We have no doubt that he will make many decisions that will provoke hot disagreement; but they will be honest decisions, such as he can fight for. And we need more men of that type in politics.

In his philosophy Morse recognizes that in the complications of an industrial society there must be more government regulation to preserve orderly relations. But he is aware of the danger that comes from government assumption of too much authority. He has seen the hypocrisy and the bungling of many of the new dealers, and feels that a new tone is demanded in our domestic administration, which only a change to another political party can furnish.

From the start of his campaign Morse has stood as a strong internationalist in the sense of urging full participation by the United States in a council of nations governed by a code of laws and with adequate power to enforce the peace. He would line up with Senators Ball and Burton rather than with Taft and Vandenberg in support of a genuine plan of international cooperation.

Morse has been subjected to some sniping because he has received the endorsement of the CIO and the AF of L in this state. That is not to his discredit in the slightest degree. Such endorsements came not because of any pledge or commitment, but solely because these labor groups knew from their experience with Morse on labor boards that he was preeminently fair. As a real leader on the war labor board Morse did as much as any individual in the war effort aside from the president, to maintain labor peace and sustain war production. It is significant that among his most ardent supporters are employers who have had cases before him.

We do not expect Morse to retain this hearty endorsement from both sides of the industrial struggle, because of the intensity of the partisan feelings. But we do expect him to do constructive work in the complex field of labor relations. His intimate knowledge of the facts of industrial life and of the laws and with the leadership in this field equips him for legislative service in a most unusual manner. We do not want a rank partisan either of industry or of labor writing labor laws. We do need men like Morse who are informed, are clear-headed, and have the courage to stand by convictions.

It implies no disparagement of his competitor, Edgar W. Smith, for whom we have a warm personal regard, to give our endorsement to Wayne Morse. The latter possesses rare endorsements, not the least of which is youth (he will be 44 Friday), and gives promise of becoming one of the country's real statesmen in the difficult years of transition from war to peace.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
By MARIAN LOWRY

JOB'S DAUGHTERS ENTERTAIN OFFICIALS

More than one hundred members and parents attended the dinner of Job's Daughters, Tuesday evening, the meeting following being for the official visitation of four grand officers.

The grand officials attending were Mrs. Edna Stanley of Gresham, grand guardian of the order; Mrs. Bernice Britton of Corvallis, associate grand guardian; Mrs. Edna Catlow of Portland, grand secretary; Mrs. F. R. Dunlap of Eugene, grand guide.

Four new members were initiated into the local bethel during the evening.

The visiting grand officers were guests at the home of Mrs. Dunlap during their stay here, and from Eugene they went on south for visitations at Marshfield, Medford, and Ashland.

SERVICE MOTHERS

All mothers of service folk of the First Christian church are requested to leave correct addresses of their sons and daughters at the church office, or telephone the office, 686, to facilitate the sending of Christmas cards. The Service Mothers club of the church has undertaken to send the cards.

Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed of the university dormitories talked to the mothers' group at its meeting Thursday night, telling of things the boys want after the war, as students with whom she corresponds have revealed them to her. Club members declared themselves grateful to the speaker for the suggestions of real value contained in her talk.

SALE TO AID RED CROSS FUNDS

Profits from a rummage sale to be held by Re-Active club Saturday, in the Hampton building, will go to the Red Cross. The sale will open Saturday morning at eight o'clock and continue through the day. The committee in charge consists of Mrs. Elmer Gustafson and Mrs. Melvin Gustafson, co-chairmen; Mrs. Earl McGuire, Mrs. Wallace Wintler, Mrs. Eldon Woodin, Mrs. Lester Whitehouse, and Mrs. Lester Goldschmidt.

LUTHERAN DAUGHTERS

Lutheran Daughters of Central Lutheran church were entertained by Miss Marie Sakariassen Thursday evening, at the home of Mrs. Chris Jordanger. Delegates to the district convention to be held Sunday in Vancouver, Wash., were named, Mrs. Charles Dirlam and Mrs. Erwin Johnson to serve. The next meeting, in two weeks, will be with Miss Maria Vik as hostess, in Springfield.

DESSERT HELD

Dessert and cards entertained the auxiliary to the B. of R. T. Thursday afternoon. Mrs. A. R. Clow was high and Mrs. Ray Chapman low, at bridge; at pin-ochle, Mrs. James Yarnell was high and Mrs. S. S. Douglas low.

BUILDERS CLUB

Builders club of Central Lutheran church met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Myrmo, sewing upon articles for the bazaar which will be held November 17. Thirty members were in attendance. The group will meet next with Mrs. Ragna Christofferson, in two weeks.

GUILD MEETS

Fairmount Guild met Thursday afternoon for a business and social session at the home of Mrs. D. D. Dods, pastor's wife. Mrs. R. L. Gates will be the next hostess to the group, November 2.

BENEFIT PARTY

Plans for a benefit party to be held later in the fall, to assist an Indian mission at Oaks, Okla., were made at the meeting of the Bethesda Lutheran Builders group, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Elmer Jensen was hostess at the meeting, at which Mrs. Ingward Olson led devotions. Mrs. J. Kersgaard gave a reading. Theme of the meeting was "The Christian Home." Refreshments were served.

The annual business meeting will be held next month.

Taxes have been reduced under Judge Hurd's administration. For continued administration of county affairs—re-elect Judge Hurd.

MISSIONARY UNION FORMED AT CHURCH

At a fall missionary rally held Wednesday evening at First Baptist church, the Women's Missionary Union of the church was organized. Mrs. Verne Smith of Portland, state president of women's work, installed the new officers. Mrs. Frank Rhodes heads the group as president. Rev. F. O. Nelson, former missionary to Burma, talked and showed pictures illustrating his work in the country. World Wide Guild girls presented rose and color degrees, and afterward refreshments were served.

Other outstanding guests for the occasion were Mrs. C. H. Meeker of Portland, state missionary education chairman; Miss Isabel Gates, Portland, state chairman of Christian friendliness; Miss Lois Tompkins, Portland, state director of Baptist youth, and Mrs. W. C. Martin of Cottage Grove, president of the Umpqua Baptist association. All talked briefly.

RNA EVENT HELD THURSDAY

Several visitors were present at the meeting of the Royal Neighbors of America, Thursday evening, including the district deputy, Mrs. J. A. Whobrey of Springfield, who was accompanied by Mrs. B. H. Shields and Mrs. Marion Harpole, both of Springfield. Other guests were Mrs. Bessie Conry of Indiana and Mrs. W. H. Henkel and Mrs. Pearl Masoner, both of Eugene, but members in Wayne, Nebr., and Denver, Colo., respectively. Mrs. Celeste Bond was initiated as a new member, and Mrs. Marion Harpole became a member by transfer.

The November meeting will be preceded by a potluck dinner for members and their families, and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson will serve as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Frank Hyland, Mrs. Frank Bowers, Mrs. R. A. Denney, Mrs. E. C. McPherson and Mrs. Henry Tuymann. The committee to take charge of the December Christmas party will be headed by Mrs. Leonard Oswald and Mrs. H. H. Peters. It was announced, and for the January installation, R. A. Denney will be chairman, the men entering.

Sunday Paper Pickup Plans Completed

Junior chamber of commerce members, working in conjunction with American Legionnaires and the Lane county salvage committee, have completed plans for a pickup of waste paper Sunday, Oct. 22. It was announced today.

The jaycees will make pickups of all bundles of paper left on street corners within the city limits and throughout the River road district as far as Santa Clara.

Chairman J. J. Kamerman of the Lane county salvage committee stressed the importance of contributing waste paper.

"There is still a drastic shortage, as the rationing of newspaper and the shortage of paper bags at grocery stores indicate," he said. "Even Christmas cards are scarce this year. There is plenty of old paper lying in cellars and attics in Eugene homes, and we are asking all patriotic citizens to bundle it and have it on the street corners closest to their homes at 9 a. m. Sunday."

The junior chamber members have again volunteered to load trucks and boxcars. The American Legion is sponsoring the local drive as a part of its contribution to the war effort.

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CHI OMEGA ALUMNAE PLANNING MEETING

Chi Omega alumnae group will meet the first Monday evening in November at the home of Mrs. Belden Babb, with Mrs. Frank Senn as assistant hostess and the hour being set for seven-thirty o'clock.

The active chapter members were recently hostesses to their alumnae at an evening dessert on the occasion of the annual fall festival day of the fraternity, when new pledges of the house were also special guests.

Guests for the dinner meeting numbered Mrs. F. G. Stickels, Mrs. Aiden Potter, Mrs. Frank Senn, Mrs. Carl R. Lambert, Mrs. Frank Riggs, Mrs. Marion F. McClain, Mrs. L. G. McInroe, Mrs. H. A. Smith, and Mrs. Lynn S. McCready.

OREGON ROSE LODGE

Oregon Rose lodge has been busy buying Christmas gifts to send to eighteen servicemen overseas, as well as for more than forty servicemen in this country. These young men are railway firemen and sons of members of the Oregon Rose auxiliary.

Plans for the Halloween party which will be held October 31 were discussed at the meeting of the lodge Wednesday evening. A membership drive was announced, to begin at the next meeting and continue until February.

COUNCIL EVENT

Eugene Council of Church Women will participate in World Community day, November 3. It was decided at a recent meeting. A panel discussion will be arranged as the day's program, with speakers from various races and nationalities to present their respective viewpoints.

Mrs. A. C. Bouck, president of the Eugene council, has appointed the following committee to arrange the program: Mrs. C. Horton, Mrs. C. S. Mitchell and Mrs. Lee Young.

SON BORN

Word has been received here of the birth of a son, Eugene Lloyd, Jr., on October 11 to S-Sgt. and Mrs. Eugene L. Moore of El Paso, Texas. Mrs. Moore is the former Ora McKay, daughter of H. E. McKay of Harlow Road. S-Sgt. Moore is with the army air forces at Biggs Field, Texas.

Student Conference Delegates Selected

Douglas Moore of Eugene and Joan Dolph of Portland, presidents of the University of Oregon YMCA and YWCA will represent the campus at the Pacific northwest student conference to be held at Forest Grove Oct. 20, 21, and 22.

A. F. Holmer, executive secretary of the YMCA, also will attend as a representative of the Beattie, Milwaukie, vice-president of the YW, will attend for the men's organization, and Virginia women.

Student president and executive secretaries from similar organizations from all parts of the state will be in attendance at the conference.

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