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GENERAL CONDON C. McCORNACK

Eugene was very proud of Brigadier General Condon C. McCornack. He was a distinguished soldier and a distinguished medical man. Most of his active years were spent in the United States army, but his home was always Eugene.

When General McCornack was retired last February, it was as though he had merely been detached for special duty in his home town. He was not a man for idle leisure. As soon as he had established his home on Charnelton street, he took a hand in public affairs. He was the speaker who launched this year's War Chest drive, and he gave it the "directive" which spelled victory.

The regret for the death of General McCornack spreads through the entire community and it is sincere. In the undertakings of the post-war years we could have used the leadership he had to give. He had travelled in all parts of the world and he had seen the cities of the world, and out of his broad experience and knowledge, he could have helped us to develop perspective on "the problems of Eugene."

Several times, when the general was chief surgeon of 4th Army, we visited him at the Presidio of San Francisco and we gathered some insight into what he felt about Eugene. To him it was much more than the place where he had spent his boyhood and where he had friends and kin. It was, as he put it:

"A place where people live!"

This was at the time when the army was thinking of building Camp Adair in the vicinity of Eugene, and the general's viewpoint on this matter was very clear. He did not think an army establishment would "spoil Eugene," as many seemed to fear, but he did feel that it should not be regarded as "a business proposition," or as he put it:

"If such a camp is ever built, both the community and the army have a responsibility to see that none of those things which have made Eugene a good city are destroyed or disturbed."

The community was glad to welcome General McCornack home. He had accumulated many honors. But we wonder sometimes if people realize how much the nation owes to its "professional soldiers." We read that in this war, the American army is not only the best trained, best equipped, best fed military force in the world but the safest from wounds and disease.

In the amazing achievement of the U. S. Army Medical Corps, General McCornack had a big part. Long before Pearl Harbor, he and other doctors dedicated to this service, were making the plans for the medical service which follows the soldier from the induction station to the most remote outpost or the bloodiest battlefield—and for the service which attends the veteran as long as he lives.

General McCornack was a fighting man before he was an army doctor. He helped to haul down the Spanish flag at Cavite and raise the Stars and Stripes. He loved the army. He loved medicine. He loved Eugene, because it stood for home and family and friends.

THAT QUESTION OF "HOME RULE"

If the Democrats win this election, and possibly even if the Democrats do not win, the people of the Northwest, and other sections of the United States, are going to hear a great deal about "valley authority bills"—on the pattern of TVA.

Dr. Paul Raver's most recent visit to Eugene (to address the Realty Board) was a "testing of winds." The Bonneville administrator talked to business men about the industrial opportunities of the post-war—all the amazing things that may be done with cheap and abundant electric power.

When the war is over, and war industries of the Northwest shrink or disappear, Bonneville and Grand Coulee will have some 450,000 kilowatts of excess power to sell (out of 1,300,000 kw production). Says Dr. Raver, in substance:

"This is the opportunity of a lifetime! Communities which are smart will get in line. The towns which will thrive and grow will be those which have plenty of AVAILABLE POWER to take on new industrial loads which new techniques will make possible."

Dr. Raver took a poke at politicians and others who, he says, have been contending that the federal government's job ends with building the great super-dams which produce the vast quantities of power:

"Federal government must carry this power to the point at which it can be used. It must build the great transmission lines which literally move 'the buss bar' to the cus-

tomers. It must also provide research and assistance in developing new and greater uses of power—to heat homes, to process new metals, to create all kinds of new and wonderful products."

So far, The Register-Guard is entirely in agreement with Dr. Raver. This paper has contended for years that it is proper for federal government to do those three things—build the big dams, build the big transmission lines, offer research aid in uses of power.

Then Dr. Raver goes on to state that "the federal government is NOT trying to get into the DISTRIBUTION BUSINESS" (retailing of power). At this point we interpose some questions:

1. Is Dr. Raver willing to relinquish the demand that federal authority shall control the RE-SALE RATES? (Does he take back the famous "driver's seat" statement of Oct. 24, 1939?)

2. If Bonneville or the proposed Columbia Valley Authority dictates the resale rates of companies, municipals or PUD's and REA's, then isn't federal government actually taking control of distribution as well as transmission?

3. Is federal government going to leave each community free to decide what form of distribution it will have, or is it going to continue to maintain a large political activity to meddle in local elections and promote the kind of public ownership Washington bureaucrats think the people ought to have?

4. If the people of the Northwest and other regions accept "valley authorities" will they have any "say" in the operation of these authorities or will they continue to be run from Washington?

The surplus power from Bonneville and Grand Coulee (and contemplated dams) MUST be marketed. People of the Northwest would be foolish not to want to make maximum use of that resource. BUT—

what are going to be the boundaries between federal and local authority? Do we have to sell the American birthright to get AVAILABLE POWER? Are these proposed "valley authorities" going to demand control over every trickle of water on the vast watershed—a paramount question for farmers and ranchers? Are they going to demand the right to enforce their notions of "planned economy" down to the tiniest business and the last tillable acre? Are these proposed "valley authorities" going to be political instruments, or will they be agencies which the people control?

Eugene takes great pride in its municipal power plants, built from the ground up, boasting lower rates even than Bonneville, but Eugene will not be immune from grasping "authority" programs. Some day, not so far distant, Eugene will have to decide whether to build more plants of its own or to draw on that great surplus from Columbia river. What will be the terms?

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JAMES STEVENS

Skookum Potlatch . . .
"Tonight's the night I eat my rib-bustin' fill of Venison a la Clark," I say to myself, sitting here and trying to start my weekly column chore; unable to think of a thing but tonight's feed, and drooling into my typewriter.

I can hardly wait! I haven't wrapped my mouth around a prime, juicy hunk of venison since some years ago on the Au Sable in Michigan. And this feed is to be prepared and served by Monsieur Harry Clark, who is not only a peerless fire warden but a chef who has never been equalled and seldom surpassed in my experience. I am already woozy with anticipation.

Sounds like a big affair, as Harry puts it up in his invitation—an old time Puget Sound skookum potlatch, with the sportsmen of Mason county providing the provender and Chef Clark the presiding genius of the feast. Um-um, and a couple of yums as well. Do I like my eats!

But it isn't only an occasion for a gang of two-legged timber wolves to set at table and stow away some thousands of calories each. It is also to celebrate a second season of successful cooperation between sportsmen, forest land owners and operators, and Fire Warden Clark and his fellow protection men in the district.

Hence the occasion is well worth citing to other forest industry communities in both Washington and Oregon.

Hunting Was Born From Logging . . .
Loggers and hunters ought to get together in every way and at every time possible, not only because cooperation of this kind is the most effective force against enemy fire, but to honor the oldest tradition of both hunting and logging. It began with Paul Bunyan.

Logging, of course, came first. There were, as you know, two kinds of timber, broadly speaking—standing timber and creeping timber. The first kind made good logs. The second kind was mainly roots and boughs, with each tree able, and always willing, to pull up its roots, belly down on its boughs, and then creep. A creeping kind of tree could work its boughs like a centipede, but fast.

When Paul Bunyan logged into the Great Lakes country he found more creeping timber than standing timber. Logging just couldn't go on. The creeping trees were bold pests. The young ones would even creep into the bunkhouses on cold nights and crawl into bed with the loggers, to warm their roots. The biggest ones would creep into Paul Bunyan's whiskers, into Heli Nelson's socks, and into the hair of the Blue Ox. Babe was always scratching to get rid of his trees. Dr. Johnny Inkslinger invented tree powder to help him out, but the creeping trees only sneezed at it. The Bunyan Scattergun . . .

Finally Paul Bunyan invented what we'd call a shotgun nowadays, only it had forty-seven barrels. And then he invented hunting, with Babe as his hunting ox. Babe would flush a flock of creeping trees, and Paul would rip loose with his scattergun. The loggers would be ready to leap in and finish off every creeping tree of the bunch that had a creep left in it. After seven seasons of that, logging went on, with no more creeping timber to worry about, for nothing but standing timber was left.

Thus Paul Bunyan invented hunting and the first hunting gun, just so he could log. He was the great hunter of the woods as well as the greatest logger of his time. Now, as then, hunters and loggers need to work together, in fighting fire, the enemy of all friends of the forest.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS
By MARIAN LOWRY

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

MOTHERS TO MEET

Mrs. H. C. Flemmer of New Jersey, international inspector of Alpha Delta Gamma sorority, is visiting the campus chapter of the group this week. She is on tour, visiting chapters in the United States and Canada.

The Alpha Gamma Delta Mothers' club met with her Sunday evening at the chapter house.

On the coming Thursday evening, the Mothers club is to hold its regular meeting at the chapter house, seven-thirty o'clock, Mrs. E. E. Umphlette and Mrs. C. A. Mahany as hostesses.

MORSES REMAIN HOME

DURING ELECTION RETURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne L. Morse will be at home Tuesday evening to quietly receive returns of the election and will greet their friends who call by.

Mr. Morse, republican nominee for the six-year term in the United States senate, returned to his home here early Tuesday morning to be here during the election.

SANTA CLARA CLUB

REPORTS MEETING

The Santa Clara Women's club met Friday afternoon. Mrs. S. S. George and Mrs. Rebecca Watson were hostesses.

Ladies of the group wishing to can applesauce for the Alice Marie home are to go to Mrs. Denton's home Friday, November 10 at ten o'clock and bring their lunch.

Mrs. E. C. Hart requested the ladies to go to River Road clubhouse on Tuesdays or to Red Cross headquarters to work on making surgical dressings.

Lone Pine Women's club and the Santa Clara club were hostesses at the USO the past week. The next meeting of the Santa Clara club is to be December 1.

HOSPITALITY CLUB

Hospitality club met Monday evening at the Osburn hotel.

Mrs. A. F. Richards was appointed as secretary pro tem in the absence of Mrs. Retta Sylvers.

At contract bridge, honors went to Mrs. W. C. Walling and Mrs. C. J. Daniel; and at auction, to Mrs. Margaret McPolin and Mrs. H. Halverson.

Hostesses for next meeting will be Mrs. Ben DeVries and Miss

Mailbag

CAN'T KEEP 'ER OFF!

EUGENE—(To the Editor)—I protest the front-paging of any political statements made by Miss Vivien Kellems. She hardly qualifies as a political theorist. She has no reputation as an economist. Her sole claim to front page fame is that she has money—a good part of which she made from war contracts—out of which she refused to pay taxes. Despite her repeated public boasts, her threats, she has not yet cleared her name of the questionable relationship that evidently existed between her and Count von Zedlitz. The Count was, and, so far as I know, still is, the Nazi agent for Metallgesellschaft of Frankfurt. This firm, it should be noted, is a metal branch of the I. G. Farben company that formed cartel agreements with Dupont and British Imperial Industries, both of which have been indicted by the Federal Government for monopolistic practices. Let Miss Kellems prove herself innocent of any business relationships with the Nazis before she undertakes further to tell us how we should bring up our children, and how and by whom our children should be taught. Let Miss Kellems re-establish herself as a law-abiding American citizen before she attempts further to define Americanism.

Any teacher must resent her remark—the sheerest sort of emotional thinking—that it is the duty of American womanhood to rid schools of "the evil virus of communism which has begun to affect their minds from kindergarten through college." How does Miss Kellems define communism? And what teachers are teaching communism, where? What does Miss Kellems mean

Gertrude Bauer. Guests at Monday's meeting were Mrs. T. F. Crenshaw and Mrs. A. W. Burton.

ELECTION REPORTED

BY AUXILIARY GROUP

Election of officers was held the first of the week by the auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors, as follows: President, Mrs. F. R. Dunlap; vice president, Mrs. R. A. Rankin; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. N. Maguire; senior sister, Mrs. W. O. Cordon; junior sister, Mrs. L. L. McMahon; guard, Mrs. G. W. McMahon; musician, Mrs. J. W. Bowman; trustee, Mrs. L. C. Bond.

Mrs. C. K. Talbot and Mrs. Herbert West have invited members of the order to a dinner at their duplex home, Thursday evening at six o'clock, with special entertainment to follow. They are to wear juvenile dress.

CHOP SUEY SUPPER

PLANNED BY GUILD

The supper to be served by All Saints guild next Friday evening at St. Mary's Episcopal church parish hall will be a chop suey supper. The supper will be served from five until seven o'clock, a bazaar to be served during the same hours.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group of the Women's City club this coming Thursday will be held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Griswold, 468 Tenth Avenue west, two-thirty o'clock. Mrs. Karl Peterson is to talk to the group on "What Has Happened," referring to the election. Any one interested is welcome to attend.

MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

The marriage of Miss Rozella Anderson, daughter of Mrs. O. Anderson of Springfield, to Donald Orr Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Howard, also of Springfield, was solemnized October 28 at eleven o'clock in the morning at the First Baptist church in Eugene. Dr. Vance H. Webster, pastor of the church, officiating.

Miss Rozella Anderson, twin sister of the bride, and her brother, Arnold, attended the couple.

The bride wore a two-piece dress suit of blue and with it a corsage of gardenias and pink rosebuds.

The couple are at home in Eugene.

by the words pink and red? To whom, precisely, does she apply these terms? And where does she get all the evidence about this communistic scare? The Dies committee has been investigating subversive activities for a number of years now; and of the thousands held by Dr. Dies (pressed by Hearst especially to go after the communists) as suspect, only 3/1000 of one per cent have been indicted or their identity as communists established.

I can only conclude that Miss Kellems defines a communist as that person who does not agree with her about government, about education, about people, or about Mr. Roosevelt. Her public utterances are implicit with intolerance, bigotry, and arrogance. As newspaper stories, even for her own hometown paper, they deserve to be "buried." Best of all, they should be dropped into the editor's wastebasket.

Hoyt Franchere

EDITOR'S NOTE: Likes and dislikes do not govern front page selection nor does front page mean the editors approve or disapprove any of the "celebrities" or "notorieties" who from time to time happen to be of strange characters from Hitler to "One Eyed" Connolly who have crashed front page. It is your privilege to dislike Miss K. or any other character in the news. It is a peculiar American concept of news, not yet shared, we fear, by some of our comrades in the democratic cause.

Robson and Miss Erna Gawehn, both of Portland; registration, Miss Ann Burgess and Steve Gafin, both of Portland, and Walter McKenzie, Hood River.

TO GIVE REVIEW

Mrs. W. H. Maxham will review "Time for Decision" by Sumner Welles before the foreign relations section of the Lane County League of Women Voters, Wednesday evening, November 8, seven-thirty o'clock at the home of Mrs. V. N. Freeman, 1428 Twenty-first Avenue east. The meeting is open to anyone interested.

MOTHERS CLUB OF ST. MARY'S MEETS

The Mothers' club of St. Mary's Catholic church met last week. Plans were talked over for a hot lunch program.

Following the business of a tea was given for the school who conduct the school. J. Eberdt and Mrs. T. J. P. Gast were in charge. The tea and tea were held in St. Mary's hall.

Next meeting comes Wednesday in December.

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