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EDUCATION OF HENRY WALLACE

Much more frank than usual is President Roosevelt in making the shift which takes Texas Jesse Jones out and puts Henry Wallace in as secretary of commerce. The president says in his letter to Jesse:

"Henry Wallace deserves almost any service which he believes he can satisfactorily perform. I told him this at the end of the campaign, in which he displayed the utmost devotion to our cause . . . (and) . . . there are several ambassadorships which are vacant or about to be vacant . . ."

In other words, wouldn't you like a nice long trip, Mr. Jones? But Mr. Jones is not pleased. He replies:

"For you to turn over all these assets and responsibilities to a man inexperienced in business and finance will, I believe, be hard for the business and financial world to understand. I can best be helpful in the line of my life's work, business and finance—but I seek no job!"

There will be many interpretations of this shift:

(A) The hatchet men of the Nudal have got old Jesse at last; they never did like him.
(B) Mr. R. is making good to Sidney Hillman and the PAC and is keeping "left of center" as indicated.

(C) Leftist control of the important machinery of industrial reconversion in the post-war, perhaps the Jones-Wallace dream of setting up government industries in former war plants.

(D) The education of Henry Wallace, having in mind his presidential aspirations for 1948.

There will be fine opportunity for the airing out of a lot of things in Washington as Wallace comes up for Senate confirmation. We always lean to the theory that the soundest explanation (for a murder mystery or a political stratagem) is the simplest.

Mr. Roosevelt had to reward Henry, his good faithful "dogrobbler." He may also have wanted to punish Jesse who has not been quite so obsequious and might have had something to do with the late "Texas revolt." Along with the seeming complete candor of the letter to Jesse Jones goes just a touch of Rooseveltian malice.

The public may be left to wonder just why Mr. Wallace (often described as having "both feet firmly planted on the ceiling") should get this short course in business administration at their expense. The answer is that the Administration, entering its fourth term, is very, very sure of itself. Maybe it does not matter who is secretary so long as he is obedient.

The long range consequences could be important. For better or for worse, Jesse Jones, dispensing patronage and financial largesse has been the cement between the leftist northern wing of the Democratic party and the unhappy South. Maybe Mr. Roosevelt does not care what happens in 1948.

THOSE YOUNGSTERS AT MAGLADRY

First of the suburban schools in the Eugene-Springfield area to participate in the Park and Playground Fund is the Stella Magladry school, out in the hills south of town, and in more ways than one the spirit of these children is significant.

One way of looking at it, these kids live in an area which is, as one College Crest resident put it, "almost all a park and playground." That is to say, they have plenty of trees and open places and all of the advantages of an area which is still mainly "countryside."

But they think of themselves as very much a part of the city which is rapidly spreading out into the hills, and perhaps they see more clearly than some of us older people do the kind of place it ought to be. As they reach high school age, they come to the Eugene high schools. They look forward to having a part in the sports and athletic events. Instinctively they sense the values of parks and parkways and the whole range of possibilities for which we have only a very poor word when we talk about "recreation."

Under the Century Fund rules, there are no "goals" or "quotas" for the Park and Playground Fund, or any other part of its enterprises, but the Magladry youngsters have taken a great deal of pride in bringing their offering to \$50 and in doing somewhat more than might be expected.

We have things called "corporate cities" which are all bound up with legal boundaries and intricate financial and political regulations, but the thing which is really "the city" is not found on the maps, but in the feeling of the people for the place where they live and work. This "town" which goes under many different names in addition to Eugene and Springfield, has one of the most beautiful settings in the world. For years people have been telling each other:

"We could have the finest system of parks and playgrounds in the world. This town could be famous for the things that make life worth living."

That is not any futile aspiration. There are many things needed for the public service and there are limits to what we can ac-

complish by the ordinary means of taxation. There are no limits to what can be done when all the people want them done. These youngsters are perhaps the most important members of the Park and Playground movement. They feel that this town belongs to them—and its future.

Old Adrian Fuddle who has been dividing his "red points" with the family meat-hound, Mr. Wu, wants to know if Col. Roosevelt's bull-mastiff rates soup-bone priorities, too.

Peace of mind is often destroyed by a piece of somebody else's.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

BATTLE ON FOR NO-AD RADIO

National Association of Broadcasters, having filed an objection to the granting of radio wavebands to "Subscription Radio," the battle line has been drawn before the Federal Communications Commission in Washington on whether there will be radio entertainment without advertising in the postwar world.

Application for license to operate a three-channel radio service of classical music, popular music and feature programs—free of ads but at a cost to the listener of 5 cents a day—was originally put before the FCC last October when the Commission held hearings on postwar allocations of frequencies. Joseph L. Weiner, formerly an attorney for the Office of Price Administration, appeared before FCC at that time as attorney for a group headed by William Benton, chairman of the board of Encyclopedia Britannica, Beardsley Ruml and Robert M. Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago. After the war it is anticipated that Chester Bowles, now head of OPA, will be associated with the group.

An original application to build an experimental station to test their idea was made by Muzak, Inc., in 1941, but materials shortages interfered.

Plan Would Begin in Metropolitan Centers

Today Subscription Radio has plans for beginning service in New York, Chicago and possibly one other metropolitan center, offering their programs as a complete "family package" of entertainment, giving the subscriber a 24-hour-a-day choice of either of two types of continuous musical programs or a variety of feature programs to be offered at the same time each day. Included in the features would be news, educational programs, children's entertainment, cultural lectures, or programs conducted by Boy Scouts, charities or other social agencies.

Technically, the backers of Subscription Radio would like to have three frequencies assigned to them at one end of the FM or Frequency Modulation range of 42,000 to 50,000 kilocycles.

To keep their programs from being swiped or listened-in on by non-subscribers who have not kicked in with their nickel a week, all their broadcasts would be "marked" with a distinguishing shrill "pig squeal" which would spoil the program for anyone whose FM set was not equipped with a patented filter to eliminate the noise.

It is from this device that Subscription Radio has been christened pig squeal radio, and it is from the licensed rental of the filter that the service would collect its money to finance its broadcasts and programs. By putting the three pig squeal frequencies at one end of the FM band a minimum of interference would be given to other FM broadcasts.

The problems of rental collection and preventing home radio mechanics from making their own filters to eliminate the squeals have yet to be announced.

Broadcasters Oppose "Marked" Programs

Biggest stumbling block for Subscription Radio to overcome is the multiple ownership rule which limits operation of broadcasting chains. Opposition of the National Association of Broadcasters to Subscription Radio as presented in the NAB brief is that all channels will be too crowded for "marked" broadcasts, licensed to a privileged group for point-to-point transmission of material which really should be carried by wire as any other public address system.

Such point-to-point transmission is claimed to make radio a limited common carrier, confining service to those who can pay the price. Finally, it is claimed that radio broadcasting as now organized in the United States has served the public well, giving listeners what they want free.

Countering these claims, backers of Subscription Radio say that they have no desire to limit or supplant present-day radio, but to add to it. They point to an increasing trend towards talk programs on commercial radio, advertisers seeming to prefer aggressive comedy and quiz entertainment, with less good music and feature programs of the type they propose to supply. And they bank heavily for their demand on listeners who say they are fed-up on what they get out of the loudspeakers today.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

ON THE CUP OF COFFEE

"Any time you can't adjust yourself to circumstances, you've lost your growing point." This oft repeated philosophy of my father's has helped me over many a rough place. And life can be made tough going by such silly little things. A small break in a long established schedule can be as irritating as a pebble in the shoe. The pebble in my shoe since coming to the city is an enforced change in my writing time. At Hillside, after getting Frank off to camp in the morning, I'd pour another cup of coffee, sit at the kitchen table and do my daily stint of writing.

So long has this been my custom that to have to write under other circumstances seemed utterly impossible. At first staying in a hotel, the room seemed so cheerless I could only sit and chew my pencil. Then to a private home and this proved little better. City people just don't get up at 5 a. m., my favorite period for creative work. Had I lost my growing point? I thought?

Then I discovered the little cafe; one which opens at 5 a. m., Eureka! Though there is no ban-tain Roma perched in a walnut tree outside the door crowing insults to other roosters across the day and no little wood stove with racy cracks, yet I do have a cup of coffee before me and can now write under much the same conditions I did at Hillside. For a booth and a table make a fair substitute for a kitchen and a table. My ego is re-established; I've adjusted to conditions. Olive hasn't lost her growing point!

For the first few mornings the waitress was just another young girl to me; I'm equally sure I was just another matron breakfasting to her. I think her "growing point" must be a little livelier than mine for it didn't take her long to assume her part in my routine. By the fourth morning she no longer came and stood beside me waiting for my order. Instead, no sooner was I seated, pencil in hand and paper before me than a hot cup of coffee was handily placed.

So it has been every morning since. The first cup is followed by a plate of toast; this with no ordering on my part. At various times during the hour of my stay she refills my cup; most of the time I am not aware of when this happens. I get the illusion I'm being looked after by a loved and loving daughter.

So until the world is right again and I may return to Hillside, a city cafe booth makes a very good substitute for a country kitchen.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

MEXICAN LAW STUDENT TO VISIT GROUP

A feature of the International relations program to be given by the League of Women Voters in the Wheeler rooms, Congressional church, Wednesday evening, eight o'clock, will be an interview with Senora Hella Morel by Dr. L. O. Wright, professor of Romance languages, University of Oregon.

Miss Morel, a native of Mexico, is a law student in her country and currently is visiting in Eugene. In addition to the interview, Dr. Wright will discuss international post-war problems with particular emphasis on Mexico.

The meeting, open to the public, has been arranged by Dr. Edna Landros, chairman of the international relations committee of the League of Women Voters. Preceding the general open meeting the board of the League will meet at seven o'clock. Mrs. E. L. Peterson, president, announced.

A special invitation is extended to members of international relations study groups of other clubs to attend this meeting.

TWO HOSTESSES AT SHOWER FRIDAY

Mrs. V. A. Forstrom and Mrs. Richard Herman were hostesses for a shower Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Clarence Herman.

The party was held at the home of Mrs. Forstrom. Games were played and prizes were awarded the winners. After the honored guest opened her many gifts, a lunch was served.

Those attending were the honored guest, Mrs. Clarence Herman, Miss Joanne Forstrom, Mrs. M. V. Carlson, Mrs. William Cornpart Jr., Mrs. George Peterson, Mrs. A. Wassell, Mrs. Lowell Smith, Mrs. O. D. Rhoads, Miss Effie Rhoads, Mrs. Arthur Cameron, Mrs. Harold Terry, Mrs.

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NAVY MOTHERS TO INSTALL OFFICERS

The Navy Mothers club will hold its regular meeting in the Osborn hotel, Jan. 24 at eight o'clock.

There will be installation of officers. All mothers of navy men, marines and coast guard members are invited.

BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN BY MRS. MCINNIS

Honoring Ray A. McInnis on the occasion of his birthday (the anniversary to be Tuesday), Mrs. McInnis entertained with a party Sunday afternoon, the gathering being in one of the assembly halls at the Labor temple.

About forty were present. Finishing off the supper was a birthday cake baked by Mrs. William Albright. Singing and informal talks made up the entertainment.

PLAN PRAYER DAY

World Day of Prayer again will be observed in Eugene on Friday, Feb. 16, the place to be chosen later. The event will be under sponsorship of the Eugene Council of Churches Women, as formerly. Mrs. A. L. Bouck, president of the council, has appointed Mrs. R. M. Day as program chairman for the event.

Dr. Eric L. Peterson, assistant professor of physics at the University of Oregon, spoke on "Beryllium and Beryllium Ores" at a meeting of the physics seminar Thursday, Jan. 18, at Denny hall on the campus.

Dr. Peterson, who has been doing research on the subject, reviewed proven data about the

MEMORIAL PAID TO DECEASED MEMBER

Eulogistic tribute to Mrs. Mary McFarland, recently deceased member and former secretary of the union, was paid by Eugene Central unit, W.C.T.U., at a recent meeting, held at the home of Mrs. L. E. Allumbaugh. Mrs. Lila Yoder led devotions at the session, on the topic: "The Importance of Little Things."

Mrs. Allumbaugh presided at the business meeting, in which plans were made for holding a W.C.T.U. institute Feb. 16, the third Friday of the month. This will consist of both morning and afternoon sessions. The place is to be named later. Representatives of other unions are to attend.

Mrs. Carrie Norris was in charge of the program, its subject: "Aims of the National Legislative Department of the W.C.T.U." The leader presented material for discussion. There also was a short musical program.

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Townsend News

Lane county Townsend association meets each Saturday beginning at 7:30 p. m. Program, Jan. 27. Roll call at 8 p. m. Refreshments at close. Townsend week-ly's handled through headquarters. Old time dance at 9 to 12 p. m.

MONDAY MEETINGS

Cottage Grove, Townsend hall, 8 p. m.

Mapleton, club 1, Barnhardt home, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, Florence, entertainment, Legion hall, 8 p. m.

Eugene, club 1, Silver Spray hall, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, Eugene, club 11, Butte cottage, 8 p. m.

Junior Week-end

Ed Allen of Wendling, junior in psychology, and Jean Kirkwood of Vancouver, Wash., sophomore in law, were appointed this week as co-chairmen of the 1945 Junior Week-end on the University of Oregon campus.

Marilyn Holden, McMinnville, junior class president, has announced that the co-chairmen, who were selected by officers of the junior class, will supervise work of all the committees. Junior Week-end is scheduled for May 5, 6 and 7.

Committee chairmen appointed by class officers were: D. Lu Simonsen, Portland, all-campus luncheon; Ann Van Valzah of Bend, all-campus sing; Signe Ek-

lund, Portland, Junior Margaret Eleanor coronation ceremony; Cady of Beaver, made.

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