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SO PASSES HARRY HOPKINS

In all the history of this nation, there has been no character quite like Harry Hopkins, the "alter ego" of Franklin D. Roosevelt (after the death of the shrewdly adoring Louis Howe). But Louis Howe was only the secretary of the great man, the "self-effacing artist," seen but not heard, whose joy was in the fulfillments in which he had his inconspicuous part.

Harry Hopkins was not "self-effacing." He was both seen and heard. He was something more than a satellite. Great offices he held in his own name. The fabulous structure of WPA was his creation. He became, after the death of Howe, the presidential confidant—the man entrusted with important missions of state, the personal ambassador of the President of the United States.

There were others, to be sure. Judge Rosenman did the spadework for speeches and fireside chats. Cohen and Corcoran bobbed in and out. Jimmy Byrnes and others from Capitol Hill were "consulted." Harry Hopkins went to live in the White House.

Andrew Jackson had his "Blar," meaning Francis Preston Blair, of Kentucky, editor of The Washington Globe, organizer of the Democratic party as it took shape under Jackson and the doctrine "to the victors belong the spoils." It was under Jackson that we had the first "kitchen cabinet" and "Blar" was undoubtedly its prime minister.

"I'll have to talk it over with Blar," Old Hickory was wont to say.

Since then nearly every President has had his "kitchen cabinet," his unofficial advisers, the close personal friends in whom he has reposed superior confidence. Washington is a political wilderness and it has been generally recognized that a President is entitled to a few real intimates to whom he can impart his inmost thoughts.

Franklin Roosevelt's original "Brain Trust" was only an expansion of the accepted institution of the "kitchen cabinet." It is true that Roosevelt used this device to add a vast new super-structure to the framework of government. Under Roosevelt the official cabinet members, the official department heads, became in many instances merely nominal leaders. Tremendous authority passed to the various "administrators" of bureaus and authorities so numerous that they have been designated only by letters of the alphabet. If formal cabinet meetings were held, they attracted little notice. When policy was made, it came from that highly favored group of intimates, "the White House jannissaries" they were called in many a congressional speech.

And the little man from Iowa, the former social worker, this man of whom "nobody" in politics had ever heard" became gradually "the man to see." In Washington Harry Hopkins was "a name to conjure with."

Frail, sickly and physically insignificant, Harry Hopkins nevertheless seemed to have the qualities of wire rope. Perhaps it was an exceptional supply of nervous energy which drove him over mountains of the most exhausting kind of work. Intellectual? Hopkins had what we Americans call "a good standard education." He was certainly what we call "a liberal" in his political philosophy, if not avowedly socialist or communist. But he has left behind him nothing except a few magazine articles and perhaps some public documents or letters which may in time reveal his "ideological" status.

By many writers Hopkins was described as an enigma. For instance he had an avid taste for "night life" which would seem to be entirely out of keeping with his otherwise sedentary habits, his physical disabilities and his political and social tenets. When Harry Hopkins went "stepping out" in the Broadway "hot spots," he was personally discreet, but utterly indifferent to what "people might say." Is there any law which says that from time to time an uplifter may not be gay?

Harry Hopkins did not long survive his spectacular chief. He becomes a part, and one of the most important parts, of the New Deal saga. When the historians of coming years come to explain this period in the history of the United States, it will not be possible to pass around the little man who went to live at the White House, the man who shared

Franklin D. Roosevelt's thoughts and plans—the first private ambassador, something new to our history.

WASHINGTON LETTER By PETER EDSON Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

GENERAL MOTORS ON THE FAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—When Attorney General Tom C. Clark "fessed up to United Auto Workers' President R. J. Thomas that the Department of Justice had been investigating General Motors, he raised a hot question. Department of Justice officials are mum on the nature of the investigation and Washington representatives of GM profess to be equally uninformed on what Clark is shooting at.

Any idea that the Department of Justice is just beginning an investigation of General Motors as a result of the Thomas-UAW blast during strike negotiations would be entirely misleading. Some people tried to put that interpretation on the matter, but it's wrong.

Department of Justice economists and lawyers keep a routine check on many big U. S. corporations. Sometimes these teams spend a couple of years or more investigating before grand jury proceedings are begun, indictments obtained and court action is filed.

As a matter of open court record, the government has had General Motors on the pan for over six years. Action was begun in November, 1939.

In 1941 a criminal conviction was obtained in federal court at South Bend, Ind. against General Motors, General Motors Acceptance Corp., General Motors Sales Corp. and General Motors Acceptance Corp. of Indiana. In brief and non-technical language, the charge was that these corporations required General Motors dealers to finance their car sales exclusively through GM facilities, in restraint of trade and in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act.

Civil Action Against GM Still Pending
Shortly after the criminal conviction was handed down the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice began a civil action on the same grounds. That case has been pending in Chicago for four years. For the past two years or more, General Motors attorneys have been obtaining depositions from some 400 out of 600 dealers on their relations with the corporation and its financing and sales subsidiaries. The case has not been set for trial.

The mere fact that a corporation is big does not make it a monopoly. In 1941, the last full year in which automobiles were manufactured, General Motors produced 47 per cent of the cars sold. Chrysler was second with about 25 per cent and Ford third with 20 per cent. Thus the Big Three accounted for over 90 per cent of the industry, and the independents have tough going.

General Motors' fixed assets in 1941 were over a billion dollars. Its net sales were \$2,433,000,000, its net income \$201,000,000. During the war GM made 10 billion dollars worth of war materials. All its 104 plants, plus five in Canada, were on war production.

While General Motors divisions produce five lines of cars, GM is not a completely integrated manufacturer like Ford, for GM does not produce its own steel, glass or rubber. It has, however, extensive parts manufacturing divisions and supplies these parts to other manufacturers. Parts and accessory manufacture is generally more profitable than complete car assembly.

Trade Practices In Industry Under Study
A number of trade practices in the automobile industry as a whole are known to have been under study. In 1940 the Federal Trade Commission investigated auto industry sales practices. The pressure which manufacturers put on dealers to take more cars than they can sell was criticized in a report of over 1000 pages. To some degree this was corrected.

Selling cars all over the U. S. at f. o. b. Detroit prices, even though some cars are assembled in California or New Jersey, has been questioned. This is merely another version of the old Pittsburgh-plus basing point fight which has plagued the steel industry.

Many charges have been made that lower costs in production have not been passed on to the consumers. At the beginning of the war the industry had developed along lines where for all practical purposes there is little competition in price lines, the real competition being in style and sales campaigns.

READER EDITORIAL

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED (A guest editorial.) By AMOS E. VOORHIES

Publisher of the Grants Pass Daily Courier and pioneer Oregon newspaperman.

Many changes must have taken place in the makeup of the Oregon newspapers during the first fifty years after the appearance of the Oregon Spectator at Oregon City in 1846. Likewise the second fifty years have witnessed other and perhaps more revolutionary changes. In the years newspaper publishing has developed from a "venture" to a business. Many of the earlier sheets were launched to satisfy personal ambition or for personal or political spite, some continuing for several issues and others for several years. There must be a higher motive, however, to ensure success.

Some of the older editors were gifted with wisdom or eloquence but lacked the business element found so necessary in the conduct of a newspaper as well as any other enterprise.

In the older days cheap help and cheap rent were considered essential in conducting a country newspaper and the plant was too often housed in an upstairs room on a side street, the news hand set and the inadequate equipment hand operated, even the Morning Oregonian a little more than fifty years ago was published from an upstairs location on Front street in Portland.

The profession has now advanced to the point where specialists in all departments are necessary and faster automatic and perfecting machinery is required, the Linotype, the rotary press and the teletype each assisting in the transformation.

There was a time when a "rick" of wood was the equivalent of a year's subscription, and barter for fruit, poultry or merchandise was a part of the business. An occasional display advertisement was considered a gift to the editor and a steady display was a "subsidy" to keep the paper on its feet. Advertising has progressed until it is a necessary investment for any successful business.

All this is now changed—there must be a real need for the existence of a newspaper, and the exercise of business ability necessary in order to meet the demands of a critical public and to tide over the many emergencies that occur with regularity.

There was a time when a one-line headline announced a murder or suicide, a new enterprise or a disaster, and the whole article must be read to get the "nib" of the story, which might be in the last paragraph. Now big heads announce the fact and the first paragraph tells the story, the details following.

These developments have not come of themselves, they are the results of general advancement aided by the effective work of Schools of Journalism, and practically every present day newspaper, large or small, has felt the beneficial effects of this training.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

DAKOTA CLUB PLANS INDOOR PICNIC, DANCE

Dakota club, made up of former residents of both Dakota states, will hold an indoor picnic dinner Friday evening at the WOW hall, Eighth and Lincoln street. A covered-dish dinner will be served at six-thirty o'clock, and a program will follow at seven-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. J. E. Richmond will talk on "Indian Dances and Songs," and will sing several Indian songs. Mrs. Patricia Edwards playing her accompaniments. C. H. Hayes of College Crest will read poems.

A dance starting at nine o'clock will be open to the public. Coffee will be served in the evening.

The committee in charge consists of Mrs. A. Walders, Mrs. E. Klidder, Mrs. H. F. Halverson, H. B. Page, Harry Lichty and Mrs. Glenn Latham.

BIRTHDAY DINNER FOR MISS BLACK

Miss Carla Delores Black of Albany was honored at a birthday dinner given Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Black of Eugene, at whose home she has been a guest.

Miss Dolly Bangs and Miss Ann Erickson also were guests at the dinner.

COMMITTEES NAMED

Committees for the rummage sale, which will be held all day Saturday at the Moose hall by the Women of the Moose, have been announced.

Marking, which will be done Friday evening at eight o'clock in the Moose hall, has been assigned to Mrs. W. I. Lane, Mrs. R. L. Nesbit, Mrs. Joe Bartlett, Mrs. Roy Forncrook, and Mrs. W. A. Stansfield.

Selling on Saturday will be Mrs. H. L. Smith, Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Robert Thomas, Mrs. Alice Strand, Mrs. Fred E. Walker, Mrs. B. W. Andrus, Mrs. Earl Gordon, and Mrs. Forncrook.

At a card party held Monday, Mrs. Harmon Luken won high at pinocle and Mrs. Nesbitt low. At bridge, Mrs. Edna J. Allen took high, and Mrs. C. B. Christianson low.

Rotary Hears About Rural Youth Projects

Rural youth activities in Lane county were outlined and explained to members of the Rotary club Tuesday by teachers of vocational agriculture and student representatives of rural youth clubs from Junction City, Cottage Grove and Eugene high school.

O. S. Fletcher, county agricultural agent, and A. E. Danielson, county 4-H club agent, introduced the speakers and assisted with the program.

Joe McClure, teacher of vocational agriculture in Junction City high school, introduced Jake Jacobsen, president of the Future Farmers of America club in the high school there.

Jacobsen outlined the activities of the FFA, a group open to all boys interested in farming, and listed the many competitions sponsored by business men's groups, such as the farm machine contest, parliamentary contest and public speaking contest. The Junction City FFA sponsors many of these activities, he reported.

Awards Listed

Cloyd Macanson, vocational agriculture teacher at Eugene high school, brought with him Eugene Babel, a senior, who reported that the FFA sponsors stock chains, and also supports a basketball team and organizes fishing trips. Some of the awards won at county and city fairs were listed.

E. L. Clark, Cottage Grove high school instructor in vocational agriculture, had as his guests Morris Culver, who listed some of the farm projects being carried out by members of the Cottage Grove FFA. Members of the group are attempting to enlarge the number of projects each year, he reported, and field trips are made to the homes of club members for inspection of these projects.

The Cottage Grove club also sponsors school movies, plans a social party each month, and is raising money by building and selling trailers, as well as sponsoring several animal chains, which give club members a chance to start raising stock.

The work of the county 4-H clubs was sketched by Miss Nina Chaplain, of Cottage Grove, who has been active in 4-H work for many years. She reported that the 4-H clubs train individuals for leadership, teach them how to conduct their business properly, and offer such activities as summer camp and summer school. The 4-H groups, Miss Chaplain said, need help and encouragement from business men and parents.

It was brought out by the four young speakers that all phases of the training received in vocational agriculture, FFA and 4-H groups make for better farms, and a more advanced and scientific type of farming. Business groups, such as Kiwanis, Oregon Bankers' association and the Rotary club sponsor various phases of these activities, in order to encourage an advanced type of farming in the county.



BORROWED FROM EAST—
Turbans for midwinter are a noteworthy head style, especially when made of new materials rich in color and luster. The one above, with long gloves to match, is of Mexican wool challis in a design of leaf green on lacquer red, hand-blocked.

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

The Genevieve Turpin class of the Presbyterian church held a dinner Tuesday evening for all class members, their families and friends. About 70 persons attended.

A program was given consisting of several poems by Miss Patience Strong; a solo by Mona Daniel; two duets by Miss Daniel and Miss Evelyn Paeschke; and a vocal solo by Miss Joyce Jordan.

Mrs. Turpin, main speaker, addressed the group on the topic "The Home."

Parodies on old songs were given, pertaining to the coming summer camps and its various activities.

4 New 4-H Clubs Announced For County

New 4-H clubs have been announced for Marcola, London and Thurston.

At Marcola a forestry club has been organized under Berry Mauney, leader; William Wright, president; Jerry Chow, vice-president; and Charles Brown, secretary. Six are enrolled.

S. Thomas Clark will lead a London school health club of 34 students. Peggy Ketcherside has been elected president, Doris Raiser vice-president, and Marie Clark secretary.

Mrs. Laurence Funk has formed a camp cookery club at London. Fifteen are enrolled under Don Bennett, president; Gary Garman, vice-president; and Bruce Pooler, secretary.

Thurston students are working on a market project under Mrs. Marie Lewis. Seven are enrolled under Philip Hollister, president, and Shirley Bonney, secretary.

Buford To Address Realtors On Planning

Howard Buford, director of planning for the Central Lane County Planning commission, will address the Eugene Realty board at its weekly luncheon meeting at the Osburn hotel Thursday.

Buford will touch on such problems as zoning, sewage, drainage, school sites, parking spaces and streets.

STATE PRESIDENT HONORED AT MEETING

Degree of Honor met Tuesday, with Mrs. Violet Hyde, Albany, state president, as a guest. Mrs. J. C. Jacobson, a state officer from South Dakota, was also present.

Other guests from Albany included Mrs. Sarah Lamb, Mrs. Leata Haglund, Mrs. Martha Wilbur, Mrs. Doris Schnorr, Mrs. Ora Slocum, Miss Beverly Haglund, Miss Vera Stapleton, and Miss Marie Smith.

Officers installed were: Mrs. Truman Kimsey, president; Mrs. Jeppie Jensen, past president; Mrs. Edward Byrne, first vice-president; Mrs. John Myers, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles Boyd, financial secretary; Mrs. George Curtis, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Price, usher; Mrs. Marion Savage, assistant usher; Mrs. Marvin Jackson, inner watch; Mrs. Ella Bray, outer watch; Mrs. Gail Aman, flag bearer; Mrs. A. C. Goettsche, musician; Mrs. Ed Sheely, Mrs. Will Grimes, Mrs. Ben Brown, and Mrs. Everett Gossett, escort staff.

Miss Pansy Stover was initiated, and a "march of dimes" was held, netting about five dollars for the polio fund. Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Myers and Mrs. Grimes were placed on the auditing committee.

It was announced that the executive committee will meet February 15 at the home of Mrs. Charles Boyd, with Mrs. Ben Brown as co-hostess. The group will meet again the fourth Tuesday in February.

**SPRINGFIELD GIRL
PLEGGED AT OSC**
Miss Chloann Owens of Springfield has been announced as a pledge to Delat Zeta sorority on the campus of Oregon State college at Corvallis. Sixty-seven girls were pledged to twelve sororities.

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