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Pageant Section Is Limited

There will be with next Wednesday's issue of The Register-Guard a small special section, devoted exclusively to the Eugene-Lane County Centennial and the Oregon Trail Pageant. No advertising. Just news and pictures. But—only four pages instead of 48 or more which we used to print in those good old days when there was no shortage of paper supply, or of printers to build a paper. In the regular daily and Sunday issues we will give Pageant and Centennial "all the breaks."

To print a huge Pageant Section—25,000 to 30,000 copies—would make an enormous hole in paper supply which must be conserved for the day-in-day-out job of giving the readers something like a "balanced ration" of world and home news. Nearly all small town newspapers in the United States are working against the same handicaps, but they are peculiarly acute in a community such as this which has had enormous population growth. Perhaps we can make some simplified explanations:

Even with about 30 tons a month extra which we get from the new co-operative mill at Tacoma in which we have a share we work on a 1941 base to supply a 1947 demand.

Housing shortage makes it difficult to get additional printers, family men, good citizens though many are eager to come here.

The production problem is essentially the same as that in many lines of business where essential materials and skilled labor cannot be had until the slow process of economic readjustment "normalizes" conditions. Daily publications have a much tougher problem than weekly, monthly or occasional publications because they are daily. Indeed, one cause of newsprint shortage is the diversion of much pulp into making "slick" for magazines.

In Salem, Klamath, Medford, Roseburg, even Portland you hear the same wail, except that as a Salem editor put it the other day:

"The big city papers had several suits of clothes to begin with. The little papers never had much more than a shirt and they've clipped the tail off of that."

It is more painful to us than to anybody to have to forego doing what we have always done at Pageant time. Here we sit with a fine big staff "rarin' to go" an no place to go. There has been times in the last year when it has been necessary to piece together scrap from used rolls to complete an edition; other times when only the nick-of-time arrival of a truck made it possible to publish. We have no street sales, no newsstand sales; we serve nobody who cannot prove residence in the home area.

It is a great temptation to take a chance and splurge with a handsome Pageant section, but we have to keep in mind 25,000 families which will be looking for the RG every day, long after the Pageant is pleasant memory. But we will try to pack into those four pages which will go with the Wednesday issue the whole story of the 100 years and the Pageant. It is a job of telling which requires much more skill and discrimination than spreading over many pages. We wish we had room to include a picture of Bill Dean, the harassed section editor. He has the handsomest "Dundreary's" in many a pageant, and they go becomingly with worry.

Flood Control Is Resource Saving

President Truman's call for immediate appropriation of \$250,000,000 to speed up flood control programs, particularly in the Mississippi area but also including Oregon, may be interpreted as a shrewd politician's effort to capitalize on the recent flood disasters in the Mid-west. We do not quarrel too much with the decision of the Republican majority to limit the pending appropriations to perhaps \$200,000,000, or whatever amount can be expended wisely, pending more adequate study of the whole problem at the next session.

But, the evidence is piling up that money spent on systematic and carefully planned flood control is not "pork" but urgent conservation. Too much delay in flood control,

as we have reason to know in this valley, can be penny wise and pound foolish. Flood control, like housing, cannot be viewed narrowly as something to be included in the scope of ordinary peacetime retrenchments and economics. Money withheld from this program can become money wasted.

There are, however, some relatively new methods and proposals for flood control which need to be studied and incorporated into any overall program. In our flood control thinking we might be said to have advanced through several stages, just as we have in road building and many other public works:

1. Bank control, levees, channelization, the type of effort which has been going on in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys for 100 years.

2. Storage dams, of which the first successful type was developed by Robert Morgan in the Miami valley of Ohio after the Dayton disaster of 1913.

3. Tributary controls, now strongly advocated by the Department of Agriculture, and this means thousands of little local dams, simple and inexpensive, but sufficient to check erosion and supplement control.

Over in Eastern Oregon, they began many years ago to restore beaver to many streams, and where the beavers have been allowed to flourish they have done a remarkable job of conserving water supply which is precious in arid country. The new program, however, will not depend too much on beaver but on a multitude of man-made dams wherever a creek passes through a farm.

The Amazon project, in which Eugene is greatly interested (and which probably will not get a cent this year) will offer a pattern for combining drainage with localized flood control.

Our flood control problems in the Willamette valley are particularly acute because of the swift runoff which destroys as it goes, but there is not a state in the Union which does not have problems in flood control. It is basic in all resource conservation.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JIM STEVENS

Haywire Art
After a round of mutual backpatting over the nice work of the public in the holiday week-end, Fire Warden Hargerty and I settled down for a bit of sociable gab. It was a cool yet sunny afternoon on the boom pond. We sat out on the catwalk bench. Then the Warden spied a haywire link in a boom chain.

"I wonder," he said, "if that came from a proper bale of hay, or was it virgin haywire, as one might say?" He went on, as though expecting no answer. "I've been ruminating on the subject of haywire lately, on account of pictures of some statuary that had been formed from the powerful oldtime standby of boss 'n' bull logging. This here art, all rigged from curlines of haywire, was done by a sculptor gent named Bugs Gonsky, or some such handle.

"Me, I couldn't make shape or sense out of the haywire statuary, but it was likely good, for the pictures were in a magazine that cost four bits and they took up three full pages.

"As one who learned mighty respect for haywire when a fuffaced big-wheel heister awoke back yonder in the short-log country, I take pride in this here progress of haywire. I'm for haywire art, yesiree, whether I can savvy it or not. I like to see haywire branch out."

Haywire History
Over 20 years ago I figured haywire was on its last legs, "so to speak." Hargerty reflectively continued, "The horse was getting to be rare indeed in the logging business. Without the horse, baled hay was minus in the camps, and so haywire was also absent. What I've already called virgin haywire came into the market during the big depression, when some smart operator in the steel industry saw new business for the wire mills in all the patching that was going on everywhere.

"I remember a monster coil of this virgin haywire being brought into a family logging camp back in '33, for some needed fixing-up around the homes. Only the youngest and holdest among the young family loggers ventured to try it. The old heads of binding and hard tying, this tried and true article could be trusted by the old head to bind a frayed choker, forty a Tin Lizzie, fasten a boom chain, hold up tin pants, and to serve in other vital uses.

"I mind back in 1912 or so, when I saw my first gas tractor, a clear round-wheel rig, in the woods. One day a sound like a death rattle buzzed from its cam shaft. The puncher bount the cuss solid with haywire. I had my doubts on gas tractors before that, but I figured if one of the rigs could log on haywire, it belonged in the woods. And I was right."

Dime Store Haywire
In the depression everybody finally got to using haywire. Hargerty reminisced, "Soon you could go into any dime store and buy a coil of haywire for home and family use. It became the mainstay of the lallyon. Literally millions of lallyons were held together years beyond their natural time by haywire and nothing but haywire.

"But much of it came to be haywire in name only. The production of virgin haywire ran wild and got into evil hands. The oldtime makers of haywire, who had catered only to the hay-baling trade with a quality product, were swamped by the haywire shoddy that came into the market. Repetitive worms into the once strictly honorable industry. It got so that a family logger, minding the kids while his wife was shopping, wouldn't even trust haywire for pinning up diapers.

"I truly hope," said the veteran warden, "that the haywire on yonder boom chain was made for hay-baling and not to sell over the counter."

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By ANN CONNELL

Invitations Out For Two Weddings Early in August

Invitations are out for two Sunday weddings in August. Miss Judith Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Potter, will be married to Loren Raymond Fisher August 3 at four o'clock in the afternoon, at her parents' home, The Braes.

Miss Beverly Jean Clark will be married to Jack R. Steele Sunday evening, August 10, at seven-thirty o'clock, at First Congregational Church. A reception will be held following the ceremony, at the church.

EUGENE YOUNGSTER HAS PORTLAND PARTY

A number of former residents of Eugene helped four-year-old Billy Thornton celebrate his birthday July 17 in Portland at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. A. T. Moses.

Guests for the afternoon included Mrs. W. N. Parke, Billy, Tommy and Marilyn Parke; Mrs. Harry Ewing, Pat Ewing and Nancy Hough; Mrs. Dale Kirkpatrick, Elsie and John Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. Leo Stout and Jimmy Stout.

FAMILY REUNION SET FOR SUNDAY

The annual Bowers-Yeats family reunion has been set for Sunday, July 27, and will be held at the Jerry Bowers picnic grounds near Philomath. There will be a basket dinner at noon. All old friends are invited to attend. The family group includes descendants of Solomon Bowers, who came to Lane County in 1853, and his wife, Lucinda Yeats Bowers, who came in 1854.

FAMILY GROUP TO MEET SUNDAY AT RESORT

The Richardson-Hinton-Inman families will resume their annual reunion, which was recessed for the war years, with a meeting Sunday, July 27, at Benton Lane Park. Mrs. Maurel Inman, is acting president of the group, having assumed the office at the death of Elmer Jordan, president. Mrs. John M. Jeans is secretary. New officers will be chosen at the meeting, which is the first in several years.

Recipe

BURNT LEATHER CAKE

Aunt Laura Applegate's prize-winning recipe:
1 1/2 cups white sugar
1/2 cup shortening
2 1/2 cups flour
1 cup sweet milk
2 eggs, separated
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 tablespoons burnt sugar syrup

To Burn Sugar
Put 1 cup white sugar in a saucepan. Set on stove and let come to a boil, stirring to prevent lumping. Let burn until it gives off intense heat and becomes real dark in color. Remove from stove, add 1/2 cup boiling water, stirring. This amount of syrup makes enough for three cakes.

To Mix Cake
Cream sugar and shortening. Add egg yolks unbeaten. Stir well. Add milk and two cups flour. Beat well. Add 1/2 cup flour with baking powder well mixed. Beat. Add well-beaten whites of eggs and last the two tablespoons burnt sugar syrup. Divide into three layers and bake in medium oven.

icing
One coffee cup white sugar; 1/4 cup hot water. Boil without stirring until it threads. Pour over beaten white of one egg. Add one tablespoon burnt sugar on teaspoon. Well-chopped walnut meats add to its attractiveness, but are not necessary.

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In deference to the week of the Centennial observance, we offer this old-fashioned "household hint."
First buy ribbon, about two yards of half-inch lavender ribbon will be needed. Then, on a warm sunny afternoon, gather an unweaved number of blossoms with stems about fourteen inches long. Fifteen blossoms is a good number. Remove leaves and saw them into cloth to form center. Place blossoms around this center and tie in place. Unless they are very fresh, the blossoms may shatter, and some net should be sewn around them. This forms a sort of cocoon. Stems should be tied firmly at base of blossoms and ribbon sewed in place. Bend stems over, turn upside down, and begin weaving, over one and under one until cocoon is covered with a sort of basket, leaving the ends of stems loose until this is done. Tie stems and wind ribbon around and back. Cut ends of stems even and fasten three ribbon bows, one at the top, one at center and one at bottom to cover places where it was necessary to fasten ribbon. Wrap and seal in cellophane or waxed paper until ready to use.

Numerous Visitors Expected This Week

Pageant week is notable for the number of visitors it brings to the city. Few folk are expecting as many as are Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Huntington, but not all their guests will arrive at the same time. They have invited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watson of Portland, Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell (when and if he gets back in time from the governors' conference); Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hollingsworth of Coos Bay; Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Simmons, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Newton Center of Toledo, and Mr. and Mrs. Fay LaGrow of Pendleton. Mr. LaGrow is president of the Pendleton Round-up Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bubar of Roseburg are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry P. Watson. Mrs. Watson is their daughter.

Mrs. Lulu Briggs of Corvallis and Mr. and Mrs. Vern Briggs are at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Armes.

Mrs. Ray Cullen of LaVerne, Calif., will visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Urey. Mrs. Cullen is Mr. Urey's only sister, and this is their first visit for several years.

Mrs. Don Doran and son of Las Angeles will be at the home of Mr. Moran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mert Ward, City View Road.

MEADOWVIEW PLANS BRIDAL SHOWER

MEADOWVIEW — Miss Wilma Lyons will be honored at a bridal shower Wednesday, at the home of Mrs. Nida Zumwalt. Mrs. Ray Hofer and other will assist the hostess. All members of the Ladies Club are invited. Miss Lyons, who completed her sophomore year at Oregon State College, and is prominent in Four-H work, will be married to Elwood F. Harvey of Prineville August 16 at the Church of the Nazarene at Eugene. They will live at Albany.

SHOWER IS GIVEN AT COTTAGE GROVE

COTTAGE GROVE—Miss Adelle Bostick, bride-elect, was honored at a kitchen shower Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Stanley Marden. Hostesses were Mrs. Marden and Mrs. William Bostick. Miss Bostick has set an early August date for her marriage to Ralph Bousdurer.

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Kass and Copeland Show New Styles At New York Show

By DOROTHY ROE, Associated Press Fashion Editor
NEW YORK—(AP)—The capeback suit and the peg-top drape are Samuel Kass' contribution to the current throw-out-all-your-old-clothes movement.

Though he retains wide shoulders, Kass has enough other new tricks up his sleeve to make last year's costumes strictly passe. Just to make things difficult for the man who thinks that old cardigan suit still looks fine on his wife, Kass shows a series of strictly new silhouettes, typical of which is a suit of amethyst wool with velvet collar and hip length cape attached to the shoulders of the jacket. The skirt, of course, is much longer than those of last year, and has just enough subtle flare to mark it fall, 1947.

Kass also shows dinner suits, such as one in dark green wool, with pleated skirt and short jacket over a beaded chiffon top. Jo Copeland, designer famous for suave cocktail suits and dramatic evening gowns, makes 1947 history with her black faille bustle suit, featuring a huge, jutting bow in back, a short fitted jacket and velvet trim.

Miss Copeland shows skirt lengths varying from 14 to six inches from the floor, features handsome fabrics in both silks and wools, with a liberal sprinkling of metallic brocades and lames. Most of her suits are slim skirted, her jackets wide-shouldered, waists nipped-in. She likes cut-away jackets over peg-top draped skirts, shows matching satin overblouses with a number of doekain and broadcloth suits.

The cascade front skirt is a new note, shown in a suit of tobacco brown ottoman faille. Though avoiding many of the extremes of the current season, the Copeland collection is completely different in line and treatment from that of last season, yet, as always, strictly American.

House Group Okays Oil Export Curbs

WASHINGTON — (AP)—The House Merchant Marine Committee Monday approved a bill to block petroleum shipments to any foreign country unless the secretary of commerce certifies that the exports will not interfere with national defense or national security.

The bill tentatively is scheduled for House consideration late this week. It grew out of a committee inquiry into shipments of petroleum products to Russia.

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