

'The Promised Land'



Hattie Stough, Her Son, and Her Reward

Letter to County Judge
Tells Simple Tale How
Woman 'Stuck It Out'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is a letter to County Judge Clinton Hurd, reprinted through the Register-Guard. Mrs. Stough's words are left in context, for it is her story and her words tell the better than could the most powerful writer).

By Mrs. Hattie M. Stough
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Editor of the Register-Guard
Judge Hurd:

You were not the only one that got interest in the Cliff Owens family. I am so very busy I never often get to read the paper, but Wednesday was one day I decided to take a little peek to see what the rest of the world was doing, and, of course, I read about the Ferry St. trouble. The people that have been living out there for a year or so had no interest in because there is no reason for them to live in a place like that for so long, but the new was new here and I thought that if they had a little they could get on their feet.

I said to my husband, if you don't mind, dear, I may move into our little house for a while until they can get on their feet. He asked me about it and I told him about the Owens family and showed him the paper. He said, oh, dear, and I will go with you to see them; so we went to where their car was parked. We talked to Mr. Owens and he told me he could move his family in our little house. The nicest house there are but it is not bad. It is a two rooms it has one bed, a baby bed, chairs, cook stove, table and all the wood just for cutting it. It is 3 miles West of Creswell. Mr. Owens did not want to give it to him—he wanted a job. Then we talked it over and you get a job you can pay us \$10 a month for it and if you don't get a job soon you can pick up and move in Sunday.

Have to Work Hard

Well, I never saw him Sunday and never heard a word from him until I read the little riteup about Lane county. I went back to Mr. Owens. This is one thing I would like to tell you and to Mr. Owens and a lot of other newcomers to Eugene, Oregon—just 8 years, 10 months ago I came here to Oregon because so many had come that even children could work in the summers and the poorest could go to high school and college. Well, to me that was the height of my dreams if only children could go to college. What more could a mother want? So alone with my sister and 8 children I came to Oregon. That was Sept. 17, 1940. The day I stopped in Springfield a camp ground I had an even \$35.00. I gave \$1.50 to the camp that night. The next morning I tried to find a place to live in and that I could not. Some man told me to go to Paul Hadley, in Springfield. So I did. Well, every morning good old Paul—he would sell you a lot for \$5.00 and he hoped \$5.00 a month. We never got to give him \$5 but Bless his old heart! We lived there. I had an old '29 Chev truck with an iron bed on it. Some neighbors helped me and my boys take the bed off

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by for Joan Sweek and Jo Eggleston

Amoyed Dog Pulls 'Em
Pet Parade Victory

Entered a covered wagon pulled by a Samoyed dog, with a German dog riding in the wagon, and with a cocker spaniel drawing up the rear, the sweepstakes trophy society's pet parade, won their entry Saturday for Joan Sweek and Jo Eggleston.

Small Dogs—Larry Campbell, Rodney Elmes, Arne Granlund, and Patty Shepherd.

Big Dogs—Dick and Jerry Mudd, Cary Nulton, Gerry Walling, and Richard Blakely.

Purebred Dogs—Ted Vaughn, Dick Gale, Joanne Lay, and Stephen McDonald.

Floats—The sweepstakes winners were first; second place went to Harry Chapman and Marlene Martin with a horse and cart. They impersonated "Alice in Wonderland" and the Mad Hatter. (Marlene's dog played the part of the White Rabbit); the third place winner's name was lost, and the winners are asked to turn in their name to Mrs. Everett Eggleston, 7-3542. (The entry was a covered float.)

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Splash! It
Was a Real
Quick Rain

The sun was shining on the Mahlon Sweet field weather station late Saturday afternoon as a localized heavy rain caught many Eugene pedestrians by surprise and drenched the city for half an hour before moving east. Many gutters were flooded.

The welcome rainstorm broke a 67-day stretch of dryness which began May 31, when .39 on an inch of rain fell. On only four other days since has the weather station at the airport recorded moisture, twice each in June and July. No precipitation had been recorded since July 19.

In explaining the shower, which stuck pretty closely to the city limits and surrounding suburbs, weather observer R. B. Graves said that the storm had been formed locally. Known as an air-mass storm, it was caused by hot air rising and striking high humidity cold air at higher altitudes. Thunderstorms often result from the convective formed clouds.

Graves said it was hard to predict such showers since they are so local. No record of the amount of rain which fell on the city was made. No rain gauges are kept in the city.

Alcohol Plant
Lease Due For
Decision Soon

SPRINGFIELD—Final government negotiations for leasing the Springfield Alcohol Plant to Hudson Bros. of America, Ga., may be completed soon.

Rep. Harris Ellsworth, in a telegram to the Register-Guard Saturday, said Washington officials considered the Hudson proposal for rehabilitation and operation of the plant "generally acceptable." He indicated that final arrangements may come shortly.

Ellsworth said the Hudson Bros. submitted their proposal to the War Assets Administration July 18.

Charles B. and W.S. Hudson made an inspection of the plant in June. They indicated that they desired the structure for production of molasses from wood waste.

The Hudsons said other by-products might be produced later. They declined to specify the nature of possible secondary products.

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Swisshome Crash
Takes Three LivesElmira Grange Head
Dies on Highway 36

Louis V. Spink, 28, master of the Elmira Grange; his father, Vernon Spink, 45, and Owen Hedges, 37, also of Elmira, were killed when a pickup truck turned over on a curve six miles east of Springfield around 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

The elder Spink and Hedges were killed instantly, state police said. Louis Spink, returning home to reside over his Grange's Saturday evening meeting, was pronounced dead upon arrival at Sacred Heart Hospital.

The men were returning home after spending the week in logging operations near Deadwood.

Louis Spink is survived by his wife Dixie, and two children, Corlis, 6, and Jeph, 4. The family had lived in Lane County three years. Louis was a member of the Odd Fellows. He and his wife leased

and operated the R and R Washateria in Eugene.

The elder Spink, from Phoenix, Ariz., was visiting his son. He is survived by his wife Gertrude, one son, two daughters, and three grandchildren.

Owen Hedges owned the vehicle. Who was driving at the time of the collision was not known.

In Car-Bicycle Crash

Sixteen-year-old Walter Baker, 755 Beal St., Junction City, was brought to Sacred Heart hospital Saturday evening with undetermined head injuries suffered in a car-bicycle accident one mile south of Junction City.

No details on the accident were available.

Jess L. Place, 56, Cherry Grove Motel, was admitted to Sacred Heart Hospital with leg injuries after an accident about 6:30 p.m. on highway 99 near Springfield Junction. A car which had stopped to allow Place to cross was struck from the rear and hit the pedestrian.

While the Band Does Play
Mortgage Ridge Will Be Gay

Mortgage Ridge will have a community party to honor John Stehn and the Eugene Concert Band when they play Tuesday evening at the new city playground at 23rd and University Sts. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. The party will follow the close of the concert about 9.

Co-chairmen for the women's portion of the program will be Mrs. Corabelle Ford and Mrs. Betty Sherman, and for the men's part Dean Emeritus J. R. Jewell and Dwight Newman. Detailed plans will be announced Monday.

Mayor Ed Johnson, City Manager Oren King, and Park Superintendent "Tex" Matsler have been invited.

"We want everybody in this part of town to hear the Concert Band and to know more about the plans for the development of their neighborhood park," said Mr. Jewell, "and we want the people of the area to get acquainted. There will be no long speeches. We are not ready to tell, but the women are cooking up something."

Ecuadorean Quake
Toll Soars to 2700Montana Blaze
Is Fatal to 11;
Two Are Missing10,000 Acres Burned
On Colville Reserve

HELENA, Mont. — (AP) — Four hundred men struggled desperately Saturday night to conquer a deadly, wind-whipped forest blaze that has killed four parachuting firefighters and another man.

Eight other smokejumpers were missing somewhere in the Gates of the Mountains primitive area about 25 miles northeast of here and chances seemed slim that any of them could have escaped alive from flames that trapped them after they jumped Friday. Only three of the unit of 15 that made the leap were known to be safe Saturday night.

(In Washington the U. S. Forest Service reported 11 persons have been killed in the fire. Two men missing in a canyon also are presumed dead, service officials reported.)

The lightning-kindled blaze has ravaged more than 3000 acres since it burst out of control Friday and Saturday night it was roaring ahead of reinforcements and communications with terrifying noise and speed.

Victims Listed

Two of the Montana smokejumpers died of burns in a Helena hospital Saturday. They were Joseph B. Sylvia, Plymouth, Mass., University of Minnesota student, and Bill Hellman, 24, of Kalspell, Mont.

Supervisor A. D. Moir of Helena National Forest Saturday identified a third victim, who died at the fire, as Robert J. Bennett, 22, of Paris, Tenn. One smoke jumper was unidentified publicly pending notification of his next of kin.

The fifth victim, James O. Harrison, Missoula, Mont., was a

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Many Thousands Injured;
Communications Cut

BULLETIN

QUITO, Ecuador — (UP) — Thirty-four persons were killed Saturday when a Shell Oil Company plane, flying rescue workers to the earthquake-stricken city of Ambato, crashed in the mountains 20 miles from Ambato.

A converted twin-engined Bristol bomber, the plane took off from Mera Nueva for Ambato Saturday morning and was several hours overdue when the wreckage was spotted on a mountainside in the eastern Cordillera chain, near the village of Salasaca.

Most of the victims were employees of the Shell Oil Company. The names of the dead were not available. None was an American.

By the Associated Press

Late reports from inside and outside Ecuador Saturday night said that probably 2700 persons were killed in Friday's devastating earthquakes. The injured ran into many thousands.

Direct communication with the stricken area was almost impossible, and latest reports of the disaster were being unfolded to the world by radio accounts heard outside Ecuador itself.

One of these reports came from the president of Ecuador in a broadcast heard in Lima. As yet, however, there was no official Ecuadorean government tabulation direct from the stricken area.

Two New Towns Struck

Highlighting the late reports were two small towns which previously had not figured in communications direct from Quito.

These were Pelileo and Patate, both about 22 or 23 miles from Ambato, the third largest industrial city of Ecuador and one of those hit hard by the quake.

Ecuador stations heard at Medellin, Colombia, said the bodies of 1300 victims had been counted at Pelileo. At Patate more than 1000 persons were reported to have lost their lives.

Ecuadorean President Galo Plaza Lasso in a broadcast heard in Lima, Peru, gave the toll at Patate. He spoke from Ambato.

Gets \$213 More for Sale of Land

He's His Own Lawyer
In U. S. Court; He Wins

By Ted Goodwin

Theo C. Erickson, a farmer near Dexter, came into federal court Friday without a lawyer and convinced a jury that he was entitled to \$213 more than the government had offered him for land taken for relocation of a railroad.

Erickson had refused to sell 142 acres for the \$284 appraised value. When he took the witness stand he told the jury he wanted \$1562 for such a small tract Erickson said he figured the land was worth \$350 an acre, or \$497 for the parcel taken. The remaining \$1065 he asked for "damages" based on his estimated loss of income.

The court quickly ruled that damages based on estimates of future income were not to be considered.

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where more than 400 were dead and 1000 injured.

New shocks were felt at Ambato at 5:10 a. m. and 7:33 a. m. (PST) Saturday, the Shell Petroleum Co. radio said in a report heard at Guayaquil, Ecuador.

These shocks felled the walls of buildings already wrecked by the previous quakes and created considerable panic.

At Latacunga there were 11 known dead and 30 injured. Two churches, the government house and about 50 dwellings were destroyed.

Various sources reported the destruction of Salcedo. Damage also was believed heavy at Pujili, Banos, Pansaleo, Mocha, Guano, Cumbi, Squisil, Cevallos, Riobamba, Guaranda, San Andres, Cochabamba, Guamo, and Santa Rosa.

The president and interior minister Salazar Gomez were in Ambato directing rescue work.

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As Nation Prepares to Honor Him on His 75th Birthday

News Disclosed That Hoover
Turned Down Senate Seat

By Lucien Carr

NEW YORK — (UP) — The sun shines brightly into the autumn of Herbert Clark Hoover's life.

As the world prepared to celebrate his 75th birthday anniversary Wednesday, it was learned that Mr. Hoover, the only living former president of the United States, recently had been offered but turned down the honor of serving as New York state's interim senator.

When Robert F. Wagner (D-NY) resigned from the senate because of illness, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey offered the seat to Mr. Hoover, who maintains a residence in New York City's Waldorf Towers. Although he has long believed that the Constitution should be amended to provide all former presidents with a senate seat, Mr. Hoover refused Dewey's offer.

The appointment tendered by Dewey was good only until a special election will be held in New York in November. Mr. Hoover indicated to friends that he might have taken the job if it had been for a longer term. John Foster Dulles was named to fill the vacancy.

Neither Dulles nor Dewey was available Saturday for comment.

That the senate seat was offered to Mr. Hoover is a measure of the man, orphaned son of a village blacksmith who rose to become

HERBERT HOOVER
Distinctions Pile High Now

one of the world's best known citizens.

On Wednesday Mr. Hoover will return to the campus of his alma mater, Stanford University, near his home in Palo Alto, Calif., where he will deliver a birthday speech "of major national importance." An anniversary party will be held in the Hoover Library on War, Revolution, and Peace.

But as his friends and neigh-

bors and many prominent officials gather to do him honor on the Stanford campus, other admirers from presidents to school children, from West Branch, Ia., his birthplace to Helsinki, Finland, where he is known as a dispenser of fame, will participate in ceremonies marking their respect for the 31st president.

In his Stanford address, entitled "Think of the Next Generation," Mr. Hoover is expected to answer critics of the government reorganization program which he was commissioned to make by President Truman, and the recommendations of which Mr. Hoover already has started to put into effect.

The speech, scheduled for 3 p.m. (PST), will be broadcast across the nation by the four major networks.

Mr. Hoover arrived Saturday in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was accompanied by his son Allan on a motor trip through Utah's Park City mining district. Mr. Hoover began his career as a mining engineer. Mr. Hoover said he hoped to "get in some fishing" this summer but had done little yet because he has been busy on his "birthday speech."

In Palo Alto he will deliver his speech from a stage decorated with three banks of blooming hydrangeas. A crowd of 12,000 is expected to fill the bowl to capacity.