

# Diver—

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gene area are as scarce as blue diamonds, and after futile phone calling, Mechanical Superintendent Clarence Comfort decided he'd tackle the repair job himself.

He called the Navy and Marine Corps Training Center in Eugene and procured a shallow water diving outfit. That was Thursday. Welders Lon Buford and Comfort took turns descending 12 feet to the broken pipe. Each remained below 15 minutes or better, but these husky men found welding and diving not too closely related. Both returned to the surface "light headed and slightly sick."

By Friday, the impromptu divers had decided they didn't like the Navy shallow water outfit (they weren't sure they were using the correct dosage of oxygen) and spent the better portion of Friday renovating a home-made outfit that belongs to Merton Nitschke, Eugene.

By this time most of the mill personnel was intrigued by the welders-turned-divers and each time equipment was taken to the site, an inquisitive following came along to watch. Comfort's first attempt to descend on Friday disclosed that water joined him inside the rubber suit. He wore an improvised helmet built from the top half of a hot water tank. "I've done welding jobs since 1922," said Comfort, "but this looks like something I've never seen before."

**Professional Diver Called**  
Diver Finucane of the Northwest Underwater Engineering Co., Portland, arrived Sunday morning with three attendants: his brother Sam, John Seible, and Louis Gustin. He also brought his full deep sea regalia and his own air compressor.

"Submerged, he decided a 'collar bolted around the break' would do the job better than underwater welding.

This a comparatively easy job to Finucane. He had performed hazardous work on the Russian ship Ilich which sank, bottom during war time. It was on this job that he rescued a fellow diver who had become trapped in the ill-fated ship.

"He was pinned in and his breast plate was being squeezed together by shifting pieces when

I reached him. I hooked my phones onto his and asked if he was ready. He was. The pressure against him eased up momentarily and I gave myself all the air my suit would hold. We shut up so fast we just about broke our necks when we bumped into the deck above us. He'll never be any whiter on the day he dies than he was when we reached the surface."

The Elich was cut in two and bisected again to clear the shipping channel and permit salvage. Finucane has had other "nasty jobs" such as underwater work on pilings for a warehouse in Excursion Inlet, Icy Straits, Alaska. Then there was the two and one-half mile pipe line he laid out of Anchorage, Alaska, so ships in deep water could be serviced at low tide.

During floortime he is busy, too. In the northeast area of Portland he's returned floating homes to their proper base. And, of course, there has been the usual underwater work with cars, trucks, safes, and drownings during his 20 years of diving experience. He is 52.

Brother Sam has seven years of diving behind him. The two watch closely the work of the other from topside and are quick to have the proper tool ready when the diver breaks surface and reaches skyward with an open hand.

A lively banter is continued between instructions given over the two-way communication lines. "Is it raining down there?" asks Sam.

"No, but I'd sure like to have 14 men and a boy to help me with this wrench," Finucane responds. The South Dakota-born Irishman frequently whistles and sings while he works below water.

Whistles a tune called "Don't Fence Me In."

**Five GAR Vets Set Reunion**

INDIANAPOLIS—(AP)—Only five of the 17 surviving Civil War veterans will attend the 83rd and last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic which once boasted an enrollment of 350,000.

The first encampment was held in Indianapolis in 1866. It was resolved last year in the encampment at Grand Rapids that this year's meeting, to open Aug. 28, will be the last.

Two of the veterans will come by plane—James A. Hard, 108, Rochester, N.Y., oldest of the surviving 17, and Charles L. Chappel, 101, Long Beach, Cal.

From Over U. S.  
Others who have indicated they will attend if health permits are Joseph Clovese, 102, Pontiac, Mich., the only negro left in the GAR; Hiram M. Gale, 102, Seattle, Wash., the 1948 commander-in-chief, and Theodore Penland, 100, Portland, Ore., who will preside over the final campfire.

Other members, too feeble to attend, live in Iowa, Oklahoma, Kentucky, New York, Illinois, Idaho, Missouri, Connecticut and California. Indiana's two survivors died last winter.

The handful of veterans will ride in a "twilight parade" through downtown Indianapolis and attend a reception in their honor in the Indiana governor's parlors in the state capital building.

**Band to Play**  
They will hear a concert by the U. S. Marine Band, sent from Washington by special act of Congress.

In the evening a campfire will be lighted. There they will swap Civil War yarns and stories of their childhood years.

After that the wrinkled, white-haired veterans will say their farewells and part forever.

**Water Everywhere But Little to Drink**  
JETMORE, Kan. — (AP)— Because there was water nearly everywhere, there was less of it to drink.

The explanation: Record rainfall brought Buckner Creek brimming full for a protracted period and raised the water table in Jetmore's water wells some six feet above pumps and motors.

That resulted in constant pumping to prevent inundation of the equipment. Then quicksand flowed in. The walls of one well settled. One of the pumps was ruined.

The abundance of unusable water has caused such a shortage in the usable supply that the city fathers fear consumption restriction may be necessary.

**McKAY TO YAKIMA**  
SALEM—(AP)—Governor Douglas McKay leaves Salem on Tuesday night for Yakima, Wash., to attend sessions of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee meeting in that city Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

# Miner Finds Stone Village

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C. — (AP)—A prospector may have stumbled across a discovery of important paleolithic importance in a remote northern British Columbia valley.

Prospector Luther Elder reports he had discovered "a colony of ancient stone houses" in a remote valley along the Skeena River in the vicinity of the tiny village of Copper River, 1000 miles east of here.

Elder, who claimed he had never been in the valley before, said "the houses appear to be made of immense stone slabs, complete with slab roofs." He said he believes the stone houses the handiwork of some early type of man, ages ago.

Authorities here said if Elder's story is true, he may have uncovered the lodgings of a prehistoric group of man which inhabited this still uncharted area of B. C.

**Hiram M. Waldo**  
FLORENCE—Hiram M. Waldo, 70, died at Lakeside Friday, Aug. 6.

He was born June 21, 1879, at Olivia, Minn., and was a mechanic by trade.

Surviving are his widow, Mildred; his sons, Lyle of Lakeside and Charles of Anaheim, Cal.; a daughter, Mrs. B. F. Sommerdorf, Brown, Minn., and stepson, Bill Harpel. There are three sisters and three brothers.

The Waldos lived in Florence for eight years, coming here from the Willamette Valley.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at Mills Chapel, Coos Bay. Cremation will follow. The family requests no flowers.

# Average American Pays \$1 Taxes Out of Every \$4.10

By Sigrid Arne

WASHINGTON—(AP)—This year the average American is paying out \$1 in federal, state and local taxes for every \$4.10 he earns.

Roughly that means that every time he earns a dollar he turns over 26 cents to a tax agent.

This estimate, by Senator Byrd (D-Va.), is making fighting words behind the scenes in Washington.

Sixty-two senators, despairing of economy by this Congress, have proposed that federal expenses be cut 10 per cent by the President.

These senators are uncertain how the House of Representatives will react to their plan. They say the real issue is "easy money"—that is, congressmen are willing to vote money to please certain groups of citizens without any regard for the overall solvency of the national government. Needless to say, the senators who make these remarks refuse to be quoted by name.

**Senator Figures**  
It was Byrd's staff that figured out the average \$1 in taxes for every \$4.10 earned. On this job it had the help of the Treasury, the Budget Bureau and the Commerce Department.

Byrd's report compared tax coats in 1941 and 1948. Here is what his staff found:

In 1941 the tax bill to Uncle Sam alone was \$7,250,000,000. The year after the war that had jumped to \$36,500,000,000. If the President's program went through, Byrd said, the bill would be \$43 billion, and the average for fed-

# Army Wants Draft Law

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Army wants the draft law retained as insurance in case of a sudden outbreak of war, instead of letting it die next June.

The national military establishment says that the matter of extending the draft will be considered by the joint chiefs of staff.

While the Navy and Air Force haven't made up their minds, Lt. Gen. E. H. Brooks, director of Army personnel, said in an interview that the ground forces want the law to stay on the books.

Congress, Brooks said, might not have time to enact a new selective service act in case of swift attack. And even after passage of such a law, he added, it would be 60 to 90 days before the necessary machinery could be set up.

Under the present standby law, which has not been used since January, men could be drafted immediately.

Of the three armed services, the Army alone has had need of the draft since World War II ended. The Navy and Air Force, being smaller, have kept up their strength through voluntary enlistments.

Brooks said the Army feels time would be paramount in the event of another war and any delay might be dangerous.

At present the Army is more than 20,000 men short of the 677,000-man ceiling allowed in President Truman's budget.

But Brooks said officials are not worried over the shortage. They expect recruiting, which has been lower than expected recently, to pick up gradually.

# Honoring Picket Lines Ruled Not Secondary Boycott

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that a primary strike does not become a secondary boycott whenever a third person refuses to cross the striker's picket line.

Board sources said the 4 to 1 decision is one of the most important rulings yet handed down in the case of labor unions accused of secondary boycotts under the Taft-Hartley Law.

The board rejected the contention of general counsel Robert N. Denham that the refusal of AFL building trades employees to cross a CIO picket line at the Bucyrus-Erie Co., Evansville, Ind., amounted to a secondary boycott prohibited by law.

The board majority said the Taft-Hartley ban on secondary boycotts was intended "only to outlaw certain secondary boycotts whereby unions sought to enlarge the economic battleground beyond the premises of the primary employer."

Not Called 'Secondary'  
"When picketing is wholly at the premises of the employer with whom the union is engaged in a labor dispute, it cannot be called 'secondary' even though, as is always the case, an object of the picketing is to dissuade all persons from entering such premises for business reasons," the board said.

"It makes no difference whether one or 100 other employees wish to enter the premises."

**Had Picket Lines**  
The United Electrical Workers (CIO) called a strike at the Evansville plant July 30, 1948. It set up picket lines around the plant, including a gate through which employees of the Ryan Construction Co., entered for work on a new building near the struck plant. The Ryan employees remained until Aug. 26, 1948, when federal judge Robert C. Baltzell issued an injunction against Denham's request forbidding further picketing of the gate. The injunction still is in effect.

The Ryan Company charged the CIO union with an illegal secondary boycott. Denham issued a complaint against the international and Local 813.

The board dismissed all of the charges.

# Newlyweds' Car Hit at JC

SALEM—(AP)—Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. John Maulding resumed their honeymoon to California Monday in a borrowed car after their own new auto, a wedding gift, was badly damaged in a three-way wreck near Junction City Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Maulding (she is the former Margaret Cooley) were married in Salem earlier Saturday night. As they motored south toward California their car was struck by Theodore H. Wall.

Maulding saw Little's car heading toward him and pulled to the side of the road, but the impact threw his car around. It took some four hours to clear the wreckage, in which on one was hurt.

The Mauldings went on to Eugene, then were able to drive their damaged car back to Salem Sunday. The new auto was a gift from the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cooley. Sunday night the newlyweds got in the Cooley family car and started out again for their California honeymoon.

# Weather

Local statistics: Highest temperature Sunday, 72 degrees; low Monday, 43 degrees; trace of rain in 2 1/2 hours ending 10:30 a. m.; total for month, 0.05 inches; normal for month, 0.46 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a. m., minus 2.6 feet; wind at 11:30 a. m., North 16; prevailing wind Sunday, NNW 7.

**Sunrise and Sunset (PST)**  
Tuesday, 5:09 a. m. and 7:26 p. m.; Wednesday, 5:10 a. m. and 7:24 p. m.

**SEASIDE TIDES**  
Tuesday  
High 9:18 a.m., 6:0 p.m.; Low 3:10 a.m., 1:3 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 2:0 p.m.

# Corn Harvest Prospects Good

CHICAGO—(AP)—In the midwest corn is busting out all over. Another national crop in excess of three billion bushels — the fourth in history—appears assured. There is a good possibility the crop will set an all-time record for the second year in a row.

Some sections of the country have poorer prospects than a year ago—notably the northeastern states, where a long spring drought dried up moisture reserve in the soil. But the crop is in splendid condition in the main midwest producing belt.

Latest estimates on the crop range from 3,560,000,000 bushels, made by C. M. Galvin of the grain firm of James E. Bennett and Company, to 3,750,000,000 bushels, made by H. J. Gramlich, general agricultural agent of the Chicago and North Western Railway.

Last year's all-time record totaled 3,650,848,000 bushels. Gram-

# Absent Minded

SEATTLE—(AP)—Have the families of "absent professors"?

Frank Sammak, an instructor at the University of Washington, was driven to the airport. He had a plane for New York and the car keys with him.

Although producing a smaller output, Galvin "with ideal weather conditions" it is possible that a new record could be established.

This new crop will be a record for the second year in a row. On July 1, 1948, 1,239,440,000 bushels of corn were still left on farms—three times as much as a year ago. The new crop is a big problem: where is it to be stored?

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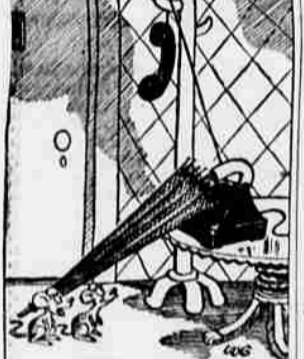
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