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*"With or without offense to friends or foes
I sketch your world exactly as it goes."*
—Byron

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon



Bridge Is Played At Walton's Home

Dallas—Members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club were entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon Tuesday by Mrs. P. J. Walton. The guest for the day was Mrs. Laird Woods. High scoring honors were won by Mrs. Erle Fulgham, Mrs. Laird Woods and Mrs. Ray Scott. Members present were Mrs. Maurice Dalton, Mrs. A. J. Cleveland, Mrs. Jack Eakin, Mrs. Erle Fulgham, Mrs. Ray Scott, Mrs. Ivan E. Warner, Mrs. Earle Richardson, Mrs. Fred Stinnette, Mrs. R. S. Kresson and Mrs. E. W. Cruson.

Dagmar's Adventures in Santa Claus Land

BY SIGRID ARNE



Farmer Unit Has Annual Election

Riverview — New officers were elected at the last meeting of the Farmers' Union Saturday night. They are as follows: President, Harry Godwin; vice president, Harold Maine; secretary, Smith Holt; executive board, Prof. Gallagher of Seio and Roy Leighton. Mrs. Ella Denmore and son Glenn were initiated into the union. Smith Holt, who recently returned from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where he attended the national convention of the union as delegate from this state gave a very good report. The Ashford and Denmore families and James Johnston furnished the program for the evening.

DUPONTS PAID \$26,676 TO GET INFORMATION

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—Evidence that E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., the Aluminum Company of America, and General Electric Co., power interests paid their Canadian legal representative \$26,676 in fees and expenses for interviews with prominent Canadian government officials, including a former premier, between 1921-26 on St. Lawrence river development was laid before the federal trade commission.

A "Mercy" Murder

Mrs. May Brownhill, 62 years old, gray haired and frail has been sentenced to be hanged for the "mercy" murder of her imbecile son by a Leeds, England jury. The jury recommended that she be shown mercy and the trial judge, who under the English law had no other alternative in pronouncing sentence said:

We have to take the law as it is, always remembering that in other, higher hands, mercy may be extended. No person in this country has the right to take the life of any other human being because he or she thinks it would be better for him to die.

The woman, after thirty years spent nursing her son, Denis, gave him one hundred sedative tablets and turned on the gas when she learned she faced an operation which might cost her life. She feared that Denis, left alone, would suffer what a physician called a "veritable living death," it was testified.

It was testified that the woman had been told she could live only six months unless she underwent an extremely dangerous operation. She put her son to death painlessly, and the next day told her family doctor: "I've just put Denis to sleep."

The English law does not strain at mercy as law in America does, although similar convictions are in the record here. But it is a strange sentimentalism that fills a gangster's cell with flowers and keeps alive hopeless imbeciles in physical torture and awards an act of mercy with the gallows.

Some day in the distant future humanitarianism may provide a painless sleep in a lethal chamber for the incurable, helpless and hopeless idiots instead of dooming them to a life of pain as a burden to family and society. It would be much more merciful to all.

AAA Paying Own Way From Fees DAVIS REPORTS

Washington, Dec. 13 (AP)—The agricultural adjustment administration is paying its own way and then some, Administrator Chester C. Davis said today.

He reported collection of processing taxes which are levied to pay crop control benefits to farmers, totaled \$550,081,419 on November 1, compared to payments of \$421,697,389 for reducing surpluses.

Davis said the margin illustrated that cash bounties to farmers do not increase the national debt.

"Each of the big adjustment programs has been planned as nearly as possible to pay its own way," he said. "National credit is, in fact, supported insofar as these programs play a part in bringing about national recovery."

The administrator pointed out that whereas the 42 cents a pound cotton tax raises the price of a \$1 shirt about a nickel, it means an increase of nearly 100 per cent in the price paid to the farmer.

The consumer's indicated per capita share in the payment of the cotton tax is about \$1.25 annually and of the wheat tax, less than \$1, Davis said.

MAJOR QUINTS PLAY TONIGHT

Six teams of the major division, City-V basketball league will see action for the first time tonight when three games are played on the Parrish junior high floor. The first game, called at 7 o'clock, will bring together Valley Packing and the V-8s. At 8 o'clock Ray Mill and the Eagles will play while the final contest will feature Master Broad and Willamette Grocery.

Valley Packing is considered one of the strongest clubs of the major division, having a number of experienced players, including Harold Olinger and Bob Drager, one time Salem high and university stars, "Scot" Marr, Marsh Hartley and Ben Thomas. The latter will not be able to play tonight due to an injury.

The V-8's will include a number of aggressive performers coached by Don Hendrie. The team includes Max Allen, Joe Herberger, Bob Hill, Bob Keldatz, Henry Singer and Lis-ton Parrish.

Playing for Master Broad are Ash-bey, Vanderhook, the two Gottfrieds, Eckman, Kitchen and Foreman.

The Eagles include John Orave, Vern and Vic DeJardin, Emory Hobbs, Orville Johnson, B. L. Schir-lid, John Bone and George Seales.

Fred Hageman, Roth, Goebel, B. Broer, Stark and Morley constitute the Willamette Grocery club.

Riverview—A birthday dinner was given for Mrs. Anna Serling at her home Sunday. She was presented with a cake baked by her daughter, Mrs. Hara Prokop. Those present besides the honored one were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prokop and daughter Anna Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Jeanne Kelly and son Maurier, and Bernice Serling.

Lyons—Mr. and Mrs. McCoon of Portland spent Sunday at the George Hubbard home. Miss Fern Hubbard, who has been in Portland for some time returned home with them.

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However, the program will not be all fun, for Willamette university football players will be on hand to receive the gold football which they earned during the recent conference season.

The fruit course will be shoved in front of the diners promptly at 7:30 a.m.

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STUDENTS PLAN PARTY

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