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Staunch Advocate

Oregon lost a staunch advocate of all that concerns her interests in national affairs and the nation a constant champion of military preparedness in the passing of James W. Mott, representative from the first congressional district for the past 12 years. To Mott goes credit for many achievements of importance to the state, most noteworthy of which has been the designation and development of the Tongue Point naval base at Astoria for which he was chiefly responsible and the building of the Salem alumina plant. No congressman in recent years has accomplished more than he along these lines. No one has given more conscientious attention to the needs and wants of his constituents, with whom he kept in close and intimate contact.

To Mott the furtherance and development of Oregon was a creed. To this end he labored constantly and untiringly at all times, identifying himself prominently with those causes which furthered the state's interests. Early in his career he won places on such vital committees as naval affairs, public lands and roads and retained these appointments down through the years to accumulate seniority and the weight of influence attached to these berths. He came to be known as one of the best informed members of the house on matters pertaining to roads and highways, administration of the public domain as it pertained to land grants and government holdings and his voice was raised loudly in defiance of federal encroachment upon state's rights.

Mott worked under the handicap of being a member of the minority party during his entire service in Washington, and remained a staunchly partisan republican and a bitter opponent of the New Deal at all times. His republicanism was of the progressive or liberal type, however, which attracted the active opposition throughout his public career of the old line leaders of the party here at home. In the state legislature, where he served four terms as a member of the house from Clatsop and Marion counties prior to his appointment as state corporation commissioner in 1931, he identified himself with the progressive bloc led by the late Senator George Joseph and played a prominent part in the public ownership campaign of those hectic years.

A forceful speaker and a keen analyst of the public questions, Mott was most effective in debate on the floor both in the legislature and in congress. A naval veteran of World War I, he made a material contribution to the navy's part in winning the war just ended. His Salem neighbors will remember him as an outspoken friend, a good husband and father and a staunch defender of the public welfare.

Record of U. S. Submarines

Of course it was teamwork between all branches of the armed services that won the war in the Pacific but the chiefs of the various branches are naturally enthusiastic about the part their respective forces had in winning the victory. While the brass-hats of the navy, army, and air force are brassy championing either the battleships or the carriers, the B-29s and other land-based planes, the carrier-based planes, the marines or ground forces, General Arnold visualizing the horrendous possibility of future aircraft war and the scientists of the atomic bomb gloomily predicting extinction of humanity, the silent branch of the service, the submarine, has been strangely overlooked, because war strategy veiled its effective operations in secrecy.

The submarines did their task anonymously. Only the names of those that were lost were announced and their accomplishments never listed except in piecemeal statements summarizing totals but not listing them specifically. So the part they played in winning victory is not fully realized. Only now is the navy department releasing their full war record.

The latest release shows that subs sank 1041 Japanese commercial vessels of an estimated 5,000,000 tons, more than two thirds of Japan's known tonnage at the start of the war; 21 of 63 major Japanese warships that were sunk, and rescued 504 United States fliers from the sea. Their toll of destruction was far greater than that of all the surface vessels of the Pacific fleet, exclusive of aircraft destroyers. Planes from the latter destroyed 31 Jap warships. Only 7 Jap combatant ships were lost in surface fights.

Considering the relatively small number of submarines involved, as compared to the planes and surface ships deployed against the Japanese, (at the start of the war less than 100, at the close of the war 240) they took much greater toll than the far greater flotillas of German U-boats did against Allied shipping during the war. The navy's box score of Pacific sinkings follows:

	By Sub.	By Plane	By Surface Ship	Joint Ship-Plane
* Battleships	1	3	3	1
Carriers	4	11	0	0
Carrier escorts	4	0	0	0
Heavy cruisers	3	7	2	2
Light cruisers	9	7	2	1

* The battleship Mutsu was sunk by an "explosion," perhaps by a torpedo from one of our missing submarines.

A Question of When

While state authorities are greed that the selection of a successor to Rep. James W. Mott must be by special election, and are pretty much of one accord as to how nominations must be made, they are not of a single mind as to when the necessary election should be held. They are of different opinions as to whether the governor should immediately call for an election to be held some time in December, or whether he should delay the date to hold the balloting at the time of and in conjunction with the regular May primary election next year.

Arguing in favor of an immediate election is the fact that congress is faced with much important legislation during the next few months in the consideration of which Oregon should be fully represented. Counter-balancing this is the expense of a special election, which could be saved by combining the special and primary election.

The method of nominating candidates for the vacancy will be the same in either case—by assembly of 250 or more qualified voters or by petitions carrying at least three percent of the qualified voters in the district. All candidates at the special election will run as independents.

Whether the successor to Mott is chosen in December or May he will only hold office until the general election next November. To hold an election for the vacancy next May would be to clutter up the ballot with two sets of names for the same office—those candidates to fill the unexpired portion of the term and those seeking nomination for election for the succeeding new term.

Considering the confusion which would grow out of holding both elections at the same time in May, and the importance of keeping Oregon fully represented in congress in these momentous times, it would appear to be advantageous to hold a special election as early as possible in spite of the extra expense.



The New Rider

Sharp, Mrs. Felix Wattenberger, and Miss Edna Cole, a visitor.

Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

Hope is supposed to spring eternal within the human breast. But the hope of a new car by Christmas which had been springing in a sea of human bosoms is having a lot of the elasticity taken out of the spring and, of course, it makes some difference as to which Christmas the hope was springing at.

Nels Rogers, head of the forest service, reports there is something of a quandary as to just how they'll fall the snags in the Tillamook burn as plans for replanting go ahead. Looks as though this might be a good place to put one of those there atomic bombs to use for a peaceful purpose. If everything we've heard about same being true a lot of snags could be knocked over in a hurry and get burned off at the same time.

More Hope Springs Eternal

(Mill City Enterprise)
 Idanha is a town just above the new Detroit dam, and Idanha sees its opportunity to become a town. Grasping the situation, citizens there and newcomers are getting plans ready for building a busy center. A new theater, apartment house and new homes are to start very soon as plans have already been drawn. Besides a manufacturing center they hope to cash in as a tourists' center, a summer home and real town that their location is expected to help them build. One admires the public spirit Idanha people are demonstrating.

The current issue of the Forest Log tells of a neat trick played by a forest ranger to clear a bunch of deer hunters out of the brush where it was figured they might do some harm. According to the yarn about 50 of these campers with their wives and families had congregated. The foxy forest ranger came along when the men were but hunting and only a few wives left in camp to cook. The ranger dropped word that a heavy forest fire was getting under way further back in the hills and he'd be around in the morning to pick up all the men in sight and transport them back to fight fire. When he showed up in the morning the camp was cleaned out lock.

Novelties In the News

Well Dressed Duck

Milton, Wash. — Mark Wyland is looking for a duck wearing a white handkerchief. He said he bagged the duck on a hunting trip and knotted his handkerchief around its neck to ease the carrying chore. When a flock of ducks flew over Wyland dropped his bird to take a shot and the "dead" duck got up and flew away, handkerchief and all.

Young Ideas

Spanishfork, Utah—The temptation was too great for Owen Rowe, star football player in his college days at Brigham Young university.

Watching some school boys at play, Rowe, who is now principal of the Lake Shore high school, joined them. The result—a broken shoulder blade on the first play.

stock and barrel and the hunters departed to happier hunting grounds.

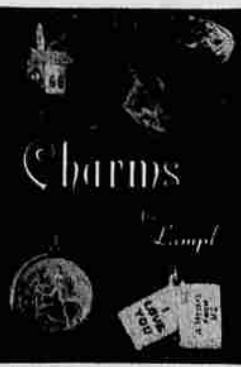
Oregon has been peculiarly unfortunate throughout its history in losing its congressional figures after they'd been in congress long enough to know the ropes and were becoming assets of great value to the commonwealth. Death struck again in the same manner in taking James W. Mott. Jim had become a figure of more than passing importance at our nation's capitol. He was a student, particularly in those phases of governmental activity in which he was more deeply interested. Once we struggled through the report of a hearing conducted by Jim's committee and were deeply impressed with the knowledge gained by its chairman on this particular subject. Not even the best of the experts could fool him. Few men in congress had a better speaking voice than Jim, or a greater facility in using it. It is to be regretted that what he has learned is gone and an amateur must start the painful climb in an effort to regain it for the state.

Dorcas Class Guest At Sharp Residence

Independence — The Dorcas class of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Sharp. Mrs. Keith Reich was in charge of the devotionals giving a synopsis of the Book of Job. Mrs. Dean Wattenberger and Mrs. Dena Foster were in charge of the entertainment with Mrs. Grace Swope and Mrs. V. D. Eggerbraaten receiving first prizes.

The hostess Mrs. Thomas Sharp, served refreshments to Mrs. Emer Busby, Mrs. Oscar Ashton, Mrs. Flore Johnson, Mrs. Jessie Moore, Mrs. Nevada Campbell, Mrs. H. C. Paulsen, Mrs. Gail Alexander, Mrs. George Tilber, Mrs. Grace Swope, Mrs. Keith Reich, Mrs. Thomas

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Mac Kenzie's Column

By DeWitt Mackenzie

Troubles are buzzing about John Bull's ears so actively that it's given to wonder whether British Prime Minister Attlee—Currently the honored guest of President Truman—didn't invite worry by breaking a mirror sometime after his new socialist government came to power in September.

The boiling over of the Palestine problem, with its dangerous Jewish-Arab differences, has been followed by other embarrassing events. A couple of days ago Pandit Nehru, who next to Mahatma Gandhi is the most influential Hindu in all India, declared during a speech in Bombay that it was India's duty to revolt. Then yesterday along came Egyptian Prime Minister Nokrashi Pasha with a demand for complete independence, including the withdrawal of British troops from his country.

Of course Nehru's advocacy of revolution to break away from England may be rather in the nature of an academic challenge which is calculated to force the political issue with the new British government for independence. Also the provincial elections in British India are to be held soon, and he may have had them in mind.

Speeches Prison Inspired
 Still such a statement coming from Nehru can't be brushed aside lightly. He is powerful, and he has been making strong speeches ever since last June when he was released from prison where he had been held with other Indian leaders as the result of the disorders following the failure of the Congress

mission which offered Indian dominion status in 1942. He has been supporting the Indonesian revolt against the Dutch, and recently tried to visit Java but was refused permission by the government of India.

The Egyptian demand looks rather formidable, since it was made at a full-dress opening of parliament, in the presence of King Farouk, the queen and a large gathering of diplomats. Egypt of course is one of the vital bases for the protection of Britain's Mediterranean lifeline through the Suez canal to India and the other British domains of the Far East. It also is the keystone of English strength in the Middle East.

Pedee Primary Pupils Presented Gold Fish

Pedee—A large crowd attended the PTA meeting at the school house last week. During the business meeting the flag salute was given. Mrs. Jack Wells, newly appointed vice president to fill the vacancy left when Mrs. Everett Nelson moved to Monmouth, was presented a corsage.

A report of the PTA regional meeting held at Monmouth October 30, was given and suggestions made for the newly formed radio club. The primary room was awarded the goldfish for having the most parents present. A good program was given, with Albert Ronce as chairman. Program numbers: accordion music by Mrs. Jack Wells and Fred Ritcher; two vocal numbers by Pat and Evelyn Burbank; reading, Mrs. Rufus Dodge; duet, Danda Blankenbaker and Phyllis Rulter; accordion music, Marion Emerson, Gus Johns; vocal solo, Mildred Maddux.

The Erie Canal was opened in 1825.

Junior Guild Guest At Harold Residence

Silverton — Miss Ina Harold was hostess to the Junior Women's Guild of the First Christian church, with Mrs. Adnie Tokstad, president, naming as her Christmas party committee, Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Mahlon Hoblitt and Mrs. Lowell Hoblitt.

Reports were made on new books for the church library by Mrs. Victor Hadley, and by Mrs. Olaf Paulson on bazaar sewing, the affair to be given late in the spring. Mrs. B. Runyan and Mrs. E. J. Kolin are to meet with the senior women's groups to arrange a play for the annual evening program Sunday, December 2.

On the program were Miss Jean Heidenstrom, leading the discussion on "Uprooting the Church," a postwar plan, assisted by Mrs. Perl Bye, Mrs. Victor Hadley, Mrs. Mahlon Hoblitt and Mrs. B. Runyan. Devotionals were read by Mrs. Mary Kleeman. Invited guests were Frieda Goodall and Hazel Vedder.

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