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Salem, Oregon, Friday, May 13, 1949

An Alice in Wonderland World

A man standing in line at the butcher's counter awaiting a man standing in the at the outcher's counter awaiting service the other day was preceded by a woman who flashed a federal check in payment. "It's good. It's from Uncle Sam paying my husband for not working," she said. Another Salemite who owns a farm drained a winter time pond on a low place by the simple expedient of dignized disch.

ging a ditch. He was surprised on receiving a check from Uncle Sam for the expense incurred for "improving the

Other federal checks are dished out by Uncle Sam to pay farmers for not producing wheat and other crops and reducing their yields. They also got paid for not working, or a subsidy for utilizing the land in other crops.

Farmers are receiving millions of dollars for surplus potatoes from generous Uncle Sam as a price far above market price and the spuds have to be given away or deatroyed at taxpayers' expense to uphold the parity price of potatoes. And the same price support is extended to which bears the stide groups to insure the farmers a profit and keep the other crops to insure the farmers a profit and keep the title and this is

cost of living up in spite of the law of supply and demand.

Now Secretary of Agriculture Branan proposes a twoprice system, to give consumers "a real break on food
prices and farmers a stable, fair income," using the mechanism of government price on income to farmers. Prices Thinking of
would be allowed to move freely under influences of supply and demand, but the farmer would get government us wondering if money for his loss of profit, a political device to make both producers and consumers happy—at taxpayers' expense.

No wonder the president demands a \$4 billion increase in

taxes, first on the excuse of checking inflation, now to stimulate it. Much more than the \$4 billion additional taxes will be needed if administration plans are carried out, for "welfare needs," socialization of medicine and

other costly programs.

Truly we live in an Alice in Wonderland world, with not only the clock set ahead for an hour, but government itself

Salem Continues Business Growth

The monthly report of the Federal Reserve bank, shows that in a period when most cities have been experiencing it will mean that as far as daydeclines in statistics related to business volume, Salem
registered a gain of 10 percent in the value of bank debits
in April and an increase of 6 percent during the first four
months of the year as compared with like periods of 1948.

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banks and are considered one of the best yardsticks of business activity, revealing that Salem continues to grow

in business and industry.

Salem's bank debits were \$68,464,000 for April as against \$61,954,000 for April, 1948, and \$239,572,000 for the four months compared with \$226,345,000 in the same

Portland had debits of \$539,503,000 for the month compared with \$575,943,000 for the same month last year. For the first four months of the year Portland's debits were \$2,094,829,000 as against \$2,217,592,000 last year. Portland's figures showed declines of 6 percent for both

the month and the four-month period.

Eugene bank debits totaled \$49,628,000 for the month compared with \$50,243,000 and \$175,347,000 for the four

months as against \$200,676,000.

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Only two other Pacific Northwest cities covered in the "In anothe report showed gains in debits, according to the reserve available," I bank. Walla Walla's debits were up 16 percent for the convention month and 5 percent for the four months. Boise had a techniques." 6 percent gain for the month and a 3 percent increase for the four months.

A Masterpiece of Modern Art

The best commentary on modern art in a long time is reported in an Associated Press dispatch from Loughboro, England, where a daub by a six-year-old artist was accepted as a masterpiece for hanging by sponsors at the local art show. Critics praised it, said the Leicester Mail as "a fine specimen of modernism by the Barrow-on-Soar artist, Thomas Warbis." The dispatch says;

"Artist Thomas Warbis doesn's take a lot of trouble over his

"He makes dozens of them—with a bold brush—or his bare fingers . . , or an old stick with a chewed end. "He lets his cat, Jill, pad over the fresh paint, sit on it and

swish her tail over it.

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Tommy's father Alfred, a commercial artist, said he eralissimo Fran found Tommy's venture in modern art while looking for co. The story packing paper to send his own pictures to the exhibit. "I runs like this: sent the picture as a joke and a test of people's knowledge
of art," he mouned. "And to think I've been trying for 40
United Nations denounced this Britain and France to full recogyears to get somewhere with art."

This like this:

Just over two years ago the consistency in the opposition of price of art," he mouned. "And to think I've been trying for 40
Spanish government and called nition, adding:

But the organizer of the art show was not feazed. He "It's no worse than a lot of stuff which poses as art." And probably told the truth. Tommy himself elebrated the event by trying to stand on his head in a corner at the exhibit hall.

'Amos and Andy' Reunited

Newport, Ore., May 13 00 - Amos and Andy, cub hear prothers, have been reunited and most of Newport's citizens tre feeling better.

Andy almost died of lonesomeness during the three days was separated from his four-month-old twin brother

Three months ago an Indian found the cubs alone, motherless and miserable, in the woods near Siletz. The Indian gave them to Walt Johnston, Newport, who put them on lisplay in a cage at his service station.

Someone out the wire of their cage and stole Amos. After three days, Amos was returned by an Albany, Ore.,

When Amos was returned to the eage, the cubs greeted

Salesmen Have Odd Meeting

such other with hugs.

Brail, Ind. @P. Two traveling salesmen, who live only three blocks apart in St. Louis, met for the first time here in a head-on collision, Neither James C. Mack, who was driving east, or George Black, who drove the westbound car,

Parental Problems



SIPS FOR SUPPER

True Love

By DON UPJOHN

During the night last night some discouraged soul dropped a phonograph record and busted it almost to smithereens right at the building entrance of our favorite paper. That is, it was all

maybe some Gervais girl

Dan Unjahn might have been by and dropped same but we're a little too mod-est to really think it.

With the county court's decision to buck the daylight savings time fad and keep the county on standard time next week comes another possible complication— as to whether the boys and girls at the courthouse will be cut down to one delivery a day by such move As was pointed out if the court clings to its idea the post office is going to switch over to daylight savings time. In that case the courthouse mail-man will pass that structure any especial damage as far as about an hour or a little less we could hear as the day ad-

long and tedious flights of stairs. So maybe it will all come in the afternoon before they open for business anyhow.

Mama Gets Mad

Philadelphia (P)—It is written that "one good deed deserves another." Perhaps it's just that birds can't read — but some of them sure can be ungrateful. A white-necked crane laid an egg on the bare ground at the zoo the other day. It was so near a fence the keeper feared some as mest, carried the egg to it and gently placed it in the nest. A little later a crane strolled over, scowled at the nest, kicked the egg and broke it.

Take the drops in a gentle, friendly fellow from Denver might have antagonized those with more seniority, but he didn't.

Brannan's mellow manner.

After a quarter century in the soot, one-bedroom clashing with other cabinet of-fleers over policy. He has basic industry, Manie, a small, sensitive-featured man of 43, is convinced there is no formula for turning out a hit tune.

"Anybody who tells you he can write a sure hit is as crazy of a griculture, he waited like anyone else, and his application wasn't acted upon until a few weeks after the election — though he had been waiting seven months.

Though belonging to an offshoot of the Mormon church, brows a professional song subtlishers, Manie and his assist-stated was read in a Quak-sure was reared in a Quak-sure look our 100 to 150 songs and his assist-stated wasn't acted upon until a few weeks after the election — though he had been waiting seven months.

Assault and battery damage case in circuit court yesterday started over some apples hanginstance?

before the offices open up and vanced today. But it's the only there'll be no place to deposit one this year and maybe one the mail or no elevator running should make the most of it while to haul the mail carrier up the it still lingers.

Scanty Swim Suits Worry 'Doc'

Los Angeles, May 11 (UP)-Swim suits are getting so scanty that doctors are hard pressed to put vaccinations where they won't

"In another 10 years there probably will be no concealed areas available," Dr. Milo Brooks told the California Medical association convention yesterday. "Luckily, the scars are small with modern

MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Queer Quirks of Diplomacy

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

You would think that after following diplomacy's devious paths for more than a generation, both at home and abroad, one would become accustomed to diplomatic idiosyncrasies—but your reporter still en

unters diffi-Take, for inthe case of Spain, which is under a total-

on members of the peace organ-ization to withdraw their diplomatic heads from Madrid. Some nations, including the States, Britain and recalled their ambas-France.

sadors. Others stood pat. The other day the political committee of the UN general assembly adopted a resolution to change the status of the black-list. Members would be given list. Members would be given that there has been no change that there has been no change the first ment from Secretary Acheson in each. But he comes out periodicity that there has been no change the fact a news conference that France cally to check up on Jim. that there has been no change in the form of Franco's re-

in the form of Franco's regime.

Ward restoring basic civil rights before it can hope to be admitted into the family of free fixed hope to be admitted into the family of free functions.

That brings us up to May That brings us up to May Saven the U.S. state department gave Spain permission to negotiate directly with the exhip. Still we differentiate port-import bank for an American loan. The next day Secretary of State Acheson said this country had no political objections to an American government loan to Spain, but that the U.S. doesn't see how Spain into only needs to re
ward restoring basic civil rights before it can hope to be admitted into the family of free discharges the movie stars. All "Pop" says "Pop" can rattle off the names is: "Greer Garson? Who's she?" "We took him to one of the swankiest restaurants in town." Ilams was just a "pretty girl celebrities. Mom was really livin' but Pop just squinted at "He met her dozens of times, clark Gable — Jimmy Stewart went to her house, had dinner with her." Jim shrugged. "We took him to one of the swankiest restaurants in town." Ilams was just a "pretty girl celebrities. Mom was really livin' but Pop just squinted at "He met her dozens of times, clark Gable — Jimmy Stewart went to her house, had dinner "Spencer Tracy — Joan Craw with her." Jim shrugged. "We took him to one of the swankiest restaurants in town." Ilams was just a "pretty girl celebrities. Mom was really livin' but Pop just squinted at "He met her dozens of times. Clark Gable — Jimmy Stewart went to her house, had dinner "Spencer Tracy — Joan Craw with her." Jim shrugged. "We took him to one of the swankiest restaurants in town." Ilams was just a "pretty girl celebrities. Mom was really to him.

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can qualify for such credits unsume foreign trade relations but wangled the old gent a deluxe ever heard of was Lana Turner.
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Two days ago Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, told the senate he saw no rea-son why the United States shouldn't send an ambassador to Spain. He agreed with Sena-tor Brewster of Maine that "pressure of other nations" (Britain and France) has kept the state department from recognizing the Franco regime. Sena tor Connally said there is no in-

e organ"They are being consistent can't impress him. He doesn't believe in 'em.
neir dipwith their own objective of What's more, he doesn't be"pop" fix.
Madrid building up their trade in Eulieve in Hollywood. Says so, all the moni-

berg, former chairman of the and radio.

"I can't convince him 1 m in committee, joined Senator Connally in urging that Washington clear the way to exchange ambassadors with Spain.

"Pop" (his friends know him the movies, either," Jim better as R. G. Backus) has a groaned. "I've made five in the groaned but they're all unstones back home selling 10-story sewage disposal units to released. Pop says where are

Spain must go a long way to-ward restoring basic civil rights Jim tries to show him a good

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Sec. Brannan Most Unusual Man on Truman's Cabinet

By DREW PEARSON

Washington-Bald, bespectacled Charlie Brannan, author of the much debated farm program, is the most unusual member of the cabinet. He is the only cabineteer who has offered to drop out of official family it would help Oscar Chapman's chances of become secretary of the interior. Both come from Denver, and

there's a semi-precedent against two cabinet members coming from the same town. This gesture

was not grand-standing by Brannan. He really works at doing unto others as he would them do

Drew Prarenn unto him. Meeting Brannan, you would never know that he is of one of the most far-flung agen-cies of government. He keeps and he is always getting wrong his nose on a level with other men and lives down to earth. One of Brannan's secret sor-

Riding to and from his office, he stops his government limousine to give a lift to friends, and, unlike other Washington officials, he seldom keeps his chauffeur waiting outside a party, but gives him the night off and catches a cab home.

Courted by Washington society, Brannan is much more familiar to the night watchmen at the agriculture department. Almost afternoon. But this won't make any evening, you can catch the much difference as under the secretary of agriculture side-new plan it will be darned near stepping water pails and scrubwomen on his way out of the office. As part of this ritual, he stops at a scale near the en-trance, drops a penny in the slot,

culture's shirts. This she does herself. A maid tidies up the apartment twice a month, but otherwise, the Brannans have no servant other than the chauf-feur supplied by the govern-

. . . The secretary of agriculture also refuses to take his name out of the phone book.

"If people want to call me up." he told a friend, "I guess I can answer the telephone."

To make matters secretary of agriculture and head Brannan's number is similar to of one of the most far-flung agenthat of a busy apartment house,

numbers.
One of Brannan's secret sorrows is that he has no children But he takes a special interest in the three youngsters of his close friend, Duane Wilson, a farm-machinery representative

from Denver.

Steady as a plow horse, Bran- in it for you, nan endeared himself to Presi- "And every "And every nan endeared himself to President Truman by stumping the hinterlands and winning the farm vote for the democrats. Manie Sacks, Though a youngster in the cabinet. Brannan was rewarded with the job of coordinating the President's economic stabilization program on Capitlol Hill. This meant that other cabinet officers had to submit their speeches for Brannan's approval and sit under him in committer than to be presidented friendly fellow from Denver might have antagonized those with more seniority, but only the president of the pre

Shortly after they moved in- Brannan was reared in a Quak-Shortly after they moved in-Brannan was reared in a Quak-to the Westchester, Mrs. Bran- er family. After his early by amateurs each week. nan startled the maids in the schooling, he attended Denver's "Only one or two a year by laundry room by going down Regis college and later the Uni-unknown writers turn out to be to wash the secretary of agri- versity of Denver.

OPEN FORUM

Favors Daylight Saving Time

To the Editor: Your comment on DST is probably the most careless dismissal of a controversial issue I have ever seen on your editorial page. It is of a piece with the usual arguments on

Why not recognize that daylight saving is a way for people
whose working hours are set by
whose working hours are set by
and rigid has been get information.

It is possible to present good and reasonable cases for both sides of this problem. You are stilled to take your stand law or custom to enjoy the ad-sides of this problem. You are vantages which farmers and entitled to take your stand those whose hours are irregular either way. But with your have always enjoyed? The op-position to daylight saving (and sympathize with it) comes from those who naturally move

daylight saving — all prejudice, no factual statements.

My young son, who is ardently awaiting daylight saving so ference is they do it by changing to he can play ball after dinner, the time, not the clock. If you will be glad to hear he can go ever lived on a farm, you know to school an hour early if he the farmer who arises at six in wishes thereby getting out an hour early. Likewise my boss earlier in the summer. Isn't will be glad to know his employes can come to work early be comes when we force him ployes can come to work early to change the clock, because ployes can come to work early ble comes when we force him if they wish, and get out early to change the clock, because the same way. The fact that that throws him off balance office and school hours are set However, it does me no good and rigid has nothing to do with to get up earlier since I cannot

either way. But with your stand, you are obligated to stay within the bounds of reason. Sincerely

BILL GRANT.

Too New Fangled

Helena, Ark. @ ... A Helena motorist parked his car in front of a parking meter and left nickel in a tobacco sack tied to it with this note: "Here is my nickel for the parking place. I do not know how to work this hear contrapshun. Will be back befour my time is up."

'Pop' Deflates Hollywood Ego

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON

Hollywood (P)-Inflated egos hereabouts take a terrific wallopin' every time "Pop" Backus drops in from Cleveland. Movie queens

What's more, he doesn't be-lieve in Hollywood. Says so, too. And all this is a cause of much frustration to his comed-ian son, Jim Backus, who makes out I ever saw. No organiza-Vesterday Senator Vandenberg, former chairman of the
committee, joined Senator Con"Pan" (his friends brown him
"I can't convince him I'm in

"Pop" fixed his eagle eye on

they?
"He says: 'Save all those lies
"He says: 'Save all those lies for your Mom. She'll believe 'em. Now, tell me... are you in trouble' Do you need

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Public's Music Taste Alters

By HAL BOYLE New York (P)-Write a hit song-and there's \$30,000 to \$35,000

> The record market is in a slump and buyers are becoming

"They don't just want a rec-ord anymore," Manie grinned. "They want a production. Along with the dance band music they

ords a year make the real hit class-1,000,000 or more. And class—1,000,000 or more. And they last only four to six months

"One of the reasons the indus-

try is off is that too many song writers are turning out tunes

writers are turning out tunes like they were hosiery or cig-

arets—on a mass production basis," said Sacks. "Men like Oscar Hammerstein, Cole Porter or Irving Ber-lin don't work that way. It is a matter of ego with them to

turn out really successful songs.

change them around until they have them right.

"So they work on them and

selective.

at the top.

"And everybody in America today seems to be trying to write "They aren't interested in loud music, jam sessions or any kind of music that plays away from the melody itself," he said. "Be-bop hasn't a chance. It's a fad. I can't understand it, and I don't know anyone who can explain it and make sense."

want singers or a choral group-After a quarter century in the at least some extra gimmick music industry, Manie, a small, sensitive-featured man of 43, is Today any record that according to the control of the control Today any record that sells to 250,000 customers is highly successful. Only five or six rec-

over to private companies.

Though belonging to an off-submitted by professional song shoot of the Mormon church, publishers, Manie and his assist-Brannan was reared in a Quak-ants look over 100 to 150 songs

worth recording," he said. A current example is "Riders in the Sky," written by a west-ern forest ranger and popular-ized by Burl Ives, the folk sing-

er. "The ranger ought to make "Berlin has 16 songs in his "30,000 from it," said Manie. next musical show, 'Miss Lib"Anyway, he can quit looking erty.' He did at least eight of for fires."

or fires."

Sacks has noted a distinct well as music. He never tries hange in the public's music to make quantity take the place change in the public's tastes since the war.

of quality.

Time to Call Skunk a Skunk Washington QP-It's high time fur coat makers be required to

call a rabbit a rabbit and a skunk a skunk, the federal trade commission said today. The commission's views on the fur labeling situation were sented to a house interstate commerce subcommittee by Henry

Miller, director of the bureau of trade practice conferences.

Rabbit fur is sold under more than 50 names, none of which call it rabbit, Miller said. Among the names are Arctic Seal, Beaverette, Marmetine, Hudseal, Chapchillas, Visonette and Musk-

Skunk, he said, is called Just about everything but skunk. It's referred to as dipped Martin, black Marten, Alaska Sable, and sometimes even Civet cat.

Plain old muskrat is sold as Hudson Seal, Brook Mink, Water Mink, River Sable, Hudsonia, and so forth.

The use of such names, he said, makes it easy to deceive the consumer and places the reputable manufacturer and merchant at a disadvantage in meeting competition of less scrupulous busi-

The committee has before it bills introduced by Reps. Joseph P. O'Hara, (D., Minn.), and George G. Sadowski, (D., Mich.), which would require fur processors to label and advertise their products so that buyers will know what they are.



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