

A. F. Whitney, Fiery Railroad Brotherhood Leader, Dies

Cleveland, July 16 (AP)—Alexander Fell Whitney, 76, fiery labor leader who was the friend and sometimes bitter opponent of president of the United States, died at his home early today of a heart attack.



A. F. Whitney

The peppery president of the 215,000-man Brotherhood of Railroad trainmen was stricken after spending a full day at his office and an evening with friends at his Bay Village home.

His wife, Dorothy Mae Whitney, said she heard him call out that he was not feeling well early this morning. She telephoned for help, returned to his side and found him dead.

Outspoken for the policies of the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, Whitney served on several national committees, including the one which guided the annual president's birthday balls for infantile paralysis victims.

It was in recent years in relations with President Truman, however, that Whitney came into breakfast table view of the American public.

The crippling railway strike of May, 1946, was in full swing. President Truman called Whitney and Alvanley Johnston, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to the White House for a closed conference.

The labor chiefs called their men back to work, but soon after Whitney shouted "double cross."

He said they were induced by the president to postpone the strike for five days on the promise that an agreement would be forthcoming from railroad management.

Instead, he said, the railroad officials were given the run-around.

Whitney soon after announced plans to use the \$47,000,000 brotherhood treasury to defeat President Truman in the election of 1948.

A reconciliation between the labor leader and the president followed, however.

A few hours before his death he had authorized a strike of brotherhood workers on the Southern Pacific railroad.

Besides his wife, Whitney is survived by two sons and a daughter.

State Forestry Man Is Victim

Richard E. DeCamp, 32, prominent forester of Salem, collapsed and died in a canyon near Valseltz where he was cruising timber Friday.

DeCamp was chief forester of the Willamette Valley Lumber company and affiliates, at Dallas. He was also a member of the O and C lands advisory board and Polk county chairman of the Keep Oregon Green association.

After graduation from Oregon State college DeCamp had been working on a long-range sustained yield program for the Gerlinger Mills and recently was engaged in conducting experiments on reforestation.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Eleanor DeCamp, and three children, 540 Wild Wood Drive. The body was taken to the Henkle and Bollman funeral home at Dallas.

He was with Rod Fety and Al Collins, of the forestry department, and with an employee of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, had been camped for several days at the mouth of Boulder creek near the headwaters of the Siletz river.

DeCamp complained of being ill Thursday and had remained in camp with Collins, and died early in the afternoon. The camp was about a mile from a trail and it was not until 6 o'clock that the body was brought to Dallas by ambulance.

Cause of death has not been established but is believed either the result of food poisoning or a heart attack.

Hitch-Hiker Makes Record Trip

Anchorage, Alaska, July 16 (AP)—Gordon J. Severson of Eau Claire, Wis., today claimed the world's hitch-hiking championship after "thumbing" from his home to Alaska in 17 days.

Severson said he hitch-hiked first to Seattle in search of an Alaska construction job. He was told all hiring was being done in the territory. So he "hit the road" again and arrived here via the Alcan, Richardson and Glenn highways.

Then God Smiled, and It Was Morning, as the Poet Says

By J. HUGH PRUETT
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"... When purple morning breaketh
When the bird waketh
And the shadows flee."

Sleepily conscious of the contented purring of an airplane high in the summer night overhead, I switched on my bedside light. The electric timepiece on the opposite wall indicated exactly 3 o'clock standard time. Corrected for our longitude, this was 2:45 a.m. local time.

Scarcely audible in the nearby fir was the hesitant twittering of awakening birds, surely suggesting that daybreak was near.

There was the merest hint of the gray glow of early dawn hovering low over the hill-fringed horizon, faintly revealing the jaggedness of the blue hills-tops from the north entirely around to the east. In this glow one lone star, bright Capella, twinkled lazily. Our little city in the deep blue darkness of the valley, well below our hillside abode, was visible only as rows of artificial lights.

Those of us of indolent inclinations seldom realize the inspiring beauty of the early dawn, for the lovely "rosy-fringed" goddess "who makes the world young every new morning," neglects the indifferent.

Dawn is the specific name given to the twilight of morning. Astronomical dawn begins when the sun is 18 degrees below the horizon; civil dawn, when six degrees below. The duration of this "herald of day" varies with the date and the latitude.

On June 21, astronomical dawn at the equator lasts 1 hour, 15 minutes; at San Francisco, 1 hour, 56 minutes; at Portland, 2 hours, 35 minutes. At about the latitude of Vancouver, B.C.—and northward—there is twilight along the northern horizon all night. In northern Alaska, the sun does not even bother to set during the entire 24 hours.

The ancients thought that after sunset old Sol was slowly ferried around the great northern ocean to the place of sunrise. This belief seems reasonable since those living fairly well

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Coin Machine Sells Papers

A newspaper and magazine vending machine that promises to revolutionize the selling of news and other reading matter is the invention of Leland C. Graham of Salem.

The machine is designed for use at newsstands both indoors and outdoors. Graham, first in the field with such a device, has applied for patent.

Graham's regular business is operator of the LeGray Kennels, at Halls Ferry.

The machine is, of course, coin operated. Graham says that by use of the machine papers or magazines can be made accessible to the public, either inside or outside of buildings, with complete protection to the periodicals being sold, with saving of time for the customers, and greatly increasing sales.

When the customer inserts the required coin in the machine he pulls a lever, similarly as is done with a slot machine, and the newspaper or magazine is presented to him.

The papers and magazines are enclosed in ample quantity in a cabinet from which they drop when the coin is inserted and the lever pulled.

Cutler Manager Of Horse Show

Harrison Cutler of Napa, Cal., was named Saturday as manager of the Oregon State Fair horse show in Salem, Sept. 5 to 11. Cutler has managed a number of the outstanding California horse shows including the recent San Diego county presentation.

Cutler has assured Manager Leo Spitzbart that several outstanding California stables will be entered in the fair's competition.

The 1949 horse show will again be combined with selected rodeo events. The cowboy competition and rodeo stock will be under the supervision of Henry Christenson of Eugene.

Horse show classification lists, including stakes and purses, will be mailed to Oregon horsemen shortly. Final announcement of horse show judges is expected from Cutler this week.

Dynamite Dropped To Aid Research

Juneau, Alaska, July 16 (AP)—A navy PBY plane made a free fall drop of over 800 pounds of dynamite on a high ice field 30 miles east of here Friday in the last of 18 supply flights for the American Geographical Society's Juneau ice research project.

The dynamite was the last of 12 tons of equipment for glacier study. The supplies have been dropped at seven high level camps during the past two weeks by planes from the navy air station at Kodiak.

A squadron of ski-equipped C-47 planes from the 10th rescue squadron at Anchorage will land on the ice cap within 10 days.

Control Tower Important in McNary Field Development

By BEN MAXWELL

Control tower at McNary field, now operated on a 24-hour basis by the civil aeronautics administration, again directs all air and ground traffic at Salem airport.

Not since the war has the tower offered this service, and then the controls were not quite as elaborate as Stanley Dilatush, chief

of staff, hopes they may soon become.

So far as it goes the tower is equipped with the latest and most efficient devices for directing air and ground traffic. But the airport lacks additional equipment essential to a completely modern service entitling it to rate among the top on the Pacific coast.

Tennis Exiles Continue Play

Gstaad, Switzerland, July 16 (AP)—While security police kept a wary eye on Czechoslovakian diplomats, tennis stars Jaroslav Drobny and Vladimir Cernik, who renounced the communist Czech government, faced each other today in the semifinals of the Swiss championships.

Drobny defeated Cernik 6-0, 6-1 and will play Earl Cochell of the United States in the finals tomorrow.

The two gave strict orders to the Swiss that they were not to be contacted for any reason whatsoever by members of the Czech legation—and their wishes apparently were being carried out.

The actual tournament has been pushed to the background while players and officials speculate on the results of the move. In joint statements, Drobny, a mainstay of the Czech Davis cup team and a fine hockey player, and Cernik denied they ever were communists and said they wished to take refuge in the United States.

Lee Eyerly, early Salem aviation enthusiast, recalls that a farm of about 50 acres was offered to the city as an airport site. The owner asked \$15,000. The city would pay but \$10,000. Eyerly bought five acres for \$5000 so that the city could acquire the rest for a price it was willing to pay. About 100 additional acres were purchased from the state for \$35 an acre.

Wanted It for Sheep
Salem now had the area for an airport but the anticipated increase in aviation did not immediately develop. Eyerly offered to take over the field for aviation or other usages and pay the city an annual rental of \$300.

A councilman who owned a large band of sheet presently offered. He offered more for use of the airport as sheep pasture than Eyerly was paying and insinuated that Lee was not giving the city enough in way of rental for 150 acres producing hay, cow pasture and a landing field.

Camp Calls Scouts
Woodburn—Twelve members of the Woodburn Boy Scout troop are to leave Sunday to spend a week at Camp Pioneer. The group will include Sam VanArsdale, Norman Tyler, Bill and Keith McNary, Chester Daniels, Duane Baird, Billy Paulson, Billy Kersten, Felix Schwarzin, Gordon McLaughlin, Earl Butterfield and Dean Bishoprick.

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Tower Controls Airport Ground and Air Traffic—Charles Huggins, one of six operators who man the control tower 24 hours a day, at Salem airport, directs air and ground traffic through an eight-hour shift. Control devices shown in the tower are, from left: the speaker control panel, spotlight control handle, large speaker, altimeter setting indicator, wind direction and speed indicator and the light control panel.

East Salem Garden Club Hears About Weed Control

East Salem, July 16—A meeting for members of the Swegle Road Garden club was held Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Homer J. Conklin on Lancaster drive. Three subjects were discussed: Mrs. Oscar Wigle that of "Weed Control" and she featured the tansy rag-wort bringing samples of this weed that is getting some special attention this year.

Samples were sent home with each member present so that other members of their families might help in the eradication of this weed. Several other common weeds were discussed and samples shown.

Mrs. Clifford Yost told of mulches and fertilizers and Mrs. Floyd King, "Rock Gardens." In attendance were Mrs. Alfred Pauli, Mrs. Clifford Yost, Mrs. Robert Frey, Mrs. Clinton Kennedy, Mrs. H. Olson, Mrs. Ross Bales, Mrs. Floyd King, Mrs. Melvin LaDue, Mrs. Oscar Wigle, Mrs. Daniel Casey, and Mrs. Bryan Garrison.

The vacation Bible school held at Middle Grove school for two weeks, closed Friday night. A program for parents and friends of the children attending was given. Rev. Peter Becker American Sunday school missionary for the northwest, was in charge. Teachers were Mrs. Joan Collett, Mrs. Sara Hendricks, Mrs. A. Fast and Jerry Polki. About 60 were enrolled. Frank Jayne of Palermo, Calif., has been visiting in the home of his nephew, Charles Jayne and family on Lancaster drive and at the Mike Landings of Scotts Mills for the past two weeks.

Seattle, July 16 (AP)—Ivar Haglund, owner of a waterfront restaurant and an aquarium, made a pre-season offer of \$1 a pound for the heaviest halibut caught in the 1949 season.

The average price per pound is from 18 to 20 cents. And the average halibut seldom runs higher than 130 pounds.

The jumbo halibut was seven feet, four inches long and weighed 275 pounds. After it was cleaned it tipped the scale at 225 pounds.

Four vessels—the USS Richard B. Anderson, USS Bausell, USS Stickell, and USS Agerholm—will dock here Aug. 15 for four days. Capt. G. S. Patrick will command the group.

Some 4500 delegates from the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico are expected to attend the Aug. 16-18 convention. It was last held here in 1927.

Sheep ranchers detest coyotes because they kill sheep, lambs, and chickens.

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