

Village of Oregon Found in Iran

U.S. Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas has re-
turned to Oregon for his regular summer vacation. With
him comes a story of his recent adventures in the Middle
East and in Iran in particular. The story has an interest-
ing reference to a village of Oregon in the mountains of
central Iran.

Use of the mystery word "Oregon" in such a far-off
place as Persia raises the question again of the origin of
the name of our state. Douglas says the Persian word of
Oregon means "cloudy mountain" and the setting for the
village of 3000 persons is reminiscent of the Willowa
country of this state.

Lewis A. McArthur's "Oregon Geographic Names" cites
the "one important contribution to our knowledge of the
origin of the word Oregon . . . in the last hundred years."

He refers to the discovery that Jonathan Carver may
have appropriated the name from an English army officer
commanding a military post during Carver's journey into
the upper valley of the Mississippi. The officer, Major
Robert Rogers, used the form Ouragon or Ourigan in a peti-
tion or proposal for an exploring expedition into the coun-
try west of the Great Lakes. The petition was dated 1765.

According to McArthur, Carver is the first person
known to have used the form Oregon in referring to the
River of the West. He mentioned the River Oregon "or
the River of the West, that falls into the Pacific ocean at
the Straits of Annián." This mention was in 1778 in
"Travels Through the Interior Parts of North America."
The late Harvey W. Scott, famous editor of The Orego-
nian, found the subject of the origin of the word one of
his favorite editorial subjects. . . . the name Oregon
came very slowly into notice," wrote Scott. The name
seems not to have been known either to Vancouver or to
Gray, since neither used it. Nor did Lewis and Clark.

Commented Scott: "At this time, indeed, the name appears
to have been quite unknown, and perhaps would have perished
but for the poet Bryant who evidently had happened, in his
reading, upon the volume of Carver's travels. The word suited
the sonorous movement and solemn majesty of his verse,
and he emphasized it in "Thanatopsis," published in 1817. The
journal of Lewis and Clark had been published in 1814-17, and
the description therein of the distant solitudes and "continuous
words" touched Bryant's poetic spirit and recalled the name he
had seen in Carver's book."

Scott dismissed as erroneous the use of the state's name
as being derived from the word oregano, Spanish for the
plant "marjoram." He did likewise with the derivation
from the Spanish word orega (the ear). He said neither
had basis in Spanish records of the region.

McArthur's conclusion was that the name Oregon origi-
nated in the Mississippi valley and not on the Pacific
coast. He found not a line about early Pacific coast ex-
plorations that contained the word. He left the matter this
way: "The name might have originated in the Mis-
sissippi valley from one of three sources, French, Indian
or Spanish."

Justice Douglas' find in the heart of Iran perhaps raises
a fourth possible place of origin: Persia. The Persian
word, "cloudy mountain," raises interesting possibilities.
The distance separating the two like-named places adds
to the mystery.

Bank Figures Reveal Salem's Growth

Salem's steady growth is reflected in the monthly re-
port of the Federal Reserve bank for the month of July
showing that this community was one of the few cities in
the 12th federal district and the only one in Oregon to
register a gain in bank debits, that is dollar volume of
checks moving through banks for the month of July and
for the first seven months of the year. Bank debits are
considered one of the best yardsticks of business activity.
Salem's check volume showed a gain of one percent in
July and 8 percent for the seven months over correspond-
ing periods last year. For July they totaled \$64,832,000
compared with \$64,394,000 in July of last year. For the
seven months Salem had bank debits of \$424,086,000 as
against \$393,255,000 in the like period of 1948.

Portland banks for the same period reported a drop of
13 percent in bank debits for July and 5 percent for the
seven months period. The totals were \$508,826,000 in
July as against \$587,469,000, and \$3,670,732,000 in the
seven months compared with \$3,875,420.
Eugene, the only other Oregon city covered in the re-
port, had a decline of 13 percent in debits for July and
one of 11 percent for the seven months. The figures were
for July, \$49,058,000 compared with \$56,634,000 and for
the seven months, \$324,664,000 as against \$363,268,000.

Only three other cities besides Salem, among the 33
major centers covered in the Federal Reserve bank report,
had gains in bank checks in July. They included Bakers-
field with an increase of 8 percent, Riverside with one of
4 percent, and Boise one of 1 percent.

Eight cities, including Salem, registered increases for
the first seven months of the year. The seven others and
their gains were: Reno, 18 percent; Sacramento, 12 per-
cent; Bakersfield, 11 percent; Boise, 4 percent; Salt Lake
City, San Francisco and Walla Walla, 3 percent.

The Deep Freeze Mystery

Among the super-sensations of the silly summer season
ranks the mystery of the costly deep freeze units presented
and evidently accepted by such influential administration
notables as Mrs. Harry E. Truman, at Independence, Mo.,
Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson, Federal Reserve Governor
James K. Vardaman, Presidential Secretary Matt Connelly,
Treasurer John W. Snyder, and two of them to Major Gen-
eral Harry H. Vaughan. All the units were paid for by
the Albert Verley company of Chicago, perfume makers.
John Maragon, former bootblack, whose name has been
thru the inquiry into alleged "influence" in the govern-
ment, was then with the perfume firm. Maragon is also a
mystery figure, a promoter who claimed to be in at the
White House, to expedite its overseas purchases of oils
and essences, who claims he knew nothing of the freez-
ers, which cost from \$390 to \$520 each.

William P. Rogers, chief counsel for the subcommittee
investigating Washington "five percenters," said he issued
a subpoena for Harry Hoffman, the Verley company's
advertising man, because "I have tried unsuccessfully to
reach" him. He is said to have placed the order for the
freezers which Albert J. Gross, Milwaukee manufacturer,
testified he shipped in the post-war period to Maj. Gen.
Harry H. Vaughan.

Evidence in the five percent racket piles up against the
vain and pompous Vaughan on many charges, but the
president maintains his confidence in him, just as the late
President Harding maintained faith in his appointees until
the evidence revealed their sinister betrayals.

BY BECK
Wives



WOMEN SURE ARE FUNNY. MOM SPENDS ALL HER TIME MAILING CARDS FROM EVERY SCENIC SPOT WE STOP AT INSTEAD OF ENJOYING THE VIEW.

THE FIRESIDE PULPIT

Kneel While Praying, But Meet The Day's Problems Standing Up

BY REV. GEORGE H. SWIFT

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Primitive man knew how helpless he was if caught off his feet.

He knew that, if he survived in his world, he must fight stand-
ing up. He also knew that, in his relationship with God, he was helpless in any posture. So he didn't try to impress God with his skill or alertness, but rather emphasized his weakness by dropping to his knees when he prayed.

This custom of symbolically showing his weakness and humility by kneeling while praying has persisted throughout the ages.

When we are talking to God, asking his help, we must be humble and be willing to surrender our will to his, but when we get up off our knees we must be ready to stand on our feet, the position of action.

Just as Saint James said: "Faith without works is dead." So prayer without action is at least weak. Saint Paul said: "Having done all, stand."

A lady told me recently that she had been up since 5 a.m. that day. I inquired why she should arise so early. She said she had so many problems to solve that she hadn't slept for hours. The more she rolled and tossed, she said, the bigger her problems seemed until, in desperation, she got up.

I heartily agree. Many people spend half the night rolling and tossing with some problem, until it assumes a size out of all proportion to its importance.

Often a person with a feeling that perhaps he has said something or done something innocently which might have given a wrong impression, wakes up in the middle of the night with a feeling of guilt. As he lies

Preacher to Attack Devil from Air

San Jose, Calif. (AP)—A 28-year-old part-time evangelist here has decided to dive-bomb Satan right out of the Santa Clara Valley.

Albert Wendt said he will preach, with the aid of a loud-speaker, to the people of San Jose from an airplane. For variety during the one-hour mission, Wendt plans to use recorded sermons and hymn music.

SIPS FOR SUPPER

Quite a Guy

By DON UPJOHN

We've never had much truck with Texas rangers to date, nor do we ever care to from a business standpoint with one of 'em on our trail. But there's always been something sort of intriguing about those boys



appearance. Especially after looking this guy in the eye. Plenty of Proof Hydaburg, Alaska, (AP)—Two men and a seven-year-old boy told a whopper of a fish tale today, but they have the evidence to back it up. They said they landed a seven-foot-eight-inch halibut after more than an hour's struggle yesterday. When they ripped open the giant's belly, they found inside a full quart of unopened sherry wine. They've got the denizen and an empty wine bottle for proof.

Incidentally encountered Capt. Walter Lansing of the state police today on the street and dogged if we recognized him until he yelled at us not to be so snooty. Reason for same that, come to think of it, it was the first time in an acquaintance of over long years we remembered ever seeing Walt in civilian clothes and he makes a mighty good looking and handsome American citizen. On his new job it seems he can mingle around with folks without dressing up in a way to send a chill down their spine.

And come to think of it, Walt would make a mighty good Texas ranger himself. He has all the qualifications.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

Douglas Ran into Trouble On His Visit to Iran

(Ed. Note—While Drew Pearson is on brief vacation, the Washington Merry-Go-Round is being written by his old partner, Robert S. Allen.)

By ROBERT S. ALLEN

Washington—Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas found himself in a perplexing cross-fire during his recent mountain-climbing trip in the hinterlands of Iran (ancient Persia). On one hand he was the target of Soviet blasts as a "big devil spy" and on the other of Iranian censorship and iron-handed military control.

The Russian fulminations were publicized. But the iron curtain that Iran slammed down on Douglas has come to light only since his return to the U. S.

Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi, who comes to the U. S. in November, personally ordered the blackout on Douglas. From American officials in Iran, Douglas learned that desperate famine conditions prevail in Azerbaijan, northwest province that adjoins Russia. A combination of extreme winter and severe spring drought had destroyed crops and most of the herds of the area. Hundreds have died of hunger.

To the outrage of American authorities, the Iranian government has done very little to ameliorate the tragic situation. In one notorious instance, even that little was looted for personal gains.

The military commander of the district diverted a 400-ton shipment of relief grain to private traders and pocketed the proceeds.

U. S. officials are profoundly concerned about the explosive Azerbaijan situation because it plays squarely into communist hands.

Even under normal conditions, the historic area is one of the critical tinderboxes of the world. Azerbaijan was occupied for several years by the Red army, which built a number of roads and made strenuous efforts to woo the tribesmen. Large Red combat patrols still make occasional penetrations.

Also, Russian agents abound, and are making the most of the Iranian government's incompetence, neglect and corruption.

Douglas' itinerary included a visit to Tabriz, capital of Azerbaijan. The day before he was to fly there, he had lunch with the Shah. The young ruler talked a glowing line of reform and national development. But he

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BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



ODDS ARE 43 TO 1 AGAINST YOUR SEEING A HOME RUN WITH THE BASES FULL WHEN YOU GO TO A BALL GAME (A SCORE FOR A GORDON HUSTLET, ST. LOUIS)

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THE OLDER YOU GET, UP TO 55 YEARS, THE BETTER YOUR SAFETY RECORD AS A DRIVER—ALMOST 2 TO 1 BETTER AT 55 THAN AT 25!

LADIES WHO HIRE MALE ESCORTS PREFER BLONDES, 6 TO 1.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Blonde Gale Vance Sure Throws the Men

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—Men fall head over heels for hazel-eyed Gale Vance. She really throws them.

One reason they find this attractive blonde so irresistible is that she teaches jujitsu and judo. Miss Vance is one of the few lady instructors in these bone-bending pastimes.

"Jujitsu is really just a sport," she said. "But judo is the science of dirty out for the kill."

"I like to teach dirty fighting. It's the quickest way of disposing of your opponent."

Some feminine athletes are built like telephone booths. This isn't true of Gale. Her muscles are well disposed. They never bulge. They ripple.

Her physical charm as well as her physical strength have won her several offers to become a professional wrestler.

"I turned them down," she said. "It is too undignified."

During the war Gale was a member of a judo team that toured army camps and demonstrated deadly tricks to the troops. I saw her in Manila in 1945, and her 225-pound partner was wearing a broken wrist.

"I guess I put on a little too much pressure," said Gale, "but he should have told me I was hurting him."

Miss Vance at present is teaching jujitsu to vacationers at Ma Holder's Youngs Gap hotel, a resort in the Catskills.

"Many wives are eager to learn the holds," she said. "They want to be able to throw their husbands over their heads. But I teach them to throw a person over their hips instead. It's much easier."

Jujitsu incidentally, has a number of advantages for the forlorn female living in a man's world.

"It is a wonderful way to reduce," said Gale, "and a girl needs to learn only a few holds to be able to deal with mashers and muggers."

What is the best way for a lady to cope with an annoying subway wolf?

"If you want to discourage him quietly without making a scene," said Gale, "one way is to put your heel on his shinbone and press down—hard."

"An elbow is a very handy article. You just give him the sharp end of it in his face. If he's a tall guy and you can't reach his face, jab the elbow fast into his solar plexus or his ribs. You'd be surprised how easy a rib breaks."

"Generally I try to teach the girls how to get away from a man—rather than to kill the guy."

She gets some unusual pupils. Recently a gentle old white-haired lady came to her.

"My son won't do what I tell him anymore," she said. "I want to learn some kind of a trick so I can hold him still while I give him a good spanking."

"How old is your boy?" asked Gale.

"He's 45," said the old lady, "but he still needs a spanking."

L. A. Accepts Florida Deodorant Los Angeles (AP)—Mayor Fletcher Bowron accepted Florida's offer of a deodorant for his office—but said he wanted it to remove the smell of Florida oranges.

A Miami, Fla., deodorant maker made the offer to neutralize a "garlic-gas" stench that swept over Los Angeles last week. Bowron said he would gladly accept, but for a different reason.

"My office still has the odor of a bag of Florida oranges presented to me by some citizens of your state who were enjoying our delightful summer weather," the mayor said.

TINY WRITER WITH SPY RECORD

330 of His Books Fit In an Ordinary Match Box

By JOACHIM NORTMANN

Cologne, Germany—Heinrich Schmitz can write 5,360 words on the back of a postage stamp. He can put 250,000 words on a normal post card.

The 43-year-old German claims to be the world's champion in miniature writing.

The German intelligence service made use of his talents during the late world war. He was a special courier carrying secret messages—written in his tiny script—to and from 20 countries.

"Many of these countries I visited during the war were fighting against Germany, but I never had any difficulties," Schmitz says.

He refused to tell any more about his intelligence work. But he remarked significantly that "my good command of the Russian language was very helpful."

Since the war, Schmitz has found no market for his talents in miniature writing. So he is now making his living by transcribing music in Cologne. But he still works at his hobby.

Schmitz says he never uses a magnifying glass or other artificial aids for his micro-scopic writing.

"Bright day light and a hard pencil—that's all I need," he said.

To demonstrate, he wrote three long words on a business card with a pencil. The three words made a line shorter than the width of a little finger nail filled with them. You could carry to the naked eye, they ap-



It's a Book—Its maker says it contains 666,666 words.

peared only a wavy line. Under a magnifying glass they were clear, the letters well formed.

Last summer Schmitz printed what he says is the world's smallest book.

It is .18 inches long and .14 inches wide. Its 77 pages contain 666,666 words, he says. You could put 330 of such books words made a line shorter than the width of a little finger nail filled with them. You could carry

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