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A Master Hospital Builder

From all accounts the board of directors of the Salem General hospital made an excellent selection in employing Carl A. Erikson of Chicago as architect for the new hospital building. Construction of the first unit (obstetrical) to cost an estimated \$750,000 is expected to be begun next summer, on the hospital grounds near the present building, and adjacent to recently constructed medical clinics.

Mr. Erikson stated that the new hospital unit would be as "modern as science can make it." It will be three stories and a full basement. The first floor will be the birth department and administration offices. The second and third floors will be for patients, with a capacity for from 40 to 50. In the basement will be a laundry, large assembly room and storage.

This first unit will be only a beginning and as the public sees their dreams materializing for one of the finest medical and hospital centers in the northwest more money will become available and more units added in a "progressive" building plan, without major alterations to the original unit now proposed.

Erikson's firm has specialized in the hospital construction field for over 50 years, and ranks among the recognized leading firms of hospital architects, having constructed hospitals all over the country costing many millions of dollars. The firm is presently handling the children's orthopedic hospital in Seattle, along with hospital units at nine universities throughout the country. The Chicago Lying-In hospital, finest of its kind in the world, is one of theirs. They are consulting architects at Mayo Memorial hospital in Minneapolis and for the U.S. Public Health service.

Mr. Erikson stated that when the new Salem General hospital is constructed "the resulting development will make a complete medical center, and the only one I know of. The obstetrical unit will be designed to give the best possible care to mothers and babies." He will choose a local architect to be in charge of construction.

"Who's Who in America" contains the following biography of Mr. Erikson:

"Carl Anthony Erikson, partner of Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, b. Joliet Ill., Aug. 15, 1888, son of August and Christine (Anderson) Erikson. B.S. in Architecture, University of Pennsylvania, 1910. Married Ruth How, Nov. 20, 1913. One son, Carl Anthony, Jr. Draftsman various architects, 1905-13. With Schmidt, Garden & Martin, Chicago, Ill., 1913-25. Partner Schmidt, Garden & Erikson, architects and engineers, specializing in hospital work and industrial buildings since 1925. Fellow American Institute of Architects. Member American Hospital Association, Phi Gamma Delta, Club, University (Chicago). Office 104 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill."

Desecration of a Wilderness Area

A Lebanon dispatch states that the establishment of an airport in the heart of the wilderness fish and game area surrounding the Cascade lake areas is being constructed by the Cascade Airways and Lebanon airmen at Big Lake, at the foot of Mount Washington at an elevation of 4600 feet, 8 miles from Santiam junction and about a mile from the Hoodoo Ski bowl.

It is reported that after negotiations with the forest service in Salem, permission was obtained to clear a 4900 foot stretch through the heavy timber about a quarter of a mile from the lake front. Leveling operations have since been under way on the 400-foot-wide strip and before snow blanketed the region, Piper Cubs were landing on the 4900-foot runway. Only other transportation to the area is over a rough mountain road.

Construction of an administration building and summer cabins will begin next summer, and the flying time will be from 20 to 35 minutes from most central Willamette valley points and central Oregon.

Within walking distance of Big Lake are the four small Patjen lakes and three Hidden lakes. During the summer the state game commission plants these smaller bodies of water with Eastern Brook and Rainbows. Heavy stocking is also carried on in Big Lake.

The Cascade Wilderness area was created to preserve the wilderness and conserve its wildlife. Even the building of roads has been prohibited to keep one region as nature made it. But by the building of airfields and summer camps along its mystic lakes, and their throngs of fishermen and hunters, there will be little wilderness charm left and still less fish and game and other wildlife. Why should the federal forest service sanction such commercialization and desecration of the wilderness area, to make it easier for atavistic slaughterers?

Attention on the North Santiam

Over in Bend last week the people there were given an on-the-spot picture of what's going up in the North Santiam canyon, where the Detroit dam will be built. The Bend Bulletin ran stories for three days on what one of its staffers found in the canyon area.

Opening of the North Santiam road has opened a new, passable route between central Oregon and the Willamette valley, so Bend is interested in what the country in that section of the Cascade range is like. The distance between Bend and Salem has been cut down considerably by the new road. When the road over the mountains is surfaced by next summer, travel over the mountains on that stretch should gradually increase until it is likely to become a main route.

As for the Detroit project itself, pouring of concrete for the dam is expected to start by the middle of summer. The present crew on the job will jump from the current figure of 500 to 1500 or 2000 persons.

To be settled yet is the route for hauling of concrete to the dam-site. The matter, as far as is known, is still up in the air. Both the city and county protested the anticipated heavy traffic of the concrete trucks over the roads in the area. In doing so, both the city and county want to ignore the beneficial effect the dam will have on the area.

Uncertain, also, is the Mehama-Mill City short-cut which the state highway commission refused to provide funds for a short time ago.

The interest, predictions, and problems affecting the North Santiam country are indicative of an acute case of "growing pains."

BY BECK

Popular People



IT'S THE SIXTEENTH HOLE... THE FOURCOME IS ALL EVEN... NERVES ARE TENSE... AND THEN THE WAITING TWOSOME TUNE IN THEIR PORTABLE RADIO.

SIPS FOR SUPPER

Jolly Time Boys

BY DON UPJOHN

It's a relief to know that we have a state board of control that doesn't spend all its time with such stodgy matters as state institutions and the like and that they can take time out to stage one of the best acts we've had put on since the old time vaudeville days. Of course, we refer to the recent little clash at board meeting over



Don Upjohn

Walter Pearson's printing bill. In fact, we think our own Jimmie Olson's story about same could be labeled as the best bit of entertaining writing for 1949 and close the books on that contest. Incidentally, it's exactly the sort of thing the common folks around town like occasionally and the three boys, Douglas, Walter and Earl were what might be considered at their best. We think it is probably up to anything that has occurred in state circles since the misty far away days of Os West and Tom Kay when they used to take the battering ram to one another and pulled no punches. It goes to show that the political brass can have fun and relaxation once in awhile, just like anybody else, and we presume the little setto will add at least 10 years of life to each one of them. And probably add a few votes as well.

FT & BA Envy Hartford, Conn. (AP) — Frank Prior, booked on a drunkenness

'Cab! Fishwheel, Alaska, Please'

Anchorage, Alaska (AP)—A local taxi cab company reported today that one of its drivers had quit to "go north to hunt gold."

He took the cab with him.

POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Hal Dreams Up Outline For His Dream Community

By HAL BOYLE

New York (AP)—This is becoming a planned world. In peace, as in war, everything is now expected to go "according to plan." But whether the world of tomorrow will be a fair or foul place to live in depends on who does the planning. Too often the designs may be drawn by engineers or statesmen who have lost touch with the common man.



Hal Boyle

Therefore, I have gone out and found out what the people want. And, based on what they said, I drew up a blueprint of the ideal community of the future. I hereby offer it free to any politician who wants to use it for his master plan:

It is a place where people smoke but chimney's can't.

There are no loud noises. Anyone who honks a motor horn is fined \$10,000 and given a year in jail.

It has two sidewalks with a wide lane of grass between them. One sidewalk is for people; the other is for people taking dogs and cats for a stroll.

Bars stay open 24 hours a day. None has singing waiters and none allows shoelace or razor blade peddlers to badger the serious drinkers. Each bar has two rooms—one with television, one without.

There are two main sections of the community, separated by a 24-foot-high wall studded with broken glass and having only a single entrance—heavily guarded. Young married couples dwell on one side, and their in-laws on the other. The in-laws have to be back in their own section by nightfall.

Everyone wears old clothes except on weekly "dress-up" nights. No female over ten years of age is allowed out in public wearing ballet slippers that make her walk like a duck. All except executives work

charge, explained to police that he threw his wife's false teeth out their third floor window because "I lost mine somewhere and the sight of her teeth was getting me down."

Notice in looking over a report on what it cost the county to oil its roads this summer that it had to be figured out on a basis of certain type of oil costing the county .08910187 cents per gallon. Inasmuch as the county used up 79 carloads of oil on these oiling jobs and each car contained 10,000 gallons, it meant that a matter of 790,000 gallons of oil had to be figured out on a basis of the aforesaid fractions for each gallon. Now, if you can estimate that the gal who had to do the figuring was required to move her fingers the number of times shown in each of the 790,000 gallons of oil, she had to be nimble enough to tap out the keys 63,200,000 times. We have not checked with her as to whether she kept count of her tappings but we'd guess she might have acquired quite a few corns and finger bunions on the job, unless she let her fingernails grow.

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

FDR, Jr.'s Son May Be Just Another 'Chip Off Old Block'

By DREW PEARSON

Washington—Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., has an 8-year-old son named Christopher who may turn out to be another chip off the old block. Recently Congressman Roosevelt called his son on the telephone in New York and asked him if he would like to come to Washington. Christopher said he would under certain conditions.

"If I come to Washington will I be able to see the president?" asked Christopher.

"I think so," replied Congressman Roosevelt.

"Well," continued Christopher, "will he let us sleep in our own beds in the White house?"

Roosevelt roared.

When Christopher arrived in Washington, his father drove him around the capital, then tried to park to go inside a government building. Only a tiny space was available, so Roosevelt asked a policeman if he could park in a restricted area. The policeman, noting FDR, Jr.'s congressional license plate said okay. As Roosevelt and his son got out of the car, Christopher turned on the traditional Roosevelt grin, looked up to the policeman and said: "Officer, meet my congressman."



Drew Pearson

this fall as you did during last year's campaign and lay these issues squarely before the people," suggested the Missouri congressman. "There's still much to be done and we'll need all the popular support we can muster to enact this pending legislation."

"I persuade easily," replied the president. "In fact, I've already planned one trip to Minnesota early next month. I'm going by train and may make some stops on the way, though that's still undecided."

CAPITAL NEWS CAPSULES

White House and Strikes—All sorts of pressure has been brought on President Truman to intervene in the steel and coal strikes, including appeals from such powerful democratic leaders as Mayor David Lawrence of Pittsburgh, Jack Arvey of Chicago, and Chairman Boyle of the democratic national committee. They wanted him at least to issue a statement asking the steel companies to accept the findings of his own fact-finding board. . . . Congressman Ray Madden of Indiana, one of those who appealed, told Truman that idle steelworkers in Gary, Ind., will be forced into breadlines unless the coal and steel strikes are settled soon. Many small business firms will have to close their doors if the strikes last much longer, Madden reported.

President's Friend—The president isn't saying much about it, but he is a little peeved at his old senate friend, Mon Wallgren. Truman wanted Wallgren to accept a recess appointment as head of the national security resources board and go through another senate fight for confirmation next year. Tired of being buffeted by his ex-colleagues, Wallgren declined, preferring appointment to the federal power commission instead. (Copyright 1949)

15,000 Words by Memory

Manchester, Eng. (AP)—Danish Actress Luise Jorgensen recited the Book of Job—all 15,000 words of it—from memory. Ending the 82-minute recitation at a service in Manchester cathedral, she apologized for her one error. She said "only" instead of "but." She wouldn't have, she said, if she hadn't been tired and if she spoke English better.

FOSTER MOTHER GETS SALUTE

18-Year-Old Boy, Sans Legs, Wins Highest Scout Award

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 27 (AP)—Don Lee, an 18-year-old kid with plenty of courage, wore the proud badge of an Eagle Scout today.

Don won his way to scouting's highest order despite the fact that he lost his legs when he was nine months old. Using his artificial legs and extraordinary willpower, Don fought through every test, including the 14-mile hike and swimming requirements.

But the badge awarded him last night wasn't a reward for him alone. It also was a tribute to his foster mother, Miss Anna Rosenkilde, who never lost faith in him and supported him with her own strength of spirit during his rise from Tenderfoot to Eagle.

It was Miss Rosenkilde who presented him with the badge last night as his troop lined up behind him in an impressive ceremony.

She was superintendent of the Salt Lake hospital where he was taken when his legs burned in a bonfire 17 years ago. Don was just learning to walk at the time of the accident. Doctors had to amputate his legs to save his life.

He needed almost continuous hospital care during the next few years, and his family couldn't pay the expenses. Miss Rosenkilde took over and became his foster mother. Don has been separated from his parents ever since. Miss Rosenkilde refused to say why Don's parents never took him back.

"We just don't talk about it," she said.

Don was determined that no one would ever be able to call him a cripple.

He could have become an "achievement scout" merely by passing his second and first class tests. But he wouldn't take the easy way.

When he had all the tests completed but the long hike, his scoutmaster told him he could do it if he really made up his mind to it.

Don, with a Scout official beside him, hiked eight miles the first day and camped on the trail that night. The next morning he cooked his own breakfast, rolled his pack, and finished the hike.

A junior in high school, Don joined the ROTC last year after proving he could pass physical tests. Today he's a cadet second lieutenant.

BY GUILD

Wizard of Odds



MacKENZIE'S COLUMN

Britain's Socialist Government Finds Itself in Tight Place

By DeWITT MacKENZIE

Britain's socialist Prime Minister Attlee is in the uncomfortable position of the fellow who is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't.

This predicament arises from his daringly drastic experiment in an effort to increase British exports and so bring the country out of its economic tail spin.

Then, having made this devaluation, he was faced with the necessity of devising ways to prevent inflation from growing out of it to inflict further hardship on an already grievously harassed country.

The formula accepted for this safeguard was to slash the government's budget of \$7,240,000,000, which was heavily laden with Socialist welfare projects

and defense measures. While this cut was being figured out by the experts, the government made the public flesh creep with warnings of how drastic the slash would be and what sacrifices it would involve.

So the whole country was set for a fresh blast of the austerity which, ever since the start of the World War, has been riding John Bull like the old man of the sea. Then the time of disclosure arrived in the house of commons Monday the cannon-cracker proved to be something of a squib.

The terrific slash was only an eight per cent cut. This was such an anti-climax that the general public not only was surprised but was worried for fear the government program isn't drastic enough to meet one of the gravest economic crises the nation ever has experienced.

All of the major newspapers, excepting the Laborite Daily Herald of London, condemn the proposals as inadequate. Moreover the cuts aren't in keeping with the measures for which the nation had prepared itself. Rather typical was the comment of the London Daily Mail which said in part:

"After Ministers' measured warnings, the nation was braced, tensed, keyed-up for heroic shocks. They have not come. Once again the government have shirked an unpleasant duty and have run away from a grave situation."

This assault by the press was the heaviest Attlee has encountered since the Socialists came to power some four and a half years ago and began their great experiment in nationalization and welfare government. Well, did the Prime Minister, astute politician as he usually is, misjudge the temper of his public? Has he been too timid in his demands for future sacrifices?

It will be fairer to let Mr. Attlee answer that himself, as he may do Thursday when he demands a vote of confidence in commons after a debate on his program. Even his hardest critic probably would admit that the Prime Minister was in a most difficult position.

Reunion at the Hospital

Scranton, Pa. (AP)—The Patrick Naughton family could almost hold a reunion without leaving the mid-valley hospital at nearby Peckville.

On Monday, Naughton's three sons—Joseph, Patrick and John—were admitted to the hospital for tonsillectomies.

Later in the day, their mother was taken to the same hospital and presented the boys with a brand new sister. P.S.—Mr. Naughton is doing fine—at home.

OPEN FORUM

Treatment of Colored People in Salem

To the Editor: At the 1949 session of the Oregon State legislature, much was said about fair employment practices in the state of Oregon, and a law was made which listed what was supposed to be the practices to be established for the employment of all races and creeds within the state.

In our operation at Alderman Farms we have complied in all respects with the 1949 law. During the past year we have had many colored people who have worked for us in the harvesting of crops, and at no time has any segregation of color been practiced by us.

At the present time we have a number of Negro people who are assisting with the harvest of potatoes. Many times we pay these people at our bus stop in Salem which usually is on Commercial street between Chemeke and Court streets.

Last Friday night our paymaster was 15 or 20 minutes late arriving at the designated place and it became necessary for our employees, which included two Negroes, to wait for him on the street. During this interval a city policeman, who was on this beat, approached the colored people and asked them what they were doing on the streets in Salem.

U. S. ALDERMAN Alderman Farms Frozen Foods Dayton.