

Clark Wood, Who Gained Fame for Paragraphs, Retires

Weston, Ore., Jan. 27 (AP)—Clark Wood, the country editor who rose to high regard on a paragraph, has quit. In the 1920s and early '30s when the Literary Digest re-printed editorial quips, nearly every issue had from one to five credited to the Weston (Ore.), leader.

That was Clark Wood. Wednesday night at a banquet he formally ended a paragrapher's career that went back over 50 years. More than 200 friends attended the banquet made him the object of friendly jibes, and he gave his farewell gifts.

He was 13 years old when he went to work on the Leader as a printer's devil. Fourteen years later he bought the paper and ran it for 51 years in this north-eastern Oregon town.

Wood developed the paragrapher's technique: packing an editorial punch into one paragraph. He said he was told, and found it true, that a man couldn't write both long and short editorials any more than a mechanic could be both a carpenter and a bricklayer.

So the Weston Leader's editorial page was filled with single paragraph editorials—sometimes as many as 50 in a single issue.

"I put all Clark Wood had in to writing every one of those paragraphs," he once said. But that was in the days when they had a readership of millions. More than 500 were reprinted in the Literary Digest and many were flashed on movie screens as one of the silent era's entertainment features.

In late years, "I just set them up from the type case as I make them up in my head."

There was a timeless quality about many.

For example, in 1920 he said, "we usually think of Uncle Sam as tall, but this year he is about fifteen hundred million short."

Or, in 1921: "Longer trousers will be worn this year according to master tailors. Some of us have already worn them as long as we can."

And in 1941: "Were this government spending water like money, there'd be dust bowls in both oceans."

The exacting art of paragraphing he called "the devil's own instrument of mental torture," and the habit of writing them, "damnable insidious."

He conceded he was proud of the national readership his paragraphs had, but once remarked, "if I'm famous for anything, I guess it is for my long service singing at funerals."

His favorite was "Asleep in the Deep"—because he could hit the low notes. He sang it 700 times over the years, according to the late Robert Ripley's "Believe It or Not" cartoon.

And at Wednesday night's dinner the Elks quartet from Wall! Walla sang it for him. Wood joined in.

Wood stayed in Weston because he liked its democracy: "The richest farmer can seldom be distinguished from his hired man." He tried the middle-sized cities—on the Pendleton East Oregonian and the La Grande Chronicle—before buying the Leader in 1895. And he was lured to Portland in 1913 as a paragrapher for the Oregon Journal.

A letter from Wilbur F. Brock, retired newspaperman, of Kennewick, Wash., read at last night's banquet, said that many years ago Wood turned down a \$75 a week offer from the Los Angeles Times to write a daily column on any subject. He had had his fill of cities.

In 1946 he sold the Leader to the Milton E. Lee and remained as associate editor.

Now he has quit, at the age of 80, and will go next month to the Pythian home at Vancouver, Wash.

Wood's formal schooling included a year at Weston Normal, but he decided he could learn more in a newspaper office than in the classroom.

That probably didn't account for the quip by Olin Miller of the Thomaston, Ga., Times, that "Clark Wood is the only man in Weston, Ore., who wears an empty hat." Wood and Miller kept up a friendly barrage of insults both by mail and in their newspapers. The two were the most frequently quoted of all the paragraphers in the Literary Digest. Miller remains active in the field, writing for the Atlanta Journal.

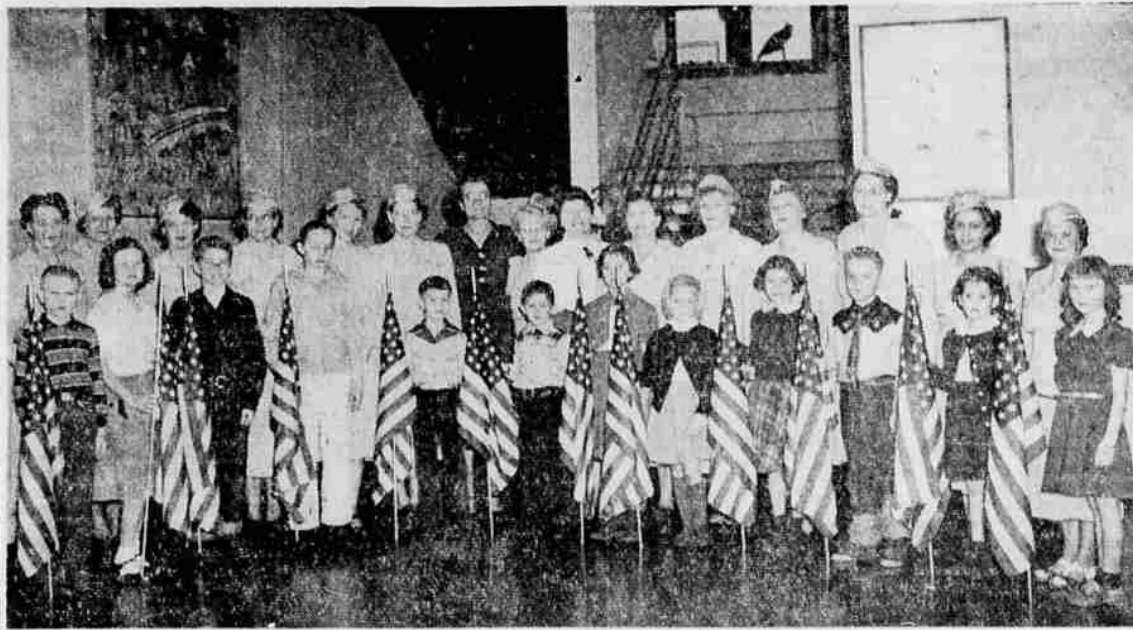
The colonel—that's what Wood is called here—was born in Monona county, Ia., on June 7, 1869, and was two years old when he came to Weston by mule team with his parents.

He grew into a robust man, nearly six feet tall, and still carries himself erectly. A bit of trouble with his eyesight is the chief mark advanced years have placed on him.

His half century on the Leader was spent in the midst of disorder—cluttered make-up stone, a pot-bellied stove, ancient hand-bills pasted on time-stained walls—as he sat at the type case hand-pegging his paragraphs and news.

A veneer of belligerence and a talent for spewing fire, brimstone, and tobacco juice are regarded by his friends as a sham covering for an affable, kindly nature. They said so Wednesday night.

Mrs. Alice Price said the colonel remained a bachelor because he was so kind-hearted he couldn't select any one of the young women for a wife and disappointing the rest. The colonel, grinning, confirmed it.



8 Nations in Trade Treaty

Paris, Jan. 27 (AP)—Cabinet ministers of eight western European countries met Thursday to try to break down historic trade barriers hampering their economies.

United States pressure brought them together to discuss setting up a European financial clearing house which would integrate mutual trade under the Marshall plan.

Also high on the agenda is the proposed appointment of former Belgian Premier Paul-Henri Spaak to head the organization for European economic cooperation (OEEC). President Truman and Secretary of State Dean Acheson have openly urged Spaak's appointment to such a post.

Marshall plan administrator Paul G. Hoffman was at today's meeting of the OEEC consultative group, made up of British economic head Sir Stafford Cripps and ministers from France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Portugal, Norway and Greece.

Britain, Portugal and the Scandinavian countries have opposed creation of what they call the "superman" post proposed for Spaak. The OEEC is now run by a ruling body composed of one cabinet minister from each of the 18 European areas in the Marshall plan, with a veto for each one.

But the European clearing house system has been accepted in principle by all Marshall plan members.

Barn Destroyed on Farm of Elmer Hahn

Gervais, Ore., Jan. 27 — The livestock born on the Elmer Hahn place near here was destroyed by fire Thursday. The family was aroused by Lufe Sherwood, newspaper circulation man, who assisted in liberating nine head of cattle from the building.

Two adjacent buildings were saved by firemen from the Brooks and Woodburn departments who also helped in removing nearly 500 setting hens from a brooder house before it was consumed.

Hahn estimates his loss around \$2500 with little insurance upon the barn, brooder or contents.

A function of the U. S. bureau of mines is to attempt to reduce federal expenses by testing fuels.

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Hose Mending! Downstairs Pulls!
Miller's Holes!

Woman Fined For Placing Baby

Portland, Jan. 27 (AP)—It cost \$250 to get a baby illegally here last spring. By summer the price was up to \$500.

That was the testimony of two women in district court here yesterday in a case that saw Mrs. Bea Roach, Portland, fined \$200 for placing the infants in homes illegally.

Mrs. Roach admitted getting the babies from the Thompson maternity home in Seattle. After the two women testified she changed her plea from innocent to guilty.

She was fined \$100 on each of two charges of child-placing.

There was also a letter saying: "Senanedj has the rest of the jewels."

Roger Senanedj, who police said drove the car used in the robbery, and his girl friend are reported to have been killed by the other members of the gang because they were too talkative. But the police who announced this report have not confirmed the deaths.

Return \$420,000 Gems Stolen From Aga Khan

Marseille, Jan. 27 (AP)—Half of the Aga Khan's stolen fortune in jewelry—\$420,000 worth of the gems—turned up mysteriously on a police station doorstep last night.

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The police first estimated the find at \$280,000 in value. Three experts, hurriedly summoned, raised the appraisal to \$420,000.

Investigators announced no theories as to who tossed the mysterious package. Presumably it came from one of the holdup gang, possibly alarmed by a series of arrests recently.

The recovered gems included two cut emeralds—one of 10 carats and another of 14, an eight-carat pink diamond, 354 other diamonds and four smaller emeralds.

Some of the stones had been taken out of their settings.

Police had estimated the gang made off with jewels worth be-

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Progress and Problems of Drainage Aired at Meeting

Latest developments in farm drainage methods were presented at an all-day meeting Thursday at Mayflower hall with Floyd Fox, Silverton, Marion county chairman for the Willamette basin project committee, presiding.

Complaint that water from highways created a real soil erosion problem on the farms as it washed over acres of land, created standing pools and ruined farming conditions on various fields was voiced by John Crabtree and B. Perszyk, both of Salem route 4 and Comyn Tracy, Turner.

In reply to the first two County Judge Grant Murphy said the problem was that of the state highway department and in the third instances that pipes that had been installed by the county were not large enough but that steps would be taken to remedy the situation.

The group adopted a resolution urging Oregon's delegation in congress to expedite the passage of the omnibus drainage bill which would authorize the \$40,000,000 appropriation for the completion of the Willamette river basin project including dams.

Fred Ingram, of the U. S. corps of engineers told of the three Marion county drainage projects that had been approved which in the case of Pudding river, had \$113,000 allocated. The other two not yet allocated funds are Turner Prairie and Shelton ditch. The Turner project would provide drainage for 5300 acres and should the Shelton ditch project continue it would be up to the City of Salem to maintain the project after completion.

Arthur S. King, extension soil specialist of OSC, hailed drainage as one of the most profitable investments a farmer could make as it usually paid for itself in the first year or two.

W. M. Tate, Marion county production and marketing committee chairman, explained that the \$164,000 PMA allocation for Marion county permits the use of only \$250 on each project, with approved projects receiving a similar amount for liming and phosphate. Ivan E. Oakes, secretary of the Willamette river basin committee spoke of the water control district law with Irvin Bartells and Leonard Burns described the work of the Santiam soil conservation district.

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Hello Friends—Ooo! Many people like Chinese dish having big party my place we have plenty fun—everybody laugh, then someone tell American funny story then everybody laugh some more. I not know meaning about story but I good American fellow—I laugh too, have much fun. Then I go back kitchen cook plenty good food. Many Chinese special dish like Loose Duck, Almond Chinese water chestnut, fried rice, fried snail and many other dish, big variety, you like. Maybe you like Chinese Egg Noodle or Chop Suey we have those dish alltime on, what you say in American, "on tap," always ready you come any time, open every nite in week—no more close one day we stay open every day each nite starting 8 p.m. stay open 2 a.m. day follow.
YEE SING
(that's my name, sure)
T.B.



Rilea Doe Will Speak Monday

Rilea W. Doe, vice president of Safeway Stores, Inc., will have a very intriguing subject when he talks to the Salem Chamber of Commerce next Monday noon.

"Don't Act Your Age," is announced, and it is said to be something out of the ordinary, based on long experiences and close observation of the American and world scenes.

He has been with Safeway 31 years, starting as a young man in Idaho. His home is in Oakland. He is a past director of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and past president of the Community Chest for that city. He was one of five directors of Rotary International from the United States, and is a member of the domestic distribution department of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Lusk Proves Belief In Respect for Law

Oregon City, Jan. 27 (AP)—Hall S. Lusk, chief justice of the state supreme court, gave a speech here on respect for the law. Then he gave an example.

He emerged from the speech to find police had impounded his car which he had inadvertently left parked in a zone reserved for fire truck maneuvering. He went right over to the police station and paid a \$3.50 fine.

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