

Charles Coburn Celebrates 60 Years in Show Business

By BOB THOMAS

Hollywood, March 8 (AP)—Last night a portly old gent with an ever-present cigar and monocle was given a party. He was Charles Coburn, who was celebrating 60 years in show business. "I can't remember wanting to be anything but an actor," Coburn reflected as he gazed back over the years. "My mother and father were devotees of the theater, although they were never on the stage."

"I suppose my desire to be an actor originated when my mother read me stories about theater people. The glamor and excitement of their lives intrigued me and I wanted to be like them."

Born in Macon, Ga., Coburn first attended the theater at the age of eight in Savannah, where he grew up. At 13, he took his first theatrical job—as program boy in the Savannah theater. He graduated to usher and became manager at 18.

"It was a huge theater and we had names like Otis Skinner and Richard Mansfield," he recalled. "I remained manager for two years, but all the time I wanted to be an actor. However, they were prejudiced against a manager becoming an actor. And they were right—I didn't know how to act."

"So I joined a stock company and got a few walk-on parts, enough to get oriented in the business. I thought I wanted to be a comic opera comedian. I

Another Forum Sunday Night

"The Christian Appraises World Government Plans" is the topic for discussion next Sunday night at 8 o'clock at the First Congregational church when the fifth of a series of public forums is presented.

The speakers will be James T. Brand, associate justice of the supreme court, and Dr. Orval Etter, formerly attorney for the League of Oregon Cities and now Far West secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Judge Brand was one of the judiciary judges at Nuremberg and is state chairman of the Atlantic Union committee for Oregon.

Dr. Etter, a graduate in liberal arts and law from the University of Oregon is vice president of the Oregon Prison association. His home is in Berkeley, Cal.

Seven Millions in Red China Starve

Hong Kong, March 8 (AP)—Seven million persons in communist China are starving to death and the country faces four more lean months before the first harvest in June, a top Chinese communist government official admitted today.

A piping broadcast said the estimate of China's grim food picture was made in a speech to the central relief commission by Vice Premier Tung Pi-Wu.

The broadcast said Tung admitted the people in many areas were eating leaves and grass in search of nourishment.

In his speech Tung blasted the "bureaucratic tendency" of the commission and charged that its workers were not sympathetic to the people's plight.

He said the next four months will decide whether the situation reaches disaster proportions.

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By SID BOISE



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After Formal Parliament Opening—King George VI and Queen Elizabeth leave parliament building in their crown-mounted Irish coach after the formal opening of the newly-elected British parliament. The king's speech from the throne, prepared by Prime Minister Clement Attlee's cabinet, made no mention of additional nationalization of industries. This was viewed as an indication that the labor government, holding a precarious majority, hopes to avoid controversial issues in the immediate future. (AP Wirephoto by radio from London.)

Walter May Not To Oppose Morse

Portland, Ore., March 8 (AP)—Walter W. R. May, editor-in-chief of the Oregon City Enterprise-Courier, announced today that he will not run for the republican nomination for U.S. senator in opposition to Wayne Morse.

"It will not be possible for me to be a candidate for the United States senate in the republican primary and start an active campaign soon enough to draw the grave party issue presented by Senator Morse's course in office," May said.

"This is because I have some prior responsibilities I cannot set aside. They are contractual and in the nature of a trust. I am deeply appreciative, of course, for the united statewide support offered me by my

friends and many others I do not know personally who believe I would win by giving the republican voters the opportunity to express themselves within the party, which I believe they should have."

Earlier, George L. Koehn, Portland attorney, confirmed that he also would withdraw his candidacy against Morse on the republican ticket in favor of Fred Robinson, Medford.

Grand Island Pies Bring Good Prices

Grand Island—About 50 patrons of the Grand Island district attended the March meeting of Grand Island community club.

There were 35 pies sold for \$54. L. W. Scoggan was the auctioneer; \$3.75 was highest price paid for a pie. The grade school gave the program consisting of three skits, several musical numbers and one reading.

Middle Grove Building Fund Is Boosted with Ham Dinner

Middle Grove, Mar. 8—Members of the Associated Clubs of Middle Grove Community considered their special ham dinner which they served to the public a success. They served 266 meals and they cleared over \$150. This will be used for the building fund. Dinners are planned for a few months, the next one for April 7 which will be a chicken dinner. The hams for this dinner were cooked by one of the community businessmen, Oren Kring, in his barbecue pit as a help for the fund.

Mrs. Norman Fletcher was program chairman for the evening. Numbers were accorded selections by Delbert Botten; tap dances by Karen Patterson, with Mrs. Jack Wikof at the piano; vocal numbers by the Middle Grove girls with Mrs. Dan Scharf accompanying; two readings; and music by the Jim Ritchie orchestra throughout the evening.

The "Cagey" 4H club girls' cooking clubs of Middle Grove have been meeting for three consecutive weeks so they may make up lessons missed during the bad weather. Thursday night 23 of the 24 members drove out to the Central Howell home of their assistant leader, Joyce Kuenzi, who is also a cooking 4 member.

Yvonne Goode gave a demonstration in the making of a sponge cake, answering questions as she worked. Joyce Kuenzi, whose specialty is bread making, made bread, having the girls help in the kneading. Mothers who were guests were Mrs. C. Reynolds, Mrs. L. W. Chamberlain, Mrs. Emory Goode, Mrs. Albert Fabry and Mrs. Harvey Page. Hostess mothers for the social hour were Mrs. E. C. Blackman, Mrs. Mildred Hammer and Mrs. Kuenzi.

One of the members of these clubs, Cooking 3, Shirley Page was interviewed by 4H club agent, Anthol Riney, in a program over KOCO radio station Saturday morning. These 4H programs are given every other week, the home extension agent having the other two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Wright of Aberdeen, Wash., came down Friday to spend the week-end in the John Cage home and to help his and Mrs. Cage's mother, Mrs. Florence Wright, celebrate her birthday.

The Ametie club of Middle Grove will hold their annual social evening for members and their families at the Mayflower hall Friday.

Mrs. John Anglin and Mrs. Claude Kunze, Sr., were hostesses for a shower honoring Mrs. Klyde Kunze, Jr., the past week at the Mayflower hall. Guests were Mrs. O. E. Palmateer, Mrs. Roy Scofield, Mrs. Anna Wirsching, Mrs. Lena Bartruff, Mrs. William Massey, Mrs. Charles Anglin, Mrs. James Schardine, Mrs. William Scharf, Mrs. Gerald Jaffe, Mrs. Fred Scharf, Mrs. Lewis Patterson, Mrs. Leonard Hammer, Mrs. Mildred Hammer, Mrs. Melvin Van Cleave, Gaylene Van Cleave, Mrs. Paul Bassett, Mrs. Paul Fuhrer, Jr., Mrs. John Van Laanen, Mrs. Lee Dow, Mrs. Sam Eshleman, Mrs. Paul Fuhrer, Sr., Mrs. Walter Binegar, Mrs. Harold Anglin, Mrs. C. Woods, Mrs. L. Carrow and Mrs. A. C. Moore.

Dan Fry Files For Alderman

Dan J. Fry, city council member from Ward 4, filed his preliminary petition on Tuesday as a candidate for re-election.

Fry has no statement on his petition and merely the word "Incumbent" will appear after his name on the ballot.

Fry is the fourth candidate to

file. Albert H. Gille filed some time ago for re-election from Ward 2. Candidates from Ward 6 are Tom Armstrong, incumbent, and Elmer J. Church. The only other ward to elect an alderman will be the new Ward 8 across the river. Walter Musgrave, who now represents the ward, is a candidate for mayor.

The home of the Marine Corps Commandant, built in 1803, is known as the oldest building in Washington, D.C.

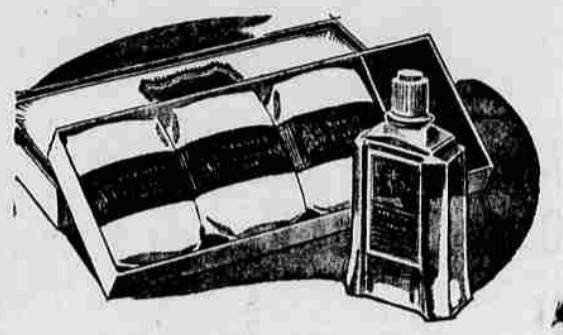
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