

Women Volunteer to Go On Rugged Jungle Trek

Fort Worth, Tex., March 14 (AP)—Dan Towns can advance written evidence that women aren't the so-called weaker sex. Towns is a 25-year-old student at Texas Christian University and plans a 25,000-mile jeep expedition beginning Columbus day, October 12, at the farthest tip of South America—Magallanes, Chile.

Much of the estimated seven-month trip, which will take him up through South America, through the United States and into Alaska, and back again to this country, is through uncharted jungle in South America.

Towns wants a woman to join him and three other men on the jaunt. A woman on the trip, he explained, will make "the whole thing more dramatic; it will make the pictures we expect to take a lot more salable."

Since announcing his plans, Towns has received letters from a school teacher, a nurse, an airline stewardess, and a switchboard operator, to mention a few, all wanting to make the trip. They feel rugged enough.

The nurse from Johnstown, N. Y., wrote that "while a woman is very unusual for anyone's personnel list," she still would like to go. She delivered numerous babies as an army nurse on a South Pacific island, and "might do the same along the route of your expedition and make much good will for you."

The airline stewardess from State Center, Ia., said her run took her from Dallas to New York, and every time she landed there she went around to the Explorers' club. For eight years, she said, she has always wanted to be a writer and explorer.

Towns has been planning the expedition for six years, ever since he was on merchant marine duty in Dutch and British Guiana. He's always wanted to be a writer, and that's one of the reasons of the trip—to break into the writing business.

Besides, the three-jeep expedition should serve to arouse public interest in opening the gaps in the incompleting Pan American highway, Towns figures.

So far, he has selected only one other person to make the trip. That is Owen Day, Fort Worth artist and cartoonist. Still sought is the woman, who will be selected by a special screening committee of the special chamber of commerce.

The main qualifications are that she be a college graduate with an ability to write and the fortitude to endure such hardships as might be encountered on the trip. If she can drive a jeep and also cook, then so much the better, Towns said.

Also needed are a photographer and a radio-mechanic. The most interesting letter for one of these positions came from a man in Virginia, Minn. He hadn't worked in 18 months and was sleeping and living in his automobile. He froze in the winter, and his food spoiled in the summer, the 31-year-old applicant wrote.

"I'd do anything to get out of the back of this automobile," he boasted.

East Salem, March 14—One of the most popular projects presented by the home extension units in Marion county this year is the "Making of Lampshades." A larger number of women have attended these meetings than any other offered this year so far.

The Lansing Neighbors unit held their meeting at the Mayflower hall. Mrs. Zina Sharpnack and Mrs. William Marsh were project leaders for the lesson.

Making shades were Mrs. James Haskell, Mrs. Roy Lively, Mrs. Ben Rathjen, Mrs. Marlin Estep, Sr., Mrs. Irvin H. Sion, Mrs. I. G. Lerman, Mrs. W. A. Reeves, Mrs. Ira Mansfield and a guest, Mrs. James Keys. There were 18 present. At the business meeting members voted to enter a center piece for the tables at the spring festival luncheon.

Appointed as a committee for the project were Mrs. Ivan H. Sion, Mrs. Ben Rathjen and Mrs. Marcia Aplet. Preparing the display for the festival exhibit will be Mrs. George Padrick and Mrs. Roy Lively, and the units choices were made. Serving as project leaders for the "oven meals" project will be Mrs. James Haskell and Mrs. Aplet.

The Swegle home extension unit met in the club rooms of the YWCA. Making shades were Mrs. Keith La Due, Mrs. Boyd Wilkinson, Mrs. Alfred Pauli, Mrs. V. Fordise, Mrs. Glenn Larkins, Mrs. Dan Stauffer, Mrs. Oscar Wigle, Mrs. Clifford Yost, Mrs. Mary Swingle, and Mrs. William Hartley.

Helping were Mrs. Menno Dalke, Mrs. Julia Jennings and a guest, Mrs. George Brown. Project leaders in charge were Mrs. Harold Holler and Mrs. Melvin La Due. This unit will enter a table piece in the contest for table decorations at the spring festival, and serving on the committee will be Mrs. Dan Stauffer, Mrs. Alfred Pauli and Mrs. Fordise.

Arranging the exhibit will be Mrs. Oscar Forgard, Mrs. V. M. La Due, Mrs. Harold Holler, and Mrs. William Hartley. Serving on the nominating committee will be Mrs. Walter Fisher, Mrs. Charles Norton and Mrs. Hartley.

Mrs. Jess Hatch will be hostess for a 1 o'clock luncheon at her Garden road home Friday afternoon for members of the Garden road Neighborhood club.

Prune Growers Date Meeting

Polk county prune growers will meet March 16 at 8 o'clock in the Dallas City hall to discuss the outlook for the 1950 crop, according to Frank Neufeld, president of the Polk County Prune Growers association, and N. John Hansen county extension agents, co-sponsors of the meeting.

On the program will be included a discussion of the canned prune outlook for 1950 by a representative of the canning industry, and a report on the dried prune outlook for 1950 by a representative of the dried prune industry. Also on the program is scheduled a representative of W. J. Broadhead's office in Portland, Broadhead, representative of the secretary of agriculture, will discuss the marketing agreements and how they could be used by prune growers.

Frank Neufeld states that the purpose of the meeting, after hearing the general outlook and discussion by Broadhead's representative, will be for the group to determine whether or not prune marketing agreements would be desirable and should be requested by the growers in the Willamette valley.

Salem Heights Club Mothers at Luncheon

Salem Heights — Mrs. Fred Cords was hostess to the executive committee of the Salem Heights Mothers club Monday at a noon luncheon at her home on Madrona avenue. Mrs. Rollin Baker assisted.

The committee discussed the club's annual chicken dinner to be held at the school lunchroom from 6 to 7:30 o'clock on March 24. Also the program the club will sponsor for the Community club on Friday, March 17, at the Community hall at 8 o'clock.

Present were Mrs. Ed A. Carleton, Mrs. Roy McElroy, Mrs. Herbert Marggi, Mrs. John Ramage, Mrs. Lyle Zobel, Mrs. Lyle Bayne, Mrs. Louis Kurth, Mrs. Rollin Baker and Mrs. Fred Cords.

ward for refusing the part. A studio spokesman said Miss Hayward will be suspended for eight weeks.

Ann Sheridan Gets Title Role in 'Stella'

Hollywood, March 14 (AP)—Actress Ann Sheridan took over the title role in the picture "Stella" today after 20th Century-Fox suspended Susan Hay-



Moving Pyramid—Members of the Valley Rangerettes, prize-winning horsewomen from towns in California's San Fernando Valley, form a pyramid in practice at Van Nuys.

Incorporation Vote Advanced at Gates

Gates, March 14—Reschedule of the vote on proposed incorporation has been advanced from April 19 to April 14 by the Marion county court, enabling eligible voters to register for the May primary election.

Registration for 30 days prior to a special election is forbidden by state law, according to Harlan Judd, county clerk, and registration, closed Monday, will be re-opened April 15 with a special staff of registrars on duty here April 15 through the 18th.

Two School Districts OK Consolidation

Hubbard, March 14—Patrons of the Hubbard and White school districts approved consolidation of the two schools by a vote of

87 to 21 at a special election Monday.

The change, asked by both districts, raises White district from third to second class.

Both districts favored the merger, Hubbard voting 51 to 1 and White residents 35 to 20.

Bequest of \$4,000 Goes to Willamette

A bequest of \$4,000 has been received by Willamette university from the estate of the late Clarence J. Edwards of Tillamook, it was announced today.

The benefactor, a long time trustee of Willamette, requested that the donation be added to the building fund or the permanent endowment of the university to be distributed at the discretion of the board of trustees.

Until his death two years ago, Edwards was a prominent banker and businessman in Tillamook.

Millions Spent In NW by ECA

Washington, March 14 (AP)—More than \$10,000,000 of foreign aid funds were spent in Washington, Oregon and Idaho from September, 1948, to November, 1949 the commerce department reports.

The report was furnished to Rep. Tollefson (R-Wash.), who made it public today. It showed that during that period the Economic Cooperation administration's purchases in the northwest were principally lumber and plywood, canned salmon, cheese, apples, steel ingots and bars, chemicals and machinery.

The department said more northwest products probably were shipped to ECA countries although sold to the ECA firms outside the states.

Tollefson said that in addition there were substantial shipments of wood pulp but the main sales offices of the producers are outside the area. He said that since Nov. 10, 1949, 415,000 boxes of Washington apples have been purchased for shipment to Europe.

Tollefson said reports show Washington's total shipments were \$4,572,170, Oregon's \$5,249,126 and Idaho's \$397,672.

Apologizes for Being Poor Shot And Missing Hooded Riders

Eastman, Ga., March 14 (AP)—Robed and hooded night riders who fled before a rifle-toting south Georgia farmer now have his apology and an invitation to return.

The farmer, Otho Wiggins, apologized for being such a poor shot with a rifle.

Wiggins used a .22 rifle to rout the mob after his Negro farmhand had been beaten on the night of March 2. Some of the robbed figures returned his fire.

Wiggins' apology was contained in a letter he wrote Editor Edwin T. Methvin of the weekly Eastman Times-Journal. Methvin has been crusading against the Ku Klux Klan. It was he who broke the news of Wiggins' routing of the nightriders.

Wiggins' letter said in part: "I extend to you loyal members of the hooded brotherhood my humble apologies for being such a poor shot with a rifle. I hope to see you soon."

It was signed: "Your neighbor, Otho Wiggins."

Two white farmers have been arrested in the case. They are free on \$1,000 bond each on charges of assault and battery and shooting at another.

School Shrubs Selected

Willamina—Nina Heider, Beulah Parrett, and Bernice Soules visited the Carlton Nurseries to select shrubs for the new grade school here. After their choices meet with the approval of the grade school staff the shrubs will be ordered through a Sheridan florist.

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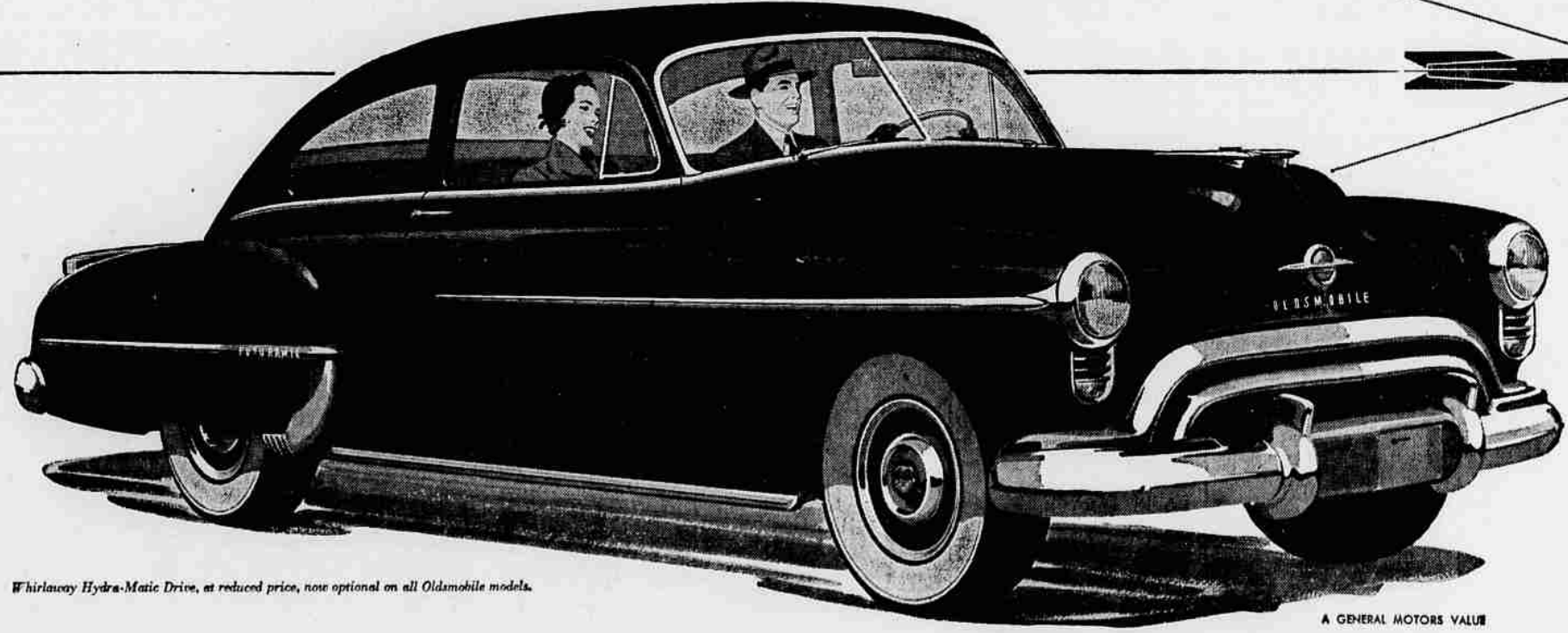
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