



Don Upjohn

Long Illness Fatal to Don Upjohn, Newsman

By STEPHEN A. STONE

Donald H. Upjohn, for 40 years Salem newspaperman and humorist, died Monday. He was one of the most widely known men in the community, largely through the column "Sips for Supper," that carried his name. He was 66 years old.

For many years he was closely associated with state affairs, and served as secretary to an Oregon governor. He had been ill since the first of this year and had been confined at his home or in hospitals most of that time.

Newspaper work was not the only activity of Don Upjohn's career. But it was his profession, and of all things he ever did he loved it most. At times he capably filled executive positions, but wanted to be known only as reporter and columnist.

He was faithful to the traditions of the craft. He held the mirror up to life. He was a man of strong convictions, but would not stoop to shade a news story. The facts had to speak. To write otherwise was heresy to him. That honesty won him scores of confidants among public men and those he met day by day.

Among Capital Journal readers Don Upjohn was doubtless best known for his column "Sips for Supper," over which his name appeared shortly after he joined the Capital Journal staff early in 1923.

The column was a whimsical chronicle of Salem life during that time. Mostly it was humorous. Sometimes there was light satire, and at times prose of rare beauty.

Through his "Sips" Upjohn campaigned in paragraphs or doggerel verse against cinders from the mills and other local nuisances. He enlisted a vast membership in the FT & BA (False Tooth and Bridge association), and engaged in a feud of wit with characters about town like Walt Thompson the cop. He wrote about "the Gervais girls," and about "our favorite waitress" in this wise:

"Our favorite waitress enjoyed another birthday this week, and came up pert and smiling under the weight of an added year. We are glad to report this event as she has fed us a ration of three doughnuts per a. m. for 300 a. m.'s during the past year, and we figure she should be able to carry the burden of another year if we can handle the burden of the 900 doughnuts absorbed during same. Congratulations all around."

When the old capitol burned in 1935 he wrote:

"... The State House was doomed. It was its night of kismet. Ghosts of a million hopes of other years floated away in the smoke. Something has gone out of the lives of us in Salem, but we'll cherish in our memories that old building for many and many a year.

"A new one will arise. Where the old one was of sandstone, limestone, brick and wood, the new one will be of marble, concrete and steel. It will be cold and formal, and to many of us forbidding.

"The old capitol was like a comfortable home that welcomed you to come under its portals and bide your time. The new one will tell you to come in, transact your business and get out, because it will be the product of that kind of an age.

"There was a mellowness like that of old friends, old books, old wine in our capitol of yesterday. May some of that spirit be transmuted into the new one—but we doubt if such may come to pass."

The column first appeared in the Capital Journal under the title "Rough Ravings." Three days later the heading was changed to "Sips for Supper."

It last appeared December 31, 1949. For three days this paragraph took its place on the editorial page.

(Editor's Note — Columnist Don Upjohn is ill today, so his "Sips for Supper" is missing on the page. The Capital Journal

Pilot Unhurt in Dallas Crash

Dallas—Pilot Joe Card escaped uninjured this morning when his Stearman biplane stalled in a takeoff from the Dallas airport and crashed about a half mile from the field.

Card, partner of Ivan Esau who walked away from a crash about a month ago, after demolishing his plane, was taking off to dust a nearby bean field. His plane's landing gear struck some power wires, smashing the gear, tore down through some small trees, and pancaked in a field, landing reversed in position.

Card blamed the motor failure on a hot air condition, saying that the motor would not take after the initial power take-off.

The plane sustained extensive damage to both wings, landing gear, and propeller.

5 Trapped Deep In Utah Mine

Lark, Utah, July 17 (AP)—Five men were still trapped deep in a smoke filled mine early today, more than 24 hours since they went below the surface.

Billowing smoke hampered the all night rescue operations at this tiny mining community perched on the foothills of the Quirrh mountain range.

Rescue workers were faced with the difficult task of combing some 400 miles of tunnels. The men are somewhere in this maze of underground passages.

The men have been missing since early yesterday when fire whose editorial predominance in eastern Washington wasn't often challenged.

From Yakima he went to Seattle where he was employed a short time, then came to Salem, and became city editor of the Statesman March 11, 1909. On June 22 of the year following he was married to Lois Byrd of Salem whom he met at the county clerk's office where she was employed.

After a year or so with the Statesman he was appointed Salem correspondent for the Oregonian, and for a year was employed by both papers, later becoming Oregonian correspondent exclusively. His work centered at the State House and he was soon known as one of the leading political writers of the state.

During this period both he and Mrs. Upjohn studied law at Willamette university, and both were graduated and admitted to the bar. In 1913 Governor Oswald West appointed Upjohn district attorney for Polk county. He preferred to be a newspaperman, so he resigned that office and went to Mexicali, Calif., for an editor's post on the Chronicle.

But he wanted to live in Salem, and returned here, again as Oregonian correspondent, in 1916. He was in the close confidence of Governor James Withycombe and other political figures, and again wrote authoritatively on state politics, both in the legislature and between sessions.

Governor Withycombe died in 1913, and was succeeded by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, one of Upjohn's close friends. Olcott appointed him his private secretary, and that made him also a member of the state parole board.

Olcott was defeated in the election of 1922 and relinquished the office the following January. Upjohn joined the Capital Journal staff and remained there until his last illness.

During the time he was in Governor Olcott's office he and Mrs. Upjohn made a study of gladioli culture. They acquired property for bulb production and developed a market that extended throughout United States and into foreign countries.

He is survived by his widow, Lois Byrd Upjohn; two sons, Dr. Richard H. Upjohn of Salem and William B. Upjohn of Salt Lake City; five daughters, Margaret E. Hunter of La Grande, Ore., Rowena M. Walker of McMinnville, Florence V. Paulson of Salem, Donna L. Brown of Silverton, and Miss Barbara Upjohn of Salem; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Ann Upjohn and Donald Henry Upjohn II of Salem, Karen Louise Paulson and Stephen Michael Paulson of Salem, and Douglas, Arlie Walker of McMinnville; and by three brothers, Dr. Lawrence N. Upjohn of Kalamazoo, Mich., U. C. Upjohn of Ramona, Calif., and H. S. Upjohn of Carmel, Calif.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Clough-Barick company.

Donald Henry Upjohn was born in Kalamazoo, Mich., March 3, 1884. He was a son of Dr. Henry and Millie Kirby Upjohn. His father and an uncle, William E. Upjohn, founded the Upjohn company, the drug manufacturing concern.

In his early 20s he came west, and for a short time was with a newspaper in Idaho. From there he went to Yakima, Wash., where he was on the staff of the Morning Herald and engaged in editorial tills with Col. W. W. Robertson of the Republic,

broke out in the Lark mine of the U. S. Smelting, Refining and Mining company.

They are identified as Horace Martin Seal, 59, a hoist operator; Leland Neilsen, 38, pump operator; Robert Gordon Meyerhoffer, 36, electrician foreman; Byron G. Thomas, 46, surface foreman, and Clyde Auguston, 41, an assistant mine superintendent.

The men were engaged in maintenance operations at the mine, which has been shut down since July 1 by a strike of United Steelworkers.

Australia to Aid with Troops

London, July 17 (AP)—Australia indicated today it would send ground forces to back the United States in Korea, but most of the rest of the United Nations were expected to plead they had none to spare.

A survey of European capitals indicated that not a single government was in position to send ground troops to Korea without dangerously weakening its own defensive setup.

Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa had high grade armies which conceivably could be spared for Korea.

In Canberra, Australian Acting Premier A. W. Fadden said the government might send further aid to Korea to supplement the air force fighter unit already there. He said experts were studying the UN request to determine whether and how Australia could meet it.

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Gambling Drive Starts in Florida

Miami, Fla., July 17 (AP)—Florida officials, armed with evidence uncovered by a senate crime investigating committee, moved today to clamp down on lush gambling operations.

In Tallahassee, Gov. Fuller Warren ordered Broward county (Fort Lauderdale) Sheriff Walter R. Clark to appear Friday to determine whether the sheriff is guilty of "malfeasance in office."

Clark admitted he was a partner in a \$754,335 Bolita numbers lottery, operating in his county in 1945, 1946 and 1947, and acknowledged that a gambling casino operator "worked" for his re-election in 1948.

The governor also ordered a "full and complete" investigation of a gambling syndicate figuring in the committee's three days of hearings which ended here Saturday night.

Warren directed Dade county (Miami) State Attorney Glenn C. Mincer "to make a full and complete investigation of the operations of the S and G Syndicate and other gambling activities in Dade county, Florida, and submit your findings to the Dade county grand jury."

The senate committee estimated the syndicate's 1948 income was \$26,520,045.

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Portland today crews hope to have the fire under control by tonight.

About 100 skilled forest service firefighters were on the lines with loggers and other volunteers. Using half a dozen tractors, crews have trailed most of the blaze, Johnson said.

The fire which started Saturday was whipped out of hand yesterday by gusts of wind.

House Kills Plan To Change Vote

Washington, July 17 (AP)—The house today killed a proposal to abolish the electoral college and to revamp the machinery by which the nation has named its presidents for 150 years.

The resolution got only 134 favorable votes on a roll call to 210 against—not even a majority. It would have needed a two-thirds vote for adoption.

The house gave it 96 votes less than that.

It turned down a senate-passed resolution that would have submitted to the states a constitutional amendment doing away with the electoral college system and substituting one based on proportionate division of the popular vote.

The electoral college system now gives each state's total electoral vote to the winning candidates for president and vice president.

The proposed change, requiring ratification by 36 states, would have divided each state's electoral vote in direct proportion to the popular vote received by the opposing candidate.

House Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts assailed the proposal as "a political Pandora's box."

Instead of simplifying the electoral system, Martin contended, the change would encourage splinter parties, give the deep south the balance of power in presidential elections, and "could lead to the loss of our two party-system of government."

Further appointments in the National Guard Reserve, being organized to replace the National Guard if it is called for federal service, have been announced by Brig. Gen. Harry C. Brumbaugh, who commands the reserves.

Appointments include Col. Donald L. Roberts, Portland, G-1; Col. William M. Beveridge, Portland, G-2; Col. Alva L. Merrill, Clackamas, G-4; Lt. Col. George Rausch, Portland, judge advocate; and Maj. Irving I. Ail, Portland, provost marshal.

All of the men, with the exception of Rausch, are former members of the Oregon National Guard. Rausch holds a lieutenant commander's rating with the Coast Guard Reserves.

The technical name for cortisone is 17-hydroxy-11-dehydrocorticosterone.

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ELIZABETH TAYLOR
Conspirator

And — "IMPACT" with Brian Donlevy — Ella Raines

Two Forest Fires Raging in Oregon

(By the Associated Press)
A Lane county forest fire continued to burn out of control today as higher temperatures and falling humidities added to the difficulties of the more than 350 men fighting the blaze.

The fire, on Wheeler-Osgood logging operations on the Umpqua national forest about 20 miles east of Cottage Grove, has swept over 680 acres, including green timber, logged-over land and an old burn area.

Guy Johnson, regional forest service fire dispatcher, said in

Two Charges Face Macomber

Medford, July 17 (AP)—Two charges of assault with intent to kill have been filed against Gerald Macomber, 27, wounded last Thursday and captured in a gun battle with state police.

District Attorney George Nielson filed the two new charges that stemmed from an earlier gunfight involving two city policemen. Macomber was captured after exchanging shots with State Policemen Dick Korner, who was wounded slightly.

Nielson said Wilma May Nichols, at whose home Macomber was arrested, had been charged with being an accessory in the commission of a felony. Her bond was set at \$10,000.

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