

POINTS WEST

By Vivian McMurtrey

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH: Articles of incorporation for a manufacturer of a new kind of metal cutter were "filed" with the Salt Lake City county clerk by one Bob McCoy, whose address is the nearby Big House. He is the inventor of this gadget and perfected his model, applied for patents, etc., while doing a 24-year stretch for murder. Here indeed must have been a case where necessity was the mother of invention.

Besides all his cell activity, McCoy must have found time to read Dale Carnegie's book on how to win friends, because the warden is so saddened by his approaching departure that he resigned and is going with his pet prisoner. The warden is to be general manager of the McCoy Tool Corp., which incidentally is capitalized for \$100,000.

The boys should do well in their new business, which is handily located in relation to their old stamping ground. Discriminating and wise buyers of metal cutters will no doubt patronize these two who undoubtedly have the know-how and have learned their business from the inside out.

COTTAGE GROVE, ORE: Two Oregon couples, namely the Leon Godards and the Hap Hayes, recently showed Hollywoodites and Nevadans a thing or two about novel divorces. The men, who are biz-partners, waved goodbye to their wives when the "little women" went Reno-vating for the well-known six eeks. At the end of the time the husbands arrived in Reno and to the astonishment of the blasé sophisticated habitués of the divorce capital, claimed each others' wives in holy matrimony.

PRINEVILLE, ORE: Prineville, the Pacific Northwest's ponderosa pine capital, is a unique city in many ways. This community, whose livelihood is dependent upon the neighboring Ochoco national forest now being harvested on a sustained yield basis, owns its own railroad. The City of Prineville Special chugs up and down the 19-mile road carrying forest products to the Central Oregon main line, where they are dispatched on to the big lumber markets.

SPRINGFIELD, ORE: Last week's classified ad section of the Eugene Register-Guard, under the heading "Situations Wanted—Female," reads: "HUBBY says I get no money unless I earn it by working for salary. So I need a job please. Will do housekeeping or what have you. Het R. Peetsch, 1056 'F', Spfld."

PORTLAND, ORE: Much ado about high school sororities, frater-

nities an dother secret school organizations which provide such a wide range of emotional experiences for teen-agers.

When they go through the period of not knowing whether or not they are accepted, they are a nervous and frustrated lot; if they 'make it' as they call it and get a bid to their favorite tong, then they become absolute and insufferable snobs, not caring a whit about the crying classmates who are left out of the swim.

Economic Highlights

"The Russian spirit consists in hatred of the individual and his absorption into the state to the advantage of despotism; for despotism, as a regime, is a prerequisite to the establishment of world dominion. Unless we stand on guard we shall witness the infallible success of a man who will appear and summon the peoples of Europe to rise in the name of equality; who will offer to the masses protection against their own unruly natures and an equal turn at the common soup ladle. . . ."

Does that sound as if it had been written yesterday? It could have been, but it wasn't. It was penned about a hundred years ago by a Russian observer named Emil Montegut.

Here is still another quotation: "The more I see of Russia the more I approve of the tsar's forbidding Russians to travel abroad and making access to Russia difficult for foreigners. The Russian political system could not stand out for 20 years against communication between Russia and the West." That too was written a century ago, by a French diplomat named the Marquis de Custine. Change the single word "tsar" to "Stalin" and you will

have an observation that might have been made by any number of present-day commentators.

These, with other quotations from long-dead observers of the Russian scene, appear in an article in Foreign Affairs by Lewis Galantiere. Mr. Galantiere uses them to support an interesting and credible thesis—that the Russian mind has changed little if at all in a century or more, and that dictatorship, whether it be exerted by an emperor or the Politburo, comes naturally to it. Dorothy Thompson expressed this idea cogently when she wrote: "It is therefore nothing new with which we have to deal today. It is only the old Russia with a new look."

However, the changes that history has brought have made the Russian outlook on the world infinitely more important to the other powers than it used to be. Swift transportation and communication have shrunk the planet. Ghostly new weapons have been devised and are ready for use. According to the scientists and global military planners, it will soon be possible to wage intercontinental warfare with rockets and guided missiles and pilotless aircraft. A U.S. News article says, "At this time all but three major U.S. cities lie within the range of suicide bombers from Russia." And Russia has an A-bomb.

In any event, the Russian mind has always been a mystery to the

West, made up as it is of a strange mixture of European and Asiatic influences. How to deal with it remains the greatest world problem of the age.

Former Project Kids Win College Honors

Further campus honors achieved by Leonard M. Svinth and his sister, Betty Jane Svinth, who are students at Midland College in Fremont, Nebraska, and whose home is in Prospect (Ore.) have just been announced by the college.

Both of them have been named for important work in the presentation of "The Merchant of Venice," which the Midland Players, college dramatic society of which they are members, will present in Fremont early in December and then take on tour. Betty Jane is a member of the Costumes Committee of the production enterprise. Leonard is a member of the Stage Committee, and also will play the role of Leonardo in the Bard's immortal comedy-drama of thwarted greed.

Simultaneously, Midland College has announced that Leonard has just been accepted by, and initiated into, the Kappa Phi fraternity at the college.

They are children of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Harold Morgan Svinth, owners of a tie mill. The father is a native of Roy, Washington. Mrs. Svinth, the former Anne Martinson, is a native of Yelm, Wash.

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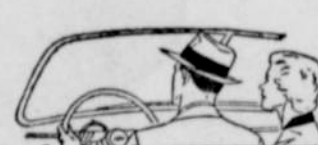
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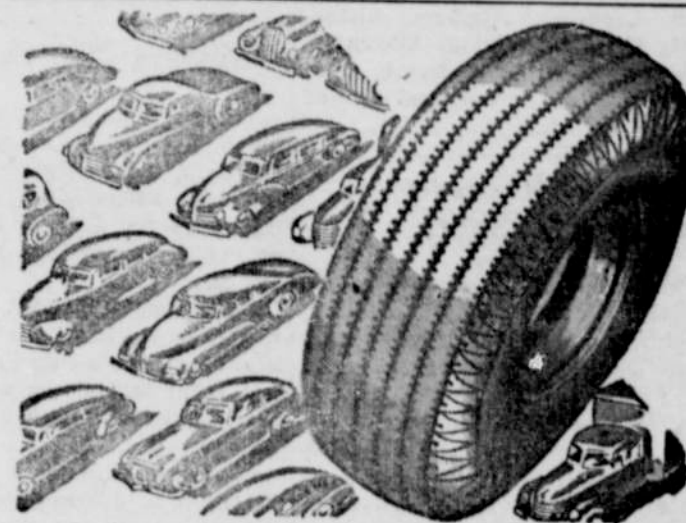
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