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Army Camps

Now that Camp White is completely dismantled we can expect that with the inauguration of a new draft act there will be a Camp Black spring up, not over 60 miles from where Camp White was located.

There are some who claim that Camp White will be rebuilt, basing their premise on the fact that it would cost more money to build another camp on the site of White than to build a completely new camp.

We feel, however, that Coletsin would probably be more likely location for Camp Black. It is more inaccessible than Camp White ever was. It's probably hotter there in summer and cooler in the winter than Camp White ever was (and that's a bold statement) and there's a railroad there, there was one at Camp White, too, but we can't remember that it was ever used. Future GI's can take a bus from Dunsmuir to Coletsin as well as their predecessors ever took one from Dunsmuir to Medford.

We've got our money on Coletsin for the next Army installation in this area. It's got everything, and think what that Coletsin water would do for the morale of the troops.

Truman

Boss Ed Flynn of Greater New York and the Bronx has finally decided to go along with Harry Truman in his race for re-election. Flynn is using his head. In the past six months Harry Truman has shown more presidential qualifications than at any time previously in his career. Yet in the past six months Harry Truman has made more enemies and lost more democratic votes than during any previous time. It's too bad that a man can't make decisions which are for the good of the greatest number of people without stepping on the toes of a few who immediately make plans to scalp him.

The scalping of Truman will come in November and it will be done, not by the Republicans but by the Democrats who have already indicated that their ship of state is falling apart at the seams.

It's too bad, we think, for given another term in the White house Truman should certainly be able to continue the able manner of doing business which he has been operating under lately, and would probably improve on that.

If we had an ear bent our way from the presidential suite we'd make two or three recommendations. Primarily these would be . . . to tear up the treaties which were made with Russia at Yalta and Potsdam. Russia has indicated that she does not plan to follow these treaties and the secret agreements made at that time have been turned against the United States . . . secondly, we'd say to Harry Truman that now that he has decided to make a career out of being president we think that any rift within his party is only a temporary thing and that if he continues to keep the pace he has recently set he'll be able to, by a sheer show of capabilities, bring his party together. Mere politicking isn't going to bind the wounds which are hurting various democrats. It's going to take a strong show of leadership, both on a national and an international scale to bring those Southern Democrats back into the fold.

And it's going to take a strong show of leadership to bring about the type of world which the people of the United States desire.

This, we might say to Harry Truman, can be your year, but it's up to you to make it so.

Stassen

We wonder what goes on these days in the weighty councils of the Republican big and little wigs throughout the nation. Are they figuring out ways to pull rabbits out of hats in order to stop the band wagon on which Harold Stassen is rolling, or are they beginning to see the light and have begun planning ways of matching their contender with the Democrat's choice.

The Republican old guard, had up until the Nebraska results, looked upon Stassen as a mere flash in the pan. He just wasn't right for their plans. We wonder if they've revised any of their plans. From this corner it looks as though the majority of the plans need revision.

The people need a champion, they are looking for a leader. If the Republicans are looking for what the people want they'll select Stassen. However, if the old guard Republican's continue along their previously appointed path, they'll be sure to select someone who could be beaten by a actual lop-eared donkey.

The Oregon primaries, which will soon be upon us, will serve as a good barometer of the Minnesotan's possibilities for getting the presidency, if he gets the nomination.

The Republican convention this year is going to be a real hullabaloo. Election year in America comes but once every four year and it's like an old fashioned Fourth of July and a circus combined.

The main act this year has Taft, Dewey, Vandenberg, McArthur, Warren, and Stassen performing in the center of the ring. So far it's been a great show. If the old guard have their way, however, the main show will be anti-climactical to the Republican side show.

They'll present no opposition to the Democratic candidate. . . unless they change their minds and select Stassen.

The Weather

Summer came in with a lighted torch Monday. . . and it was 10 degrees hotter in Medford, naturally, than in Ashland. One often wonders why those people who live in Medford don't send their wives and families to the hill stations during the heat of the summer. Ashland would be a very nice hill station, it's a wonderful spot to spend a summer, cool, pleasant, refreshing breezes, cool water, and nice people. We'd recommend it to anyone looking for a summer home.

Through the Portals of the Ashland Library

Though the doors of your public library you may have access to the book collections of the nation. If one could visualize what this would be like—if the holdings of all the libraries of the country were in one collection—it would be awe-inspiring in its miles of book stacks. It would be a veritable labyrinth of learning! One would feel dwarfed and reverent as in a great redwood forest, where the growth of centuries is visible. Similarly libraries in the world have grown, from a few books to mammoth collections.

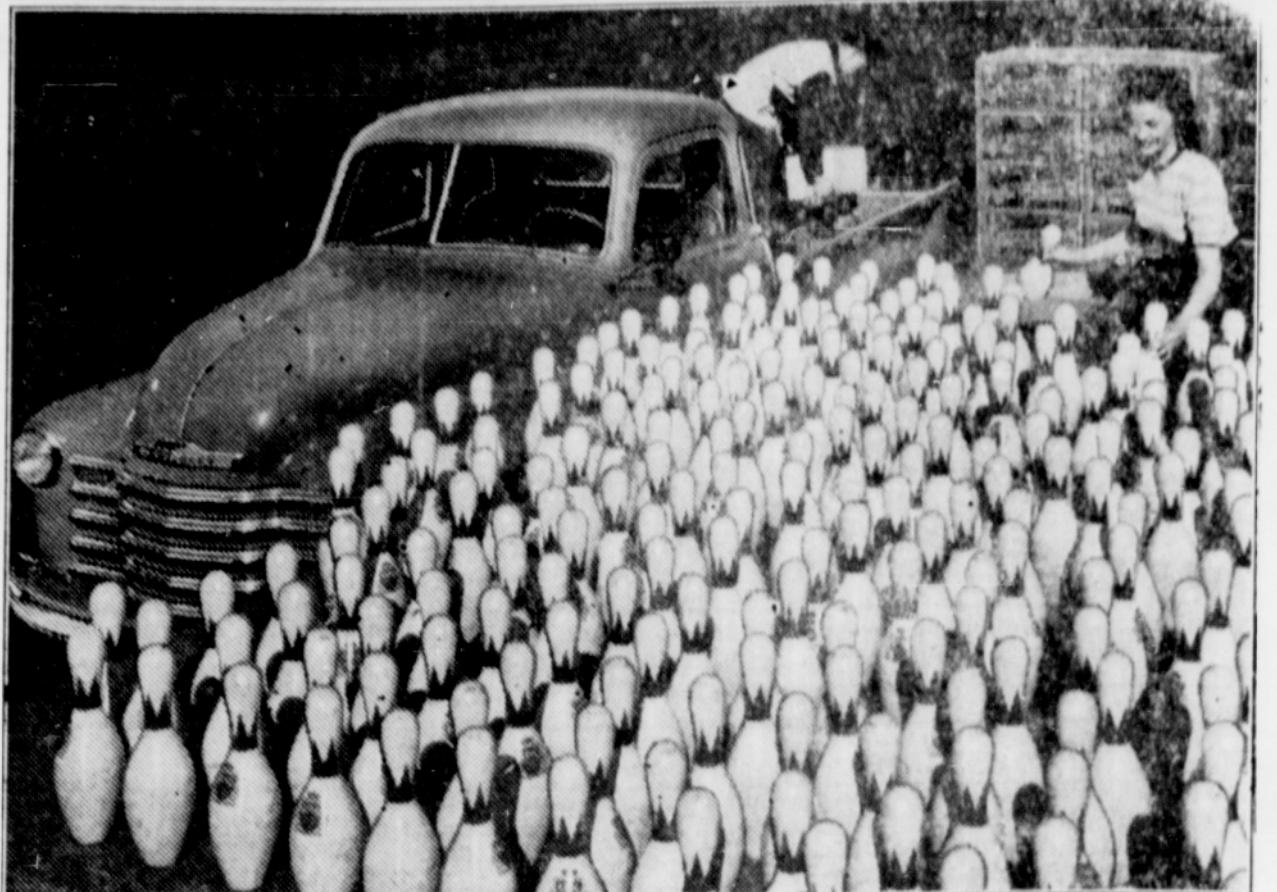
Until recently, the average individual who was interested in study and research along a particular line was forced to go to the libraries with large collections and tremendous resources. Now the serious student may live anywhere in the country and still carry on his work. The local library is the open door to whatever books are available in any library in the country.

The local public library works through the Oregon State Library, and through the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center. Any request for material that is not available in the Ashland Public Library is relayed to the Oregon State Library at Salem. If they do not have what is needed, they in turn send the request to the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center, which is located in Seattle at the University of Washington library.

They do not have the actual books at the Center, but a catalog of three million author cards which are marked by symbols indicating which of the thirty-six depository libraries in the region have a copy of the book. The borrowing library is then notified as to the nearest place the book can be obtained, and it is ordered by mail. In addition to supplying this type of information, the Center locates requests for magazine articles and even compiles bibliographies on subjects of a serious research. If the information needed is to be found only in a reference or rare book, upon request, the loaning library will make a photostatic copy at the expense of the borrower. Sometimes it is important to know the difference between various editions of a book and the Center will make this study. Where a local library needs assistance in ordering unusual books, or cataloging rare books, etc., this service is to be had.

They handle an average of fifty books a day for inter-library loans and write one hundred fif-

Some of the 75,000 ABC Pins Get Ready to Travel!



Did you know that rules of the American Bowling Congress call for daily replacement of the bowling pins on its 40 tournament alleys? This means some 75,000 new pins are used in the course of the event. The practice assures that every team will compete under exactly the same circumstances. In the photograph above a girl is repacking a few of the discarded pins for distribution by Chevrolet truck to privately owned bowling establishments.

ty letters and postals a day—all inter-library transactions, as requests from individuals are always referred back to their local library to avoid expense.

All of this excellent library service costs something. The expense of the Center is distributed to those libraries of the Pacific Northwest that are willing to co-operate—apportioned according to their budgets. The Ashland public library contributes \$20 a year.

In the past two years of this available service there has been only one request for it through the local library.

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