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Howard Hughes

IN ABOUT the time it takes a fast automobile driver to drive from Heppner to Reno, some 900 miles by the most direct route, Howard Hughes hopped this week from New York to Paris, some 3000 miles. The time was 16½ hours. By the time we read of his Paris landing in the Portland morning papers, a radio flash told of his having left Moscow headed northward, and quite probably by the time this is read he will be back home in Los Angeles with a new record time for circumnavigating the globe.

We of America are justly proud of Hughes' accomplishment. He just about halved the time of Lindbergh's memorable flight, another example of American leadership, and further evidenced his capability of turning a gold spoon into a useful instrument for the advancement of civilization.

Hughes is said to have inherited a fortune of some three million dollars, and from examples set by other scions of wealthy families, it might well have proved a millstone. But Hughes was ambitious. He flouted mature advice against the wisdom of going into moving picture production and made good. He accepted the challenge of the heavens as a field for advancing the speed of transportation and set a world's record for airplanes, only recently surpassed.

Of course the names of Lindbergh and Hughes are simply two of legion that have been graven in the record of historic annals. But they further prove supremacy of the American system in advancing the interests of mankind.

In this day of leftist movements, one may well stop and consider what might be accomplished if the mass of mental energy used up in worrying over what the government is going to do next were unshackled through elimination of government-run-everything and allowed to exert itself in channels of individual thought and effort. After all, national prosperity is the sum total of individual accomplishment and America still has the inventive genius and executive ability to put it into practice, opening up many new fields to absorb idle labor, when fear of what is going to happen next to deprive the individual of his liberty is removed.

Super Salesmanship

FROTH has been foaming from the mouths of some of the administration's head men over a doughty reporter's lucid exposition of their salesmanship abilities in the fields of liquor and insurance. It may be that Joseph P. Kennedy, whom the reporter termed Uncle Sam's ambassador to the court of Haig & Haig, and President Roosevelt's son James whose insurance super salesmanship was said to have made the young man quite a fortune are justifiably sore, though the reporter avers he only "scratched the surface" on son Jim.

Anyway, there have been many evidences of this administration's high powered salesmanship, and one that just about "takes the cake" was seen right here at home.

Mr. H. W. Poling is as fine a gentleman as we ever met and no doubt well qualified for his position: to

"explain" the new PWA set-up. All of which seems perfectly logical and reasonable IF Mr. Poling were sent for.

But Mr. Poling was not sent for. He was sent. By whom? The administration. An administration that has decided the people shall draw upon their combined credit for a billion or two dollars, obligate themselves for a larger amount individually, and spend their way to prosperity. Then, after deciding that the people shall do this, pay more of the people's money to send a man around to explain to them just how they may get this and that by borrowing from themselves sums that they may pay back to themselves after they have created a bunch of prosperity for themselves.

We do not wish to misrepresent. Mr. Poling did not attempt to "sell" exactly this idea. He merely presented the goods the administration has to offer, "take it or leave it." He was, however, to all intents and purposes, another of those super salesmen, and the story in a nutshell is that he is hired by the people to show them the advantage of borrowing from themselves and spending. But here's the nigger in the woodpile. The spending actually is to maintain the army of administration salesmen, such as Mr. Poling, whose mission actually is to sell the people upon what a generous thing the administration is doing for them.

The way the idea works in practice, actually, is that the governmental subdivision accepting administration benevolence can build about 45 percent cheaper without PWA assistance, and thus is not obligating itself to pay itself back the amount which it costs to keep the super salesmen on the payroll.

This paper extends sympathy to Stewart A. Hardie, editor of the Condon Globe-Times, whose mother, Mrs. Jane A. Hardie, 50-year Gilliam county resident, died at Condon Monday. Mrs. Hardie was a native of Perthshire, Scotland, born September 7, 1866, and came to Condon when 21 years of age. A highly respected citizen, Mrs. Hardie was the mother of ten surviving children.

The unexpected death Tuesday of Elbert B. Casteel, Umatilla county clerk, removed from active service a man of vision and industry who had played a prominent role in the development of his section as a political and civic leader. One of his last civic activities was holding the position of president of the Blue Mountain baseball league. As a merchant for many years at Pilot Rock, he gained respect and confidence of his community and reflected those

capabilities which caused the county to raise him to the position of clerk in which he had served half of his second term. Removed from active service at 50 years of age, Mr. Casteel leaves a vacancy not easy to fill.

U. O. Students Win Large Sum in Prizes

University of Oregon, Eugene, July 13—Students of the University of Oregon won more than \$8,000 in cash as well as considerable other material, as prizes and scholarships during the year just passed, it was announced by Dr. Donald M. Erb, university president. More than 120 students were recipients of awards, and a number of living organizations also received trophies.

Funds derived from the competitive scholarships and prize contests actually enabled many of the students to complete the year, it was pointed out. All of the prizes and scholarships, except those awarded by the state system of higher education, came from funds donated by individuals interested in student welfare.

MRS. SCOTT BROWN ILL

Scott Brown of Condon was in the city Tuesday making delivery of lambs which he sold to C. W. McNamer. Landed in March the lambs weighed 84 pounds. The first of his lambs were sold before at three months of age, the tops weighing 78 pounds and bringing 7½ cents, the highest market hit this year. Mr. Brown took some yearling cattle to Portland the end of the week and found a good market. While there he visited Mrs. Brown at Emanuel hospital. She went to Portland shortly before the Fourth to spend two months of rest and observation by a physician for an illness which she has suffered for some time. While at the hospital Mrs. Brown will keep informed of her many Morrow county friends through the Gazette Times. Mr. Brown expressed appreciation of both Mrs. Brown and himself for the considerateness of friends in this county.

NEW WHEAT AT MORGAN

Morgan should receive about 100,000 bushels of new crop wheat this season is the estimate of Elmer Griffith, warehouse manager there, who was in the city Tuesday, accompanied by his son. The Morgan section is now in full harvesting swing and the wheat is rolling in at a lively rate. Of the wheat so far delivered the red wheat is better quality than the white wheat, Mr. Griffith said. The white volunteer is quite light in weight and smutty.

LAWN PARTY ENJOYED

Ellen Nelson and Harriet Pointer entertained a group of their friends at a lawn party at the Nelson country home Saturday night. The feature of the evening was a treasure hunt which climaxed the various other games and stunts. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

The guests included Scott McMurdo, Paul Brown, Irene Beamer, Kathryn Parker, Louis and Jackson Gilliam, George Caskey, Kenneth and Ellwynne Peck, Nonie and Jimmie McLaughlin, Paul Edwards, Ted Thomson, Margaret Farley, Stuart Rankin, Kenneth and Paul Smouse, Bert Mason, Jr., Margaret and Milton Morgan, Harriet and Donald Heliker, Juanita Odom, Jimmie Healy, Earl Pettyjohn, Willard and Bernice Martin, Beulah Nichols, Norman and Alfred Nelson, Jr., Dimple and Archie Munkers.

ENJOYS MOTOR TRIP

J. L. Yeager returned the middle of last week from an enjoyable motor trip. Accompanying his son Ora of Yakima he went to Medford for a visit at the home of another son, James W., who was found located for the summer at Fish lake, some 85 miles from Medford where he was renting boats to fishing parties. The return trip was made by way of Crater lake where snow banks six to

eight feet high still remained along the roadside. The trip each way was made in a day's time and Mr. Yeager marveled at the ease with which the late model automobiles cover so great a distance so easily. Not once did his son change gears on the road, he said.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, JULY 20th.

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