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The Editors Meet

NEWSPAPER editors, and especially those in the daily field who have the larger responsibility in interpreting the rapidly changing world scene, must constantly gauge the tempo of the times. Thus, at the state publishers' annual summer convention at Gearhart by the sea last week end, was it meet that the two headline speakers should be men who have their fingers on the public pulse more constantly than most anyone in the entire region.

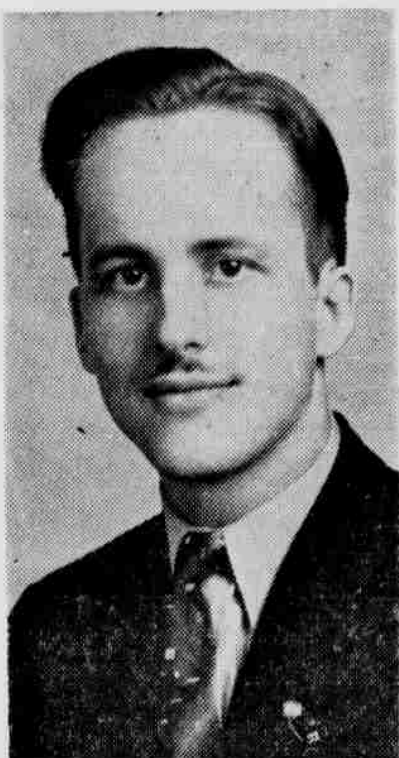
Robert Cavagnaro, New York representative of the Associated Press at San Francisco, whose job it is to help sift grain from chaff in world news for member newspapers over a wide area, told of "War Coverage and Propaganda." From advantage of personal interview with two recently returned foreign correspondents from whom inside information on the exact European reporting situation had been obtained, he was in a position to declare that American foreign correspondents had been doing a masterly job of reporting the facts under handicap of most exacting censorship. He averred that his association had been particularly careful to identify sources of information in every case where doubt might exist as to the facts reported, so that the newspaper reader might determine for himself how much of the story could be taken for fact and how much was intended to influence the public mind toward sympathetic interest with one or the other side of the belligerents involved. He believed that throughout the handling of war news to date newspapers as a whole had done a good job of giving an uncolored picture of the situation as it is, in the light of tremendous handicaps, thus conforming to the fundamental ethic of the profession, "truth in reporting."

Of exceptional timeliness, also, was the appearance of N. J. L. Pieper, special agent in charge of the San Francisco office, Federal Bureau of Investigation. Pieper warned against mass hysteria in dealing with "fifth column" activities, promising complete and thorough cooperation of FBI in investigating all reports of what might appear subversive activity against the country's interests. He declared the FBI had stopped bank robbery and kidnapping on a wholesale basis, and that, with newspaper and individual cooperation throughout the country, fifth columnists (a term he was not quite able to interpret because of degrees and variations) would also be brought under control. Times of social unrest, such as the present, he warned, are meat for the criminally-minded person everywhere, making it more necessary than ever before for the law-abiding citizen to be alert for the racketeer in every field. Pieper's talk was largely "off-the-record," but it showed that local, state and national law enforcement agencies are being effectively coordinated for handling the present emergency and that they may be relied upon to handle any situation that may arise. Definitely, no individual or group of individuals without proper governmental authority should attempt to take corrective measures into his or their own hands.

Much of the program was "shop talk," and being assembled at one of the state's finest recreation spots the fourth estate most naturally took the opportunity to relax from stress of work days, intermingling much play with business. Eastern Oregon was honored by selection of one of its progressive publishers, Giles L.

Escape European Holocaust

Missionaries of Pentecostal Church in Polish Corridor When Hostilities Began, Made Escape Through Germany and Sweden



Rev. Paul Williscroft

Rumble of wagons and the plodding of horses' hoofs on the cobblestone street past their door as Poland prepared to meet the invading forces of Hitler and his nazis still linger in the minds of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Williscroft who were forced to flee from their quarters in the Polish corridor last fall. The young missionaries, who left Yakima several years ago to carry on religious work in Danzig and Poland, returned to Yakima in April after an extended tour during which they told of their experiences, states the Yakima Daily Republic.

Rev. and Mrs. Williscroft will French, of the Sherman County Journal, to head the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association as president for the ensuing year, stepping up from the office of vice-president which he held last year.

In resolutions, the editors took a cue from the headline speakers, promising 100 percent cooperation in the move to arm the United States to the point where interference from any foreign nation will be particularly unhealthy for such intruder, and in the work to place fifth columnists under control.

Convention sessions proper extended through Friday and Saturday. Friday afternoon was taken off for a trip on the Columbia river on the coast guard cutter, Onandaga, with newsmen as guests of Major General George A. White, Oregon's national guard commander, who was making an official visit to the ship. Port of Astoria, Saddle mountain and the surrounding picturesque topography, including much-discussed Tongue Point, were scenic attractions along the boat's white-capped route, and boat's crew, host, and assistant hosts from the city of Astoria, of whom Merle Chessman of the Astorian-Budget was most considerate, provided inland land-lubber reporters with a treat not soon to be forgotten.

The trip over the Wolf Creek cut-off to the coast from Portland showed this road to be rapidly improving under construction now in progress, and the easy two-and-a-half hour drive would soon be cut to as easy a two hours, it appeared. Most heart-rending scene was the wide stretch of fire devastated area along the route where once stood a wealth of virgin timber.



Mrs. Paul Williscroft

speak at the Heppner Pentecostal church tomorrow (Friday) evening, according to announcement of Rev. S. D. Spiesz, local pastor.

The Williscrofts left the city of Torun in the Polish corridor seven days before the invasion of Poland. They made their journey with some difficulty to Danzig and from Danzig to Marienburg in East Prussia. Crossing of the Polish corridor was made on a German visa-free train, one of the last trains to cross this territory which separated East Prussia from the main part of Germany. By way of Berlin they went to Sweden and after a stay of three weeks in the Scandinavian countries they were finally able to arrange for passage for America.

"Since reaching America we have received direct word both from the German and Russian controlled areas of Poland from friends whose homes are in these lands and who remained there during the invasion," the Rev. Mr. Williscroft says. "There was a large German minority, especially in western Poland. Nazi propaganda which had been spread among these people gave them a desire to return to Germany, the country to which the territory belonged before the World war. In an

effort to make Poles out of these Germans and to counteract this propaganda the Polish government passed laws which sometimes were greatly to the disadvantage of this minority.

"As the invasion drew near the laws became more severe. Before we left Poland it was against the law to speak German. When hostilities actually broke out, action against these Germans became frenzied. Wholesale arrests were made of innocent persons and hundreds were murdered who had committed no crime."

The missionaries will show pictures to illustrate their talks.

Opportunities Told In Utilities Book

Designed to interest new capital in development of Columbia basin resources, a 48-page illustrated book, "River of the West," has just been released by Pacific Power & Light company for distribution to leading industrialists and investment groups throughout the United States, according to Ray P. Kinne, manager of the Heppner office.

Text of the book was written by

Robert Ormond Case, nationally known Pacific Northwest author, who has woven a wealth of factual material and historical background into a swiftly-moving story of the opportunities that exist in this region. More than eight months of research and editing went into production of the book, which is being published as a joint project of Pacific Power & Light company and its sister company, Northwestern Electric.

It is expected that the book will answer many questions asked by industrial engineers who are seeking new industries. It has been a difficult problem convincing eastern capitalists that the northwest is a good place in which to invest, as few of them have any idea of the resources and productivity of this section of the Pacific Northwest until the facts are presented.

Copies of "River of the West" are being mailed to a selected list of men in all parts of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Markham Baker of Ione are the parents of a baby girl born Saturday, June 22, at Heppner hospital. The young lady has been named Mardene May.

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