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For A Better Understanding— Gazette Times German Edition

This week's Gazette Times will look quite strange to most of our readers. Also, it will probably sound a little strange, at least a little different, from the kind of newspaper we usually publish. It does so for a reason.

The Gazette Times is privileged to have on its staff for this week, Juergen Dobberke, a Berlin, Germany newspaperman who is in this country as an exchange student to learn something of America and the American way of life. He is here to learn, and it should be that we should learn from him something of the German way of life.

During his short stay in Morrow county he has spoken of his country on three occasions—possibly a hundred or so people could hear him—and it is the feeling of this paper that all of our readers should have the opportunity to get some, even though small, understanding of how he would handle news stories and "makeup" a paper in his country. That is why this issue of the Gazette Times looks and sounds strange. He has written a few of the stories and he has guided us in the style we have used in making up the front page and the stories we have chosen to put on that page. It has been done approximately as it would be done on his paper in Berlin. Der Tag.

The purpose of the State Department's exchange program is to promote and develop a better understanding between nations and it is only logical that newspapermen who play a part in telling the people of each country what is going on in their own country, and in the rest of the world, should be included in such a program. Juergen Dobberke is in Heppner for five days to learn how we live in a small town and how a small town paper is published. We feel that we, too, should try to learn a little about his way of life and of the things he considers of prime importance. One way to do that is to let him guide us in what we say, and how we say it, in this week's Gazette Times. The stories that are played up this week as far as possible, are similar to the type of stories that would be played up in Germany—with one exception. That exception is, in most cases "Foreign Office", of world news takes the top spot on page one of Berlin papers. An American weekly paper normally does not cover such news so we took what would probably be second choice in Germany, "feature" or "human interest" stories for our top stories. Logically those stories should be written for us by Dobberke, as they have been.

The style of this week's page one headlines and the way the paper is made up is in keeping with German style too, yet to us the most important thing we have learned from him, and we hope our readers may realize from his stories, is the great amount of knowledge of America that he has absorbed in only six months. . . knowledge that he will take back to his country that he and his people may have a better understanding of the American people.

Dobberke has lived with the publishers of the Gazette Times during this week and it has given us an unmatched opportunity to learn from him much about Germany, its people and its problems that we did not know. Not every one here can live with him for a time, as we have, and to try to give to the rest of our neighbors a bit of that opportunity we have tried to let our paper do it for us this week. To those who are not familiar with the German language, the meaning in some of the phrases in his stories may be a little vague, yet if they are read carefully, most readers will find what we feel is a very deep understanding of America—an understanding that we who live here are too close to see or to realize.

If the government's exchange program is to be effective, we in America must get from Dobberke, and the others who come here under the program's sponsorship, a better understanding of what he and his people must face in their day-by-day life, what is the uppermost in their minds, how living is in a city that is divided by the Iron Curtain. If Dobberke's few stories can give us just a little better insight into Germany, a country that has for many years been a problem not only to the world, but also to itself, there is hope that eventually solutions can be found to the problems which confront the governments and the peoples of all the world.

Without a mutual understanding among all peoples, there can be no solutions. Juergen Dobberke's visit here, and our efforts through this paper today are but a small step toward a better understanding among peoples of the world. . . and we think it is a step in the right direction. When we all "know", maybe then can there be peace.

Letter to the Editor—

Dear Mr. Penland:
An incident which occurred in the daily work of the Congress last week was lost in the headlines of the more spectacular Washington news stories. I should, accordingly, like to call it to the attention of the readers of your newspaper.

The Forest Highways Appropriations Act, which is of major importance to us in the Pacific Northwest, contained ten million dollars this year rather than the fifteen million dollars which we felt necessary to maintain these roads. Making increases by amendment during legislative con-

sideration and debate is very unusual. Often tried, it rarely succeeds.

However, your freshman Congressman, Sam Coon, offered the necessary amendment, presented his case and despite spirited opposition, it was carried. The feeling of the House toward Sam is probably expressed by John J. Rooney, a Brooklyn Democrat, who led the opposition and who certainly is not known for his interest in our forest highways. As the Congressional Record shows, Rooney stated that any Republican who wants to oppose Sam's bill would be faced with a real problem. "It all emanates," he said, "from the gentility of the

gentleman from Oregon. There are very few members of the majority side who would care to vote against the amendment of the genial and distinguished gentleman from Oregon."

Rooney expresses in words better than I can just how highly Sam is thought of by his colleagues—an all important factor in accomplishment here.

While it is true that the others of us from the Pacific Northwest worked with him to sustain his amendment, the fact remains that he was a leader of the successful fight and it is to him that we doff our Congressional hats.
Sincerely yours,
Walter Norblad

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From files of the Gazette Times March 20, 1924

A barn on the Krebs Bros. ranch at Cecil was destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening, the fire originated from the branch line local.

Paul Webb, who is here from Walla Walla, states that he will again take charge of the big Webb stock ranch in this county, and later on rehabilitate the same.

Barney Doherty came in from his big Sand Hollow ranch on Sunday and was here for the St. Patrick's day ceremonies.

Jack Mulligan of the Pendleton Music House, was a visitor here over Sunday.

The Willing Workers of the Christian church will hold their usual monthly food sale at the store of Humphreys Drug company on Saturday, at which time there will be many good eats for the Sunday dinner.



PRIMARY CANDIDATES

The list of those who are due to land in the pilot house, in the rigging or hit the deck of Oregon's Ship of State was narrowed down to 272 candidates for nomination when filings closed last Friday. The May 21 primary election should reduce this figure to 175. At the top of the ticket Republican incumbent U. S. Senator Guy Gordon has no GOP opponent and State Senator Richard L. Neuberger, Democrat, has no opponent for his party. They are assured of being nominated and will scrap it out in November. Republican and Democrat candidates for congress in the 1st, 2nd and 4th districts have no opposition in their parties and are as good as nominated. In November it will be Rep. Walter Norblad (R) vs. Donnell Mitchell (D) in the 1st. Dist. In the 2nd Dist. Rep. Sam Coon (R) vs. Albert C. Ullman (D) and in the 4th Dist. Rep. Harris Ellsworth (R) vs. Charles O. Porter (D). In the 3rd Dist. Rep. Homer D. Angell (R) has two Republican opponents, Thomas Lawson McCall and A. W. Lafferty. One of three Democrats, Edith Green, S. C. Johnston or H. H. Stollard will be the Democratic nominee. Supreme Court Justices William C. Perry and James T. Brant are reelected without opposition

in the two nonpartisan positions. Incumbent Gov. Paul L. Patterson would like to be elected governor on the Republican ticket. As President of the 1953 Senate he became governor when Gov. Douglas McKay was appointed Secretary of the Interior. Patterson has served in the legislature during four sessions. He will be opposed by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry who has served five sessions in the Legislature and six years as secretary of state. The only Democratic candidate, and certain of nomination, is Joseph K. Carson. State Supt. of Public Instruction Rex Putnam is without opposition for reelection on the nonpartisan ballot. He has held this office with a record of high efficiency for 17 years which also is among the top records for length of service in a state office. There are two candidates for the Republican nomination for Labor Commissioner, S. Eugene Allen and Herbert E. Barker. The winner of this race will face Norman O. Nilsen the lone Democrat candidate.

LOSE IF THEY WIN

Operators of state liquor agencies can run for the Legislature, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton ruled this week. Before they throw a shoe running, however, they must resign if elected as legislators aren't permitted to have contractual relations with the state.

MUST LEARN THE HARD WAY

January-February convictions for violation of Oregon traffic laws were among the highest for any two month period. These violations are definite proof, says Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, that many individuals still do not recognize the role violations play in bringing on accidents. Nearly 15,000 persons were convicted of violating Oregon traffic laws during January and February. Most violations, officials say, do not stem from lack of knowledge of the law but from inattention or discourtesy of drivers. Newbry urges Oregon motor vehicle drivers to make "courtesy" their code on the highways.

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It is just dawning on duck hunters in Oregon that there is only half an open season in eastern Oregon and only half a season in the western half of the state. The ducks did it. The scatter gun toters are not blaming the game commission but they expect them to do something about it. Usually duck flights start in eastern Oregon a week or so before the season opens, tormenting the anxious hunters

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