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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry.

The President and Henry Ford, the tin-lizzie king, will confer at the White House Wednesday. Out of the meeting may come a plan for the ever-full gasoline tank, based upon the notion the more an autoist drives, the more gasoline on hand.

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Stanford students used "ice nickels" in pay telephones, to call their girl friends. This was not counterfeiting—just realizing on frozen assets.

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"Americanism: 'Down with any more pump priming!'—Where do we get in line to get ours?"—(Detroit News)—Spirit of the times.

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Young Democrats of Oregon in their annual conclave at Pendleton, "were divided into two camps." This is not much of a showing and a decline from the days when every Democrat was a camp unto himself, and fought accordingly.

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INCONSPICUOUS MOTHER.
(Paisley Items)

"Robert Helm has arrived from Richmond, Ore., and is announcing the birth of a son, Robert Edward Helm, Jr. The new arrival was born in a Bend hospital."

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Candidates attended a supper at Eagle Point Saturday night. Everything served was the best they ever ate, and four wanted the lemon pie recipe given to their wives.

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Excessive moisture in these parts has stopped the pioneer practice of calling every shower a $1,000,000 rain.

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"A large section crew is at work and one may at times see from four to six people on the only street here. Even a transient or hobo was here the other day."—(Wheeler (Ore.) Jottings)—Far from a maddening crowd.

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The lieutenant-governor of Washington state, in his efforts to call a special session of the legislature, during the absence of the Governor, exhausted every political and legal means to gain his end but one. As a jazz band leader, he might have threatened to play a saxophone solo, but didn't.

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YE ED IS TUCKERED.
(Wisconsin Bay Leaves)

"The editor made no particular effort to secure advertisements this week as he was busy with closing the books of the Village, attending Village board meetings, looking after an election, etc. Thanks for the advertisements which came in by mail."

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Portland is nominating Rose festival queens these days, but due to the excitement of finding out who is going to be elected state grange maestro, and the primary ado, the blondes and brunettes run third.

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"Wanted—A husband. I don't like to advertise for a husband, but if the right man advertises for a wife, I will answer his ad."—(San Diego (Cal.) Union)—Wherein a lady won't say no, and she will say yes.

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O. John Patton, who ran the bases for St. Paul when baseball was in its infancy, has his picture in the V. Shangle display window, and looks as nice as Col. Tou Velle of J'ville with a posy in his buttonhole.

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Scores of citizens flocked to the wooded spots and pastures over the week-end to pick wild flowers, and the police report a number of geraniums in front yards were yanked up by the roots by flower lovers.

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The wrestling matches last night, as usual, resulted in the combatants responding to centrifugal force, exactly as pre-ordained, with the minimum of horror and mayhem.

Don't miss the
MEDFORD JUNIOR SYMPHONY CONCERT
High School Auditorium
Tuesday, May 3rd

HIGHER EDUCATION BUDGETS DRAFTED FOR INSTITUTIONS

System Operating on 15 Per Cent Less State Funds Than 1929-30 Biennium — $84,364 for S.O.N.S.

CORVALLIS, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—Budgets for all institutions in the system of higher education for the fiscal year starting July 1 were passed today by the state board on essentially the same basis as for the current year. A number of supplementary requests were denied temporarily at least.

The board accepted the recommendation of its finance committee, and allocated $3,128,699.84 for instructional and related functions supported by unrestricted funds, and $1,033,717.03 for functions supported by restricted funds, mostly of private and federal origin.

Small Balance

Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter reported that prospective maximum income for the final year of this biennium will be $3,170,456, for unrestricted purposes, of which $862,623 or more than 20 per cent, will come from student fees. The board budgeted all but $41,756.16, the smallest emergency balance in recent years.

Supplementary requests totaling $55,894.34 were left without action with indications that those of emergency character would be acted upon later this summer or fall when prospective enrollments for the coming year may be more accurately estimated.

The finance committee jointed out that the system is operating this biennium on state funds $927,000 or 15 per cent below those provided in 1929-'30, even though enrolment is now at an all-time high. It is reported that since the low point of the depression registration had increased 108 per cent at the state college and 47 per cent at the university, though expenditures at these institutions over the same period have been increased only 23 and 21 per cent, respectively.

Funds Allocated

Allocations of unrestricted funds to the various institutions and divisions follow:

University of Oregon	$ 903,942.00
Oregon State College	1,232,104.00
Medical School	325,776.52
Oregon Normal	176,819.00
So. Oregon Normal	84,364.29
Eastern Oregon Normal	71,961.08
Fed. Co-Op. Extension	42,565.00
General Extension	66,934.00
Agricultural Research	79,254.00
General Research	4,540.00
Centralized Activities	94,125.95

Additional "earmarked funds" held for use during the year include for the general research council, $10,000; production and marketing research, $11,000; building repairs, $11,814; equipment replacements, $12,500, and miscellaneous, $7,000.

Of the restricted funds budgeted less than one-third comes from state tax sources, the committee announced, the remainder coming from gifts, summer sessions fees, and federal and county appropriations.

Restricted fund allocations are: University of Oregon, $39,054; Oregon State college, $55,032.25; medical school, $127,677.30; Oregon normal, $700; federal co-operative extension, $456,695; general extension, $62,449; and agricultural experiment station research, $311,519.48.

Appointments Listed

A total of 61 new appointments were listed.

Lists of more important personnel changes included:

New appointments:

Southern Oregon Normal School—Martha Addy, Dorothea Bushnell, Margaret Cason, Helen King, Ethel Stickard, Edith Darby, Anne Hoopers, Ethel Johnson and Eva Wear, training school teachers.

General Extension—John A. Spaulding, professor of German.

Resignations and releases:

(Assistant professors and above).

Southern Oregon Normal School—Eva White, assistant professor, general instruction.

Norway ranks first and Japan second as the source of supply of fishing tackle imported by the United States. Canada is the largest market for fishing tackle exports from this country.

VOLUNTEER GROUP WORKS TO UPHOLD RIGHTS OF CIRCUS

License Levy, Pass Abuse Is Fought by Organized Big Top Fans—Wagon Carving Decline Is Lamented.

By PRESTON GROVER

WASHINGTON.—We have just talked to Melvin D. Hildreth, the Washington lawyer-president of the Circus Fans Association, Inc., and our hair is full of tan-bark.

The association includes a thousand lawyers, bankers, movie actors and storekeepers pledged to work without pay or passes to perpetuate circuses. We can't help it if some of the things they do appear to be a bit bughouse. From a circus point of view they are as valuable as sunny weather.

The organization was started in Washington 13 years ago. Since then the capital has cut its tax on its big circuses from $400 a day to $160. San Antonio has done even better. Circuses used to avoid San Antonio. The city tax was $1,000 a day and city officials demanded oceans of passes.

That Ended That

Then Harry Hertzberg, millionaire attorney, a circus fan, took over. He asked the city officials why they should get so many passes, hinting he would make the whole thing public. The officials, in retaliation, threatened to harass circus employes by arresting them for irregular parking or selling peanuts. Herzberg answered by putting a lawyer and a bondsman in every court on circus day. That ended that.

Governor Allred of Texas also is a member of the association. Once he vetoed a bill that had been enacted to punish circuses because legislators had not gotten all the passes they wanted.

We didn't know that it mattered, but Mr. Hildreth said the society was alarmed at the decadence of the art of carving circus wagons. Circus-wagon carvers are rare.

On the other hand, there is a plethora of American circus performers. A few years ago America had to comb Europe for acts. Now it's the reverse.

Taking Movie Tip

The society is trying to build up individual performers the way the movies build up stars. Probably you should know also that a Mr. Davis of Bridgeport, Conn., a member, is writing a history of circus elephants. He has a hair from every elephant about which he has written.

Circuses, says Mr. Hildreth, are very careful of their reputations. They are proud to boast that they have never needed a censor. Ringling Brothers circus, with 42 railroad cars ablaze with paint, passed through Washington a day or two back for the opening in New York. The car in which the unmarried girl performers travel has no end doors so other performers may not walk through.

Also, said Hildreth, the performers were ablaze with enthusiasm. They predict 1938 will be a boom season, depression or no depression. They expect help from Gargantua, the gorilla.

Incidentally, the society is burned up about the Metropolitan opera. Hildreth says even its most expensive tickets bear no federal tax because the opera is a cultural institution. The fans are lobbying to have circus tickets exempt, too, at least the end seats where mama and papa go with the kiddies. They insist the circus, as viewed from the end seats, is as cultural as the opera.

LIFE'S JUST A GRIND FOR PEDALING GRINDER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—(AP)—The life of 64-year-old J. L. Hadsock is a daily grind. He's a scissors and knife grinder and you can see him any day pedaling around on his bicycle looking for customers.

When he finds a client, the bicycle chain is connected to an emery wheel mounted between the handlebars. A few whirls of the pedal, and the job is done.

Chief Ready for Race

The Chief, chestnut son of Pennant-Transit, shown during a workout for the Kentucky derby at Churchill Downs, May 7, is a stablemate of Stagehand, one of the top favorites. Both horses are owned by Maxwell Howard and trained by Earl Sande, onetime leading jockey.

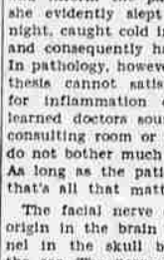
Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

DOES COLD CAUSE FACIAL PALSY?

Gooseflesh, chilblains and frostbite are, to date, the only ailments definitely due to cold.



In stating this fact I do not mean to imply that cold may not be a contributing or an aggravating factor of numerous other ailments—bellyache, for example, and reasoning purely from analogy I should think one with almost any ache would be more comfortable if he keeps nice and warm. And for that matter, I have plenty to argue about, without questioning the common belief that a victim of chronic rheumatiz, whatever ails him, suffers less in a mild warm climate or in summer than in a cold climate or in winter. At the same time, without uttering one word in the presence of Mr. or Mrs. Wiseacre, I reserve my conviction that neither the climate nor the weather nor the amount of clothing the victim wears nor the degree of artificial warmth he maintains in the atmosphere in which he lives has a thing to do with the etiology of his ailment.

From way back the great doctors, authorities, specialists and all have "pronounced" facial palsy to be due to exposure of the face to cold. For example, when the patient wakes one morning and finds he can't whistle, frown, wink or even smile—as the trouble most often manifests itself—it is comparatively easy for the learned doctor to shake his head and inform the patient that he or she evidently slept in a draft last night, caught cold in the facial nerve and consequently has facial neuritis. In pathology, however, such an hypothesis cannot satisfactorily account for inflammation of a nerve—but learned doctors sounding off in the consulting room or in the sick room do not bother much about pathology. As long as the patient is impressed, that's all that matters, isn't it?

The facial nerve emerges from its origin in the brain through a channel in the skull bone just behind the ear. The nerve is frequently involved in chronic middle ear inflammation, and this accounts for many instances of facial palsy ascribed to "cold" or exposure to cold draft on the face.

Sciatica is inflammation of the great sciatic nerve, the largest nerve in the body, half as thick and wide as your thumb. In many cases sciatica is found to be caused by pressure upon the sciatic nerve trunk back of the hip, from subluxation of the sacro-iliac junction. Partial dislocation, relaxation, slipped innominate as the osteopaths call it—the osteopaths recognized these not uncommon sacroiliac sprains, strains or relaxations long before we regulars did, and in my opinion an osteopath is the right one to consult when you have sciatica, lumbago or any similar disability. In as many cases sciatica is a neuritis of infective character, usually focal infection due to bacteria or their toxins from some long neglected septic focus elsewhere in the body.

Obviously no specific remedy for sciatica can be indicated. In each case the diagnosis and treatment are problems for the physician to solve after careful examination.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Bigger Brady Better Baby Book

Postcard message: Please send Baby Book to . . . (T. F. G.)

Answer—Only correspondents who comply with instructions can procure a free copy of the Bigger Brady Better Baby Book. These are the instructions: Ask for it, in your own writing—no clipping will suffice. Inclose a regular size stamped envelope bearing your address. If the envelope is less than 3¾ by 6 inches, no baby book.

Radio Spaghetti

Rubber tubing on the bows of spectacles to prevent soreness behind the ears is soon softened and rotted by oil from the skin. I have found that radio spaghetti serves the purpose more satisfactorily. This is a fabric tube impregnated with a synthetic varnish impervious to oil—it is obtainable at any radio supply shop. (E. Y. S.)

Answer—Thank you. Perfectly adjusted spectacle bows seldom cause such soreness.

Lettuce and Onions

I am 72, have taken a great fancy to eating lettuce and onions at two meals nearly every day. It is my favorite salad. Will it hurt me in any way? (Mrs. M. A.)

Answer—No, it is a healthful habit.

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Man About Manhattan

By GEORGE TUCKER

NEW YORK.—It was to be a night of bridge. For blood. Four men in shirt sleeves gathered about a table dealing and shuffling the little spotted cards. And no women. No gossip. No endless chatter and tedious pauses between bids.

GEORGE TUCKER

"You will have to pinch hit for me," said Charles, who is a doctor. "But you will have a good time. Dick Maney, Morton Downey and Conrad Miller will be there At my house. I asked them to come and now I have to go and take out a jeweler's appendix. You'll find the key in the mailbox. But the others will probably be there. Move right in. Help yourself. Everything you want will be in the ice box and on the kitchen table."

And so I cancelled an appointment to meet C. L. Martin, the writer, at the library, where we were going to look up a lot of data on early New York murders.

And I went up to Charles' house, about 8:30. I wanted to see Dick Maney, who is a poet and a publicist and I wanted to see Morton Downey, who is Irish and a singer. Maney and I have a half-date to go to New Orleans on a banana boat soon, and it would be a good time to discuss it with him.

But when I got there a cheery fellow whom I had never seen met me at the door. "My name's Green," he explained. "Morton Downey couldn't get here and I'm taking his place. Hope you don't mind."

Green was a tall, very lanky fellow and a good companion. And in a few minutes, since the others hadn't come, we went back into the kitchen and got out the ice and mixed a few cool glasses of water, to ease our thirst.

As the ice water sank home and we began to feel like old friends, the door bell jangled, and in walked another lad neither of us had ever seen.

"Say," he said, "I'm taking Dick Maney's place, if it's okay with you. He got a wire from Guthrie McClintic to meet him in Philly, and he just can't get here. Something about a new show. Hope you chaps don't mind too much."

"Well, that's fine," cried Green. "You must be thirsty after your long journey. Come into the kitchen where the hydrants are."

His name, I forgot to mention, was Bill Teller, and that's what he was, a teller at a downtown bank, and by the time Bill had refreshed himself at the hydrant somebody was clamoring at the door and it was our fourth at bridge.

And of course, as you've guessed, it wasn't Conrad Miller at all. It was his brother-in-law, a blond, good natured Swede. Because Conrad had a sore throat and didn't want to risk pneumonia. And rather than break up the game he sent his brother-in-law.

Well, there we were, four guys who had never seen one another, sitting down to a table in a house in Manhattan. In shirt sleeves. And no women. Just as planned. I will say here that the Swede won, although I had good cards and should have walked off with the chicken. Come to think of it, I did get some of the chicken. It was cold and fried. We found it in the ice box.

On the Radio Chains

STATIONS

Where to Find Them on the Dial: KEX, Portland, 1180; KFI, 640, Los Angeles; KGA, 1470, Spokane; KGO, 790, San Francisco; KGW, 620, Portland; KJR, 970, Seattle; KNX, 1050, Los Angeles; KOA, 830, Denver; KOIN, 940, Portland, KOMO, 926, Seattle; KPO, 680, San Francisco; KSL, 1130, Salt Lake.

Tuesday

5:00—(NBC) Vox Pop, KOA; Heidt's Brigadiers, KPO, KFI, KGW; Beaux Arts Trio, KGO, KEX, (CBS) Maurice's Orch., KNX, KOIN.

5:30—(CBS) Goodman's Orch., KOIN, KSL KNX. (NBC) McGee & Molly, KPO, KFI, KGW; Jamboree, KGO, KGA.

6:00—(NBC) Ripley, KPO, KFI, KGW; Jamboree, KGO, KGA. (CBS) White's Orch., KNX.

6:30—(NBC) Jimmy Fidler, KPO, KFI, KGW; Music Festival, KGO, KGA, KEX. (CBS) Silhouettes, KNX, KOIN.

6:45—(NBC) How To Win Friends, KPO, KGW, KFI. (CBS) Rhythm in the Breeze, KNX, KOIN.

7:00—(NBC) Amos & Andy, KPO, KFI, KGW; Postmaster General Farley, KGO, KGA, KEX. (CBS) Jack Fulton, KSL; Scattergood Baines, KNX, KOIN.

7:15—(CBS) Screen Scoops, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Vocal Varieties, KPO, KFI, KGW.

7:30 — (CBS) Al Jolson, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Johnny Presents, KFI, KGW, KPO; Breese's Orch., KGO.

8:00—(NBC) Death Valley Days, KPO, KFI, KGW; Kay's Orch., KGO, KGA, KEX. (CBS) Al Pearce, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

8:30 — (CBS) Big Town, drama, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Marshand's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Craig's Orch., KGA, KEX.

9:00—(CBS) Sports, KNX, KOIN KSL. (NBC) Good Morning Tonight, KPO, KFI, KGW; Agnew's Orch., KEX.

9:30 — (NBC) Old Memory Box, KGO, KGA, KEX; Trumbauer's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW.

10:00 — (NBC) News, KPO, KFI, KGW. (CBS) Organist, KOIN.

10:15 — (NBC) Ravazza's Orch, KPO, KGW. (CBS) Art of Conversation, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

10:30 — (NBC) Ravazza's Orch., KFI; Van's Orch., KGA, KGO, KEX

10:45—(NBC) Songs, KPO, KFI, KGW. (CBS) Nelson's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL.

11:00—(NBC) Deroko's Orch., KPO, KGW, KFI; Five Star Final, KGO, Organist, KGA, KEX. (CBS) King's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN.

Wednesday

5:00—(CBS) Grace Moore, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Town Hall, KOA; Symphony Orch., KGO, KEX; Organist, KPO, KFI.

5:30—(CBS) Organist, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Under Western Skies, KGA, KGO, KEX; Behind the Footlights, KPO; Violinist, KFI.

5:45—(CBS) Headlines, KNX, KOIN. (NBC) Stories of Life, KPO.

6:00—(CBS) Gang Busters, KSL. (NBC) Kyser's Music, KPO, KFI, KGW; Car Dealer's Program, KGO, KGA.

6:30—(CBS) Jack Shannon, KNX, KOIN. (NBC) Minstrel Show, KGO.

7:00—(NBC) Amos & Andy, KFI, KGW, KPO. (CBS) Jack Fulton, KSL; Scattergood Baines, KOIN, KNX.

7:15—(CBS) Lum & Abner, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Uncle Ezra, KPO, KFI, KGW.

7:30—(CBS) Ben Bernie, KNX, KOIN, KSL. (NBC) Kay's Orch., KGO, KEX; Heidt's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW.

8:00 — (NBC) Town Hall, KPO, KGW, KFI; Busse's Orch., KGO, KGA. (CBS) Cavalcade of America, KNX, KOIN, KSL.

8:30 — (NBC) Hill's Orch., KGO, KGA. (CBS) Brandwynne's Orch., KNX.

9:00—(NBC) Dorsey's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Candulla's Orch., KGO. (CBS) Gang Busters, KNX, KOIN.

9:30 — (NBC) Trumbauer's Orch., KPO, KFI, KEX; Waltz Interlude, KGO, KGA, KGW. (CBS) Brandwynne's Orch., KOIN; Sports, KNX.

9:45—(NBC) Univ. Explorer, KGO.

10:00 — (NBC) News, KPO, KFI, KGW; Mozet's Orch., KGO, KGA. (CBS) Cook & Grant, KOIN.

10:15 — (NBC) Ravazza's Orch., KPO, KGW. (CBS) Your Witness, KSL, KNX, KOIN.

10:30 — (NBC) Ravazza's Orch., KFI; Trumbauer's Orch., KGO, KGA, KEX.

10:45—(NBC) Songs, KPO, KFI, KGW (CBS) Parker's Orch., KSL, KOIN, KNX.

11:00—(NBC) Kay's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Five Star Final, KGO; Organist, KGA, KEX. (CBS) King's Orch., KNX, KOIN, KSL.

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

UP AT Pendleton on Saturday night, Governor Martin made a speech to the Young Democrats of Oregon, duly assembled in state convention.

When he arrived in the convention city, he carried in his pocket a PREPARED speech, but by the time he got up to talk his mind was full of things that HE HIMSELF wanted to say, so he tossed aside his carefully written manuscript and waded into his subject extemporaneously.

Judging by newspaper reports, it was worth listening to.

WHEN Governor Martin speaks his own thoughts, in his own blunt but quite human and charming way he is ALWAYS worth listening to. It is only when he permits professional political handlers, through the medium of prepared speeches, to put weasel words (as Woodrow Wilson called them) into his mouth that he fails to be impressive.

GOVERNOR MARTIN came down into Southern Oregon last fall, and while here he made a number of speeches at various gatherings held in his honor or at which he was a guest of honor.

His speeches were of two kinds—carefully prepared manuscripts written by political advisers (which were uniformly dull and dry and tiresome) and his own extemporaneous talks, made on the spur of the moment and expressing unquestionably his own opinions, which without exception were sparkling and witty and OBVIOUSLY SINCERE.

His prepared manuscripts left his hearers bored and more than a little disappointed, while his extemporaneous talks brought them out on the edges of their chairs, cheering and enthusiastic.

THIS writer, who is a lifelong Republican, expects to vote for Governor Martin next fall if the Democrats nominate him this spring.

When the governor is himself speaking out in public in his own picturesque but fearless way, this purpose is a whole-hearted one and is pleasant to contemplate. In these days of wordy and windy demagogism, when promising ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING is the rule, it is a real pleasure to have someone like Martin to vote for.

It is only when he lets his political handlers put words in his mouth that he doesn't believe (as he does every now and then) that this writer's enthusiasm has a tendency to COOL OFF.

WRITERS CLUB MEET MOVED TO WEDNESDAY

Medford Writers' club will meet Wednesday at 8 p. m. in the Hotel Medford, instead of tonight as originally announced. The meeting was postponed to accommodate several members unable to attend tonight.

Among guests will be Isobel Stuart, Hollywood script girl and Collier's writer, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Stuart.

The club meets every two weeks and all writers are invited to attend. Manuscripts of members are read and discussed, and members report on stories and articles sold.

Use Mail Tribune Want Ads.

Flight o' Time

Medford and Jackson County history from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
April 26, 1928
(It was Thursday)

William Edward Hickman, child slayer and kidnaper, awaiting hanging in San Quentin prison, is granted stay when high court appeal taken.

Al Smith leads as democratic presidential nominee.

Farm aid bill opposed by corn belt states.

Harry Skyrman, who for the past three years has been assistant city attorney, takes up private practice.

Spanish war veterans of the valley hold their annual picnic at Ashland.

Time draws near to spray for codling moth.

Southern Oregon Federation of Women's clubs to hold annual meeting Friday.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY
April 26, 1918
(It was Friday)

Joe T. Gagnon leaves on business trip to Portland.

Syd I. Brown is confined to his home with the measles. The Brown children are also down with the same ailment.

Little snow at Crater lake and an early season is predicted.

Robert Hammond of the telephone company inspects lines on Sardine creek.

Only $9500 remains to be subscribed by Medford for Liberty loan quota.

Allies make further gains along the Western front.

The Capital Parade

(Continued from Page One)

have made steady dues payments a prerequisite of union membership. When their members have lost their jobs, the unions have required them to pay up all back dues before allowing them to work as union men again. By excuting jobless C.I.O. men from dues payments, Mr. Lewis kept the C.I.O. membership almost intact.

The unemployment committees were then established everywhere to give the jobless, non-dues paying C.I.O. men a sense of still belonging to the C.I.O. The committees have three duties. They must tell all unemployed union members what their rights are in the relief set-up and how to get relief. They must help the unemployed on to the relief rolls. And they must watch over enrollees, to see that they get everything that is coming to them.

For the jobless C.I.O. men, the unemployment committees have performed precisely the same function as the Tammany district leaders used to perform for the poor in their districts. The political potentialities of the committees are obvious. Less obvious is the potentiality they have of increasing C.I.O. enrollment.

By a shrewd arrangement of Mr. Lewis', the jobless C.I.O. men are asked to make a sort of bargain with the unemployment committees. They are given valuable help in getting relief. In return, they are expected to become unpaid C.I.O. organizers among other relief workers. In Detroit, for example, the unemployment committee of the United Automobile Workers' General Motors local finds Bill Smith a place on the WPA. In return, Bill Smith enrolls in the U. A. . any non-union motor worker who may be jobless. The newly enrolled jobless are excused from dues just as Bill Smith is.

Thus a new class of C.I.O. members is being built up. They, too, are being helped by the unemployment committees, and Mr. Lewis and his C.I.O. friends count on their loyalty in the future. Enough of them have already come in to make the C.I.O.'s depression recruitment remarkably impressive.

Of course, the C.I.O., while it has maintained its enlistment, has lost tens of thousands of dues-paying members. From a financial point of view, Bill Smith is even a slight liability to Mr. Lewis' outfit. But Mr. Lewis and his friends are still spending no more than they are taking in, and meanwhile they are finding their new program so successful that they have no time to worry much about their income.

Mr. Lewis himself has devoted the greater part of his time this winter to the development of the unemployment committees. With him, also working hard, have been Ralph Hetzell, C.I.O. unemployment director, who is officially in charge of the program, and Lee Pressman, the C.I.O.'s shrewd, far-sighted general counsel.

It's too early to prophecy just how far the committee program can go. Much has already been done in bringing workers not immediately eligible for C.I.O. membership into contact with the labor movement. Much more can be done. An important foothold in the relief set-up has been gained here and there. In cities where the relief administrators permit the C.I.O. committees to certify workers as eligible for relief. The foothold may be increased. Altogether the C.I.O.'s experiment is something to watch very closely. Messrs. Lewis, Hetzell and Pressman will make as big a thing of it as they can.

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