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The Happy Warrior Departs

A wit's a feather, and a chief a rod;
A honest man's the noblest
Work of God.

That might well be a fitting epitaph for Al Smith, great Democratic leader and former Governor of New York who died yesterday.

For the outstanding trait of the "Happy Warrior" was his honesty. We don't mean Al was merely a man of his word, but at all times and under all conditions he "dared to be TRUE."

He never faked anything in his life. He never pretended to be anything but what he was,—HIMSELF. Al was a product of the squalid tenement districts of Greater New York, with little schooling, even less of what might be termed culture; but he was naturally a "wit," and just as naturally a "chief"—a born leader of men.

Even so his uncompromising integrity, his genuineness, overshadowed all his other worthy qualities, and will live in the grateful memory of his friends long after he has gone.

AL came up the hard way from the "Sidewalks of New York"; he remained to the end extremely provincial as most native New Yorkers are; but when good common sense was looked for and wise counsel with no frills, loyal Democrats from all over the country, went up to Al's tower in the Empire State Building on Fifth Avenue, and never failed to come away invigorated and renewed. He held this power over the minds and affections of his friends until the very end.

THE two great sorrows of Al Smith were his break with President Roosevelt over the New Deal, and the death of his wife, only a few months ago.

Al recovered from the former, but he never recovered from the latter,—and this too was characteristic of the man.

For Al Smith was a man of very strong feelings and stronger loyalties. He was devoted to his party, even more devoted to his home. Al was able to stage a courageous comeback when his PARTY left him,—Al always said he never left the party,—but it was just too much, when he had to say goodbye forever, to "pretty Kitty Dunn!"

Can't Something Be Done?

What can be done about these deer hunting fatalities?

Two young men dead already, and less than a week gone!

It is deplorable enough at any time. But in time of war, with sharpshooters and ammunition so needed at the front, sacrificing lives for the sake of a few days of outdoor sport, does seem shameful as well as tragic!

FOR years this paper has issued warnings at the start of the deer season,—never shoot until you see the antlers, etc., etc.,—but what good has it done? Absolutely NONE.

Put a crowd of men and boys in the woods with guns, and open the season on these inoffensive animals, and results apparently are always the same,—a certain proportion of the nimrods invariably shoot first and investigate afterward,—a tragic sequence!

WELL we know what we would do if we were Governor. We would close the hunting season for the duration, and make only two exceptions.

One: predatory animals could be killed by anyone at any time.

Two: Wild game like bear and deer could be killed by those who live in the foothills and the woods at any time. They could be killed by others only when the "others" AGREED UNDER OATH only to shoot what they need,—or can use,—for FOOD,—and then only for a very short time.

BEFORE the various and assorted sportsmen's clubs hereabouts arise and send insulting letters to "ye editor" let it be stated clearly,—ye editor fully realizes if he were residing in the executive mansion at Salem, and issued any such ruling he wouldn't be Governor very long.

No indeed! He would be lucky if, the first time thereafter he walked across the state house lawn, he was not mistaken for a buck and shot dead by some one with a red cap over his head and nothing IN it!

Watch the Philippines

Incidentally it is not difficult now to see what Japan is trying to do—and has been undoubtedly ever since her defeat in Guadalcanal.

She has given up any idea of retaining the South Pacific islands between the Philippines and Australia.

The troops and ships she has lost in that area have been written off under the heading of "expendables."

But she does intend—if she can—to retain land and sea control from Singapore through the Philippines and Formosa to Korea and Japan, including the East and South China seas.

At least that is the way it looks to this typewriter strategist.

So when the all-out U. S. attack on the Philippines starts, you can expect to see the fur fly. Japan is really going to fight in all-out fashion for those islands, as she has not fought in the South Pacific up to now.

In fact the war with Japan may well be decided—and ended—right there—except for certain mopping up operations!

CITY OF POETS

Cambridge, Mass.—(U.P.) Critic Van Wyck Brooks reports that in post-Civil War days Cambridge was so thickly populated with literary men that when one little girl said to another, "Your grandfather is a poet, is he not?" the natural reply could be only, "Why, yes, isn't yours?"

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon

Washington, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—There is a commonly prevailing notion the republicans will win if Dewey loses. This is an easy assumption which takes the fullest possible liberties with the inner facts of the situation.



Dewey is essential to bring both houses of congress into the republican column. Or rather it is, unless the voters go in for an unprecedented amount of ticket-splitting and turn entirely away from the democratic list after checking Mr. Roosevelt.

THE republicans have their best chance in the house. There the lineup today is: Republicans 212, democrats 216, vacancies 3, other parties 4.

Without the aid of a pencil, a glancing observer might conclude the house to be certainly republican, as only six more seats are needed. Maybe—but the unnoticed fact inside the matter is that the republicans already fully hold the congressional field outside the cities and the rigid, if not solid, south.

They may logically figure to pick up a seat in Seattle, and one or two in Kentucky, one in Wisconsin and some others similarly scattered. But unless Dewey pulls in a lot of districts now designated democratic (or there is heavy ticket splitting) a republican majority in the house cannot now be calculated in the strong terms that are being used on the stump and among the commentators.

STRONG republican gains in the senate are sure. Offhand about six democratic seats are certainly in such dire danger that the republicans already have one hand on them, and the democratic loss will no doubt be greater, even if Mr. Roosevelt oozes through. (Hazardously held democratic seats include those of Idaho, Utah, Oklahoma, Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey and doubtful are California, New York, Kentucky, Maryland and Connecticut.)

But a gain of 12 seats is necessary for the republicans to win the senate, and this is at least twice as difficult an assumption to accept at this time.

PEOPLE do not appreciate the critical importance of congressional elections, no doubt because they cannot visualize so many races around the country, whereas the presidential race is expressed in two single opposing personalities. But it has equal importance this year with the president upon the future course of government.

Ohio's Senator Burton (republican) has said that inasmuch as the congress is certain to continue an anti-new deal (and it is) the voters can get coherent government only by electing Dewey.

The southern democrats are answering back that they may be anti-new deal but as yet not republican. This is true, but on economic issues—the important one which will make the country what it is to be—they will vote more often as republicans will vote than as new dealers do.

The following conclusions are assurable:

THE new deal is dead and cannot be revived. Mr. Roosevelt will have no chance to swing both houses to his way upon any controversial issue, national or international, unless he gets the votes out of the republican party. The Hillman crowd which is backing him can be paid off only in executive actions, not by governmental action.

In short, Mr. R.'s victory would continue a stalemate in which the king may squirm and complain, but can seldom make

Which Shall It Be?



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I Intend to Vote For— Governor Dewey President Roosevelt

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Flight o' Time Medford and Jackson Co. History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10, 20, and 34 years ago.

10 YEARS AGO TODAY October 5, 1924 (It was Friday) Paul Dean, brother of Dizzy, defeats Detroit 4 to 1, in third game of World Series.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY October 5, 1914 (It was Sunday) NRA veers from price fixing to free marketing. Fruit shipments from valley to date total 1600 cars.

34 YEARS AGO TODAY October 5, 1900 (It was Wednesday) Terror and anarchy sweep Portugal. Police hot on trail of Los Angeles Times dynamiters.

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REGISTRY BRISK IN FINAL DAYS With only two days left after today for voters to register for the general election November 7, registration continues brisk at the county clerk's office. The books close Saturday, a month before the election.

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JACKSON COUNTY DEMO CAMPAIGN GIVEN IMPETUS

Democratic activities in Jackson county were given a good sendoff last night as many members of the party gathered at the K. of P. hall following an automobile parade and listened to state and county candidates expound party and personal ideals.

V. D. Miller, county Demo chairman from Ashland presided and introduced first Henry Aiken of Heppner, state party chairman who discussed general campaign strategy. He was followed by Edgar Smith, candidate for U. S. senator, who warned that the nation must steer clear of isolationism after the war. He urged voters to send candidates to Congress who would take a firm stand in American participation in world affairs.

William Lambert of Portland, democratic candidate for state treasurer, said that if elected he would, as a member of the state board of control, bend every effort to correction of the Boys' Reform school to a type similar to Father Flannigan's famed Boys' Town.

Lambert was followed by Col. Ted Hopkins of Rogue River, speaking in behalf of Floyd K. Dover, candidate for representative to congress. He reminded spectators of Dover's past

work for disabled veterans, his activities as a mining and labor man and interest in development of permanent Oregon industry. Dover gave a brief talk. Mrs. Edward Kelly appeared for Willis Mahoney, candidate for congress; Fred Kelly, democratic candidate for justice of peace and Ralph Jennings, democratic candidate for county commissioner were also introduced.

FREIGHT LOADING UP Washington, Oct. 5.—(U.P.)—Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended Sept. 30 rose 14,332 cars to 912,999, the most for any week in three years, the Association of American Railroads disclosed today.

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