

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer



Washington, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Fat men, skinny men. Men with gray hair and men with no hair at all. It seems that almost every able-bodied American male over 50 fancies himself a potential George Washington.

We carried a little piece the other day saying that the national capital sesquicentennial commission was looking the land over for a man to play the part of the father of our country in a symphonic drama.

Paul Green, the playwright, was hired to direct the thing with one hand and with the other to beat the backwoods for a

character to play the part of Washington. The man must be rugged, heavy—almost "craggy." Jovial at times, deadly serious at others. Slightly heavy lips. Must have the voice of authority. Hair slightly grizzled. Man past 50, slightly taller than the average man.

Reading between the lines, candidates saw that the final selection for the role would be fixed for life. Particularly if the character happens to be a common man. There would, of course, be the news reels, a nod from Hollywood, magazine articles and the like.

Read Between Lines
The public read between the lines. The response has been terrific.

One woman wrote from the middle west and asked me to please ask Paul Green not to look any farther. Her husband, said she, was just the man for the job.

"My man," the woman wrote, "can be jovial and has a magnificent broad smile. He also can be very severe—believe me!" A gentleman wrote from Kentucky that he didn't see any sense in continuing the search.

"It's me," he said. "I am a blacksmith, used to be a distiller and understand Washington was one of the first. I even look like George."

Reason Enough
"I don't see how you could overlook him," she said. "And if you do not—I would thank you. The man is getting in my hair."

Green would like to make it clear that he is "calling on all of the resources of the modern theatre to make his play tell the story of George Washington—through 'pantomime, American and English folksong, dance, mental speech, dreams, story line, music and vivid choreography.'"

The play, said Green, will emphasize the latter part of the first president's life, dwelling at some length on the dark and

bitter days of his second administration, when it seemed that his "wisdom and courage would not be sufficient to save the young nation . . ."

The "wisdom and courage" part caught the fancy of a lady in Seattle. She plugged her man by saying:

Wiseest In World
"My husband is the wisest and most courageous man in the world. A lot of folks think he looks like George, too."

On my own, in the first story, I mentioned tongue in cheek that it would not be too bad for the candidate to know how to belt a cherry tree with a hatchet and claim strict honesty. That brought a note from an 11-year-old boy in Minnesota who claimed he already had wrecked a couple of cherry crops and refused to tell any lies about it.

ROMANCE COOLED

Seattle, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Michael Evankovich was in jail today charged with stealing \$550 and spending \$220 for an engagement ring, \$23.50 for a guitar and \$116 for a love seat.

Dead line on Classified Ads: 3:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

Reds Seen No Bar For Hawaii Statehood

Washington, Feb. 22—(U.P.)—Rep. Richard Nixon (R., Cal.), believes that alleged communism in Hawaii should not bar the island from statehood.

"If this were a proper issue," he said, "we might well also consider the advisability of separating New York City from the union."

Nixon is a member of the house committee on un-American activities which will make an investigation of communist activities in Hawaii in April.

Even if the committee finds that communism is rampant in Hawaii, he said, it can be handled better by a state government than by "a national administration which has on frequent occasions demonstrated its unwillingness to recognize the threat of communism within the United States."

Salem, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—The Oregon State Farmers' union opened its 40th annual convention here today.

Wednesday, February 22, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

OCE Praised On Teacher Training Job

Monmouth, Ore., Feb. 22—(U.P.)—John Eklund, national president of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL), yesterday complimented the Oregon College of Education for its "basically intelligent and fine jobs of teacher training."

Eklund told OCE students and faculty members that what he had intended as an attack on "remnants of a three-year certification program" in Oregon had been misinterpreted and a "dual system as it now exists in Oregon."

The Denver, Colo., speaker said he agreed "whole heartedly with Dr. Louis Kaplan's view that the heart of the matter is the certification and standards problem here and elsewhere in the nation."

Dead line on Classified Ads: 3:30 p.m. for following day; 10 a.m. Monday noon Saturday for Sunday a.m.

State Game Protector Puts Self In Arrest

Republic, Wash.—(U.P.)—Lawrence Sprengel, state game protector, did his duty by arresting himself after he had shot two grouse when he fired into a bush where he saw only one bird. He already had one and two was the limit.

"If I had found another hunter with three birds," he said, "I would have arrested him. There was only one thing to do and that was to arrest myself."

Justice of the Peace George Panes approved Sprengel's devotion of duty but fined him \$2.50.

How to Make Delicious POP CORN BALLS

FIRST get a can of Jolly Time Pop Corn from your grocer. It is tender and buttery—the most delicious pop corn ever grown. See back of can for recipes for best pop corn balls and caramel corn you ever tasted.

WHITE OR YELLOW

Dead line Sunday Classified is at Noon Saturdays.

Medford Hotel
THURSDAY FOOD SPECIAL
Luncheon—Braised Short Ribs of Beef. At a Carte 75c, Complete Lunch 99c. Dinner: Baked Sugar Cured Ham at a Carte 85c, Complete Dinner \$1.75.

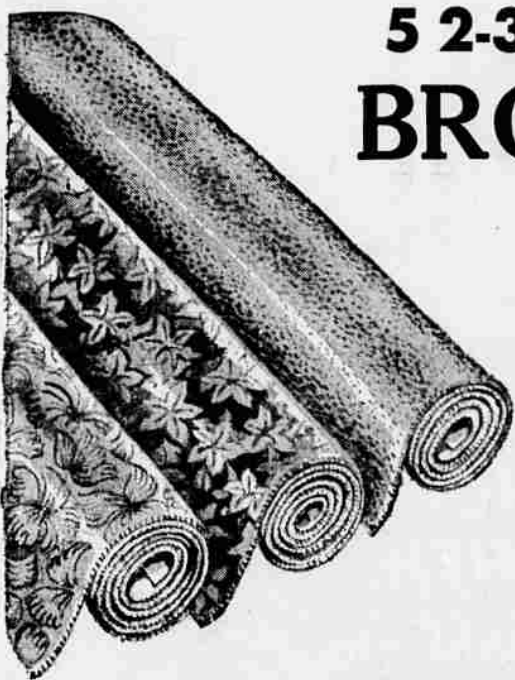
Evangelistic Services
that are different
Presented by
G. Fred Hoy
Nightly except Mon. and Sat.
Begin at 7:15 P.M. with
Colored Pictures of Alaska
Central Church of Christ
Don H. Byers, minister
Central and Jackson

Weeks & Orr

The Store That DOES NOT Add Interest or Carrying Charges to Time Payments

Here's An Opportunity To SAVE On Floor Covering

CARPET SPECIALS!



5 2-3 Row Axminster BROADLOOM

Regular \$7.25 Value

\$5.50

and

\$5.95

Square Yard

6 2-3 Row Axminster Broadloom

Regular \$9.75

SQUARE YARD..... **\$7.95**

30 Rolls of Broadloom Carpet In Stock!

New Mohawk

SWIRLTWIST

\$7.95 Square Yard

WATCH FOR
KIWANIS MINSTREL SHOW
COMING
Feb. 24, 25

Weeks & Orr

114 West Main

Phone 2-9351

Nationally Known Brands of LINOLEUM

Standard Weight—\$1.30 Running Ft.
Six Feet Wide

ESTIMATES GLADLY GIVEN ON ANY
LINOLEUM JOB • JUST CALL ON US

Now! Beautiful KENTILE FLOORS GUARANTEED FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR HOME



You can design your own Kentile floor and have it laid . . . so quickly and easily . . . tile by tile in your home. Beautiful colors won't wear off. Kentile resists soil and stains . . . it's the easiest floor to keep clean! Choose from many beautiful colors.

- A Colors 6c Per Tile
- B Colors 7c Per Tile
- C Colors 11c Per Tile
- D Colors 12c Per Tile

Material and
Paste For A
9x12 Room
ONLY
\$12³⁰