# Lapham May Get Appointment to State Department

## Assistant's Job Claimed Scheduled

Washington, Apr. 8 — (U.P.) — Roger D. Lapham, former republican mayor of San Francisco who advocated U. S. recognition of communist China last fall, may be brought into the state department, informed quarters indicated Friday.

Lapham, one-time ECA chief in China, was in favor of U. S. recognition of the reds as late as last December. He since has said the move is out of the question now because of the communists' mistreatment of U. S. officials.

**Been Considered**

Sources close to the administration said that Lapham "has been thought of as one republican" who might receive a department appointment in connection with present efforts to bolster the bipartisan approach to foreign policy.

Lapham urged in a talk last September that the United States get ready to recognize the Chinese communist regime—"whether we like it or not." At that time the red forces had not completely overrun the Chinese mainland.

**Claimed Slated**

Newsweek magazine has reported that Lapham was slated to become assistant secretary of state in charge of the president's point four program of aid for underdeveloped areas. Administration sources said, however, that "no specific assignment for him has been discussed." They said the idea of "bringing in" Lapham had received only preliminary consideration, and that he has not been approached.


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# News Notes From Medford Hi

By Robene Starcher

Senior high school classes were resumed April 6 after the usual three-day pre-Easter vacation.

Robene Starcher

Students bringing a signed excuse from their parents were allowed to attend Good Friday church services during the day at a specified time.

The choir, under the direction of Miss Lorraine Veidt, Medford senior high school teachers who attended the annual Oregon Education association meeting April 3 and 4 were Lester D. Harris, principal; Miss Josephine Kirtley, vice-principal; Mrs. Marjorie Butler, dean of girls, and De Vere Taylor, Vern Wolthoff and Miss Lorraine Veidt.

Wtih the advent of somewhat eratic warmer weather, many of the girls of Medford senior high school have been exchanging winter sweaters and wool skirts for cotton blouses, skirts and dresses. Gloria Dunagan and Carol Hazelton have red seersucker skirts just alike, which they made in sewing class.

Frances Zimbleman and Nancy Pierce have dresses styled alike but in different colors, as do Ann Rentchler and Joyce Bearden.

On a bright day one can see polka dots, plaids, stripes and solid colors walking by during any five minutes in the cafeteria or between classes in the halls.

Some of the new skirts can hardly be classified as to design, but resemble a modern painting which doesn't resemble anything in particular and everything in general. Some of the more conservative girls can still be seen in sweaters and skirts, but it won't belong until all will be wearing the gay cottons.

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Committee chairmen for this year's Junior Prom have been named. They are Gary Boshears, general chairman; Keith Mirick, music; DeWayne Smith, construction; Irene Williams, program; Corrine Wing, prom queen; Jim Gleason, technical chairman; Jim Grey, publicity; Shirley Rice, features; Pat Lemmon, refreshments; Victor Drew, cleanup, and Bob Bosworth, decorations.

# The Grange

**Eagle Point Grange**

All officers were present and the seating drill was used at Eagle Point Grange meeting April 4. State Deputy William Howes and Mrs. Howes were guests. Visitors from Butte Falls Grange were Mr. and Mrs. John D. Holst, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Green, also Mrs. Ben Edmondson who received her third and fourth degrees with the Eagle Point group. The latter included Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. William Stockton, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm McSwan and Charles Winkle.

A canasta party and dance will be held for Grangers and their invited guests at Eagle Point hall, starting at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, April 15. Grange ladies are asked to bring a cake or cream. A nominal charge for refreshments will aid the H.E.C. pay for table linen.

Quarterly reports by Mrs. Theron Taylor, H.E.C. chairman, and Mrs. Vern Matthews, secretary, were read and approved. Deputy Howes complimented them on their excellent reports.

Seventeen new members were gained in this quarter and the membership contest has been extended to June 30. Eagle Point Grange now has 203 members.

Mrs. Roy Smith asks that sales slips he sent to her by the end of this week as she must turn them in.

Candidates for county office are to be invited to the May 2 meeting. Grange is non-political and the purpose of the invitation is to gain first-hand information on issues of interest to Grangers.

Serving committee for April 18 will be Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Carroll and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan.

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**WELL LOCKED**

Auburn, Ala. (U.P.) — A new lock was installed after thieves rifled a safe at Alabama Polytechnic Institution here. It was a good lock—so good that clerks tried for a full day to open it. Finally they called a safe company representative.

(Acme Telephoto)

A BOY AND HIS DOG—Bradford Da Pont, Easter Seal Boy for the California Society for Crippled Children, beams with happiness as he plays with his dog, Shamus, in Glenwood, Calif. Bradford represents the thousands of handicapped youngsters who depend on Easter Seal contributions to become "like other kids."

A Nichols' Worth of—

# Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Apr. 8 — (U.P.) — "Cutie Cottontail," who was about to put all her bunnies in one basket for Easter—didn't.

Harman Nichols

"Cutie" met a horrible fate at the hand of a thoughtless small boy or a hungry dog on Good Friday.

The rabbit, the most publicized three-legged bunny in the world, was scheduled to deliver a batch of little ones about now. She was the pet of John Webster and his kids in nearby Arlington, Va.

"Cutie Cottontail" was named by the Webster's small boys, Mark, almost four and David, almost three. She will be mourned by almost everybody in the neighborhood, including the watchman of the school near the Webster home, who was her friend and guardian during the day.

The rabbit came to live with the lawyer and his family many months ago. John, who had his briefcase loaded and was ready to leave for Washington one morning looked out the window and saw the little brown bunny looking at him—half starved. He stopped everything, fed the rabbit and shooed him off into the woods.

**Wouldn't Stay Shooed**

The little rodent wouldn't stay shooed. She came for more and got it. The kids in the neighborhood saved their pennies and bought carrots. "Cutie," all by herself, discovered the tasty clover of the ebster lawn.

Johnny took out hammer and saw and built the pet a house on the outside. But his kids took over after that. They bought the bunny inside.

Then it happened. One day, "Cutie" scratched on the back door and Mrs. Webster opened the door. The bunny was puckered up in the face and obviously badly hurt. Mr. W. bundled her and took her to Dr. R. R. Whitter's animal hospital in Alexandria where a hind leg was amputated.

"Cutie" was badly spoiled after that and attained many firsts among the rabbit family.

**Fancies Bananas**

She doubtless was the first rabbit ever to take a fancy to bananas. The watchman at the school saw to that. He gave her a banana out of his lunch box every day. The kids took a shine to the little one too and would sneak her left-overs from their sandwiches. Most rabbits don't like sandwiches, but "Cutie" did. She'd nibble the meat first and save the bread for the second course. If there was carrot around, she would save it for dessert.

The bunny would have no part of the bed the youngsters fixed up for her in the house, and always slept under the bed.

Recently, according to Johnny, the rabbit had been feeling the call of the wild. She would disappear into the woods and stay out all night—like a rabbit. Getting ready to take care of a family.

Day before yesterday, Johnny came home a little late and asked about the house pet.

No bunny.

**Found By Fence**

The next morning Webster began a search, with his own two tearful youngsters and 35 others in the neighborhood at his heels.

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# ....AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MacPHERSON
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood, April 8 — (U.P.) — Too many women, a glamorous movie queen declared today, are too interested in how they'll dress for Easter and not enough in what they'll do for Easter.

Virginia MacPherson

Actress Gale Storm said the ladies ought to forget about waltzing in the Easter parade for a while and concentrate on getting down on their nyloned knees in some church.

"After all," she said, "Easter is a religious observance. It's a sacred day. There's probably nothing sacrilegious about a new $65 hat—but that shouldn't be the biggest thing about the whole day.

"The biggest thing should be what we do and say and think and pray."

And while the rest of the glamour gals were giving out scoops about their latest Easter bonnet, Miss Storm was making news herself by announcing she won't have one.

"No new outfit," she said. "The dress-up tradition is all right, in a way, but many people push it too far.

**Doesn't Symbolize**

"Besides, I don't get any connection between Christ rising from the dead and everybody getting a new hat. It doesn't symbolize that to me. Any other time . . . gosh yes! But not on Easter."

Miss Storm, who is married to insurance executive Lee Bonnell, said she's going to spend most of her Easter in church with her husband and her three small sons, Philip 7, Peter 4, and Paul 2½.

She won't have time to walk in any Easter parade, either. About that hour on Sunday morning she'll be busy teaching Sunday school to her regular class of 14 junior high school kids.

**Missing the Point**

"I think a lot of people are missing the point about Easter," Miss Storm added. "And I think it's too bad."

She said she feels the same about the other sacred holidays. "Christmas and Thanksgiving and the rest," she explained. "They're all too terribly commercialized. On Christmas people worry too much about sending gifts that are as nice as the ones they get, instead of celebrating the birth of the Lord."

The green-eyed beauty said she hopes her sentiments don't make her sound "too dull."

"We have fun at home," she added. "The boys have Easter baskets and egg hunts and we tell them about the rabbit. They're not old enough to understand the significance of the day.

"But grown-ups are. And I think they're missing a lot by fussing over new bonnets and forgetting about the important things."

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**DOG GOES FOR CREAM**

Valdosta, Ga. (U.P.)—Shep, T. N. Holcombe's shepherd dog, may live a dog's life. But it's a wonderful one. Shep goes to Bob Belcher's drug store several times a week. His favorite delicacy, ice cream, is set before him. At the end of the week, Holcombe drops in and pays up.


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