

### Chaplain Board Representative Praises Center

Camp Whiet, May 12—Praise for Camp White's administration and for the chaplaincy program in particular, was voiced today by the Rev. Carl R. Plack, Washington, D. C., a representative of the general commission of chaplains and the National Lutheran council.

The Rev. Mr. Plack completed a day and a half tour of the Camp White veterans' center yesterday, visiting all departments and visiting personally with some two-thirds of the members.

"May all of us appreciate the contributions made in the total program of the station, not only in its contributions to the personal lives of the members, but also in the total life of the nation," Chaplain Plack said today.

In response to a question, the chaplain said that despite public opinion in some places, "alcohol is not a problem that can't be handled. Hospital management and chaplains are recognizing more and more to recognize the fine results of the Alcoholics Anonymous groups, and they are helping to solve this often-exaggerated problem," he said.

Mrs. Black and their five-year-old daughter accompanied the chaplain, who is on a tour of VA hospitals and army, navy and marine posts. He is making most of the trip to 148 installations by air. He left today for the VA hospital at Roseburg.

### Probe Ordered in Death of Well Digger

New York, May 12—(U.P.)—The district attorney investigated the torturous death of a well digger today to determine whether "culpable negligence" of rescue workers had been responsible.

District Attorney Miles F. McDonald ordered the inquiry after an autopsy revealed that second and third degree burns, not 27-hours of pressure from rocks and dirt of a well cave-in, killed Dominick Atteo. McDonald said Atteo suffered no severe injuries as a result of the cave-in which buried him chest-high at the bottom of an 18-foot shaft.

Assistant Medical Examiner Francis P. Melomo found that flames from a flash explosion seared Atteo's head, chest, arms and hands and were breathed into his respiratory tract. Police "weren't looking" when one of his sons lowered a lighted cigaret to him in a bucket. The cigaret exploded oxygen that had been pumped into the hole.

### AFL Committee To Air Merger With CIO

Philadelphia, May 12—(U.P.)—A three-man American Federation of Labor committee was given "wide open" authority today to discuss with the CIO a merger into one giant union of 14 million members.

Three AFL union leaders were appointed by the 13-member AFL executive committee yesterday to meet with a similar CIO group on a proposal to combine the two labor unions. They are Daniel Tobin of the Teamsters' union, Charles McGowan of the Boilermakers and Daniel W. Gracely of the Electrical Workers.

CIO President Phillip Murray announced meanwhile in Atlantic City that the CIO would take action on or before June 15 about appointing its committee.

### Vessel in Distress East of Philippines

San Francisco, May 12—(U.P.)—A distress signal from the Norwegian freighter M. S. Talisman, located east of the Philippines, has been overheard here, radio marine reported today.

The station said the 6,700-ton vessel radioed that a serious fire has broken out in the engine room. She gave her position as latitude 34.15 north, longitude 137.45 east.

Radio marine said the U. S. navy tanker Shawneetrail and the Japanese SS Toatsan Maru are proceeding to the stricken vessel's aid.

## Polio Weather Here; Precautions Listed

Jackson county's fourth polio case in 1950 was reported by the county health department yesterday, and with the warm months of normally high polio incidence approaching, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, county health officer, today announced what the medical profession considers "common sense" precautions that might help keep infantile paralysis statistics lower than usual. Last year by this time there were five cases.

Children should be given

proper rest, especially during the summer season; the fly hazard should be kept to a minimum; milk and water supplies should be checked for any possible source of contamination. Flies, milk and water have all been found to be potential sources of the polio virus, Dr. Merkel said.

The "provocative factors" present in most polio sieges were listed at the last meeting of the Southern Oregon Medical association by Dr. Carl F. Myers. He is an international authority on virus diseases, the director of work on communicable diseases for the world health organization of the United Nations, a member of the national virus commission, and head of the Hooper research foundation in San Francisco.

Dr. Myers told local physicians Tuesday that, though the mode and spread of polio is not, of course, definitely settled, there are provocative factors that "definitely" have a bearing on the incidence of the dread crippling.

He particularly stressed the importance of avoiding prolonged chilling such as that occasioned by swimming in cold water for too long. He said any child who stays in the water long enough to get the shivers and to turn bluish is open to the attack of the polio virus.

Other things to avoid are exhaustion, large summer-time crowds, and any throat bruises such as those caused by tonsillectomies. Many physicians now refuse to remove children's tonsils during the summer months because of the correlation between tonsillectomies and polio attacks.

### Orders for Mobile Radio Sets Now 28

Orders for mobile radio sets, under the proposed communication system of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association, have increased to 28, it was reported at a meeting of the association's radio members this week.

A new radio committee was named at the meeting, with Ed Pease of the Trail Creek Lumber company as temporary chairman. A permanent chairman will be named at a committee meeting May 23.

Other members include Robert Banning, Tractor Sales and Service company; Ross Bowles, Medco; Leroy Bailey, Savage Creek Lumber company; William Mattson Jr., Red Blanket Lumber company; Herbert Hild, Fir Milling and Planing company, and Arthur Davies, logging contractor. Sam Taylor of Elk Lumber company and A. A. Lausman of Kogap will remain on the group as advisors.

### Isolation Won't Avert Third War

Bound Brook, N. J., May 12—(U.P.)—Ambassador Warren R. Austin said today the United States could not help avert a third world war by following a "spirit of isolation."

It would be the same mistake that made the United States ineffective in preventing World War II, Austin, chief United States delegate to the United Nations said.

Austin argued against a proposal by former President Herbert Hoover to reorganize the UN in order to exclude Russia and other communist states. He addressed the Somerset county community forum.

## Singer Gets Brushoff in Attempt To Interview President Truman

Seattle, Wash., May 12—(U.P.)—Hollywood Vocalist Frances Langford said today that President Truman "was abrupt" and gave her only 10 seconds as she sought to interview him on questions of paralyzed veterans' hospitals.

Miss Langford said she had sent a "friendly and urgent" telegram to the president while he was en route to Coulee City, Wash., to dedicate Grand Coulee dam yesterday. She said she wanted to ask him questions "I knew my many veteran friends in Birmingham (Cal.) hospital would have liked to have asked."

Telegram Acknowledged  
"I asked him if he had seen my telegram," she said. "His face seemed to grow tense. He said:—

"Yes, I know what you mean."  
Miss Langford said the president then "brusquely" interrupted her and said:

"The whole thing is a pressure proposition and I won't go for it."  
The blonde singer then said Mr. Truman, still holding her hand, edged her over to one side of the train platform, turned slightly, and began shaking hands with other officials.

Gave 10 Seconds  
In a story written for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Miss Langford said she asked the president in the telegram for five minutes' time to discuss a proposal to move the Birmingham Paraplegic hospital to Long Beach, Cal.

"Five minutes?" she said. "He gave me 10 seconds."  
Of course he was busy—many officials and others were there to shake his hand and try to talk to him inside the car later.

"I had, indeed, at lot of trouble getting up to the platform where he was, despite my friendly and urgent telegram. After being admitted with difficulty to the platform, because the secret service men were checking everyone, I finally went up the steps.

Introductions Unnecessary  
"I was encouraged when the president beamed at me and shook my hand cordially," the paper quoted her as saying. "I had been a White House visitor, so introductions were not necessary."

It was not immediately known whether Miss Langford returned to Hollywood or had decided to attempt to see the president again at a later stop on his 14-state tour.

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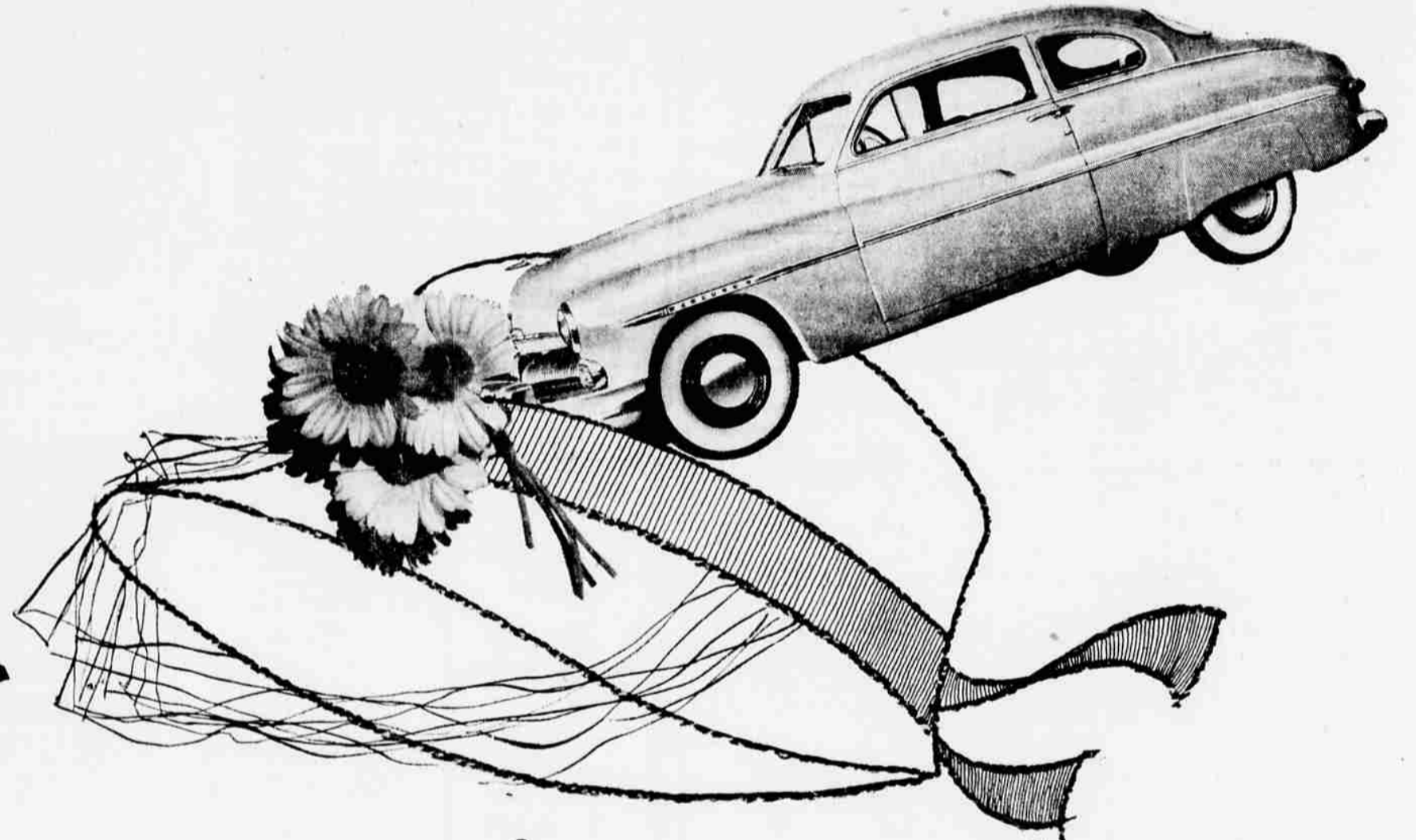
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