

HST Receives Honorary "Ozark Hillbilly" Award At World War I Reunion

Springfield, Mo. — (U.P.) — While a red-jacketed quintet sang "Nothing Like a Dame" and a man in a serge suit howled like a fox hound, President Truman became an honorary Ozark hillbilly Saturday.

Pickers Needed For West Oregon Strawberry Crop

Salem — (U.P.) — The big strawberry harvest season has barely started in western Oregon, and already a shortage of 4,000 pickers is reported to the state employment service, it said Saturday.

Local offices of the service noted the need also for 1,000 extra workers in pea fields, fruit thinning and gathering of early cherries.

Most acute demand for berry pickers comes from the Portland area where schools will be in session for another week while the crop gradually approaches the peak. About 2,000 are asked for the Gresham district, Hillsboro wants 1,000 more.

In the Willamette valley about 1,000 outside pickers are needed, reports from Salem, McMinnville and Oregon City indicate. Hood River berries will not be ready until about June 11, but the district can use 100 thinners for apple and pear orchards.

First calls for pea harvest workers come from Pendleton and Milton-Freewater. Work for several weeks is promised 450 more field men. Milton-Freewater also expects to find jobs for 500 cherry pickers beginning June 9. The Dalles cherry crop will be ready a few days later, but growers are not certain yet about needs.

COUNTRY THAWING OUT
Kennebec, S. D. — (U.P.) — Henry Schelle and Mary Bower made news here by getting a marriage license Thursday. It was the first issued since the blizzards started last November.

Dead line Sunday Classifieds is at noon Saturdays.

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House Granted New Chance To Approve Old Age Benefits

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats have bowed to the demands of the old folks and agreed to give the House another chance to increase old age insurance benefits by about \$5 a month.

The House rejected the bill on the first round May 19 after Republican leaders opposed it on grounds that one provision might open the way for "socialized medicine."

When those who stood to benefit by the bill learned what had been done, they started writing critical letters to their congressmen. The pressure for reconsideration of the bill has been building up ever since, especially among Republicans who voted against it the first time and who are anxious not to alienate elderly voters in an election year.

Support Seen Certain
Chairman Robert L. Doughton, D-N.C., of the House Ways and Means Committee said he will go before the Rules Committee next week to ask that the bill be returned to the floor for reconsideration. It appeared certain that the Republicans will support Doughton's request.

The bill calls for an increase in old age insurance benefits of \$5 a month or 12 1/2 per cent, whichever is larger, for the 4,500,000 persons now on the rolls. Those who go on the rolls in the future would get an increase of up to \$5 a month.

dent made a ceremonial occasion of breakfasting with the survivors of Battery D which he commanded in France in 1918. This year's event, however, was about as solemn as a carnival and open to all reunion delegates, their wives and children, plus the county Democratic organization and an assortment of movie stars working around the clock to tie in their new picture with the President's visit here.

The President was up early and walked at 7:30 a.m. from his hotel up a hill to the Shrine Mosque where breakfast was served by red-tipped Shriners.

Receives Special Medal
The President's hosts presented him with a special medal making him an honorary hillbilly, to which he responded with a story of how he had awarded more Congressional Medals of Honor to war heroes than all the other presidents of the country put together.

"A president," he said, "seldom gets a medal himself. Usually he gets bricks."

The President left the basement of the Mosque where breakfast was served to attend memorial services in the upstairs auditorium joining with the men of the 35th in praying for their departed buddies — and for world peace.

Mercury, Venus Invisible

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Totally invisible to the unaided eye this month are the two planets nearest the sun, Mercury and Venus. At present they are apparently in a close huddle with old Sol. Mercury will be on the other side of the sun from us, superior conjunction, on June 8. Venus will be in a similar conjunction June 24, and after that will be in the twilight sky, setting after the sun. However, it will not be far enough from the sun to be easily seen for several weeks yet. Then on until the end of the year, Venus will again be our glorious "evening star."

The bright planet Jupiter is now in the dawn, rising somewhat north of east almost two hours before sunrise. It is brighter than any starlike object in the sky at that time.

Mars Conspicuous
For objects in the evening sky, let us observe about 1 1/2 hours after sunset. Well up in the south the red planet Mars is still very conspicuous. A little to the right is the bright star Spica; still farther right and higher, the yellow planet Saturn. Mars, Spica, and Saturn form an almost straight line of bright objects.

Notice how low in the south the full moon hangs. It rises in the southeast, crosses the sky low in the south in about eight hours, and sets in the southwest. The full moon takes the sky path the sun followed six months earlier.

Arcturus May Be Seen
Only a little south of directly

overhead, orange Arcturus is bright at the lower point of the Kite, a figure made up mostly of small stars and standing upright when in this location. Practically due east and near the horizon, Altair in the Eagle, flanked by a dimmer star on each side of it, is quite prominent. Very high in the east, a little farther north than Altair and of great brilliance, Vega in the Harp twinkles splendidly. Below Vega—and considerably farther north—Deneb, at the head of the Northern Cross, is found.

High in the heavens and nearly in the west, Regulus is shining at the end of the handle of the Sickle. This figure, looking like a reversed question mark, has its open side downward.

Low in the sky, considerably north of northwest, bright Capella is twinkling. This star is now moving eastward and by midnight will be due north and just about over the horizon—a little above or below depending upon the observer's latitude.

Rather low in the sky, nearer northwest than west, the Twins, orange Pollux and yellow Castor, stand side by side. A line drawn between them is not quite horizontal, but is a little lower at the left.

Note the Big Dipper overhead. In a few hours it will be sliding down the northwest and in 12 hours will be moving eastward along the northern horizon.

Greek Mess Steward Wins Sweepstakes

Coos Bay — (U.P.) — A Greek mess steward aboard the S. S. Norlandia here won 10,000 Australian pounds in the Tasmanian Sweepstakes and he plans to use the money to continue a medical career interrupted several years ago.

George Adams received word Friday that he had won the money (\$23,300 in U. S. currency) on a sweepstakes ticket purchased in Australia several months ago.

There is only one hitch. Adams can't collect the money until he returns to Australia and the Norlandia will be on its way to South Africa when it leaves Coos Bay. But Adams said he would stick with the ship and pick up his winnings when he gets back to Australia.

He said he studied medicine in Athens until a few years ago and would like to use the money to continue his studies in medical school, preferably in the U. S.

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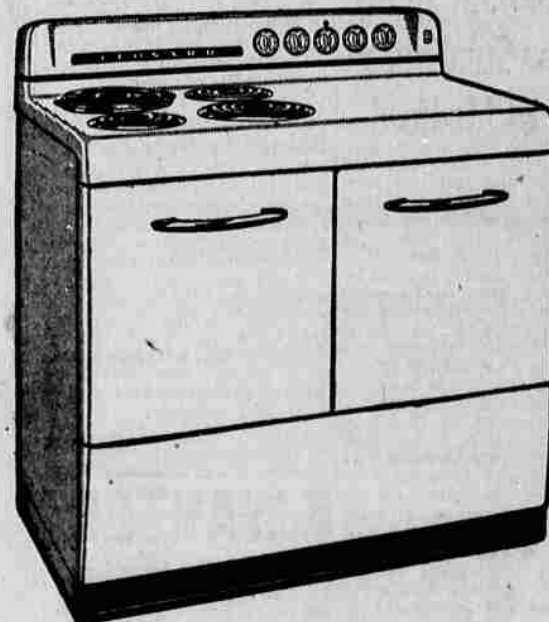


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