

Former Oregonian Editor Dies in North Carolina

Portland—(U.P.)—Otho Clarke Leiter, 76, former city editor of the Oregon Journal and the Oregonian, died at Black Mountain, N. C., Thursday, Portland friends said they have learned Saturday.

Leiter was city editor of the Oregonian from 1904 to 1914. He became city editor of the Journal in 1915. He also published the Eastern Oregon Observer at La Grande for a time

and was managing editor of the old Portland Telegram from 1920 to 1927. He became professor of journalism at University of Illinois in 1928. He retired in 1947.

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To the Citizens of Medford . . .

This past month, I have attempted to express myself to as many people as possible, by letter and speech. I realize that there are many people that I have been unable to contact, and the purpose of this letter is to express to the citizens of Medford my position and qualifications.

I should like to state that I am not sponsored by, or represent, any special group of people. I have not been influenced by any group to run for this office of Mayor. I am running for this office because I am interested in the future of the City of Medford and would like to be a part of it.

I am a Public Accountant and businessman, schooled in the business of Public Accounting and Business Management, with experience of seventeen years in these fields. I am interested in a Progressive, well managed City Government and I am in a position to offer you my services, being fully aware of the responsibilities of the office of Mayor.

I should like to ask that you give my candidacy your earnest consideration.

Sincerely



Clayton W. Lewis

Paid Political Adv.
Lewis for Mayor Committee

Notice to Prospective Irrigators

Talent Division, Rogue River Basin Reclamation Project, Oregon

Persons having land not presently irrigated from Talent Irrigation District's system, but which can be served by the District from its laterals or extensions of laterals other than the Fredrick and Upper West Laterals, are invited to fill out the following questionnaire and mail to Talent Irrigation District, Talent, Oregon, before November 15, 1954. If more space is required, please use additional sheets.

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NOTE—This is only for the purpose of securing information as to the total acreage of new lands which will be served by the new Talent Project. Filling out of this form does not commit the landowner to anything. Actual signing up of new lands to be included will come later.

Voter Apathy in California Said Political Puzzle

San Francisco—(U.P.)—California's turbulent general election campaign neared an end Saturday with major candidates and leaders of both parties calling for a heavy turnout of voters next Tuesday.

Despite the appeals, Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan estimated only 65 to 70 per cent of the state's 5,885,237 registered voters would bother to stop by the polling booth.

Puzzled by Apathy
Political observers were puzzled by the apparent voter apathy. While they conceded there was no glamorous presidential race to attract the voters this year, a turnout of better than 70 per cent was hoped for on the strength of hot gubernatorial and U. S. Senatorial contests.

The battle for governor matches Goodwin J. (Goodie) Knight, the Republican incumbent who took over when Earl Warren went to the Supreme court a year ago, and Richard Perrin Graves, a Democrat who never before has sought public office but has been in the "inner circle" of state government and politics for 20 years.

All Races Contended
The Senate contest pairs Republican Thomas H. Kuchel, a Warren appointee in Jan. 1953, and Congressman Samuel W. Yorty of Los Angeles. A chance to choose between Democrats and Republicans for every major statewide office except that of Attorney General. Edmund G. Brown succeeded in winning a second term as Attorney General in the June primary.

Anti-American Feeling Mounting in Indochina

Shady Cove—A campaign to render safe "death traps" for children—such as abandoned ice boxes, old wells, and so on—is being started by the auxiliary to Steelhead post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, it was announced last week.

Cooperating in the project are the Shady Cove Lady Lions and the Parent-Teacher associations of Shady Cove and Elk-Trail. The groups plan a house-to-house canvass in the effort to eliminate death traps.

Statistics were quoted by auxiliary members to show that each year more children are killed by thoughtlessly unprotected hazards. A spokesman said it is difficult for many to realize that a familiar object like an ice box could be such a trap, or that an old well could be forgotten.

Old ice boxes and refrigerators will be carted away free by the groups. For others, owners are asked to see that the hinges and door catches be removed to prevent playing children from locking themselves in. In cases where they are used for non-cold storage, owners were asked to remove the rubber insulating gasket around the door, and to drill holes in the cabinet to permit air to enter.

Fill or Fence Wells
As for old wells, it was recommended that they be filled in, or, if this is impractical, should be strongly fenced.

"Safety for our children by Thanksgiving" is the slogan adopted by the campaign workers, and the drive will continue during November. Residents in the upper Rogue area are reported to be taking considerable interest in the project, and hope was expressed that those in other parts of the county also join the program.

Prizes will be given to the person bringing in evidence that such death traps have been destroyed or made non-hazardous. Mrs. Dan Krotz, of the VFW auxiliary in Shady Cove, is chairman and has assigned areas of Shady Cove to each organization. Further information is obtainable by telephoning Mrs. Lella Birch, Medford 2-8376.

Morse Challenges McKay To Seek Job

Salem—(U.P.)—Sen. Wayne Morse, speaking before an audience at Willamette University Friday, challenged Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay to run against him in 1956 and "I'll beat the pants right off him."

Oregon's independent senator was speaking in behalf of Richard L. Neuberger, the Democratic candidate for the U. S. Senate post now held by Sen. Guy Gordon, when he made his challenge to McKay.

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A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—Clarence Cheek was doing what he has been doing for over half a century—shucking clams.



Harman Nichols

Man and boy, I never—

What the 80-year-old shucker had come upon in his work at Cy Ellis' restaurant on the wharf here was a clam with a message inside.

"Never in my borned days," said the 80-year-old man. He scratched the top of his bald head.

Still a Mystery
That was a couple of weeks ago, and the message still is a mystery.

Clarence took his discovery right to his best customer, Alfred E. Roldes, a food broker, a native of Paris and a former chef.

Roldes blinked. Sure enough, right there on the inside shell was a message scratched in some mysterious fashion, and dated 4-2-43, April 2, 1943. It was signed by a double set of initials. "M. O. T.—U. M. I." Something like kids used to carve into the trunks of lovely old trees. Maybe "Mary loves Ulysses."

Shuckers all over this area have been puzzling over the discovery ever since.

Mr. Cheek, by the by, knows his clams, and if he doesn't nobody does.

Even at 80 he still can hull 15 clams a minute when business presses. He figures that in a lifetime of shucking he has opened

at least 20,000,000 clams and stacked end to end or top to top, that would make a long chain, or a pile half way to heaven.

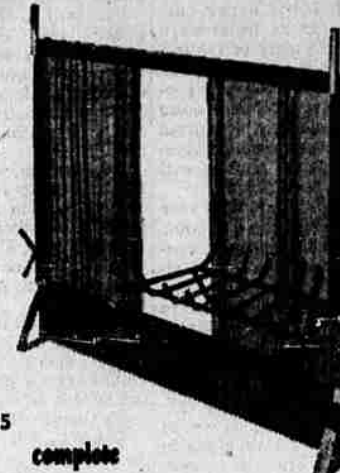
When he was 10 he first got clam clams, like a clam is supposed to do. Also, if anybody shucking clams and oysters. At 80, he still stands on his feet and works his hands eight hours a day.

But to get back to why the mystery is a mystery, Mr. Cheek the old timer, puts it this way: "Anybody knows that if a clam opens its mouth it is sure to pass out of this world. So a

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