

Churchill Celebrates Birthday Amidst Great Show of Pageantry

London —(U.P.)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill celebrated his 80th birthday today in the greatest show of pageantry since the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Drums of the Grenadier Guards beat the "V" sound for victory into a crashing anthem in tribute to the entry of the "old man" into the ninth decade of his life.

From the Queen down to the humblest of her subjects, Britain paid its man of destiny gratitude that overshadowed even the magnificent pageantry of today's state opening of parliament.

It was a happy coincidence that placed Churchill's 80th birthday and the state opening of Parliament on the same day, for it added a touch of royal grandeur to an hour that already had everything else in full measure.

The Day's Highlights

These were the big events of Churchill's birthday:

1. A gathering of both houses of Parliament after the state opening in unprecedented assembly to give him a portrait of himself and a commemorative book.

2. Presentation by Lord Moynihan of a check for more than 100,000 pounds (\$280,000) as the first installment of the Churchill birthday fund, which the Prime Minister is expected to give to some worthy cause.

3. Presentation by the conservative party, which he heads, of two silver jugs, bearing the Churchill coat of arms, once the property of Charles Churchill, brother of the first Duke of Marlborough.

4. A gift from Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in the evening.

Thousands of presents, cables, telegrams, postcards and letters poured into 10 Downing Street, the Prime Minister's official residence.

Many Heads of State

They came from President Eisenhower, from President Truman, Marshal Tito and many other heads of state, from friends and colleagues, from political enemies, from ordinary people everywhere.

Tens of thousands crowded the streets this morning to cheer Queen Elizabeth as she rode in a stage coach from Buckingham Palace to Parliament to don her robes of velvet and ermine and her crown of diamonds and read the traditional speech from the throne.

Churchill gathered with other members of Commons in the cavernous chamber in the House of Lords to hear the Queen read the brief statement outlining the government's policy which the Prime Minister and his deputies had prepared for her.

Instead of the crowd fading away as in former years after the Queen's departure, it remained clustered thickly around Westminster Hall, which adjoins the House of Parliament, where members of both houses and their guests assembled to pay



BIRTHDAY PRESENT—This is portrait of Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill painted by Graham Sutherland for presentation to the statesman on his 80th birthday by past and present members of the Houses of Parliament. Artist Sutherland says he suspects the prime minister—a noted amateur painter himself—of adding a dab or two of paint on the canvas between sittings.

their own unprecedented tribute to a Prime Minister.

Never before have both Houses of Parliament joined in a gift to a Prime Minister, a fact noted by House Speaker W. S. Morrison in opening the ceremony.

Then Clement Attlee, a former Prime Minister and a wartime colleague in the coalition and now leader of the opposition, presented to Churchill the portrait painted by Graham Sutherland.

As Attlee finished his tribute, the portrait was unveiled and

illuminated by remote control. It shows Churchill in the black coat, striped trousers and blue polka dot bowtie he wears in Commons, seated and looking straight out of the canvas.

The Prime Minister made one concession to the crowded day. He delegated the opening of the government's campaign in parliament to his deputy, Foreign Minister Anthony Eden. This was the first time in generations that a Prime Minister had not led off for his party in Parliament on opening day.

Townsend Elections Name Mrs. Boussem

Mrs. Florence Boussem has been elected to her ninth term as president of Townsend club No. 1, it was announced this week.

At the state convention earlier this month, she was also reelected to the district council for a ninth term, and was named to a ninth term as secretary for the fourth congressional district.

She also was elected to the state Townsend council, and was named state secretary of the organization.

A. W. Ellison was elected president of Club No. 4 in Medford.

24-Hour Watch Kept On Ailing Pope Pius

Vatican City —(U.P.)— Doctors and nurses today began a 24 hour watch on ailing Pope Pius XII, Vatican sources said. These informants said the physicians and nurses had been given orders to stand by the Pope.

The Pope was said to have suffered a mild recurrence last week of the gastric disorder which plagued him all last winter.

Vatican sources said Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, the Pope's physician, had spent the last two nights in the Vatican as a precaution.

Galeazzi-Lisi saw his patient and lifelong friend yesterday and called on him again this morning.

In addition, the Pope is receiving daily visits from Dr. Paul Niehans a Swiss specialist who has been giving him special strength building treatments for 10 months.

John Maass Named Insurance Agent Here

John Maass, of Western Realty, 218 South Central ave., has been named district agent for the Mayflower Insurance Exchange of Seattle, it was announced here today.

This is the second Mayflower office in Medford. The other, managed by Earl Heft, is at 118 North Riverside ave.

Maass will establish local agents for the company in the area near Medford, the announcement said.

Sash weights, window cords and pulleys were invented by the Dutch in 1650.

Oregon Lumbermen Favor Cutting Of Trees in National Forests

By WILLIAM WARREN
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Salem—(U.P.)—A lot of lumbermen in Oregon who are advocates of conservation are up in arms because of the timber not being cut on Oregon forest lands held by Uncle Sam.

Veteran lumbermen told this reporter at a recent meeting here that failure to cut over-matured timber is unhealthy for the forest lands in at least two ways: The old trees are more susceptible to disease and to pests, such as the spruce budworm; and they create an added fire hazard. If they are harvested for timber, they give that much more room for growth to younger trees, and so their harvesting contributes markedly to the perpetual yield program designed to keep Oregon green and not denuded.

Lack of Access Roads

One of the reasons why the national forests are not cutting as much timber as they are capable of cutting is lack of timber access roads. In remote forest areas, roads are costly, but still they hold the key to proper forest management. No forest can be properly managed without these roads to remove the over-mature, diseased and bug-killed timber. This applies today to 157,000,000,000 feet in the national forests of Oregon, where most of the timber is virgin, old-growth forests.

Lumbermen, those interested in conservation and in seeing the continued progress of Oregon's number one industry, logging and lumbering, hope Uncle Sam will build the roads that will bring out this over-mature

timber. Roads in the woods do not come cheap. The usual logging estimate is about \$2 a foot or about \$10,000 a mile. Some roads, if they go through rock, run from \$50,000 to \$75,000 a mile and even higher.

More Self-Supporting

Of course, it wouldn't make good sense to spend more for roads than the timber is worth. But with timber access roads, the national forest land might well become more self-supporting. County governments would also be aided through sharing in timber sales revenues. Last fiscal year, Oregon counties received \$4,928,000 from timber sales on national forests. Another \$8,000,000 was received

from O and C and land grant tracts.

Total timber cut on national forests of Oregon was 1,500,000,000 board feet of logs, with much bug-killed and over-mature timber yet to be removed. Even so, it is the best record so far for federal forest lands. But taking all improvements into consideration, private lands have supplied more than 80 per cent of the timber harvested during the last 10 years. With the government owning about 60 per cent of the forest lands in Oregon, this percentage, forest observers say, is out of economic balance. In 1953 more than 5,800,000,000 board feet were cut from private lands.

Dependent on Resources

Other experts say that more than half of Oregon's 1,500,000 population is dependent in substantial degree upon the timber resources. In turn, the nation looks to Oregon for more than 23 per cent of the softwoods it needs each year. Our forests are renewable under modern outlook. But private output and that from national forest lands must be more in balance, forestry men say.

Oregonians are proud of the national forest system and consider it one of the best in the world. The timber industry needs the national forests and have always worked well with Uncle Sam's custodians. But even so an over-mature tree is best out of the woods, and the industry in Oregon hopes the federal forces will see to it that harvesting of the old and disease-struck timber is made both possible and plausible.

Deetz Loses Bid For Grade A License

Oregon City —(U.P.)— Elmer Deetz, Canby's gallon-jug dairyman who led the battle to repeal milk control and was elected to the Oregon Legislature this month, lost a round in Circuit Court here yesterday.

Circuit Judge P. K. Hammond upheld a ruling from the State Board of Agriculture which denied Deetz a grade A license because his dairy did not meet the board's regulations for grade A plants.

Deetz had contended his milk met the sanitary requirements for grade A and the board said their tests showed this was true but that they could not make exceptions to their regulations.

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