

YORICK THE BUS DRIVER WAS POLITE, DILIGENT, HARD-WORKING, ETC.—A MAN WHO WAS GOING PLACES WITH THE COMPANY—

SO THEY PROMOTED HIM TO INSPECTOR—NOW HE CAN STAND OUT IN THE NICE, REFRESHING ZERO WEATHER AND WATCH THE WARM BUSES GO BY—



Back Stairs: Ike's Packages of Pills

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer

Washington—(U.P.)—Backstairs at the White House: A visitor last week asked President Eisenhower how his cold was getting along.

The Chief Executive's comment was brief but graphic. He merely pulled a package of pills from each of his coat pockets. "That's about the size of it," he said, looking at the pill packages.

Mr. Eisenhower wants to get away this coming week end if possible, either to Gettysburg or Augusta.

He's anxious to get on a golf course and his doctor, Maj. Gen. Howard M. Snyder, concurs heartily.

The Chief Executive, cold or no cold, got in a round at Burning Tree last week, but that was the first golf he's played in what Dr. Snyder considers too long a time.

Evidence of the high regard with which his many friends hold Thomas E. Stephens, the

President's recent appointment secretary, was found in a crowded room at the Washington National Airport last Friday.

Stephens, leaving his White House post, drove to the airport to take a plane for New York.

Truck Driver Rescues Man Trapped by Blaze

Portland—(U.P.)—An elderly man, trapped in his blazing home here Sunday was saved from death by a Portland truck driver who dived through a closed window to rescue him.

Police said the trapped man, Ray T. Tripp, 67, had been overcome by smoke. The truck driver, Harvey L. Laash, saw the flames from his neighboring home, ran over and pulled the unconscious man through the window to safety.

Tripp was hospitalized with burns and shock. His wife was uninjured. Police blamed the blaze on a cigarette which had fallen into a divan while the Tripps were watching television earlier.

He was accompanied by several members of the White House staff.

When Stephens reached the airport however, he was led to a downstairs room where, to his amazement, there were nearly 200 of his friends waiting to see him off. Marking the fact that Tom was born in Ireland, the Irish minister was on hand for the farewell along with a harp player.

Stephens is returning to private law practice in New York but will be a frequent visitor to Washington.

Mr. Eisenhower is using color photography to help him in his pastime of painting.

When he travels around the country, he takes a color camera with him and records scenes which he will paint later.

On his recent trip to Thomasville, Ga., the President made a number of color photographs around the stately home of John Hay Whitney. Whitney has an opulent estate near the plantation of Secretary of Treasury George M. Humphrey who was Mr. Eisenhower's host.



Chickaree and Chantarelle

The western red squirrel is commonly called "chickaree." Early explorers gave the bright and charming creature the name because of its trick of trilling when it chirps or squeaks. Another native name for it is the "Douglas squirrel," because of its association with the Douglas fir tree, which was scientifically discovered by David Douglas, Scotch botanist of the 1820s. He described the trilling red squirrel of the Pacific slope woods also.

The chantarelle is the queen of northwest mushrooms. It flourishes best in the deep dark woods, where the moss hangs high—the rain forest. Chantarelle caps, rising up from forest floor moss, are fluted and ruffled like little lilies golden in hue. At first the caps are tan and button-like. At last the round caps become hollow, the color is gold-yellow and they exude an apricot-like perfume.

"The chantarelle has no ring on the stem and no cup at the base. The cap and stem run together and the gills run down from the cap, forming folds on the stem," says Margaret McKenny, in her new book on northwest wildlife.

Douglas Fir Wildflowers . . . For one like this correspondent, who owns a simple mind and a vocabulary of small words this McKenny book is a handful of pure treasure. It has taught me more about the good little mushrooms and the bad little toadstools than I've learned before, in a lifetime of addiction to mushrooms with meat. Shaggymane, I know you now! And now I'm sure I'll never be laid low by the fly amanita or the Satan's boletus.

It was the fly amanita toadstool that Emperor Nero used to slice up and slip into the salads of dinner guests that he had decided to exterminate. It earned the first part of its name through use of its juice as a fly poison.

Four pages on the Douglas fir in a section on wildflowers are focused on "the two kinds of flowers which grow on different parts of the tree."

"The small, pointed bodies covered with brown scales contain the pollen," writes Miss McKenny. "Small bristly flowers borne at the ends of the twigs, soon become brown cones with seeds beneath their scales."

In this section, as in the others, the author of "Wildlife of the Pacific" gives her subject the essential elements of its setting. That is, the place of the Douglas fir itself in the history, the economy and the scenery of the region, is shown, and the "wildflower" phase of the tree's being is related to all the rest. Tribute to tree farms and to the products of the Douglas fir harvest is handsomely paid by the author.

The Varying Hare . . . We are the champion pussy willow country according to Author McKenny. Our pussy willow grows up to 40' in height. The commonest kind in the northwest is Scouler's pussy willow—a curious name for a pussy willow finder. Its catkins often have stamens. The bees commonly wake up and come forth in the spring for Scouler's pussy willow pollen first of all just to make bee bread. But the early bees fill up on nectar too, while they are at it.

The skunk cabbage has been up and blooming, big and yellow, for some time. I learn from Miss McKenny that there are little black beetles of swamp and marsh that like the pollen of the skunk cabbage and scatter it from flower to flower. Its root has a peppery juice that bears prowl and dig for when they come out, yawning, lank,

Court Records

POLICE COURT
Benny Franklin Compher Jr., Rich-
ard Elwin Fraley, Dell Anderson Wolf-
ington, Bernard Alexander Fetzner,
Jack David Johnson, violations of
basic rule, \$10 each.
Jerry Edward Cave, excessive noise
(pipes), \$10.
Vancil Gordon Fowler, failure to
stop at stop sign, \$10.
Sue Louise Myers, failure to abide
by traffic signals, \$5.
Robert Lea Lawson, illegal left
turn, \$5.
Alvy Sterling Kendall, turning from
wrong lane, \$5.
Roger Dale Reynolds, failure to stop
at red light, \$5.
James Ray Rowden, no operator's
license, \$5.
Mary Cecilia Corcoran, failure to
stop at stop sign, \$5.
Elmer B. Zumwalt, failure to stop
at red light, \$5.
Donald Raymond Minkler, violation
of basic rule, \$15.
Myron Sanford Flansen, parked on
wrong side of street, \$25.
Frances Cordelia Hess, disregarding
traffic signs, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT
Donal R. Rutherford, violation of
basic rule, \$7.50.
Edward L. Rowell, Orval P. Kelley,
Floyd F. Froehrich, failure to stop
at stop sign, \$10 each.
Charles W. Franks, excessive over-
hang, \$10.
Kermit A. Carroll, no motor ve-
hicle license, \$5.
William R. Cupp, violation of basic
rule, \$25.
Ronald E. Sequin, failure to yield
right-of-way, \$5.

CIRCUIT COURT
Clifton V. Conover vs. Oia Dale
Conover, divorce complaint.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE
APPLICATIONS**
Rodney Daryl Twedell, 24, Ashland,
and Dorothy Lucille Thumler, 22,
Medford.
Jack Ellsworth Gordon, 44, Rose-
burg, and Ellen Beatrice Sams, 45,
Roseburg.

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tail rabbit that is commonly
called "brush rabbit" on the
west side. Both Western Wash-
ington and Oregon have the
varying hare, which is often
misnamed "cottontail." It is also
known as "snowshoe rabbit." But
a hare it is, and a varying
hare at that.

The bird section of Miss Mc-
Kenny's book has the added at-
traction of color plates.

Rogue River Slates Class in Tailoring

Rogue River—A class in
tailoring to begin Friday, Feb.
25, has been announced by Leonard
Walsh, superintendent of
Rogue River schools. The class,
for a total of 36 hours, will be
held in the library of the old
grade school building from 8:30
a.m. to 3 p.m. Mrs. Orma Farn-
ham will be the instructor.

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Mrs. Farnham at Grants Pass,
Greenwood 6-5131, or the sec-
retary of Rogue River high
school, Juniper 2-3206.

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culture officials here said today
a ruling is expected to be made
before March 1 on an issue spon-
sored by Oregon wool growers
and the Portland wool trade to
permit growers to assign incen-
tive payments to lending agen-
cies.

Milwaukee—(U.P.)—Milwau-
kee's largest fire in 34 years
swept through a two-story furni-
ture store yesterday at an ex-
pected loss of \$250,000.

Mountain Climber Will Seek To Bring Snowman of Himalayas Back To America

Orange, Calif.—(U.P.)—A former college professor is on his way to the other side of the world to look for a snowman. He wants to bring it back alive.

Although his trip to Nepal is basically a mountain-climbing expedition, Norman G. Dyhrenfurth admits he has more than a passing interest in the legend of the abominable snowman that haunts the Himalayas.

These creatures are known only by their tracks and the tales you hear from Nepalese tribesmen who claim to have seen them.

Four Toes—Size 12 Foot
"They are definitely unlike anything we are familiar with in the Himalayas," said Dyhrenfurth, who is a veteran climber at 35.

"The animal-or-man has four toes on each foot. It walks on two feet and runs on all fours. Each track is as long as a size 12 man's foot but much wider.

"It may have a tail, judging from the tracks in the snow, and must be about the size of a gorilla."

Dyhrenfurth is determined to capture a Yeti, or snowman, if he sees one on his expedition which has as its main goal the conquest of Lhotse, a 27,890-foot peak—the second highest unclimbed mountain in the world. **Seeks Photo Proof**

Even if the snowman gets away, it is a safe bet Dyhrenfurth will get a picture of it. He formerly headed the motion picture department at UCLA, and in 1952, he served as cameraman-director on the unsuccessful Swiss expedition up the slopes of Mount Everest. It was then he became convinced the abominable snowman really existed.

"I was camped high on Everest when early one morning I was awakened by the sound of a

great beast outside our little tent," he recalled. "I felt the beast hit the tent ropes and heard it growling, but by the time I crawled outside it had vanished. I could smell the odor of a furbearing animal and I saw the tracks of a Yeti in the snow."

To Take Big Game Guns

Dyhrenfurth has left for Nepal via Switzerland. A big game hunter will join the expedition in Switzerland or India. If a Yeti is sighted the hunter will have instructions to take it dead or alive, Dyhrenfurth said.

Dyhrenfurth, who has turned out many documentary films on mountain climbing, is one of a family of climbers. His mother,

Hettie, holds the record for having climbed higher than any other woman in the world. She and her husband, Gunter, won an Olympic medal for their climbs in the Himalayas in the 1930s.

Dyhrenfurth hopes his expedition, if successful, will bring some glory to his American party. He recalled how the Italians acted after their countrymen conquered the Himalayan peak K-2 recently.

"The success in climbing that mountain meant more to the average Italian than any World Series baseball games ever meant in America," Dyhrenfurth said. "Not that I have anything against baseball—I just like mountain climbing better."

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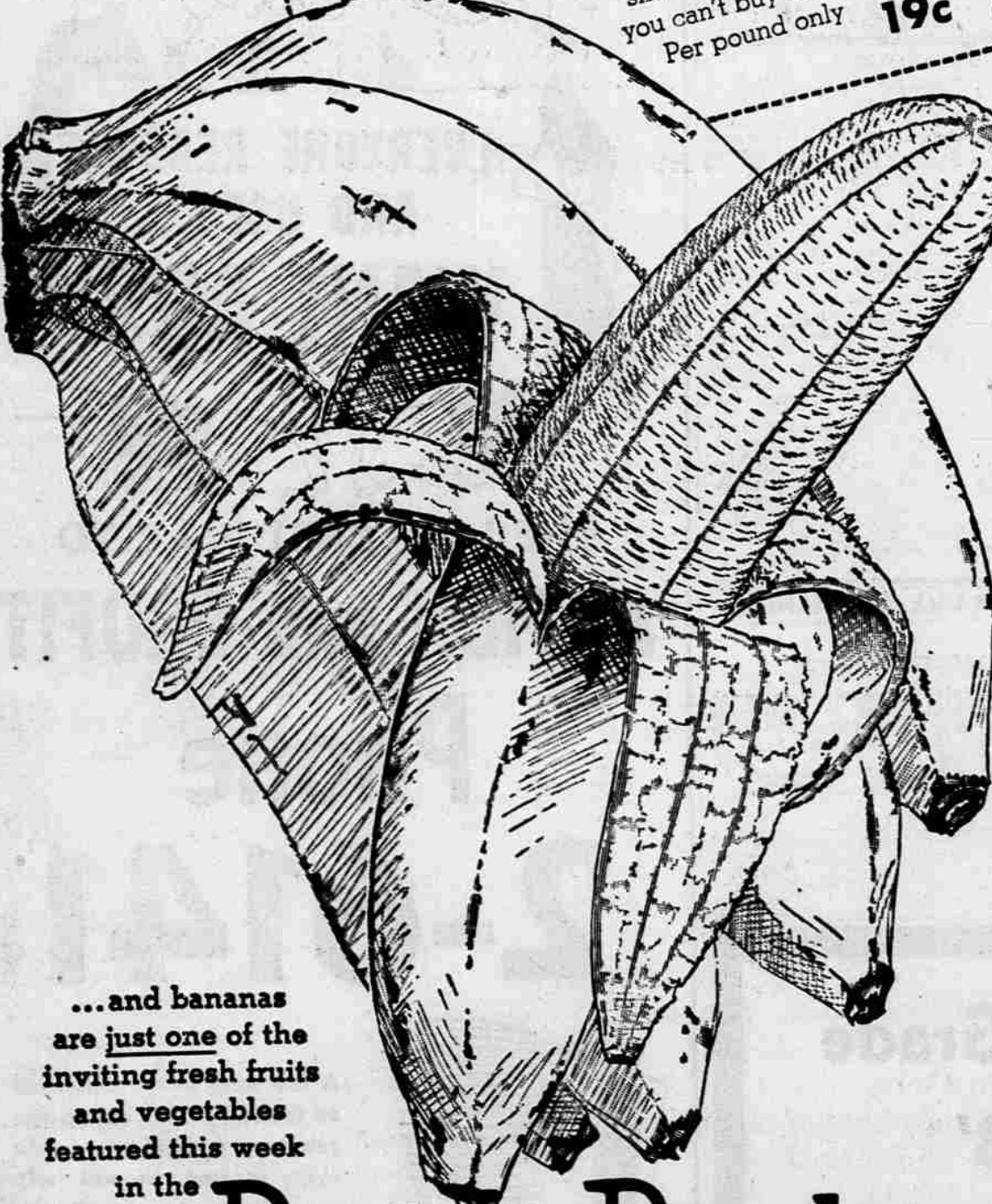
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