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

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Washington—(U.P.)—I walked into what Laurence Vail Coleman calls his "hovel" and there he was.



Harman Nichols

A distinguished looking gentleman with the eyebrows of John L. Lewis and the hair of the lovely Ernie Pyle, meaning no hair in the middle and poking out each way fringewise.

Coleman happens, by no accident at all, to be director of the American Association of Museums. A very important, non-profit organization which looks around to see that the 500 museums in the country get copies of all of the dinosaur tracks found around the sections of the world. Not to mention a lot of other things.

I had heard much about Laurence Coleman, and told him I was happy and proud to greet him. But I was a little shocked to see the house he kept in the dignified Smithsonian Institution. It looked like a cross between a country weekly office, no stranger to me, and something out of R. Goldberg. Hanging overhead were the tired old, flea-bitten bones of something out of the Old West. A relic, the great man said.

Well Organized Litter
Papers and documents were scattered on and under the floor. I'm a great man to worry about those things, because I generally scatter them hither and yon, too.

"Don't worry, man," said Coleman, "My confusion is well organized."
What the museum man wanted to tell me was that during this month the Museum Association is celebrating its 50th birthday. Directors came in from all over, leaders of art, history and industrial museums in the United States and Canada.

That's fine, and I learned that the important work of museums is nothing new to Coleman. He was, as they say, born to it. He was brought up in New York City among the heirlooms that looked back across nine generations.

"My earliest recollections," said the dignified old gentleman,

"have to do with collecting bugs. Want to see some of my dandies?" I had a look and indeed, and for sure, they were dandies. Author and Collector

Coleman went to public schools in New York, then to City College and did some graduate work in bugs and collection at both Yale and Harvard.

Coleman said that collecting things for museums is something of an art.

"When you are looking for something old," he said, "you have to know where it can be found 10 years before it can be."

That sounded a little confusing to me, and I asked him about it, but he said it was something of a trade secret.

Coleman has written a lot of real serious books on museums. Once he visited 500 universities and looked into their back houses to find things of interest to students of the very old. He had a lot of luck and turned out three fat volumes, which are on file at the Library of Congress. Posterity will benefit.

I asked Coleman if I could meet his staff. We were all alone at the time.

He said: "I would like to have you meet my secretary, Bessy, here."

"Bessy" turned out to be a 1919 Royal typewriter, in pretty fine shape for her age. His only "staff."

Storage Reservoirs To Lower Maximum Stage of Columbia

Portland—(U.P.)—Army engineers said today that through use of major power storage reservoirs the maximum stage of the Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., would be reduced by about two feet and would not exceed 20 feet this week end.

Col. L. H. Foote, North Pacific division engineer, said that damage at the 20-foot stage would be nominal.

Reservoirs at Grand Coulee on the Columbia and Hungry Horse on the south fork of the Flathead river have been storing water throughout the seasonal rise under supervision of the water control branch of the Corps of Engineers' division office.

No Effect on Flood Stage
Col. Foote said McNary and Bonneville dams, both of which are run-of-the-river projects, have no effect on flood stages down river. The outlet gates at these dams are operated only to obtain proper head for power production and no perceptible increase or decrease in river elevations downstream results from this operation.

Grand Coulee reservoir contributed about 1.5 feet to the lower river stage reduction and Hungry Horse about 0.5 feet.

Roseburg Youth Dies On Duty in England

Roseburg—(U.P.)—Word has been received here of the death of Pfc Wayne A. Pollard, 20, of Roseburg, while stationed with the U.S. Army in England.

The Defense Department told Mr. and Mrs. Owen A. Pollard their son was killed last Friday when he was struck by an Army truck some 50 miles from London.

UAW Will Press For Separate Pact With Body Makers

Milwaukee, Wis.—(U.P.)—A CIO United Auto Workers delegation arrived today to press talks for a new separate contract at the Milwaukee body plant of American Motors Corp.

The delegation adjourned talk with the company in Detroit Wednesday after two days of negotiations on a contract for the majority of AMC's workers in Michigan, California and Wisconsin.

Expires Aug. 12
The majority of the workers are covered by a master contract which expires Aug. 12 but the workers at the body plant are covered by a separate contract which expires July 1.

The union recessed its Detroit

talks until Tuesday after promising to consider "all pertaining economic facts" in negotiating a new contract with American Motors, the first of the auto industry's "Little Three" to discuss a new contract with the union this year.

Leonard Woodcock, UAW vice president in charge of the American Motors Department, has said the union would seek a "full wage guarantee" from AMC.

Union demands for a 100 per cent wage guarantee for 52 weeks a year were reduced to 60 to 65 per cent of full pay for 26 weeks before Ford and GM reached agreements with the union.

Observers in Detroit said the union may have presented its demands to AMC negotiations in a secret session before leaving for the talks here. They reasoned that this would give the company time to study the union demand while the negotiators are working on the body plant contract.

Coos Bay Man, Wife Die on Successive Days

Coos Bay—(U.P.)—The County Coroner today said the Grover Cain and his wife, Sara, died on successive days at a hospital here last week. Cain died Friday. His wife died Saturday. Both had been ill for some time.

Thursday, June 16, 1955

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—ELEVEN

THE PROOF

Falls City, Neb.—(U.P.)—Visitors here used to smile to themselves when Bill Copeland would tell them of the dividend checks he received from several large corporations. After all, Copeland was only a restroom attendant in the local hotel. Copeland died recently and left stocks and bonds valued at more than \$56,000.

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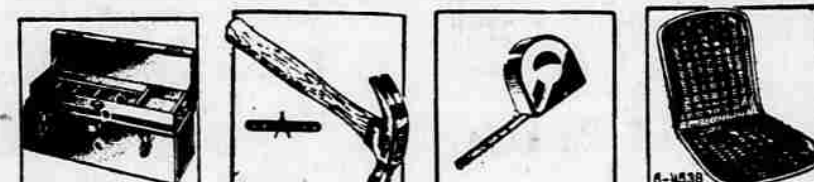
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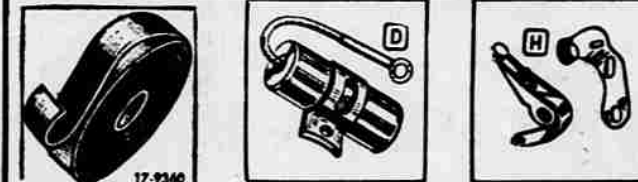
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