

## College President Recalls Impression Left by Seeing Abe Lincoln in Coffin

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New York—(U.P.)—The gentleman with the blue eyes, the stand-up collar, the cigar at pert tilt between two fingers, sat bolt upright at this rolltop desk and remembered 'way back in 1865.

He remembered a man in a coffin.

"I can see that face yet," he said. "Gaunt... homely... but there was something in his face that was really spiritual, even to death. It has stayed with me all my life—his face the spiritual part of it."

"To see such an ugly face, and to have it give you an impression that was something beyond human, was... well, was a counterpoise," said the blue-eyed gentleman. In this, the inspiration was intensified. It was beyond human. It has lasted with me all my lifetime. It was probably the most spiritual thing in my life."

The man in the coffin was Abraham Lincoln.

The gentleman doing the remembering, at the desk where he presides every day as head of a college, was Dr. Maurice J. Lewi.

Tomorrow, Dr. Lewi will whiz past a minor milestone. He will be 88 years old. That would seem to call for something of a celebration.

"Celebration? No sir. I don't want any more," said Dr. Lewi. "They used to give me parties. Now, I've eschewed all that. If

I live to be a hundred, then they can give me a banquet."

There's little doubt around the New York College of Podiatry, which Dr. Lewi, an M.D., founded in 1912, and of which he's president and director of instruction, that the banquet will be given.

He smokes eight cigars a day, eats "everything," has scotch-and-soda before dinner, dry chablis with the meal, puts in five days a week on the job, writes historical-medical treatises, makes speeches, plays poker and whist maybe three times a week at the New York Bridge-Whist Club (which he founded in 1906), attends meetings of the Albany Society of New York (which he founded in 1893).

He was 8 when he saw Lincoln's body lying in state in the capitol in Albany, N. Y. He went twice through the long double line to see the face in the coffin.

"People were sobbing, their handkerchiefs were out, and you could hear their voices, filled with tears, as they walked up the steep hill."

"I've seen practically every President since then," he said. "And I knew many of them personally. I knew Garfield, Cleveland intimately, Harrison, Teddy Roosevelt—he mentions me in his autobiography—and the latter Roosevelt."

Dr. Lewi was a medical witness at the execution of President McKinley's assassin and at-

tended the post mortem examination.

"I'm one of 14 children, all of whom, with the exception of two, lived into their 70s and 80s. My baby sister is alive at 87. My baby brother is 85, and he's known to his companions," said the doctor, huffing out a chuckle of cigar smoke, "as Lewi the 14th."

## 18th Mistrial Motion Filed in Fong Trial

Portland—(U.P.)—The attorney for Sherry Fong yesterday made his 18th motion for a mistrial as the retrial of the Portland woman accused of first degree murder went into its 12th day.

Irvin Goodman said his latest motion was based on "continuous prejudicial misconduct on the part of the prosecution." The motion followed a cross-examination question in which Deputy District Attorney Howard Longergan asked a defense witness about Mrs. Fong and narcotics.

Circuit Judge Alfred P. Dobson refused to consider the motion today, stating that "we've had two failures through errors... I'm doing my level best this time to see that the trial is completed and that this case goes to the jury."

Mrs. Fong and her husband are accused of the slaying of 16-year-old Diane Hank.

## Merrifield, Morgan In Political Preview

Salem—(U.P.)—A preview of the coming political campaigns was given Willamette university students yesterday when State Sen. John C. F. Merrifield of Portland, Republican, and Howard Morgan of Monmouth, chairman of the State Democratic Central committee, debated which party should control the 1957 Oregon Legislature.

Sen. Merrifield said the fact that Oregon is first in secondary education in the nation; first in hourly wages paid to workers; has the finest state institutions, civil service, retirement plan and highway program should be sufficient proof of the Republican control of the last several legislative sessions.

Morgan quoted newspaper disappointment in the 1955 Legislature for "lack of leadership" and blamed Republican Gov. Paul L. Patterson. He accused Republicans of shunning experienced Democratic leadership because of partisanship, citing failure to name Sen. Robert D. Holmes of Gearhart to the chairmanship of the Senate Education Committee which he had headed in the 1953 session.

Chicago—(U.P.)—A 204-pound Hampshire owned by McGuire Hampshire Farm, Wisner, Neb., has been chosen grand champion barrow of the International Livestock Exposition.

McMinnville—(U.P.)—The 14th annual Pacific Coast Turkey Exhibit will open here Dec. 6 for a four-day run.

## Harriman Criticisms Declared Dangerous

Chicago—(U.P.)—National Republican Chairman Leonard Hall said yesterday that Democrat Averell Harriman's criticisms of the administration foreign policy are "dangerous."

Hall, here for a meeting of the GOP National Committee, told a news conference that Gov. Harriman's statements are "in my opinion, a disservice to his party."

The New York governor, a possible Democratic presidential candidate, has been outspoken among Democrats in criticizing the Eisenhower administration's foreign policy record.

Hall said he feels the time element in President Eisenhower's decision on whether to run again is "not important." He said it would be all right if the decision were not made until late February or early March.

## Ike Hopes Chiang Changes Decision

United Nations, N.Y.—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower still hopes that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will withdraw his threat to veto U.N. membership for Outer Mongolia, both for Nationalist China's own sake and for the United Nations, American sources said yesterday.

The President was said to have informed the Nationalists that their own position in the United Nations will be shaken badly if they persist in their present determination.

A veto on Outer Mongolia also could scuttle the entire package plan to admit 18 additional members to the world body.

President Eisenhower has made two appeals to Chiang to change his position. The first was said to have been turned down.

No reply to the second has been received.

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**QUICK WORK**  
Naugatuck, Conn.—(U.P.)—Policeman Edward Armonat spotted a stolen automobile two minutes after it was reported missing. The owner, Casimir Laniewski, had to wait another 60 seconds before the machine was recovered.

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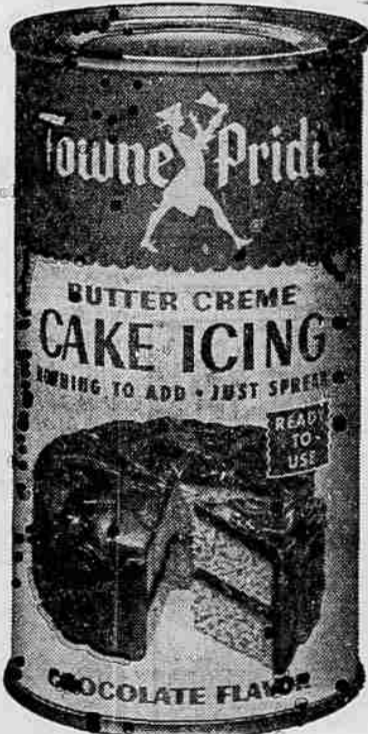
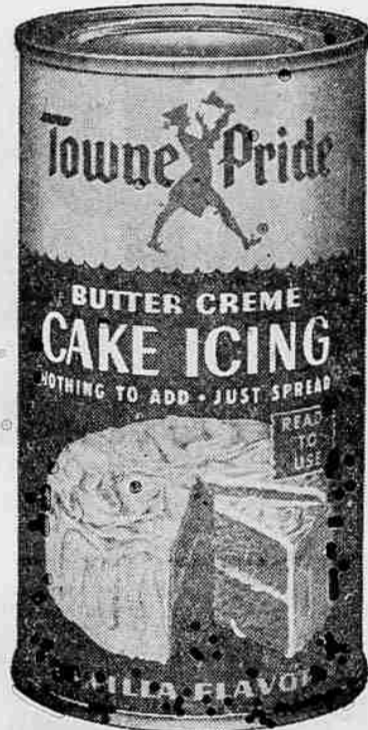
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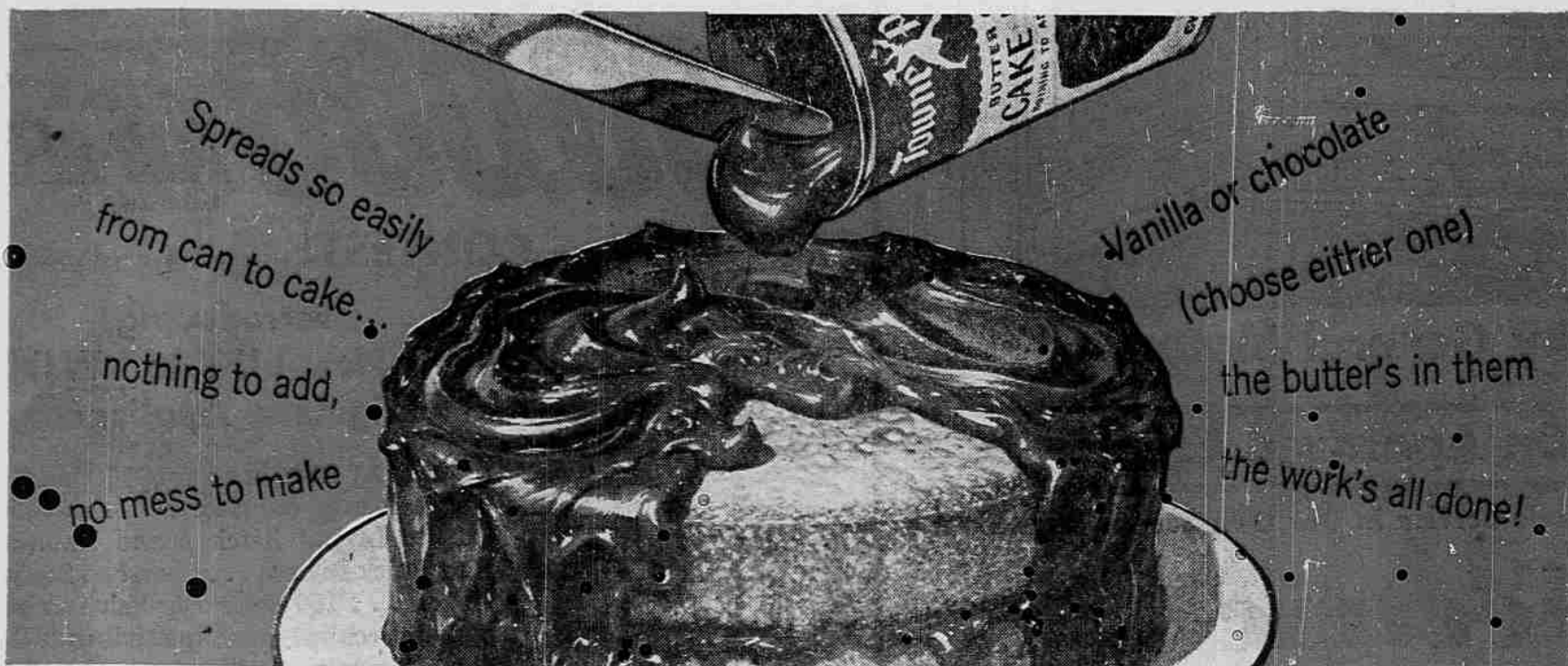
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