

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

Kyoto, Japan, with Japan Air Lines—Of this I am sure: in all the world no nation loves its gardens with the singleheartedness of the Japanese. From wealthiest nobleman to poorest commoner, each has his garden if only a dwarf tree in a pot.

Of Gardens, assuredly this city—Kyoto, the cultural capital of Japan for a thousand years—has the most beautiful of all.

As one might expect of such an ancient country, the tradition of centuries stands behind each garden. There are tended pines, the king of trees, 500 years old; wisteria vines, 1,000 years old; ageless rocks transplanted from mountainsides. So beloved are some of these grained rocks, that one—a famous stone near Kyoto—has been moved to at least four gardens and when brought to its present location it was wrapped in silk and moved to the sound of music.

There are gardens for moods:—dignified ones for temples; intimate ones for the tea ceremony; austere ones for the disciplined; quiet ones for the

straw bonnets and mantles and even "snow ropes" are sometimes used—the straw ropes placed along walks to hold the snow off the warmer ground and thus make white borders.

Besides "snow viewing," "moon viewing" also can be beautiful; again, the pruning has been done with an eye to enhance the night view. The foreground has been rigorously pruned and thinned so one can see through the nearer trees readily and catch the vistas beyond. On such nights, raked gravel-like sand can be utterly beautiful as the white surfaces reflect a soft radiance. Even the most superficial person cannot help but be impressed with the garden's message of coolness and tranquility.

To capture the flavor of Japan's gardens and hold it in the palm of your hand, may I suggest you get Samuel Newsome's beautiful book, *A Thousand Years of Japanese Gardens* (\$10), by writing to him directly. The Greenwood Tree, Mill Valley, Calif.

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Initial Work Starts On McKenzie Dam

Eugene — (U.P.) — Initial work was under way Saturday toward construction of Cougar dam on the south fork of the McKenzie river some 70 miles east of Eugene.

U.S. Army engineers are drilling for final data on bedrock for the core trench of the proposed huge rock-fill dam. Four logging outfits are clearing timber from the dam site.

Cougar dam will cost an estimated 37 million dollars and will include power generators, although the status of the power development is still in question.

Oregon Sens. Wayne Morse and Richard L. Neuberger say the dam will be an all-federal project because of the way in which authorization and appropriations were made. But Oregon Congressman Harris Ellsworth and administration men indicate that it is not too late to change to a partnership project in which the city of Eugene would pay some 11 million dollars for the construction of the power generation facilities.

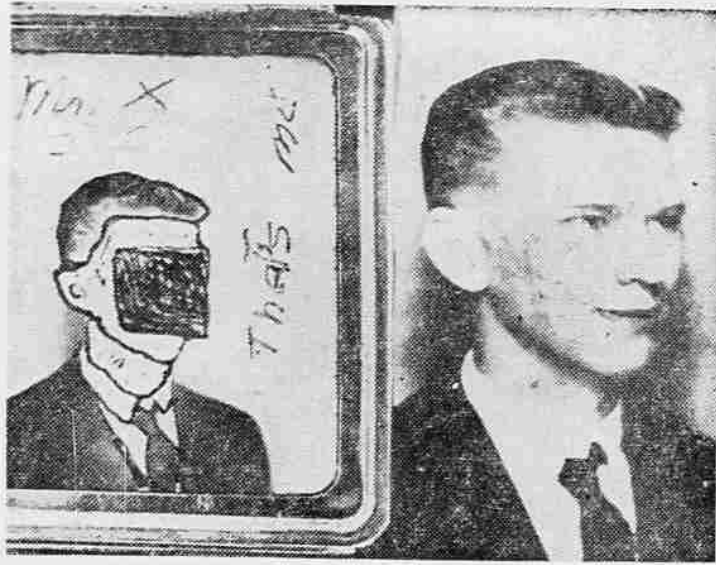
Rawlinson to Head Smith's Campaign

Salem — (U.P.) — R. A. (Dick) Rawlinson, young Salem businessman, was appointed state campaign manager for the Elmo Smith for governor campaign, it was announced here Saturday.

"This is my first plunge into the political field," Rawlinson said. "However, my firm belief that Elmo Smith has the experience and ability needed for this important job, therefore I am ready to do everything I can to assure his election."

Gov. Smith expressed pleasure at Rawlinson's acceptance and said he was endeavoring to get younger people into his campaign.

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WISE GUY UNMASKED—Los Angeles police accepted the challenge when they received a note which declared "I pulled two jobs Wednesday, March 7. See if you can find out who I am," signed Mr. X. Inclosed with the note was the photograph (left) which had the face inked out. Police copied it with infrared rays to get the result on the right. Copies have been distributed, with orders to bring the man in.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

By BILL HURN
Tuesday evening, March 20, prior to the theater movie, presentations of awards and prizes on the Hobby fair were made.

Frank J. Glonning, chief of special services, presided and presented H. Jaffrey, VAD assistant manager who spoke in commendation of the fair and what it represented. Emil Kroeger, VAVS committee general chairman for the fair as Oregon State hospital chairman of the BPOE, and Jack Weaver, secretary of Ashland Elks lodge 944, were introduced.

Bud Ash, coordinator for the fair presented the first, second and third place awards to the winners in the eight divisions with canteen books.

Each Hobby show entrant had previously been handed a carton of cigarettes from the National Services commission and Oregon State Elks association.

Individual sales by members of their craftsmanship have been reported satisfactory.

The regular monthly VAVS advisory committee meeting held at Elks Temple March 12 was attended by 19 representatives, 14 VAD staff members and six guests.

New staff members with other first-time visitors were introduced and welcomed by Frank J. Glonning, chairman of the meeting.

E. K. Ricker in his greeting to those in attendance, quoted Dr. Middleton, chief medical director of central office, who visited last month on his commendations.

Progress was reported on the refurbishing of the three wards in process, improvements at the reservoir and cemetery the picnic ground project, VAVS room and installation of an ambulant at the infirmary.

Attendance credit records for the last five months of 1955 to Legion auxiliary, Red Cross, Blue Star Mothers, Lady Bugs, Women's Relief Corps, Navy Mothers and VFW auxiliary were announced.

Last minute details of Hobby fair were reviewed to the group the 10th anniversary observance of VAVS week April 15 to 22 with its Turn-About party, the scheduling of guided tours throughout the facility, designation of particular organizations by weeks for special recognition and publicizing the united efforts of representative bodies were outlined.

As a farewell gift in token of association under him for several years, Section Leader Hugh A. Martin of section one with his section leaders presented Kenneth B. Black, assistant domiciliary officer, with a spinning-reel rod. His new post is

Fort Harrison, Mont., as registrar at the VA center there.

H. Jaffrey, assistant manager, and R. H. Ruffin, domiciliary officer of Camp White staff, were present.

Proposed Amendment Ballot Title Drafted

Salem — (U.P.) — A ballot title for a proposed constitutional amendment limiting contributions under the relative responsibility act was prepared Saturday by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton.

Purpose of the act as stated in the title would be "to amend the constitution by exempting persons having a gross annual income of less than \$5000 a year from making compulsory contributions toward the support of needy relatives and limiting the amount which can be required by law to be paid by those earning in excess of \$5000."

The relative responsibility act which requires relatives to contribute to the support of needy persons was recently upheld as constitutional by the Oregon Supreme Court. The present initiative measure would require 40,093 signatures to appear on the November ballot.

Under the initiative, the Legislature would be prohibited from passing any law increasing beyond the scale provided for the amounts of money for which responsible relatives will be liable.

Bodies of Three Navy Men Found After Crash

Palm Springs, Calif. — (U.P.) — A sheriff's posse and men from March Air Force Base have found the bodies of three Navy men killed in the crash of their AD5 Skyraider in the Santa Rosa mountains, 14 miles southeast of here.

Pacific Fleet headquarters in San Diego, Calif., where the plane was based, said the bodies were found Friday at the 4000-foot level of a mountain. The plane crashed Thursday.

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CAB Denies Request For Circle Route

Washington — (U.P.) — The Civil Aeronautics board has denied Northwest Airlines the right to participate in the board's consideration of a petition by Pan-American World Airways to fly the great circle route to the Orient.

Northwest now has a temporary seven-year permit to fly the great circle route via Alaska. The CAB last year turned down Pan-American's petition to fly the same route. The board, at President Eisenhower's request, subsequently agreed to reconsider Pan-American's request.

Northwest, which is seeking a permanent certificate for the great circle route, asked to be heard in connection with the Pan-American request.

The board, in its order Friday, said Northwest's position "does not warrant" its inclusion in CAB reconsideration of the Pan-American petition.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (U.P.) — So you get richer in a hit Broadway play? Van Heflin confessed today he came home wiser—but poorer—from his.

Heflin lost part of the family fortune in his appearance on the New York stage last fall in "A View From The Bridge." Most of the critics gave an approving nod to the work, which ran for seven months on Broadway.

"But from a financial standpoint I came out a little in the hole," Heflin admitted today as he settled down in a new home after nine months away from the cinema city.

"It was a success from a critical standpoint, however. And eventually it will make a movie—so we backers won't lose everything."

While in New York, Heflin made up for his financial loss on the stage by starring in a movie. These days the trend is toward film versions of television plays. Heflin appeared in "Patterns," which may do for him what "Marty" did for Ernest Borgnine.

The film was made entirely in New York with an eastern crew and producers.

"Patterns" tells of a battle among business men, as in the manner of MGM's "Executive Suite" of two years ago. Heflin has faith that film fans will be attracted by the unusual story "Because American people always are underestimated."

"There's a cliché that a movie has to have a great love story. You can find yourself in the middle of the Sahara Desert with the Foreign Legion and they'll drag in a dame," he said.

"This is a terrific story. Black-and-white, ordinary-sized screen. Color and wide screens have helped certain stories such as

musicals, but they aren't necessary for all. Can you imagine 'On The Waterfront' in color? 'Patterns' having been on TV won't hurt the movie boxoffice," he added. "TV only scratches the surface."

Back in Hollywood Heflin is scouting for a new movie and any new play that comes along. Having gotten his bankbook burned hasn't discouraged him from trying Broadway again, he admits.

"I'd do it again if I could get as good material," he said.

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