

### Oregon Coast Group Holds Final Meeting

Coos Bay — (U.P.)—About 150 representatives of coast cities are scheduled to hold the final meetings today of their three-day Oregon Coast association convention.

Speakers yesterday included Gov. Elmo Smith and State Senator Robert Holmes, Democratic candidate for governor.

The association is seeking ways to promote tourist travel along the Oregon coast.

There are 19 municipalities in the U.S. that are named Independence.



### Whistle Punk Lament . . .

This week brings the 14th birthday of this column "Out of the Woods." For the occasion I'm revising one of the earliest of the 731 columns, one in which Stewart Holbrook was co-author. Our joint essay was on the decline and fall of the whistle punk. My own lament was the news that a whistle punk — a real one on a real logging payroll — was laying off to go to Washington, D. C., as a delegate to the World Youth Congress. I remarked that the end of the world had been prophesied on less ominous events.

Then came a letter from a whistle punk who had studied short-story writing and public speaking in high school and who, after returning to the woods, subscribed to a correspondence course in these studies. More, as he remarked in his letter, he was teaching a Sunday school class. I suggested that this could be true piety, but that the lad might be using the kiddies as guinea pigs for his practice in story-telling and oratory.

"I have read in the paper," he wrote, "that you have just had published a new book of stories for boys, entitled 'Paul Bunyan's Bears.' Where may I obtain the book? I think it is just what I need. I can study the stories as help in writing my own, and I can tell your Paul Bunyan bear stories to the children to amuse them before I teach them their Sunday school lessons. I am also interested from my experience as a whistle punk . . ."

The case was put before Stewart Holbrook. He left the problem to me, but he did contribute this little study of—

"Whistle Punk, Old Style . . ." In my young days in the woods and when stove logging was on in the bunkhouse, the whistle punk who was allowed to talk commonly had but one text, wrote Mr. Holbrook. He himself was the subject. His tale was never a tall one of Paul Bunyan, but always on how he, the punk, told the hook tender to go chase himself, or

the timekeeper where to head in, or how he inhaled a quart of redevy at one sitting, or how he slugged a policeman last time in town.

As for Sunday school teaching! There was nothing remotely like that with the whistle punk of my time. One could always tell a whistle punk by hearing, without seeing him. For in a common conversation he would out-curse an Irishman speaking of the English king. When he'd spit it was always with the front of one who was about to set in motion a cosmic disturbance.

Once I heard a whistle punk of but 17 years call a rugged camp push "boy" and get away with it. Yet I only saw one come to ask a proud cook named Swanson why it was that Danes were so much smarter than Swedes. The cook upended the whistle punk in a tub of bread dough and would have baked him offhand but for a tender-hearted timekeeper putting in an oar.

The Tough Twig . . . Paul Bunyan stories from a book in Sunday school? In the heyday of the whistle punk that I knew (Hols continued), some of the breed were so tough they would even scorn to read the pink pages of the Police Gazette. The true whistle punk would never chew just simple snooze but would lead it in the lip with a mat of Peerless. His boots would boast the longest and sharpest spikes in camp. He stagg'd his pants a full four inches higher than the average. He painted his slicker red.

To hear him talk, you'd think that the favorite dish of the whistle punk was track bolts soaked in coal oil and wood alcohol. But chocolate bars were his weakness. He might be telling how he once made a solid meal of canned heat, but poked a sweet bar at him and he'd stop talking in the instant. It was always worth a nickel . . .

Three rousing cheers, Mr. Holbrook, for an inspirational essay that puts Norman Vincent Peale to shame.



### APPLEGATE-JACKSONVILLE Fishermen Await April 28

By HELGA MITCHELL

Applegate — Jacksonville—In a few days a familiar figure will be seen in this area, "The perennial fisherman." The banks of the Applegate river will be dotted with fishermen; Squaw lake will be swarming with them, and the educated trout will remain aloof to all the enticing lures and baits, which spasmodically dangle in the midst of this domain.

Our perennial fisherman, in all probability, is rigged up with his paraphernalia, eagerly awaiting the red letter day, April 28. Then comes "The" day, and in the wee hours of the morning, he is seen seeking out the best hole or riffle in the river. Often he encounters obstacles blocking his favorite spot, but that doesn't faze our hero's determination to reach it. Logs and debris clutter his destination. With pole in hand, and creel on back, he gingerly climbs out on the proverbial "limb." He skillfully balances himself as he thoughtfully baits his hook, being careful not to snag into the maze of twigs and branches surrounding him. At last, his line is cast; he waits with bated breath for the first thrilling tug.

Suddenly, the shrill screech of his reel startles him, and a shimmering silvery streak darts out and splashes back into the water. He's hooked his first fish of the season. With a glint in his eye, and a thump in his chest, he cautiously maneuvers his victim into the yawning net. He lifts the wiggling creature up above the water, and a proud smile breaks out over his face, as he thinks, "Man, what a beauty!" Wait till he tells this story to the boys.

Mr. and Mrs. James Holley of Sweet Home, Ore., were weekend visitors at the Mansel Milam residence. The Holleys also brought Mrs. Milam's mother, Mrs. H. L. Liles, with them. Other visitors at the Milam residence were Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Liles of Grants Pass. "I had 19 people for lunch," Mrs. Milam stated.

A birthday party for Otis Buck was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farrand of Upper Applegate last Friday.

Guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Otis Buck, Mr. and Mrs. Estel Cox, Mr. and Mrs. George Redhead, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Buck. Games were played and refreshments followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylor Slug and their two children, Brian and Linda, came down from Coquille, Ore. to attend the Applegate "Spring Fling" Auction last Saturday. The Slugs and the Arion Christensens of Applegate used to know each other in Iowa.

The Otis Bucks of Little Applegate, had their visitors in re-lay last Sunday. The visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farrand, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Reavis and family of Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuel Cox.

Students of this area participating in the play held at the Jacksonville school last Friday night were Bob Walker, Shirley Walker, Louella Snyder, Claude Wilson and Walter Couch.

The next meeting of the Little Knitting club will be held at the home of Mrs. George Redhead on May 15.

### University Student Sets Record Grades

Cleveland, O. — (U.P.)— Authorities at Western Reserve university are checking back through dusty records in an effort to prove that Robert Griffith has set a new one.

The Ph.D. degree winner completed his college career with a record of 78 A's out of 80 courses, or 222 hours of A work out of a total of 226. His only B marks came out of a one-hour course in chemistry literature and a philosophy course.

Griffith gave his wife the credit for what is believed the best grades in the 129-year history of Western Reserve.

"She gave me the encouragement and help I needed," he said. "It was hard work, but a great deal of fun, also."

### ACCUSING late Red Dictator Stalin of secretly aiding Czar while plotting his overthrow, Alexandra Tolstoy, New York anti-Communist, holds document she says proves charge. (International)

### Dulles' NATO Plan Gets Warm Reception

Paris — (U.P.)— Western European leaders gave him warm applause today to American acceptance of their view that NATO should branch out into non-military fields.

They said the policy statement made by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles in New York Monday was long overdue.

Italy's President Giovanni Gronchi and Foreign Ministers Halvard Lange of Norway, Johannes Beyen of the Netherlands, Heinrich von Brentano of West Germany and Lester Pearson of Canada have been pushing; a widening scope for NATO for months.

A NATO spokesman said activities in peaceful fields will be one of the chief items on the agenda of the NATO foreign ministers meeting here May 4-6.

### BEACH PARTY FAVORED

Pomona, Calif. — (U.P.)—A tile manufacturing company recreation committee announced today the results of an employees' activities preference poll.

Largest vote was for a beach party. Next was fishing. Last was "a visit to other tile factories."

### Hearing Continued For Maritime Captain

San Francisco — (U.P.)— U.S. Commissioner Joseph Karesh has continued until Thursday the preliminary hearing of maritime Captain Wilhelm Hope, arrested Saturday on federal fraud charges.

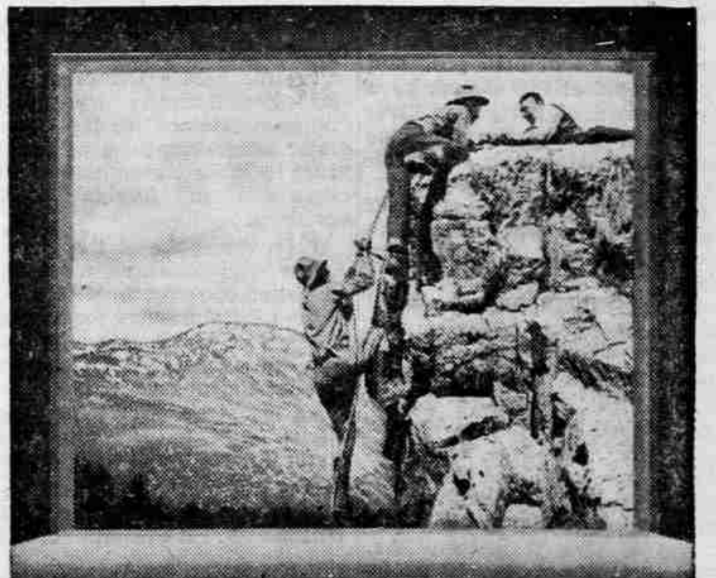
Karesh said Hope may agree to return to Seattle where the warrant was issued for his arrest. The FBI said he was arrested as a result of fraudulent statements he allegedly made in connection with a 1953 ship survey.

Hope's ship, the tanker S. S. Seatiger, is in drydock at the Todd shipyard in Alameda.

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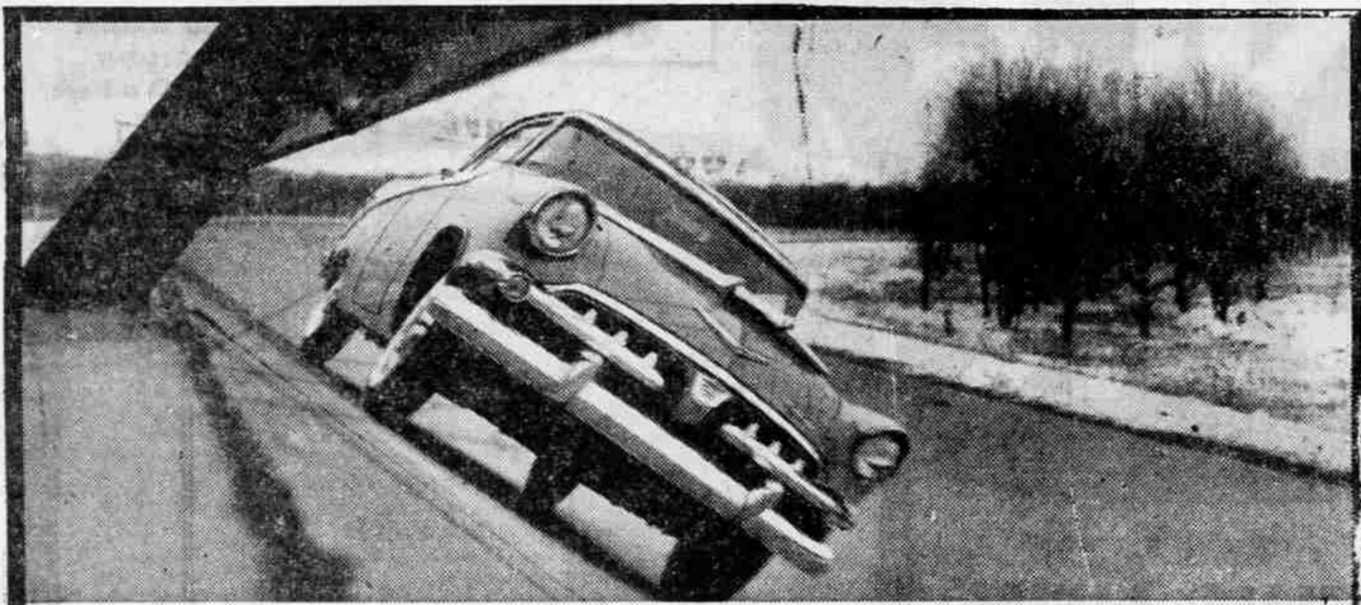
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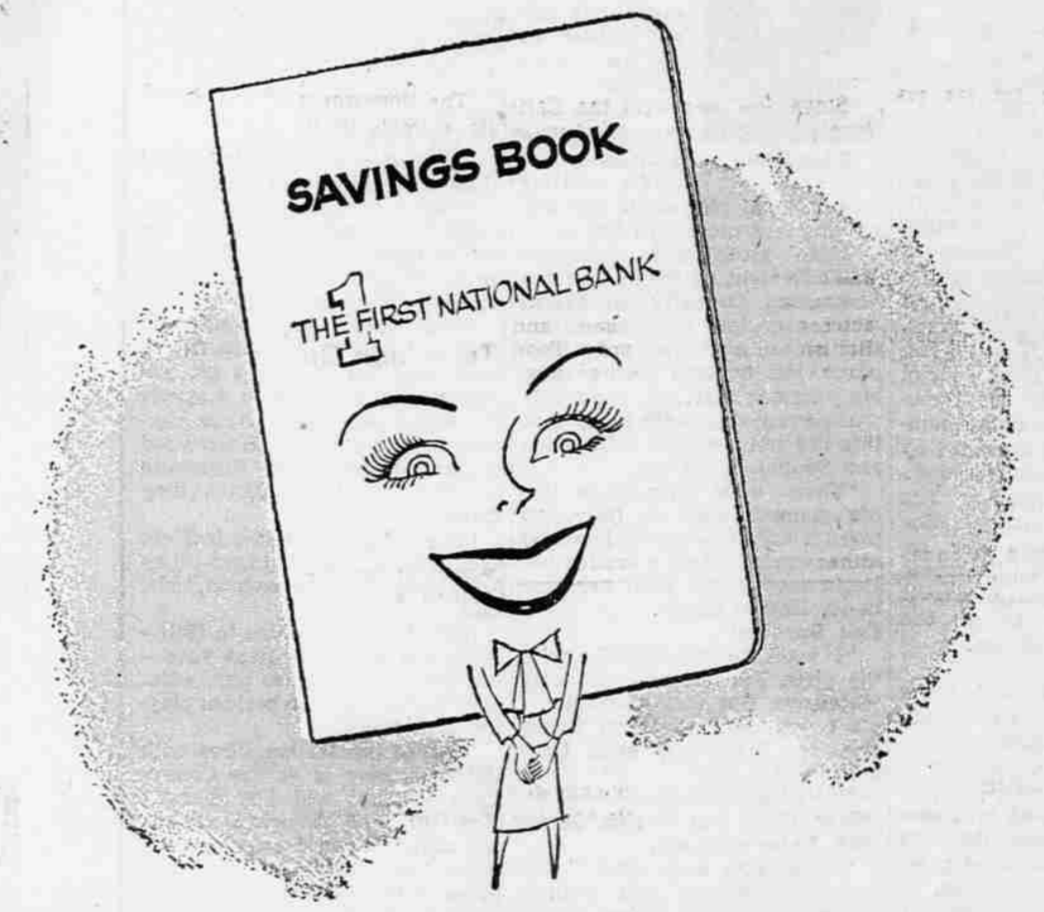
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