

Authoress of Siskiyou Area Recalled; Recent Book Out

(Editor's note: The following appreciation of a fine lady and authoress, who once made her home in northern California, was written by the Mail Tribune's Hornbrook correspondent.)

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN

"Along the Klamath river in the Siskiyou mountains of northern California, Stella Walthall Patterson at the age of 80 discovered an exciting and happy new life. Her book relating the adventures, the dangers, and above all the honest friends she made, will be one of the best-loved books of the year."

So reads the advance notice of the book, "Dear Mad'm," published last week.

Writes of Self

Of herself, Mrs. Patterson wrote for the book-jacket, "I was born in Stockton, Calif., in 1866 in that tumultuous period following the close of the Civil war. I was educated by tutors and in private schools, graduating at Mills Seminary (now Mills college) at the age of sixteen. I wrote my first story for publication when I was 14; it was accepted, printed and paid for by the Oakland Tribune, to the horror of my English teacher. After studying in Europe, I returned to California and led a gay social life in San Francisco, belonging to the literary set and basking in the light of Jack London, Ambrose Bierce and other writers. I wrote stories for Century magazine, Colliers, and others.

1906 Earthquake

Then, in 1906, came the earthquake and fire in San Francisco which changed my whole life. Most of my worldly possessions were lost. I fled from the ruins of my beloved city and never returned. I decided to live in the quietness of faraway northern California, and have grown to be a part of this wild and beautiful Siskiyou county. It is the sort of life I love and expect to continue."

The appellation, "My Most Unforgettable Character," could aptly be applied to Mrs. Patterson. This writer and her husband several years ago enjoyed the association of Mrs. Patterson in

our home for several months. It was a privilege beyond words to see her sit down at the window with pen and ink and do a sketch of the distant, tree-clad Siskiyou she loved so well, or to render at the piano a difficult passage in music (in her younger years she had played in concerts in San Francisco) or with the same ease and dexterity go out in the kitchen and prepare a meal in the best tradition of the French, from whom she had learned their secrets while in Paris.

Music Introduction

She it was, who with infinite patience and understanding of the mind of a child, gave the small daughter of the family her introduction to the piano which was to lead later to a scholarship in music at an Oregon college.

Of the author, her "daughter," Mrs. Everett Douth, of Redding, Calif., writes, "She made her home in Willow Creek, Humboldt county, before she moved to Yreka and then to Klamath. She lived at one time at Hawkins Bar on the Trinity river. She taught school in various places for over 20 years, one or two times away back in the mountains by horseback, near Mt. Whitney. She was asked to appear on TV and in various stores for autographs in both New York and Hollywood. She was also invited to Mills college this month for her book review and alumni celebration. She was the last member of her class.

Loved Everyone

"She loved everyone and life—never an end to her plans. With all of her talents, her one great big love was nature and flowers. She never held a grievance and had the biggest heart of anyone I ever knew. The word 'selfish' could never be connected with her.

"How rich I was to receive her love!" This from one whom Mrs. Patterson had taken to her warm heart, when she was a motherless child of seven—in the wild Hawkins Bar country of Trinity county.

"My family calls me 'Grandma Moses,'" Mrs. Patterson

AWU Officers Predict Gloomier Future for Automobile Industry

Detroit —U.P.— Auto Worker Union officials predicted an even gloomier future Saturday for skidding auto production figures and mounting lists of idle employees.

Industry spokesmen confirmed new cutbacks in production but said they were temporary and indicated they thought union estimates of unemployment a bit too high.

United Auto Worker Union Chief Walter P. Reuther said Friday that he saw "no hope for the usual seasonal pickup" in auto sales this spring and consequently little help for production figures, now at a new low for the year. He said indications "point to a worsening of the situation."

More Idle Workers

A new bloc of workers joined the idle Friday when the General Motors Corp. gave its assembly plants the day off in order to "balance production with current customer demand" for new autos. The firm said, however, it planned to halt all of its auto assembly operations for the day only and said the workers would be back at their jobs Monday.

GM is the world's biggest manufacturer and employs almost 400,000 hourly-rated employees in its 119 factories.

Before the GM cutback the UAW said an "alarming" 123,000

workers were idled in the auto industry across the nation. Spokesmen for the industry called the union figure too "high" but allowing for exaggeration, today's unemployment in the industry still was in the neighborhood of one-half million, including the temporary layoffs.

Some Plants Operate

The GM shutdown sent the bulk of the firm's vast workforce into the ranks of the unemployed although not all of its plants across the nation were closed down.

A spokesman said the one-day layoff did not affect parts and appliance plants and said several assembly lines in plants where the order arrived too late to notify workers decided to work Friday and shut down Monday instead.

Other auto builders who work less than five-day schedules this week included Chrysler, American Motors and 10 of the Ford Motor Company's 15 car assembly units.

Ward's reports, statistical agency for the auto industry, said Friday the nation's car output during the week slipped to a new 1956 low for 112,590 units.

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

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS
United Press Feature Writer

Washington —U.P.— What do the wheels in the government do after they put on the brakes at sundown.



The big fellows have various formulas for relaxing after hours.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, who would like the Democratic nomination for the office, is a putterer around the house. When he has time he dabbles in electricity and kind of invents things to delight his son and three daughters.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon often cools off by gathering his wife and kids about him and playing the piano. He admits he is no Frankie Carle, but the youngsters like the way he gallops across the keys with "Down By The Old Mill Stream."

Mrs. Sherman Adams, wife of the President's top assistant, paints. She confesses to copying some of the old masters who specialized in landscapes.

Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson, the Senate Democratic leader, loves to shoulder a musket and prowls the woods in search of a six-point deer. Very often he bags one.

speaker when the Republicans held the reins, is a collector of elephants, miniatures for sure, and gavel. Mostly gavels. He has uncounted hundreds of them. The most prized one is a 60-pound gavel carved out of a 2000-year-old California Redwood tree. Presiding over the Republican National Convention in Chicago in 1952, Joe busted three gavels. But he wasn't taking any chances with his own collection. The hammers were all borrowed.

Sam Bayburn, the present speaker, relaxes by reading biographies and histories. And when he has time he loves to go fishing. Small mouth bass give him a thrill.

Knowland Likes Books

Sen. Stu Symington, the Missouri Democrat who is rated as a possible presidential nominee, plays golf, to divorce himself from the cares of state. Like the present tenant of the White House.

Sen. William F. Knowland of California, Senate Republican leader, takes his hobby home with him at night. That is work. He reads everything he can get his paws on. Bills he is interested in, history and "the problems of the world" which is considerable reading.

Sen. Bob Kerr, the Oklahoma Democrat, relaxes in the off hours by reading westerns and

detective-novels. He is one of the best customers of the 25-cent pocket editions.

Rep. Frances Bolton, Republican congresswoman from Ohio, has eight grandchildren. "There are several hobbies right there," she says.

Republican Rep. Clare Hoffman of Michigan loves to fish. But "No Pockets" Hoffman (he has no pockets in his suits) cheats a little while fishing. His fishing garments are equipped with all kinds of pockets.

'Flying Saucers' Reported in Japan

Tokyo —U.P.— "Flying saucers" have been reported over Japan, a newspaper said Friday.

The English-language Yomiuri Japan News said mysterious objects in the sky were reported seen Wednesday by three parties in the Tokyo area. Mitaka observatory experts said the objects may have been meteors.

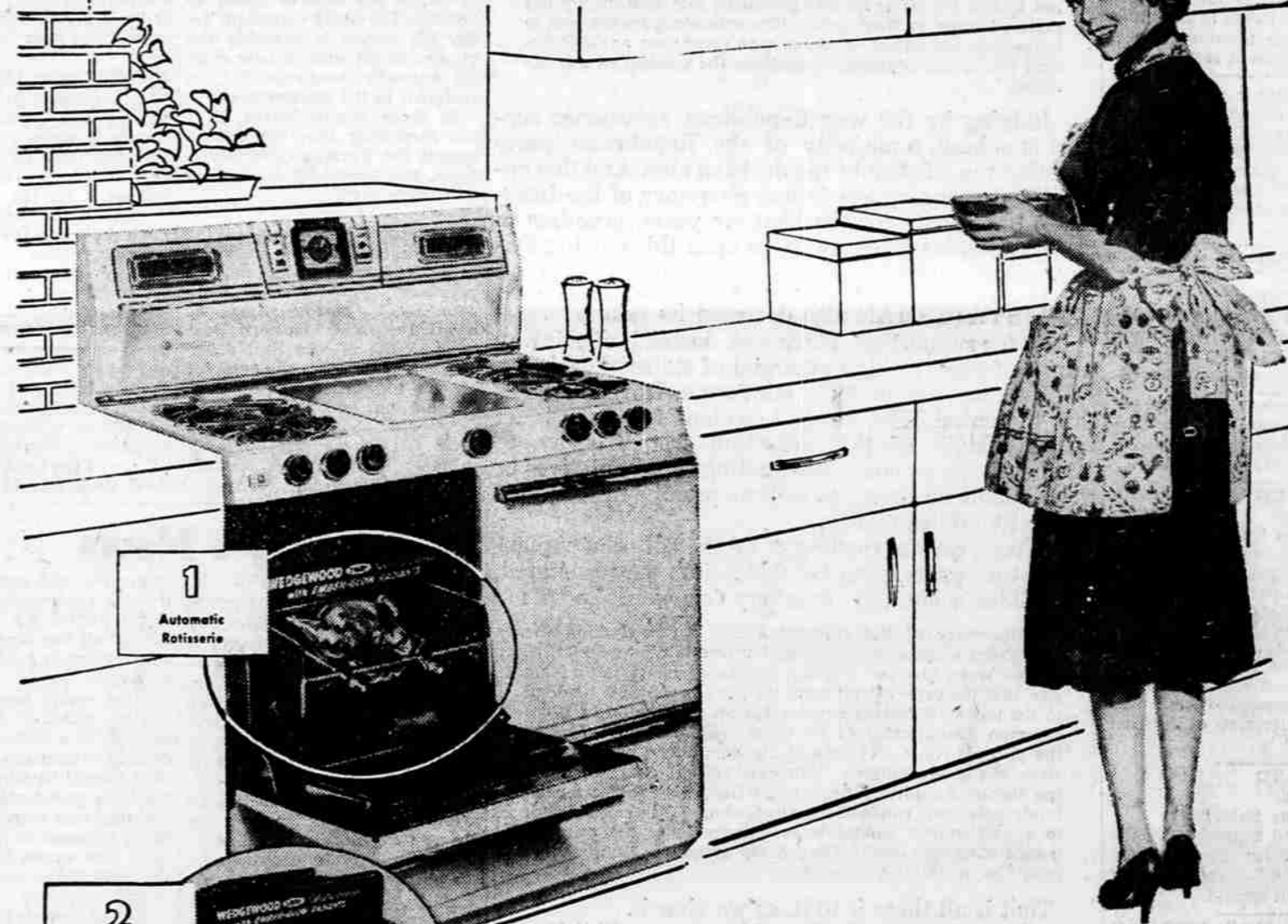
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