

**Voters' League To Hold Picnic At Thomas Home**

A picnic luncheon will be held by Medford League of Women Voters Thursday, May 24, at 11 a.m., at the home of Mrs. Irving S. Thomas, Pioneer road. This will be the last regular meeting of the league's morning study unit for the season.

The program will consist of the presentation and discussion of the year's programmed activities. The national program is offering a study of federal loyalty and security measures, and a study of the conservation of water resources.

The state item will continue the study of the revision of the state constitution. This year this item will include a thorough study of home rule for counties and optional forms of county government, a study of legislation implementing the managerial form of county government (Art. VI, Sec. 9a, Oregon Constitution) and a consideration of the report of the interim committee on local government created by SJR 31.

Also to be discussed will be the possibility of doing a study of a work farm for Jackson county jail prisoners, since the local item adopted at the annual meeting comes under the state league study of county government.

All interested in good government or interested in finding out more about any of the subjects that the league studies, are invited to this picnic. For reservations or information call Mrs. Irving Thomas, 3-5889 or Mrs. Robert Hiatt, 3-3118.

Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virginia are Commonwealths instead of states.

**'German Miracle' Changing Once Ruined Country Into One of Sound Foundation**

Editor's note: This is the first of a series of three dispatches on the astonishing comeback of Germany. The author has covered Germany for the UP since the days when he was stationed in the Berlin bureau before World War II.

**By JOSEPH W. GRIGG**  
**United Press Correspondent**  
Bonn, Germany — (U.P.)—They call it the "German miracle" and certainly it has to be seen to be believed.

I saw Germany lying in utter ruin at the end of World War II.

Its cities were ashes, its great bridges broken, its railroads obliterated, its great Ruhr factories skeletons, its shipyards blowing apart, its people beaten, starving, homeless, hopeless.

An American general said at that time it would take Germany 100 years to recover. He was wrong by 10 times.

It took just one decade. Here is one fact: Industrial production in Western Germany today is twice what it was in

1938—the year that Hitler was bending every sinew in preparation for the greatest war in the world's history.

The path that West Germany takes from now on will be the most important single factor in whether we are to have another war.

**Army Foundations Built**  
The foundations of a new German army are being built. Early next month 80-year-old Chancellor Konrad Adenauer

goes to Washington for talks with President Eisenhower. And the man representing a country beaten to its knees 11 years ago will be talking from strength with the man so instrumental in that defeat.

Last week I went to Cologne. It was my first visit since May, 1945. I remember then watching a small, gray-haired woman climb out of the rubble of a basement in the shadow of the Cologne Cathedral. On a wooden beam she tacked a piece of paper. "It read: 'This cellar is inhabited. Keep out.'"

Now on the same spot stands an eight-story building of black marble, headquarters of a big banking house. All around are other buildings of the box-like architecture which the Germans call "American."

West Germany has built more than 3,000,000 new homes since 1949. Construction this year is expected to reach an all-time record rate of \$50,000. That compares, for example, with 1,220,400 houses built in the United States in 1954—but America has more than three times the population.

**Victors Challenged**  
Germany is challenging the victors of 1945 in every market place of the world. Exports in 1950 were \$2,000,000,000. Last year they topped \$6,000,000,000.

The small, beetle-shaped Volkswagen is ousting British and other European small cars from markets around the globe. Volkswagen turned out its millionth car last summer and production now is rattling along at 350,000 a year.

West Germany has now topped Britain in steel production and ranks only behind the United States and Russia.

Her shipyards are working full blast again. Last year they turned out 320 ships and 890,000 tons—nearly one half for export.

How has this miracle been achieved?

Partly by some \$3,000,000,000 of Marshall Plan aid poured by the United States into this country after 1947. Partly by the currency reform of 1948 which made the deutschemark one of Europe's "hardest" monies. Mostly by the simple hard work of the German people.

**Tomorrow: Germany's resurgence as a key world power in diplomacy.**

**Stassen Sees Cause For Cautious Optimism**

Minneapolis, Minn. — (U.P.)—Harold E. Stassen, President Eisenhower's adviser on disarmament, said Monday night that Russia's disarmament promises should be backed up by "effective controls and verifying methods."

Stassen, Minnesota's former governor, said the Soviet announcement offers ground for "cautious optimism."

But "whatever the reason behind this action, it would be even more welcome if the Soviet leadership would agree to effective control and verifying methods," he added.

These should include President Eisenhower's proposal for an "open sky" inspection "and mutually advantageous methods to control the overhanging nuclear threat," Stassen added.

The Russian promises "cannot be fully appraised until reductions are actually carried out," Stassen said, but the plan "clearly indicates a posture of vigilant but hopeful waiting."

**REGISTRAR RETAINS JOB**

Baton Rouge, La. — (U.P.)—Mrs. Winnie Clement, who aroused the ire of Louisiana's white citizens councils when she flunked two dozen white voters by enforcing state laws aimed at limiting the Negro vote, has been told to stay on the job. The new state Board of Registration ruled Monday that she can remain as Webster Parish county registrar although she had been fired by the old board under the administration of Gov. Robert Kennon.

**LEWIS MAPS SCHEDULE**

Hollywood, Calif. — (U.P.)—Comedian Jerry Lewis, undergoing tests for a possible heart ailment, worked a limited schedule today at his film studio. Dr. Marvin Levy said Lewis would remain under surveillance and would receive a daily cardiogram. The comedian had previously been found to have a heart murmur.

Moscow — (U.P.)—United States Ambassador Charles Bohlen has informed Soviet leaders they must recognize the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as "a fact of life."

**Back Stairs: Preparations for Dinner**

**By MERRIMAN SMITH**  
**United Press White House Writer**  
Washington — (U.P.)—Backstairs at the White House:

What happens when the President of the United States goes out of the White House for dinner?

Several days before the actual date, agents of the United States Secret Service arrive at the hotel where the dinner is to be held. They get a blueprint of the hotel and track every foot Mr. Eisenhower may follow on the day of the occasion.

If hotel personnel has changed substantially since the President last visited the place, names of the new help are furnished to the Secret Service several days in advance.

The Secret Service turns the new names into a large government identification pool and within a matter of minutes, the men who protect the life of the President know the background of the men who will serve him his banquet food.

Someone started a story last week end that the President goes to dinner only when a special White House chef precedes him. Not true.

If the Secret Service ever became so worried about the President's safety that a special chef would not let the President enter the hotel. Recurrent stories about White House food tasters, special chefs, eagle-eyed special waiters are interesting, but mythical.

When the President attends a banquet at, say, the Statler Hotel here or the Sheraton Park, the managers, wanting to have the best possible service, usually stick one of their best waiter captains behind him. This is not a security measure, but an effort by the hotel involved to give the President the best service possible.

The Secret Service has a rather detailed working record of the hotel help in Washington. In advance of the late President

Roosevelt's appearance at one local hotel, the agents of the Secret Service saw to it that nearly 50 persons on the hotel payroll were let off for the night, at least.

Why did the Secret Service sack these men and women? The bulk of them had records of minor crimes. Like cutting a husband's neck. The Secret Service does not like the idea of domestic knife slingers being in close proximity to the President.

**Air No Longer Pure In Larger US Cities**

Buffalo, N.Y. — (U.P.)—The air in larger American cities is no longer pure, research chemist J. Cyril Romanovsky said Monday.

Romanovsky, a chemist with the Los Angeles County Air Pollution Control District, addressed the opening session of the Air Pollution Control Association's annual meeting.

"In Los Angeles," he said, "the impurities have reached concentrations which are objectionable and potentially dangerous."

Romanovsky said toxic materials are present in the air of all larger cities and warned they could reach a "dangerous level" if allowed to increase.

"Other materials less clearly defined may well be responsible for the growing incidence of lung cancer in heavily populated centers," he added.

Romanovsky said Los Angeles is experimenting with an automatic air monitoring system.

Los Angeles — (U.P.)—Kaiser Steel Corp. has announced a \$113 million expansion program which will boost steel production at its Fontana, Calif., mill "by 40 per cent."

United States hens are producing 184 eggs per hen per year, compared to 122 eggs per hen in 1935.

**Ex-President Truman Visits Salerno Beach**

Naples, Italy — (U.P.)—Harry S. Truman cast a practiced eye today at the Salerno beachhead where American troops fought one of the bloodiest battles of the Second World War.

The former U. S. president told reporters he also wanted to visit the other wartime invasion site of Paestum, 22 miles southeast of Salerno, and the ancient Roman ruins at Pompeii.

Naples city officials gave him a warm welcome earlier today by giving him the Italian version of "key to the city."

Mr. and Mrs. Truman, his secretary, Eugene Bailey, and former U. S. Ambassador to Canada Stanley Woodward and Mrs. Woodward arrived here Monday from several days of sightseeing.

The Trumans will return to Rome early in the week and then visit the north of Italy.

**Portland Man Dies Under Fallen Tree**

Portland — (U.P.)—Ed Dewey, 34, Portland, was crushed to death yesterday when a tree he was topping broke in two and pinned him beneath it.

Witnesses said that Dewey was cutting off the top 30 feet of the 80-foot tree when the rotted trunk of the tree gave way, toppling to the ground with Dewey pinned beneath it.

The accident occurred in Oswego, at the site where a new church is being constructed.

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