

### Comment On This and That

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Washington—UP—When you visit the office of the vice president of the United States you are handed a little memo.

It says nothing about the present tenant, Richard Nixon, but runs back into history.

The official office of the V. P. is located in the Senate wing of the Capitol. Finished back in 1850 it has been home here for every vice president since John C. Breckinridge of Kentucky.

The memo says that almost every article in the office is of "historical interest." I got a copy when I dropped by to check over a few things with the present incumbent.

The first desk you see in the center of the suite was first used by President William McKinley. It had been stored in the White House basement for many years after McKinley was shot by an assassin on Sept. 6, 1901.

One day in 1917 President Woodrow Wilson was looking around rooms in the big Pennsylvania avenue mansion which he had never seen before. He came upon the desk, Wilson, who wasn't superstitious, had the desk moved to his office and ignored over it for the rest of his second term.

**Valuable Painting**  
In the V. P.'s office you also will find a large picture of George Washington. It is regarded as one of the most valuable paintings in the Capitol building. Rembrandt Pearte was the artist and art critics believe it would be worth at least half a million dollars on the open market.

Interesting also is the chandelier which hangs over the vice president's desk. It is well chained up and not likely to drop glassy boobies on the head of any assistant leader.

This fixture was bought by Thomas Jefferson in Paris when he was ambassador to France from the colonial government. It is made of Bohemian crystals.

with sterling silver clips and chains. It was lit by gas and candles until electricity came along.

**Stop That Noise!**  
The memo says the chandelier hung in the White House until Teddy Roosevelt became President many years later. With all the windows open the wind made the prisms tinkle and Mr. Roosevelt could stand no tinkling of prisms. So he snipped it to the Capitol to hang in the vice president's office.

The Dolly Madison mirror is a thing to behold. Many thousands of lady visitors have looked into it and wondered if maybe they wouldn't have made a pretty first lady. Legend has it that Dolly, wife of President James Madison, picked up the mirror in Paris for \$50 in American money. When she got back to the states she charged the \$30 tab due on customs to the official account — meaning the taxpayers.

Dolly lived to regret this oversight. There was an investigation that cost the taxpayers \$2,800. Things finally were charged off.



**STATE CHAIRMAN**—N. Thomas Stoddard, above, Portland realtor, has been reappointed Oregon chairman of the March of Dimes. It was announced today by Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

**RAPID ADVANCE**  
Littleton, Colo. —UP—The FBI arrested teller LeRoy K. Grebb Thursday on charges he embezzled \$380 from a bank here. Grebb had been working at the bank for one month.

### McLEOD Dog Takes Prizes at Show

By CAROLINE L. HARDING

McLeod—Pepe-Le Moko of Rancho Rest completed his screen work in the motion picture "Goodby My Lady" which was recently shown in Medford. He is now concentrating on making championship in the showing which he did in Santa Monica and Long Beach, Calif., where he was best of winners. In Contra Costa and San Francisco, Calif., dog shows he was best of breed in all major shows and won championship in Vancouver, Wash. Showman handling this dog was Porter Washington of Beverly Hills, Calif., and owners are Mr. and Mrs. Nate Edwards of Van Nuys, Calif.

The dog is the Barkless Basenji, a hunting dog of Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have been staying at their cottage on Butte creek and attending various shows from here. Mrs. Fred Bamboberger of West Hollywood, Calif., is also staying at the cottage. She is Mrs. Edwards' mother. Edwards is a picture producer for John Wayne and will leave for Europe Aug. 1 on business.

Dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Leo Hoag on Thursday, July 19, were Mrs. Harry Harding, Mrs. Sherman Poole, Mrs. Bill Houten, and Steve and Robe Hoag.

Butte creek. Mrs. Paul Lorraine has returned to her home here after spending a week in Roseburg recently.

Miss Doris Darrohn, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walter Hillman, in Van Nuys, Calif., has returned to her home here. Her brother, Jack, who spent the winter in California, came with her.

Colonel and Mrs. Elrod and son from Yermo, Calif., are visiting friends and former neighbors. The Elrods used to live here. Col. Elrod is now stationed at Barstow, Calif.

Mrs. Edna Sherer of San Francisco, Calif., attended the wedding of her son, Keith, to Miss Carolee Thurman of Jacksonville in Medford on Wednesday, July 11. Mrs. Sherer visited with friends in Prospect for a few days.

Miss Jacqueline and Josephine Hume held a swimming party in Butte creek Wednesday, July 25, to celebrate their 13th birthday. Word has been received from Georgia that a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Deloy Gillespie July 18 weighing 9 pounds, 5 ounces. This is their first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dale and daughter, Virginia, of Oakland, Calif., have been house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton. Also visiting on the Carlton ranch are their son, Jack, and family of Shady Cove, and their July 20 at Haradings' Paradise on daughter, Mrs. Claud Garrett

### Standard Declares Quarterly Dividend

San Francisco—UP—Standard Oil Company of California, which split its stock last May, declared an increased quarterly dividend of 45 cents a share Thursday payable Sept. 10 to stockholders of record on Aug. 10.

R. G. Follis, chairman of the board, said the new rate is equivalent to 90 cents a share on the number of shares outstanding before the stock split and represents a 20 per cent increase over the former dividend of 75 cents. The new rate is based on 63,224,386 shares outstanding.

Follis said net income for the second quarter was \$60,556,309 compared with \$56,212,191 for the second quarter last year. Earnings per share increased from 89 cents last year to 96 cents for an equivalent number of shares this year.

Sales and other operating revenues, Follis said, totaled \$352,701,180 during the second quarter, compared with \$315,282,861 for the same period last year.

and family of Ashland, and Mrs. Bud Netherland and family of Medford on the 4th of July celebrating Herb Carlton's birthday. During the recent electric storm lightning struck one of the Carltons' cows and killed it.

### Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By BILL HURN

The VA Domiciliary nod of recognition for the current week goes to the United Spanish War Veterans auxiliary, department of Oregon, and their card is the one on display on the plaque of dining hall corridor.

VFW auxiliary, department of Oregon, and Grants Pass members sponsored a recreation afternoon at building 218 center Friday. Lela Burch and Edith Merritt of Shady Cove with their guest, Sandra Bondy, and Grants Pass members Lillian Williams, Gladys Fagan, Martha Bishop, Mary Hale and Gertrude Shores assisted at the party.

American Legion auxiliary of Medford Post 15 held a cigarette spread Monday evening at the theater conducted by Thelma

Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Jorman, Nettie Ellenburg and Hugh Williams, with Mrs. Stanley, an Arizona member as a guest.

E. K. Rieker, manager VA Domiciliary, has announced the transfer of H. J. Heitkemper, personal officer to American Lake VA Hospital effective July 29. Mr. and Mrs. Heitkemper and four children came here from Vancouver hospital in May, 1952. Part of this last years extra assignment for Heitkemper was to serve on the central office set-up as a member of the wage survey team.

James and Marian Cech were escorts for the second Craier Lake trip of this season. On Wednesday, the American Gold Star Mothers, department of Oregon, sponsored the day's tour, refreshments and entertainment for 28 members, including Chaplain Eskay and Photographer Payne on the bus trip.

A Red Cross Infirmary visitation with a view-master showing was made Wednesday morning with Mrs. Martin Luther of Medford in charge.

A display spread has been installed in the main corridor from building 200 featuring the Incentive Award Honor Roll, its aims, purposes and possibilities. The summary of the fiscal year July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956 shows that this VA Domiciliary has recognized on seven awards on suggestions with prizes ranging from \$10 to \$50 and that four superior performance designations were made with cash awards from \$120 to \$350 with still three superior performance and two suggestions by members of this facility carried over on the pending list.

Performance citations and checks were handed Clarence J. Bryan, canteen; Enid L. Brown, managers office; and Beulah Keyser, personnel. Six operators comprising the boiler-room crew shared a \$250 award. Suggestions accepted and awarded were from Elmer Rieker and Melvin Lewis (2) of nursing service; Merle Dotson and Walter Wills of supply; Lilah McCullough, personnel; and Frank Richardson, engineers.

Mrs. Violet Carlson, alternate VAVS national representative of DAV Auxiliary from Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Bertha Neff, VAVS representative, DAV auxiliary of Medford, with Mrs. J. N. Peacher and Mrs. Ruth Elliott, volunteer workers of Medford, were taken on a tour of the facility Tuesday. It was Mrs. Carlson's first visit to this station.

### Emergency Ruled Following Storm

Beaver Falls, Pa.—UP—Severe thunderstorms, backed by wind, rain and lightning, battered the Upper Ohio Valley Thursday night.

A state of emergency was declared in Beaver Falls. Some 100 families and a Girl Scout camp were evacuated near Wheeling, W. Va. Pittsburgh was drenched under more than an inch of rain in 15 minutes. A school in Steubenville, Ohio, was struck by lightning.

No casualties were reported. Edward C. Corcoran, mayor of Beaver Falls, ordered the city into a state of emergency shortly after the storms struck. The Weather Bureau reported 3.6 inches of rain fell in little more than three hours.

Anyone driving through the city without authorized business motives would be liable to arrest, Corcoran said.

At least a half dozen gas lines broke in the northern end of the community, prompting police to urge residents not to smoke or light any fires.



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