



FROM TEACHING TO TRUCKING—Charles S. Wenner climbs into a new career at 42. He's learning to be a truck driver. Wehrer resigned his position as superintendent of schools at Shandon, Calif. after more than a decade of being a teacher and a scholar working toward a doctor's degree because his salary of \$6600 left him in debt. Truck drivers currently go as high as \$15,000.

Sen. Morse Said Fast Becoming Unofficial Mayor of Washington

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Washington — Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) is fast becoming the unofficial mayor of the nation's capital.

Ironically, this is the result of his having been demoted about four years ago during the period after he had quit the Republican party and regarded himself as an independent.



A. Robert Smith

At that time, when he swore allegiance to neither party Morse was dropped from his former good committee posts and placed on two relatively minor committees, one of them the Senate District of Columbia Committee, which handles problems faced by the capital city.

work is in terms of his far-away constituency in Oregon.

Now he is chairman of the District subcommittee on welfare and education which in recent months has plunged him into many of the more complex and tragic stories of life in Washington, D.C.

Personal Inspection

To get a firsthand look at conditions, Morse made a personal inspection of slums, schools, settlement houses in this growing city which is one of the major crossroads between North and South. Its population is now nearing 2 million within the city limits, with another million in the suburbs of nearby Maryland and Virginia.

Some housing conditions were doubly appalling—hovels going for high rents—which led Morse to decry the "rent gougers" who promote continuation of such conditions and oppose slum clearance and public housing development.

"The pigs on my farm are living in better housing than some of the people in Washington," observed Morse.

Many Children Hungry

But the thing Morse hit upon that caused the greatest uproar was that countless numbers of youngsters were reported to be going hungry in a city where there is much hand-wringing and political criticism of farm surpluses. He found that no surplus foods were being channeled to needy families here, as has been the case elsewhere. The city's schools don't provide lunches for school children, a program which could use surplus commodities.

In recent weeks, Morse has been trying to untangle red tape involved in setting up some sort of helpful program. He noted that Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson is for this principle, inasmuch as Benson was recently decorated by the Italian government for providing American surpluses to help feed 1,500,000 hungry Italian youngsters.

Morse said surplus meats, milk and cheese should go into empty stomachs wherever they exist, but he insisted more could be going to American children

in need. Some cities, his hearings brought out, has set up food stamp plans to handle the distribution through local grocery outlets.

Wants Home Rule

Morse has no desire to remain Washington's unofficial mayor in his position of power in Congress, for he wants to put

through a bill to give the city home rule with elected officials who would have much of the authority now vested in Congress for running the city. Under the present setup, the District committees of Senate and House decide virtually everything, from the pay of policemen to the size of rockfish that can be sold here.

These issues are handled by disinterested freshmen members of Congress who are awaiting seats on more important committees. Morse is the exception to the rule in his decision to try to correct local social injustices until Congress is willing to give up its power over the voteless citizens of Washington, D.C.

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSSBY
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Editor's note: Aline Mossby is on vacation. Actress Ruth Conte is married to John Conte, housewives' idol of daytime television because of his host job on "Matinee Theater." Ruth tells his fans why they're a happy couple.

BL RUTH CONTE

Written for United Press
Hollywood—(U.P.)—I am happily married to John Conte and I know I always will be. I have five reasons for saying this:

1. We both feel we have something very special. We feel our marriage is like a fire. As long as we both keep putting kindling on it, it will burn brightly.

2. What I enjoy most is doing things for John. Recently I was asked to join a little theatre group. He was only thinking out loud when he said, "Wonder what I'll do the evenings you're rehearsing?" That was enough for me. I didn't join. I realized he would be unhappy.

3. We have many interests in common. We both like to build things (from my girlhood days in Atlanta when I had my own woodworking shop). We both like tennis, swimming, hunting and fishing. John also likes golf, but he has stopped playing to wait for me. I'm taking lessons. Finally, our home is very important to both of us.

4. We both have had an unhappy marriage prior to our own. John was married to actress Marilyn Maxwell.

5. John knows I rank first with him and I know he ranks first with me. We both feel careers are very important, but we agree that they are secondary.

The reason John returned to California from New York two years ago was to do a "live" dramatic TV show that he regarded as one of the biggest challenges in television. Just at that time, I received an offer to do a long series of commercials at a handsome fee plus royalties. To accept would mean to separate. I declined.

Shortly after that, while John was playing "Drunkie Johnnie" in "The Man with the Golden Arm," he got an offer to make another movie that would have put us poles apart for months. That time he declined.

And in a way, our love is written into John's contract with NBC. It says that wherever the network moves him it moves me too, all expenses paid.

That's why I know I will always be married to John Conte.

Cub Scouts to Hold Carnival Friday Night

Central Point — Cub Scout pack 40 of Central Point will hold a carnival at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at the little gym in the Central Point Junior High school.

The carnival will be open to the public. There will be booths with prizes, coffee, pop, homemade candy and popcorn.

VETERAN JUDGE

Fall River, Mass.—(U.P.)—Judge Benjamin Cook, 87, is still presiding justice of the district court here after 55 years' service.

Jaycee Convention To Be Held Here

The Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce will be host to Jaycee organizations of Oregon at the 1958 state convention.

Local Jaycees won their bid for next year's convention at the 1957 convention held Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Portland. Approximately 1,500 people are expected to be in Medford for next year's event.

Hal Gardner, president of the Medford Jaycees, reported there was a large delegation from Medford at last week's convention. Ron James, past district

vice president, was elected national director for the Oregon Jaycees. James has been president of the Medford club and holds an advisory position on the board of directors.

Dick Stratton, past president of the Central Point Jaycees, was elected district 10 vice president.

Voting delegates from Medford were Gardner, James, Charles Jones and Garry Shuler. Roseburg Jaycees will be host for the spring board meeting and Redmond Jaycees will be host for the fall board meeting.



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