

Army Trying To Solve Old Problem in Custer's Fight

Washington—The Army today is trying to solve an old tactical problem: Did Gen. George Custer lose his heart to a "camp follower" before he lost his scalp at the Little Bighorn?

William J. Donohoe, the Army's security review officer, said romance had nothing to do with Custer's defeat in 1876 by the Cheyenne and Sioux Indians of Sitting Bull and Crazy Horse.

"They lost their heads at Little Bighorn," Donohoe said, "but it certainly wasn't over a woman."

Americans Liked By Most Germans Frohnmayer Says

David Frohnmayer, a senior at Medford High school who spent last summer in Germany under the American Field Service exchange plan, spoke at the Medford Rotary club yesterday noon at the Rogue Valley Country club.

While there was some sight-seeing connected with his trip, he was not a "tourist," the speaker emphasized, pointing out that the most important result of his trip was an increase in understanding, both on his part and on that of the Germans with whom he came into contact.

Living with a family in a small town near Hamburg, young Frohnmayer said he actually became a member of that family, thought of himself as a temporary "German citizen," and saw things through German eyes.

Germans in general, he said, despite the three adverse influences, think highly of Americans. The bad influences, he reported, are many of the American movies shown abroad, which give a totally distorted picture of what America really is; the effect of some American soldiers stationed in Germany who, away from home and family, make a bad name for themselves and their country; and many tourists, who by their attitude alienate the people with whom they come into contact.

The student also described the tremendous war damage caused in Germany and the phenomenal recovery the country has accomplished since the war, and also declared that communism is of little or no internal influence in West Germany, largely because the people are so close to it and know it so well that they automatically rejected it.

He was impressed by some features of continental schools, particularly the students' facility in languages, and he suggested that America place more emphasis on language instruction. He also showed a number of colored slides which he took during his stay.

Club President H. D. Christensen conducted the meeting, and Lester Harris, Medford High school principal, was program chairman.

IN CLOVER

Lafayette, Ind.—If four-leaf clovers are considered good luck, Mrs. Robert Foreman of Lafayette should have a lot of it for a long time. So far this year she has found not only four-leaf clovers, but some specimens with five, six, seven, eight and nine leaves.

Sunday Plane Crash Claims Second Victim

Redmond, Ore.—A Sunday plane crash claimed its second victim Tuesday.

Alden J. Sheffield, 32, passenger in a plane which crashed about 30 miles northeast of Madras Sunday, died early today in the local hospital. Killed outright in the crash was Robert Louis Glott, 21, Redmond, the pilot.

The pair had been prospecting for uranium.

PRODUCTIVE SOW

Memphis, Tenn.—When Robert Schwam's Duroc sow gave birth to 15 piglets in February 1956, Schwam was happy over the good farrow. But the sow was just getting started. In three successive six-month periods, she had litters of 17, 12, and 18—for a total of 62.

Tips Issued on Mailing Packages

Washington—The post office department handed out some tips today on Christmas mailing. Here are some:

—Parcels should be insured. Sealed parcels may be mailed at the third or fourth class postage rates without labels, notations or endorsements of any kind authorizing their opening for postal inspection. Packages sealed with modern sealing materials carry better in the mail than unsealed ones. Strong cord should be used.

—Combination mail, permitting enclosure of a letter or message inside a gift parcel by paying the appropriate letter postage for the letter plus parcel post rate for the package, is recommended for speedy service.

—Certified mail, permitting mailers to obtain proof of delivery of Christmas letters or cards having no intrinsic value, may

be obtained for a postal fee of 20 cents plus first class postage. —Postal delivery zone numbers, which speed handling of mail, should always be used wherever possible.

—Letters and cards should be stacked with addresses facing the same way. Tying mail into "local" and "out of town" bundles will speed service.

In addition the post office department recommends wider use of registered mail, special delivery service, air mail and air parcel post to insure speedier and more secure delivery.

TRY AGAIN

Jamestown, R.I.—After ploughing a 200-by-30-foot swatch across a patch of land at the proposed site of a refinery, an out-of-state bulldozer operator discovered he had come to the wrong location.

DA Prepares to Ask Jury Indictment

Vale, Ore.—Malheur County District Attorney E. Otis Smith today was preparing to ask a grand jury for indictments of manslaughter against Richard D. Newlan, 29, Payette, Idaho.

Judge M. A. Biggs dismissed a manslaughter case against Newlan Tuesday on the basis that the grand jury's original indictment was for negligent homicide whereas Newlan was brought to trial for manslaughter.

The judge told attorneys on both sides that the trial could continue against Newlan on a charge of negligent homicide. Smith, however, chose to re-submit the information to the grand jury asking for the manslaughter charge.

Newlan was charged in connection with the traffic death of Olaf M. Berg, 59, Seattle, one of five persons killed in a head-on collision near Olds Ferry last July.

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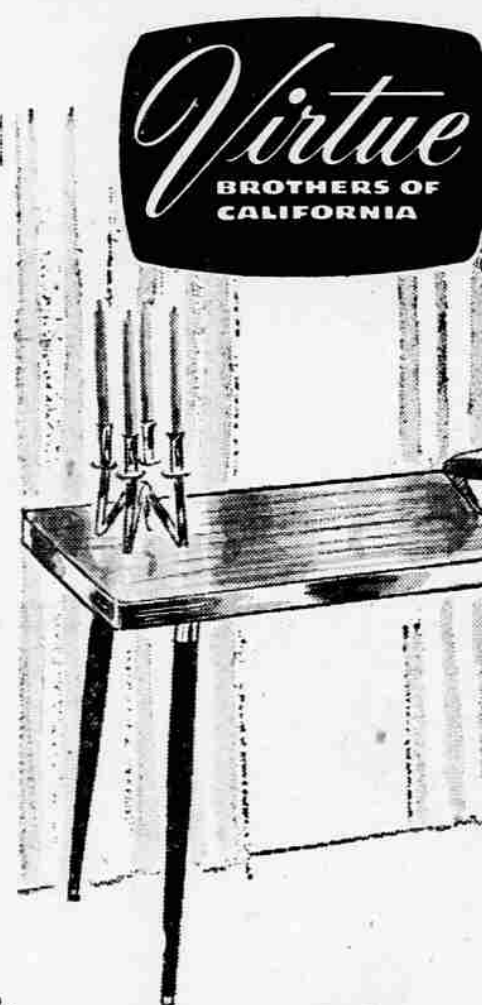
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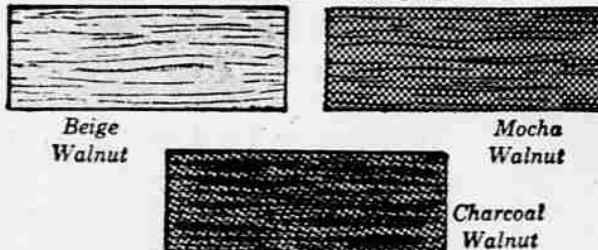
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