

A. Robert Smith Tells About Being Named in Libel Charge

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Washington Correspondent

Washington—A U.S. marshal once served me with a subpoena directing my appearance before a local libel attorney for questioning about an article under my by-line.

There was, I was assured by another libel lawyer, nothing libelous about my story. But in an instance of harassment directed more at the newspaper involved than at me, a libel

suit was filed for \$150,000. In the normal course of things, both sides subpoenaed the parties in the case to come in and give depositions—that is, to answer questions directed by the lawyers.

The main thrust of the questioning directed at me was to elicit the source of certain information which appeared in the story.

There is no law here in the District of Columbia to protect newsmen from divulging their sources. There is no such law in the state in which the newspaper was published.

The source of my information, fortunately, was not in a

vulnerable position. He could not be hurt professionally by his identity being disclosed. He told me to go ahead and name him if the question came up, and I did.

The suit never went to court. The man who sued would have settled for \$1, instead of \$150,000, if the paper had agreed not to print a story on his retreat. The paper refused to hush up the settlement, settled for \$100, and printed a front page story about the matter.

Had the circumstances been only slightly different, my dilemma would have been the same as that of Marie Torre, the columnist who recently went to jail for 10 days when she felt obliged to protect her source because of his vulnerability.

Severe Weather Climax in Change Of Circulation

Suitland, Md. (Science Service)—The severe weather that has crippled much of the country recently is the climax in a change of worldwide circulation to a more stable pattern.

Beginning of the chain of events leading to the devastating storm can be traced back several weeks, Jerome Namias, head of the Weather Bureau's extended forecast section here, told Science Service. He said this does not mean that the birth, growth and path of any individual storm since then could have been predicted then or can be forecast today more than a day or two in advance.

Orderly Series

It does mean, he said, that there was an orderly series of atmospheric events that set a stage favorable to development of the crippling storm.

The developments consist of gradual changes in the pattern of the planet-circling belt of winds high in the atmosphere that seems to control surface weather. Known as the planetary wave, this belt shows up as a wavy line of troughs and crests on meteorologists' maps of the upper atmosphere.

During November, the planetary wave had four crests and four troughs, one of which was located just east of the Continental Divide. Today it has five crests and troughs, Namias said. As part of the changeover, the troughs stretched so far apart that the one over Texas "crashed," and a new one has taken its place.

Warm Pacific Air

Associated with this excessive spreading out, Namias explained, is an inflow of warm air from the Pacific. When the trough breaks down, or "crashes," cold air spills in from the polar regions.

The storm feeds on the energy of this strong temperature contrast. Moist air overruns the cold, resulting in snow, sleet and strong winds where the two air masses clash.

The new regime set up by the five-trough planetary wave is likely to be a stable one, Namias said, bringing moisture and storminess to the East Coast. The four-wave pattern, he noted, was stable for awhile as long as the westerlies remained strong, but broke down when the westerlies weakened.

SAMS VALLEY Centennial Program Set

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Sams Valley—All grades of the Sams Valley school will join in observing the Oregon Centennial, William Brewster, principal of the school said.

The seventh and eighth grades will be observing the centennial Friday, Feb. 13, when prizes will be given to the boys and girls who are dressed in the most authentic styles of 100 years ago.

Several of the students are making plans to ride their horses to school and an assembly will be held in the school's auditorium at 10:30 a. m. featuring contributions of historic significance from all classrooms.

John Dean's intermediate fifth and sixth grades have made plans to participate by exhibiting placer mining equipment and a covered wagon manned by Oregon-bound immigrants. Since Lincoln's birthday is not to be overlooked, these students will also feature split rail fencing and a log cabin in this exhibit.

Mrs. Susan Ambrose's third and fourth grade pupils will represent many of the "firsts" in Oregon, especially people who traveled the Oregon trail, the famous white men, Indians, and fur-traders.

The first and second grades under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Mildred Mack, are contributing a glimpse of Oregon before the white man came.

The youngsters will present Indian songs, games and dances. They plan to take a walk to visit the Lindsey Houston house, a part of which was built for a pioneer Sams Valley family nearly 100 years ago.

Many parents, as well as pupils of the Sams Valley school, heard a talk given recently during an assembly by Dr. Arthur Taylor from Southern Oregon college. Dr. Taylor spoke on the subject of the Oregon trail. Numerous colored slides of remnants of the Oregon trail were shown at this time by Chet Squires, Mr. Brewster said.

Monday, Feb. 2, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Sweet Home, who were visitors in the Rogue valley, came to the Sams Valley school where

they presented moving pictures taken while they were touring Europe.

The films shown of Italy and Greece were especially interesting to the youngsters. Mr. Brewster said because they had been studying these countries in their class work.

In addition to the movies the upper grades watched a 20-minute presentation of colored slides of the Holyland, Italy and Greece and had the opportunity to have their questions answered by the Andersons.

Youngsters of the Sams Valley school, and their teachers received a high recommendation a few weeks ago, when Fire Chief, L. C. Lisenbee, and the assistant chief, Robert McIvor, of the Central Point Rural Fire Protection district made an inspection and held a surprise fire drill.

Chief Lisenbee said the outside doors were all cleared within 20 seconds with no confusion. William Brewster, principal of the school, said that practice fire drills are held once or twice each month to be sure the pupils clear the building as they should.

He stated that drills are held when youngsters are in the cafeteria during the lunch hour, as well as when they are in the classrooms, so they will be trained to clear the building at any hour of the day.

Eager Fireman Forgets Tillerman

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A shuffleboard game has also been included in the activities and is held Fridays from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m. along with other informal types of entertainment. The hostess, Mrs. Elsa Walker, is on hand to help those who wish to learn the game.

Records suitable for the intermediate level of dancing are needed for the Thursday morning dancing class, according to James Forbes, instructor. The class is continuing its instruction in basic dance steps—waltz, fox-trot, and two-step. The class meets from 10 a. m. until noon.

Any gifts of records may be left at the center, 601 East Jackson st.

Also needed at the Center



RETURNING TO FAMILY after being given reduced sentence for desertion, Wayne Powers is looking for work at Mont D'Origny, France. Yvette Bleuse sheltered him for 14 years while he was fugitive from U. S. Army. Their five children are, from left: Dorothy, 12; Jimmy, 10; Freddy, 2; Harry, 5, and Douglas, 8. Yvette supports family.

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GOLD HILL 'Pioneer' Day Planned

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill—Youngsters of the Hanby and Patrick schools in Gold Hill will observe the Oregon Centennial, Friday, Feb. 13, when children of all grades, who wish, will come to school dressed as pioneer boys and girls.

An assembly program featuring the centennial theme will be held between 12:30 to 1:15 p. m. Special selections will be provided by the music departments. Gilbert Mack, principal of the two schools, said that Valentine parties will be held in the classrooms following the assembly.

Refreshments will be served by the room mothers. Other parents who wish to assist with the room parties may contact the room mothers in their youngsters classroom.

All principals in district 6-C are now working on their school's budget.

Dean Roberts, seventh grade teacher, said that the boys in his seventh grade shop classes are working on tool boxes made of pine and planters made of pencil cedar. The boys in the eighth grade shop class have completed plastic dishes, gun racks and jewelry.

The seventh grade social class are doing committee work at this time on Africa.

An old-fashioned Valentine party is being planned by this group of students, in keeping with the centennial.

DEDICATE DUKE MANSION

New York—UPI—The James B. Duke mansion, former residence of the tobacco manufacturer and a New York landmark, was dedicated Monday as the new home of the Institute of Fine Arts of New York University.

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Talent Youth Charged With Petty Larceny

A 13-year-old Talent boy, who said he was shopping for a Valentine's Day present for his mother, was arrested Saturday afternoon on a petty larceny charge, Medford police reported.

Police said the boy admitted in a signed statement that he had taken a jeweled dice key chain from Van Lee's 88-Cents store, 227 East Sixth st.

The case was referred to the Jackson County Juvenile department and the boy released to his mother by police.

Federal Agency Positions Open

A variety of positions in federal agencies are open, according to the Eleventh U.S. Civil Service regional office in Seattle.

These positions include management analyst and budget examiner, stock control clerk, clerk, electronic scientist, metallurgist, physicist, teacher, livestock inspector, and air reserve technician.

For additional information contact the Medford post office.

White Plains, N.Y., Chief of New York Bureau of the Canadian Press, Died Monday

White Plains, N.Y.—UPI—Don O. Gilbert, 46, chief of the New York Bureau of the Canadian Press, died Monday while undergoing surgery for a stomach ailment.

Radium's activity lasts for centuries and even after 2,000 or more years is only one-half dissipated.

'Blue' Salt Aids In Making Rain

New York—(Science Service)—"Blue" salt in the atmosphere may play an important role in making rain, a Canadian scientist told the American Meteorological Society meeting here.

Dr. Henry M. Papee of the division of applied chemistry, National Research Council, Ottawa, said laboratory studies showed "blue" salt absorbs water vapor much more readily than normal salt. The "blue" or activated salt, he suggested, is formed in the atmosphere by "radio-chemical excitation."

He prepared the "blue" salt by treating microcrystals of sodium chloride with radiofrequency waves. The surface of the treated salt decreases much more slowly than that of normal sodium chloride when exposed to water vapor, Dr. Papee reported.

The blue color is due to colloidal sodium on the outer surface and is "remarkably stable" at room temperatures, he said.

Whether rain is formed by the melting of ice crystals or the growth of tiny drops of water vapor, there must be a minute particle around which the crystal or the raindrop forms. Weathermen call such particles condensation nuclei. Dr. Papee reported that the treated salt would provide a "much more efficient condensation nucleus" than ordinary salt.

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Court Records

DISTRICT COURT
Millroy N. Charley, no operator's license, \$5.
John F. Zimmerman, overload, \$152.
Joseph J. Ginet, improper lighting, \$6; no operator's license, \$10.
Raymond B. Brower, overload, \$65.
Gerald W. Quintin, no operator's license, \$10.
Jack J. Magel, driving while embreced, \$6.
Dewey I. Rikard, failure to operate on the right side of the road, \$15.
Guy R. Zehring, violation of basic rule, \$15.
Warren D. Kress, no vehicle license, \$10.
Marvin Maloney Jr., no operator's license, \$10.
Harry I. Hagar, no public utilities commission permit, \$5.
Rosazetta M. Coyle, no operator's license, \$15.

CIRCUIT COURT
Alva Jane Milligan vs. Clief F. Milligan, divorce complaint.

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