

McUne Recounts Experiences On Oregon's Wagon Cavalcade

What began as a promotion gimmick became a genuine piece of history, George McUne said Monday of the Oregon Centennial wagon cavalcade in which he participated last spring and summer.

McUne recounted some of the trials and triumphs of the trek from Independence, Mo., to Independence, Ore., for an appreciative audience at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon in the Jackson hotel's Pioneer Room.

Tornadoes, hail storms and some 11 raids by more or less authentic Indians could be counted among the hazards of the modern-day trail, according to McUne.

The Indians, he said, were generally friendly—but while no scalps were lost, a fair amount of sleep, when raids came in the middle of the night, definitely was.

Principal Challenge
One of the cavalcade's principal challenges, McUne related, was staying on the true Oregon Trail. There was danger of criticism from local historians if the wagons did not go exactly where these watchful experts thought they should.

An editor in one town, McUne said, "really roasted us."

because the cavalcade went through the center of town instead of following what was supposed to be the actual route. But the wagoners were simply following instructions, he added—and the town merchants thought the parade past their doors would help business.

Once, he continued, the wagons trundled past a little old lady who stood beside the trail irately commanding the

Crater High School
By LaVONNE LAFEVER
Friday night at 8:30 the Crater High Student Council sponsored the first dance of the school year. The theme was "School Daze" and the freshman class was honored. The dance ended at 11:30.

Charles Porter, representative from the fourth district of Congress, spoke to the seniors of Crater High school Thursday. He began his talk by telling something about his job. He is now in the process of meeting people who would like to talk to him.

He receives approximately one hundred letters a day, mostly inquiries and opinions. He, himself, answers about two-thirds of them, he said.

His discourse was on freedom, peace and earning a living.

Beef Council Meets In Salem Thursday
Salem—UPI—The first meeting of the newly appointed Oregon beef council will be held here Thursday at 10 a.m.

The meeting was called by Agriculture Director Frank McKennon.

train to halt. McUne said she turned out to be the president of the local historical society, standing at the site of the original Fort Carney with the intention of making some sort of formal presentation.

Frequent Question
One of the questions most frequently asked him by children, McUne said, was "Whaddaya do in real life?" (McUne is proprietor of the Court St. Auto Repair shop in Medford.)

He reported that on one occasion he had been given—and still had in his possession—a scroll making Medford John W. Snider an admiral in the Nebraska Navy. Mayors in many towns along the way, McUne noted, did the cooking themselves at functions honoring the "pioneers."

Speaking of the cavalcade's historical role, he reported that in one town the participants' names were to be engraved on a bronze plaque.

McUne said he always carried guns, and tried to make a point of shooting at least once in every town. Once, he said, he was hustled off to jail—as a joke, of course. Boys along the way, he recalled, would yell "Draw!"

Help Set Up Camp
But he reported singular success in persuading the youngsters to pitch in and help the cavalcade members when camp was made.

McUne, who drove Rogue Valley's entry in the wagon train, said his team of mules had to be shod 10 times during the trip. He said he estimated that one mule, Fibber, took a total of 3,692,500 steps in the course of the trek.

Both animals, McUne reported, tended to shuffle along the trail. He said he was tempted to put roller-skates on Molly, the other member of the team.

Asked about being passed by Mrs. Emma Gatewood, the walking grandmother from Gallipolis, Ohio, who journeyed west on foot, McUne said "We weren't running a race."

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Miami, Fla.—Highway patrolman Bernard Justice, who has been receiving gifts—including a funeral wreath of roses and \$80 worth of liquor—from a practical joker:
"I think the guy must be some kind of nut."

Washington—Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, commenting on Premier Nikita Khrushchev's frequent references to God during his visit here:
"It was just a tactic . . . to make a good impression on a God-fearing people."

New York—Nassau (N.Y.) County Detective Matthew Bonora who has been swamped with orders for his new method of detecting fingerprints:
"The response is terrific and we think it's going to help law enforcement a lot."

Conservation Group Schedules Meeting

Salem—UPI—The newly appointed state advisory committee on conservation and outdoor education will hold its first meeting here Thursday.

The committee was appointed by Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam at the suggestion of agencies and individuals interested in outdoor education and conservation.

Portland Crashes Claim Elderly Men

Portland—UPI—Two elderly men died Tuesday in separate Portland-area traffic accidents.

John William Newquist, 76, Portland, was injured fatally at Clackamas when pinned under his car following a collision with an oil truck. His wife was injured.

Mike Kleiner, 82, Portland, died Tuesday night from injuries suffered earlier in the day when he was struck by a car in southeast Portland.

DOOR WINS DOOR PRIZE

Washington—UPI—The door prize at a birthday party Tuesday for cartoonist Al Capp was a caricature of the winner done by Capp. The winner was Mrs. Helen Door.

Deadline Set in River Pollution

Portland—UPI—The state of Oregon and the city of Portland Tuesday were given two months by Presiding Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan in which to work out an out-of-court settlement in their dispute over river pollution.

Last spring the State Sanitary Authority filed suit against Portland to bring court action in an attempt to force the city to cease dumping untreated sewage into the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

Judge Lonergan said Tuesday he thought the city was efforting to comply with regulations and gave it another 60 days in the hope a settlement could be reached out of court.

Hobo Jungle To Be Fenced at Portland

Portland—UPI—City officials Tuesday said they were going to fence off what they called a hobo jungle under the west end of the Steel bridge.

Mayor Terry Schunk said the area has been the scene for "skid-road rollings and even murder."

The city council agreed to pay \$500 of the \$1500 cost of the fence. The Union Pacific railroad will pay \$1000. Both the city and the railroad own part of the land.

Dutch Officer Held in Murder Of Chicago Girl

New York—UPI—A Dutch radio officer was arrested today on suspicion of murder in the mysterious death of beautiful Chicago heiress Lynn Kauffman, 23, whose beaten body was found in Boston harbor the day after she vanished from the Dutch freighter Utrecht.

Boston police said Willem Marie Louis Van Rye of Holland told detectives he had had an "affair" with the divorcee on the voyage from Singapore to New York, and had beaten her. But he said he had no knowledge of how she went overboard.

Questioned Through Night
Van Rye was arrested today after being questioned through the night by Boston and New York police.

Boston authorities said they would seek a murder warrant against him in Boston.

Authorities did not say immediately how they were led to Van Rye as a suspect. However, it had been disclosed previously that a jacket had found a uniform jacket belonging to a ship's radio officer in Mrs. Kauffman's cabin after her disappearance. Police did not say whether the jacket belonged to Van Rye.

Officers of the ship had said Mrs. Kauffman willingly performed such chores as pressing uniforms for them.

Soldiers use 18 times more wool than civilians.

Garry Moore's Ability For Big League Shows Comes Out in Premiere

By FRED DANZIG
UPI Correspondent
New York—UPI—That friendly, ploddingly pleasant winter replacement for Andy Williams, the Garry Moore Show, returned to CBS-TV Tuesday night.

While Moore isn't going to match the inventiveness and excitement generated by the Williams gang during the summer, it is obvious that Moore can match anyone around when it comes to a knowing, professional, big league production. This was evident in the premiere, which I saw at a screening because of the show's conflict with Bing Crosby's special.

More To Do
Garry's cohorts, Marion Lorne and Durward Kirby, had more to do than in past shows and were on-target with their material. Special guests were Gertrude Berg, Vic Damone and Jane Powell, all of whom were entertaining in their special ways, but I was sorry that Miss Lorne and Miss Berg didn't have a tete-a-tete.

A new feature on the show is "Candid Camera," where unsuspecting people are put through the wringer by Moore & Co. while a hidden camera records their befuddlement. Practical jokes will get laughs, of course, but there is a touch of anguish in the experience that is not funny. I prefer untainted comedy.

Max Shulman's new series, "The Many Loves of Andy Hardy . . . oops; I mean Dobie Gil-

lis, starring Dwayne Rickman, went through the usual saccharine teen-age nonsense in its CBS-TV debut Tuesday night. The highlight was a satire on crime movies, in which a lawman said, "take that, you loathsome criminal types." If the rest of the show could rise even to this satirical level, it might be worthwhile. Unfortunately, the impression is that we're supposed to care about Dobie and his tiresome love life. Must we? No, Virginia, it isn't true that Dobie is based on Frank Sinatra.

Jack Paar To Be Guest
NBC-TV's Jack Paar will be Jack Benny's guest star on Sunday, Nov. 29 over CBS-TV. George Bernard Shaw's "Misalliance," starring Robert Morley and Kenneth Haigh, is CBS-TV's Playhouse 90 production for Thursday, Oct. 29.

Sheldon Reynolds will turn out the Desilu Playhouse's first foreign-based drama, "Thunder in the East" in Tangiers and Rome. Filming starts in November.

Interim Education Group Meets Friday
Salem—UPI—The Interim Committee on Education will meet here Friday to hear testimony by Dr. Miles Romney, professor of education at the University of Oregon, on operations of the basic school support fund.

George Baldwin, clerk-controller of the Portland public schools, will speak on the same subject.

Last Day To Save On Gasoline Cost

Washington—UPI—Today is the last chance for the nation's motorists to fill up their tanks and escape an additional penny-a-gallon federal tax on gasoline starting at midnight.

Virtually all dealers were expected to pass the tax increase on to their customers.

The increase was enacted by Congress to help keep the interstate highway program on schedule. The one-cent increase now brings the total federal tax to four cents a gallon.

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