

Wilson Recalls Reporting Job By the Late Frederick Othman

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 Washington - (UPI) - Frederick C. Othman died 14 months ago, and the world was the worse off for that. Worse off, too, were the nation's newspapers and newspaper readers.

Freddy wrote a light-hearted amusing column out of Washington. He served two tours in Washington with an intervening few years in Hollywood where he interviewed the beauties, male and female.

Fred gently spoofed them one and all, and among them he made fast friends who mourned him when he died.

He was a reporter and a funnyman columnist second which is the reason this piece on Washington's birthday is about our Freddy. Only once did he cross George Washington's path and when he did cross it, Freddy had his reporter's tools in his pocket, paper and pencil.

The occasion was in late February many years ago when a national society with headquarters in Washington informed United Press of an event to take place on the morning of Feb. 22 on the grounds of Mt. Vernon, Washington's Potomac Shore estate. Fred was urged to attend.

Great oaks grow tall on Mt. Vernon's acres. The national society was composed of tree lovers. It was dedicated to the shade tree and, especially, to the mighty oak. The national society had made a deal with the local high command of the Boy Scouts of America. Their project was to assemble

at Mt. Vernon on Washington's birthday several platoons of scouts. On signal, the scouts would police the stately grounds of Mt. Vernon, picking from the ground the acorns from the oaks.

That was but the beginning. Mighty oaks from little acorns grow, said the ample publicity which the national society provided. The mightiest oaks and the oaks with the maximum sentimental and historical potential, naturally, would grow not from any acorn, but from acorns which had budded and fallen on hallowed ground.

Towns and cities all over the United States would be given these seeds of trees and, in time, descendants of Mt. Vernon's oak trees would be casting pleasant shade throughout the land. There would be secondary advantages. Love of country, respect for the truth and hatred of the lie would be implanted in whose school yard was shaded by a Mt. Vernon oak.

Arrived Beforehand
 All of this Fred considered. He reported that he was eager to be on hand at the acorn picking and to write a piece about it. He thought his piece, widely printed in many newspapers, would help back up love of country in the young idea and make a lot of hay for truth. The acorn picking was set for 10:30 a.m.

Freddy was always forehanded. He was the kind who

Some Signatures Not Acceptable

Salem - (UPI) - The State Elections Division said late Friday that a check of the petitions submitted putting the name of Sen. Wayne Morse (D-Ore.) on the Oregon presidential primary ballot showed that 281 of the signatures were "not acceptable."

Jack Thompson, head of the division, said it appeared the 281 signatures had not been submitted to counties for verification. Thus they are invalid, he said.

However, the number of valid signatures submitted totaled 5,146, more than five times the number needed to put the Senator's name on the ballot.

Only 1,000 signatures are required to put the name of a presidential candidate on the May 20 ballot.

Distributing Firm Appoints Manager

Hilton Griffiths, 1432 Whitman ave., has been appointed district manager for the Fowler Distributing company, Portland, it has been announced.

Griffiths will serve the five southern Oregon counties. He was formerly employed by Sears Roebuck and company here. The Fowler Distributing company is the wholesale distributor for Hoffman Gibson, Speed Queen and Fowler electrical products.

Griffiths has been a resident of Medford for four years. He is married and has three children.

would go to a circus lot not just in time to see the afternoon or evening performance. Freddy would be early on the lot to see the animals fed and, likely, in time to talk to the performers and lunch with the clowns.

So it was that Freddy reached Mt. Vernon before 9 a.m. on the appointed day. The Boy Scouts had arrived. And before their young eyes the tree people were salting the mine. Phoney acorns. The Mt. Vernon crop was short. The tree people were scattering store bought acorns for the scouts to retrieve. So much for history, truth and I-cannot-tell-a-lie.

Freddy wrote a real good piece about that. It made the tree people pretty mad.

Damages Asked Following Accident

Alice Brusha, Medford, is seeking \$35,000 in general damages and \$2,333.82 in special damages from Patricia Childers, Medford, as a result of an auto accident Sept. 14, 1959, at Highway 99 and Howard ave.

Alice Brusha charges in the complaint filed by Robert Boyer, Medford attorney, in circuit court that she received serious and permanent injuries as a result of the auto accident.

Medical expenses total \$1,033.82, according to the complaint filed by Boyer. Because of her injuries she was unable to work, and lost \$1,300 in earnings, she said. Additional medical care and expenses may be necessary, according to the complaint.

Dominicans Rally Behind Trujillo

Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic - (UPI) - Half a million persons demonstrated Sunday to persuade Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo to take over the presidency from his brother Hector in 1962.

Official spokesmen said the rally was the largest ever held in the Dominican Republic. About 300,000 peasants flocked to the capital from throughout the country to take part in the demonstrations, a six-hour march down George Washington ave.

The demonstrators carried thousands of signs calling on the generalissimo to become the "sole candidate" for president in the 1962 voting.

Ingrid Bergman Denies Rumors

London - (UPI) - Friends of Ingrid Bergman in London today quoted the Swedish-born star as denying reports that she is expecting a child.

Friends who spoke with Miss Bergman by telephone Sunday, said she told them she had heard the reports that she was pregnant, but that they were not true.

Miss Bergman has committed herself to appearing in a stage play and one or more movies within the next year, these friends said.

Visitors To Morse Campaign Quarters Given Reason Behind Victor Belief

By YVONNE FRANKLIN
 Mail Tribune Washington Bureau

Washington - The poor man's candidate has hung up a neon Morse for President sign here, just around the corner from Washington's "Coffee 'N Confusion Club," the local beatnik hangout.

While other presidential candidates bemoan the confusion caused by Morse's candidacy, visitors to his campaign headquarters are offered coffee and absolutely no confusion whatsoever about their leader.

"Wayne Morse is a man who can be our Great Leader," said bubbling C. Y. Messitte, a volunteer worker who hands everyone a few hundred exuberant words as to why he's for Morse for president.

Feet Said on Ground

"He places humanism above materialism, but at the same time he has his feet on the ground. I see him as a leader on a white horse. He has courage, and he is a man of decision," continued Messitte, a businessman who does not know Morse personally, although he has followed his career as a liberal, particularly as it applied to local issues.

Gilbert Suser, another businessman who is taking time off to run the local headquarters, is the only paid employee. He said they hope to recruit 100 volunteers.

One volunteer, a bearded youth, soft brown eyes glowing as he manned a telephone, was heard persuading a prospective volunteer. Naturally, in the day of conformity, one asks whether he's a beatnik. "No," said Messitte, "but he's a little odd."

Quarters Donated

In gratitude for Morse's interest in preventing a fair trade law for the District of Columbia, a local businessman donated the campaign headquarters rent free, until May 3, the date of the local primary. Suser hopes to persuade other local people to lend similar stores in other areas of the city. The headquarters is strictly local, and does not cover Morse's national campaign.

"I fully expect Morse to get close to 100% of the vote here," said Messitte. Morse's opposition is Sen. Hubert Humphrey. The Democratic Party here is divided over the candidacy of the two liberals.

According to A. L. Wheeler, chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, Morse has considerable support from former Stevenson backers. Five of 12 local civic leaders who were pledged to Stevenson in 1956 now support Morse according to Wheeler; of the 7 remaining 3 are for Humphrey, 1 still clings to Adlai and 3 cannot make up their minds.

Signboard on Building

Beneath a large picture of Morse in the store window is a blue neon "Vote for Morse May 3"; a huge "Morse for President" signboard graces the top of the building. During the conversation three people came in - two more volunteers and a sweet-faced silver-haired lady who announced herself as Agnes Waters, the only woman presidential candidate. She was slightly insane. After finding out from the tactful gentlemen how she went about filing for president, she began spouting big o'try. Messitte thereupon gently escorted her to the door.

Wheeler, in a statement of why he supports Morse, said: "We support Wayne Morse for president because he has the moral and physical stamina to stand alone for fair play, despite the enormous pressures exerted by the vested interests through their journalistic trained seals, and their radio and TV stooges."

Suser and company are making a pitch for the senior citizens' vote, and they expect to reap most of the labor vote as well as that of minority groups.

He and Messitte were calling on various homes for the aged, trying to arrange to transport the oldsters to be registered. They also expected to line up volunteer precinct captains to get out the vote.

There was little slick campaign literature available, no buttons or stickers. Mimeographed sheets, giving Morse's voting record and concern about local issues were available. Morse is well known in the District because of his service on the Senate District Committee. He was instrumental in prodding officials to set up a free lunch program to feed several thousand hungry district children. He has championed home rule for the District, while other congressmen responsible for ruling the

TO HONOR SENATORS

Washington - (UPI) - The American Good Government Society will present its annual George Washington awards April 30 to Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) and Rep. Graham A. Barden (D-N.C.).

to win the primary here, and as Messetti said, "He could catch fire - be a prairie fire across the country."

MAC IMPROVING

New York - (UPI) - Gen. Douglas MacArthur has continued to show "normal improvement" after more than three weeks in Lenox Hill hospital where he is being treated for a urological ailment, a 1st Army spokesman said Sunday.

New York - (UPI) - Samuel A. Moss, 87, designer of stained glass windows for churches throughout this country, died Sunday.

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