



**CIRCUS CLOWNS**—The comedy of clowns, always a favorite circus feature, will be among the highlights of the Ken Jensen circus at Hedrick Junior High school gymnasium Monday, March 28. The circus is being sponsored here by the Elks club. Among the clowns in this year's circus are Bombo, Perkie, Rossy, Mr. Spud and Gogo. Because of fire marshal regulations, the number of persons attending the circus will have to be limited to 1,700 at the 4 p.m. performance and to 1,400 at the 8 p.m. performance, Elks officials said.

**Grange Notes**

**Lake Creek**  
State Lecturer Victor Croxton and Mrs. Croxton were visitors at the March meeting of Lake Creek Grange.  
Ronald M. Olson was voted to become a member of the Grange.  
Nora Bradshaw, home economics chairman, thanked the committee that made all the improvements in the Grange hall. Pearl Bartling reported that she is attending the recreation meetings which are being held in the courthouse auditorium.

A minute of silence was held in honor of the late Sen. Richard Neuberger.  
Faye Burrell, ways and means committee, reported on the dances. Due to illness of one of the musicians the Saturday night dance was cancelled. A dance will be given Saturday, March 26.  
Lecturer Betty Bradshaw received an award for her quarterly reports last year.  
Croxton explained that the Grange Festival will be held July 30. All grangers in the county and their friends are invited to attend. It is to be held on the Elks picnic area.

A barbecue will be held at noon with games during the afternoon.  
The evening part of the festival will be held at Eagle Point in the grange hall and the grade school gymnasium. There will be a program and also dances to end the day.  
Croxton gave a talk on the Grange and ended it with two poems, "Tell Him Now," and an original one, "Bend in the River."  
Next Grange meeting will be on April 8 at 8:30 p.m.

**BELATED THANKS**  
Mobile, Ala. —UPI—Postal officials opened the following letter which arrived here Monday addressed to Santa Claus: "Dear Santa, thanks for the toys. Merle."

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**Back Stairs: A Familiar Mission**

By MERRIMAN SMITH  
UPI White House Reporter  
Washington—UPI—Back stairs at the White House:  
At 5:25 p.m. last Friday, a big car threaded deftly through the heavy homegoing traffic swirling around the south grounds of the White House and nosed up to the southwest gate of the executive mansion. A policeman recognized the occupant and quickly waved the car inside with the courtesy and dispatch usually reserved for cabinet members and the family of President Eisenhower.  
The man riding beside the driver in the front seat was George F. Allen who sees a lot more of the President than many members of the Eisenhower family.  
Allen's mission at the White House was a familiar one for him.

The President wanted to get away for the week end. His house in Gettysburg was closed (Mrs. Eisenhower was in Arizona with some friends who included Mrs. Allen) and the President had decided to spend Saturday and Sunday at Camp David. This is the White House camp in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland 67 miles from the President's office.

When the President thought of a week end at the camp, he immediately thought of George, a 64-year-old, affable, shrewd Mississippian who has made somewhat of a career these past 30 years of being a close friend of Presidents.

**Made a Career**  
Allen, a millionaire director of several dozen large and small corporations, knew the late President Roosevelt quite well. In fact, F.D.R. pushed George into public prominence for the first time when he made him a commissioner of the District of Columbia. Allen became even a closer friend of President Truman and frequently accompanied him on week end yacht trips.

**Urged Farm**  
It was George who influenced the President and Mamie to buy their farm in Gettysburg (George had brought one there himself only a few months earlier in 1949).

Allen's trip to Camp David with the President last week end (they were joined later by other friends) was one of many such journeys he undertakes at the behest of his good friend in the White House. The President had visited twice at another of Allen's homes, outside Palm Springs, Calif., and George frequently accompanies the chief executive on hunting

and golfing trips to Georgia. Those who know Allen and the President understand readily why the are such close friends. One paramount reason is that George knows his way around government, he is a keen student of world affairs, as well as domestic politics, and the fact that he has piled up a sizeable personal fortune in the past 30 years shows that he knows something about the world of business and industry.

**Always Discreet**  
Eisenhower also knows that Allen keeps his mouth shut. The President can blow his

stack about world conditions, he can say very frankly what he thinks of a bonehead play made by an associate in government, he can complain bitterly about the invasion of his privacy by reporters and he knows that Allen will be a most sympathetic and discreet listener.

Probably as important as all of the other reasons put together in this factor: Allen asks nothing of the President and gives willingly of his time, engaging personality, vast store of cheering anecdotes—and advice, when asked.

**Milligan to Report On Fire School**

Central Point — Donald C. Milligan, a Central Point volunteer fireman, who recently attended the Northwest Oil and Fire Control school in Salem, will give a resume of

the school for Central Point firemen at the fire station tonight.

The school which was sponsored by the Western Oil and Gas association and attended by some 500 persons, was to teach firemen methods of prevention, control and extinguishment of oil and gasoline fires.

Milligan said that Elmer H. Halstead, of the vocational education department of Oregon, told him that a similar school is planned for Medford in one or two years so firemen in southern Oregon and northern California will have a

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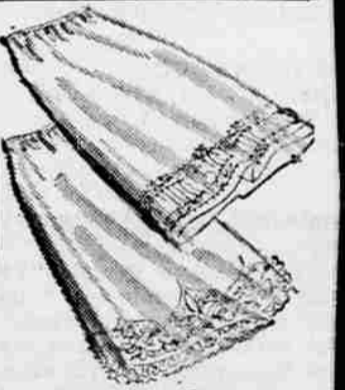


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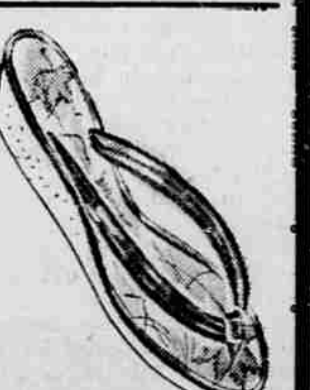


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