

Candidate Plans To Use White House Porch for Office

Washington - (UPI) - Rep. Randall S. (Front Porch) Harmon visited the White House at his own invitation the other day and announced that once he's elected president he'll rebuild the north portico into his private office.

This presumably would be done at taxpayers' expense, just like the Hoosier Democrat's rental of his own veranda back home in North Vernon, Ind.

Even with the White House porches going unused, Harmon said, the taxpayers have "done themselves proud" in spending a lot of money to make the executive mansion a national showplace.

"A nice place to have a residence," Harmon told newsmen after what he called "a wonderful tour" with his wife and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews of Anderson, Ind.

Not Invited

"When we were in the state dining room," he said, "we were told that every member of Congress had been in there. You know, I never was before; I'd never been invited."

He said he "invited myself" on the public tour because as an avowed candidate for president he wanted to see where he might be headed.

"Are you a real contender?" a reporter asked.

"Certainly," Harmon replied. "There are 180 million people in this country, counting the cats and dogs, and I have as good a chance as anyone else."

Harmon, who already lives on Pennsylvania ave. but 28 blocks from the Eisenhower residence at 1600, said his tour straightened him out on one thing. He'd always been confused about whether the south portico was the front or back porch.

"I'd say this was the front porch," he said, indicating the stately, columned north portico behind him, "since it fronts on Pennsylvania ave."

"That's where I'd have my office," he said. "They certainly aren't using it now."

Without a trace of a smile, he added:

"I'm sort of given to front porches. I have one myself."

Trimnings Added

Hundreds of tourists make the guided tour of the public rooms of the White House each day but Harmon, going there for the first time after a year and half in Washington, added publicity trimmings.

The lawmaker, who not only has declared himself a candidate for president but is running for reelection to Congress, had announced he would hold a news conference on the front porch of the White House after his tour.

This was significant, since Harmon's biggest impact in Congress has been disclosure that he was letting "the people" pay for his front porch at home by using it as his district office and charging the government rent.

White House officials ruled that Harmon would not use

President Eisenhower's front porch for anything but an exit from the executive mansion's grounds. Harmon complied, dismissing reports of his previous announcement as a "complete misunderstanding."

After finishing his 35-minute tour, the tall, nattily-dressed Congressman stopped for three newsmen and two photographers who were waiting for him outside the front gate. He said the guide had made one small error.



DRAB ATTIC CHANGED - The challenges that just about anyone with imagination of a drab attic apartment have been met and willingness to work can dress up drab and mastered by Dan Fox, 25, a young surroundings architect student. His self-done work shows (UPI Telephoto)

Problems Create Solutions In Redecoration of Apartment

Minneapolis (UPI) - The challenges of a drab attic apartment have been met and mastered by a young architecture student who thought a gravel floor would be an interesting first step.

Converted gas light fixtures and sloping ceilings combined with peeling paint and rough floors to give the third-story apartment a shabby look three years ago when Dan Fox, 25, moved in with three other University of Minnesota architecture students.

Pickin' Pears News and Notes From Camp White

(Editor's note: In view of the importance at this time of information as well as insight into the problems of aging, particularly found among war veterans, Walter Townsend will present here regularly a series of "sketches" of some of the older members of the VA Domiciliary, giving their own reactions and points of view.)

By WALTER TOWNSEND

Peder Pederson, 56, single, has spent most of his life since he was 19 years old as a country banker.

For the past seven years he has been retired in veterans domiciliarys, and makes it a constant practice to broaden his horizons in things of human interest.

He has occupied and performed every position in the small country bank. Beginning as a janitor and bookkeeper, he rose to teller, assistant cashier, cashier and director, vice president in charge of loans, and at last was elevated to manager.

His experience as a banker extended over a period of 27 years, and was an exciting and fascinating career, until his retirement from these labors in 1953.

Since that time, Pederson has continued to broaden his horizons in many fields of art and culture.

First, he devoted better than a year in the study of ceramics. Next, he became interested in leathercraft and had the exciting experience of learning a new skill with his hands.

Then he became a newspaper writer and found the joy of acute mental activity in the source and preparation of his published articles.

Finally, he progressed to outside physical activity in gardening and horticulture, in which, he has found his

true satisfaction and peace of mind.

Ever broadening his horizons, Pederson bought a magnifying glass for one dollar and began a thorough scrutiny of flowers, plants and minute animal life.

He found to his amazement that his explorations lead him further and further into the mysteries and wonders of the world about him.

His progress was satisfying and step by step, he found himself being elevated into new stations of spiritual value and worth.

Pederson found an answer to many questions that had troubled him all his life; and incidentally, found a way to broaden his horizons.

He believes that man derives more contentment from the little everyday accomplishments than is found in the highlights of a long time goal.

Each day, with glass and curious eye, he is seen amid the flowers and plants, working in the quiet surroundings of growing life. And at the conclusion of this interview he said, "I'm looking for new horizons."

O. P. Longfellow, 90, was the guest of honor at the annual chicken dinner prepared and served by the Blue Star Mothers, Chapter I, of Grants Pass, at the Grange hall on the Upper River rd. last Sunday.

Longfellow was in the Philippines 62 years ago and had been a miner in Butte, Mont., up to the age of 70.

Thirty-two handicapped veterans from the domiciliary went to Grants Pass for the dinner, served "country style" by the 14 Blue Star mothers who welcomed the men.

Guests also were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson, of Grants Pass, who were introduced as celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

A number of members of Barracks 27, Veterans of WW I, assisted in the reception accorded the Camp White veterans, including C. A. Kretschmer, district quartermaster, a frequent visitor at the domiciliary.

Janice Wolf, president of Chapter I, was master of ceremonies. The other Blue Star Mothers present were Nova Cleveland, Emma Hurrel, Laura Buckner, Gertrude Shores, June Goff, Jennie Smith, Betty Simmon, Bernice Smith, Ardena Kretschmer, Ruth Harmon, Marjorie Neustroml, Edna McKenzie, and Helen Adams.

Mike Tanzell left for his home in Portland this week. Camp White will not be the same place now, for Mike had a somewhat unique place in the domiciliary.

He could recall virtually every incident of importance during this 11 year period of growth and development as a member of the home.

Mike was always the first to meet the Mail Tribune carrier service for his evening paper. He carries away a scrap book of clippings to recall his days at the domiciliary.

The problems created the solutions," said Fox.

Closets Impractical

Many of the closets and an alcove off the living room with a garret window were impractical due to the ceiling slope.

So the foyer adjoining the living room became a plant-dotted solarium with a gravel floor and a boardwalk built across it from the entry hall. One of the closets recently was rebuilt into a storage rack for Fox's large record collection and others also have found new uses.

The roommates voluntarily turned the apartment over to Dan last June when he married a Minneapolis teacher, Margaret Sodd.

With Fox due to spend six months in the Army, Margaret plans to leave the apartment for the summer and visit Dan's family at a summer home he designed near Charles City, Iowa. He also has done an elaborate home for a widowed aunt, Mrs. Ila Loetscher, at Padre Island, a few miles west of Corpus Christi, Tex., in the Gulf of Mexico.

Wants Freedom

But until the young couple see their way clear to building for themselves in an original manner, Fox says he wants to rent an older home where he is free to redecorate.

Their south Minneapolis apartment allows such freedom and their landlord has been pleased with the results.

Neighbors raised a lot of questions when Fox spent nearly two days carrying buckets of gravel up the stairs for the solarium floor. Friends have made the artistic home a focal point for social gatherings and some have added paintings and sculptures to the furnishings.

The converted gas lights around the walls gave Fox the idea for mounting plastic covers with wood frames about the bare bulbs. The result is a semi-oriental pattern which blends well with modern styled furniture.

Unique Couches

Guests find unique couches and low stools designed and built by Fox to be comfortable and attractive. Foam cushions on top of plywood frames form a separated corner couch.

End tables are gravel-filled boxes. A suspended gourd-like ceramic planter allows a vine to hang at the living room corner.

Rather than a few conversation pieces, the entire furnishings, from open grill chairs to red danish cookware, speak of fine taste.

Even the menus are sparkled with surprises. Dan recently whipped up an exotic ice cream fruit sundae for Margaret's breakfast.

When Dan began to work part time in interior design for a Minneapolis store, he continued to redecorate the apartment with some of his best ideas.

He says they live in a constant state of flux as they add new ideas to what used to be a shabby attic apartment.

And his self-done work shows that just about anyone with imagination and willingness to work can dress up drab surroundings.

PROMOTES MANNERS

Miami Beach, Fla. - (UPI) - Douglas Ambridge, president of Abitibi Power and Paper Co., Toronto, told members of Kiwanis International Tuesday that instructing children in good manners "will do more than anything else to keep North America quiet, peaceful and friendly."

Electronic Filters Becomes \$30 Million Annual Business

By ELMER C. WALZER
UPI Financial Editor

New York - (UPI) - You can make a cigarette without using a filter but don't try to make an electronic circuit without one.

And yet the filter is a lowly device, once called an "electronics orphan," production of which was Elmer Walzer shunted to transformer makers as a sideline.

Filters currently are a \$30 million annual segment of the electronics industry. They are considered so very important that most of them are tailored-made to fit the particular circuit.



Many firms make them, including Collins Radio, Hughes Products, Raytheon Manufacturing, and Bulova Watch. But one firm stands out as a specialist in that field - Burnell & Co., Inc., of Pelham Manor, N.Y. It has 15,000 filter designs.

Norman Burnell, president of the company that bears his name, describes an electronic filter as somewhat similar in function to any filter. "They keep unwanted elements through," he says.

"In effect, they're policemen directing signal traffic through a tangle of lanes of communication."

Rapidly Growing Industry

Every time an earth satellite flashes back information, electronic filters provide the narrow gateways that keep one signal from being confused with another. Burnell filters are found in guidance and control systems of such missile programs as the Atlas, Bomarc, Jupiter, La Crosse, Nike-Zeus, Pershing, Polaris, Redstone, Sidewinder, and Sparrow.

Examples of filter use in items more common to the average person include the television screen when an airplane flies nearby, and the filter network which selects low notes when you turn the bass knob of your hi-fi set.

In industry and commerce, filters are widely used in

data transmission and automatic equipment.

May Require Hundreds

A guidance system may require hundreds of filter networks, and hence filters are in the forefront of miniaturization efforts.

The filter industry is growing rapidly along with the whole electronic industry. Burnell claims the widest assortment of catalogue items in the industry. His company provides the filters tailored to fit customers' special needs without regard to quantity.

"As long as the requirements for transmission of complex electrical signals become more precise, the need for new filter networks will continue," says Burnell.

Must Translate Signals

"These signals must be automatically decoded and translated into an intelligence of the kind that will guide missiles, rockets and pilotless aircraft through courses of infinitesimal tolerance."

Burnell filter networks, including filters and inductors, are widely used in firing, navigational and telemetering controls for ballistic and guided missiles, data transmission equipment for industrial use, radar, and sonar devices for commercial and military ships and planes, communications instruments for public utilities, electronic computers, and automation equipment.

Burnell dramatized his firm's manufacture of filter networks by organizing the "Space Shrinkers Club" since the filter networks are fitting into miniaturization programs which in turn are shrinking outer space. In three months more than 3,000 electronics engineers have joined the club and have received in addition to membership cards, palm-sized replicas of shrunken heads.

Firm 15 Years Old

Burnell & Co. was founded 15 years ago by Norman Burnell to do contractual manufacturing in the electronics field. When Lewis G. Burnell, who had been chief engineer for a large transformer manufacturing company, joined his brother, Burnell & Co. decided to specialize in filtering networks and like units. Lewis presently is vice-

president, treasurer and chief engineer of the company.

Recently Burnell offered its stock to the public.

Man Devises Method To Open Meter Box

Rockville Centre, N.Y. - Police here say William Mehnert went to a great deal of effort to make some easy money, but only managed to get himself in trouble.

Mehnert went out one night and swiped two parking meters, police said. He took them home, studied the mechanisms and made a master key to fit all parking meters of that type.

Late one night, police said, Mehnert decided to try his key out. He went to a large parking field here, opened a meter with his key and took out \$4.60.

He overlooked only one thing - that Ptl. Edward Maas was watching. Mehnert was charged with petty larceny.

Speakable Antiques Found in Clubhouse

Madison, Va. - (UPI) - A group of old-timers here spends the warm summer days on the benches outside the clubhouse. But they usually go their separate ways during the winter.

This year, when it turned cold, the elderly fellows chipped in and rented a store where they could get together and while away the cold days.

A prankster found the sign of a defunct antique shop reading "The Shack - Antiques" and propped it beside the clubhouse. The club members left it there when they found out how much fun they could have at the expense of tourists lured in by the sign.

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