## Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By WALTER TOWNSEND

Sidney Hollingsworth, 65, a newsman and professional writer nearly all his life, is lean and alert, but refined. He is slow to speak, and careful of what he says. He has been at the Domiciliary for the past six years.

Quiet and unobtrusive, he knows lots of people, but few people know him. He seems to fade into the crowd. Some people refer to him affectionately as the little man with the cap.

At the present time he is in San Francisco.

He is there visiting his three grandchildren, Peter, 10; David, 8; and Suzy, 6. These youngsters have just returned with their mother from Paris, France, where they have lived for two years. The children went to school in Paris.

This summer the little group toured France by car, and saw great castles, rivers, cities and chateaux. Then to Paris again.

"We've seen Paris. When do we go to Oregon?" Suzy's last letter said.

Mr. Hollingsworth received many other letters from his grandchildren while they were in France. Now they are back in America, and all of them wrote that they were very anxious to see their grandfather at their home in San Francisco again. The returned travelers had many things to tell him.

So he went to see them, and has been with them nearly two months.

When Hollingsworth first came to the Domiciliary in 1951, he felt it was time to retire. Still he could not manage it. Recently he said, "I feel now it is time to retire but it's difficult to retire having been a newspaper man all my life."

He definitely does not want to retire. His comments were, as he departed for San Francisco, "My boss once told me that once you get the newspaper business in your blood—it never gets out."

Newspaper writing has been his life's work. He has been on United Press and recently worked a short time on the famous Denver Post.

Long before these experiences, he had headquarters for many years at New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Harrisburg, Pa., and Washington, D.C. During this period as a writer he made some close personal friendships among the seats of the mighty. He knew Calvin Coolidge well when he was President of the United States. Coolidge made a ham sandwich for Sid one night. To this day, Sidney Hollingsworth does not know whatever possessed the President to do such a thing as this.

Also at this period of life, Sid knew Gifford Pinchot, the noted forester and governor of Pennsylvania. Governor Pinchot and newsman Hollingsworth became close personal friends, mutually having faith in the integrity of one another. They worked together, and came to admire and respect the other's aims and purposes.

Even yet, Sid Hollingsworth often speaks of Gifford Pinchot.

Rock hound is Sid's hobby. He works at it faithfully.

Mr. Hollingsworth comes of an artistic family. He was born and raised in Washington, D.C. For 25 years his mother taught voice and piano there.

He had a brother and sister who have since passed away. His brother was chief of surgical services at San Fernando, Calif., at time of his death, and a doctor of medicine there.

Sid also has a son, Bob, who is a recognized photographer. Many of his outstanding photographs appear in The San Francisco Profile of Pictures by Barnaby Conrad. Three of these photographs have aroused a great deal of comment in the art world, namely, View from Golden Gate Heights; Union Square; and the column which commemorates the victory of Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay in 1898.

He has another son who is a physician, practicing in California.

Then there are his three grandchildren.

Naturally their granddad wanted to get a first hand report on their experiences. So reporter Hollingsworth temporarily departed from the domiciliary, and headed for San Francisco to see Peter, David, and Suzy, who now talk French better than English.

On the eve of his departure, Mr. Hollingsworth was asked how he got started in newspaper writing? What he had to learn, and how he went about it?

He was in a great hurry to leave, but said, "I had history, philosophy, literature under Brander Mathews, a dramatic critic on Mark Twain."

He had his start in newspaper work as a music critic on the Washington Post. He covered little musical affairs all over Washington. News came in after hours.

Later he went to work for International News Service, and subsequently found employment with the United Press. During his years as a writer there was travel, with assignments sometimes in far corners of the world.

Reporters are carefully selected, he said, and many of them come down from previous generations of reporters. The work is a proving ground for public life. Perhaps those best informed in public life today have had previous newspaper experience.

He remembered the days when Ambassadors were quite invariably selected from the publishing world.

Another phase of newspaper work leads to employment in public relations, he said.

He believes in his work, and holds it in high esteem. In his reporting he is careful to record facts, and nothing but facts. He believes that in newspaper work there must be a discipline of thinking and the ability to evaluate news, as well as to estimate the qualities of public figures. Another necessary quality of the reporter, he said, is developing a sense of proportion as well as good taste in dealing with all walks of life.

Last year Mr. Hollingsworth was newsman of the year for the Hospitalized Veterans' Writing Project.

## Grass Ignited By Flying Sparks

Sparks from a burned out transformer on a power pole Friday afternoon ignited grass near the Roger von der Hellen farm on the North Pacific highway, the Central Point rural fire department said.

A comparatively small patch of grass was burned before the fire was extinguished, firemen reported.

BLAMES TRUMAN—Republican National Chairman Thruston Morton tells a news conference at Washington, D. C., that former President Harry Truman and other Democratic leaders are keeping "the religious issue inflamed" for the benefit of Sen. John Kennedy. He called the conference to answer statements by Truman and Democratic National Chairman Henry Jackson. (UPI Telephoto)

## Police Report No New Leads in Death of Girl

Eugene —UPI— There were no new leads Saturday in the death of 7-year-old Alice Louise Lee, Dexter, whose nude body was found Friday afternoon partially buried near a slough in the Trent area east of here.

The girl disappeared Aug. 29 from a bean field where her parents were working as pickers.

Lake County Sheriff Ed Elder said a meeting would be held in the near future of several law enforcement agencies working on the case.

The coroner's office said a schedule for an autopsy was expected to result from a meeting Saturday between the district attorney and a pathologist.

Clothing wrapped around the child's neck indicated foul play, Elder said.

The girl was the object of a widespread search for over a week following her disappearance. Her body was discovered by deputy Wayne Dillon some 980 yards from where bloodhounds had lost track in earlier ground searches.

## Arson Suspected In Ho-Ti Blaze

Portland — UPI — Preliminary investigation by Portland arson investigators indicated Saturday that last Sunday's $35,000 fire at the Ho-Ti restaurant was of incendiary origin.

C. W. Stickney, chief investigator for the Portland Fire bureau, said the fire was still under investigation and that he had no more information to reveal at this time.

The fire was confined to a false attic in the Portland restaurant building.

## Sweetland Backs Volunteer System

The Dalles — UPI — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D.-Milwaukie), a candidate for Oregon Secretary of State in November, Friday praised the efforts of voluntary party workers as a system which "frequently falters but never fails."

Sweetland, publisher of the Milwaukie Review, also told a service club audience that the rising costs of political campaigns present a real challenge to Oregon's political structure.

Said Sweetland: "Vast campaign financial requirements pose a serious threat to free and uncontrolled elections in Oregon and in the nation."

## Three Candidates Seek Mayor's Post In Rogue River

Rogue River — Three men have filed for Rogue River mayor on the general election ballot in November, according to the city recorder.

Filing are Incumbent John Leyen, a retired businessman, Larry Sheehan, restaurant owner, and Ed Kron, local building supply man.

Leyen said he is seeking another term because Rogue River has a number of projects he would like to see completed. Some of these problems are connected with the new Pacific freeway. He said a new sewer is needed, and that the town should be built up as a good residential area.

"Rogue River can have a good future as a residential area. However, if Rogue River doesn't get a new sewer system it will be pratically dormant. That is our main problem," the mayor said.

Rogue River residents will vote on a proposed $190,000 to $195,000 bond issue during the November general election.

"If we don't get a good sewer system in, the town will just go to sleep again, I guess," Leyen remarked. "The future of Rogue River depends on how progressive the people are."

The mayor credited the Rogue River Boosters' club with "waking the town up" during recent years.

Filing for city council is H. J. Stephens, incumbent, cafe owner; Frank D. Cook, a Rogue River newcomer; Orvis Reeter, sawmill worker; Albert Bamforth, owner-manager of Wallace Inn, the local hotel; Dale Hatch, logger; George Magerle, in the gravel business, and Pete Van Hoy, garage operator.

### TRUTH ON TOMBSTONE

London — UPI — The London Evening Standard reported Friday that someone, apparently a hypyochondriac, had ordered this inscription for a tombstone: "Now will you believe I'm sick."

## Officers, Films Are Available for Talks

Talks on safety and related topics given in the valley by law enforcement personnel are not restricted to school children.

Many valley residents are aware of the bicycle and pedestrian safety talks given each fall by the sheriff's department and Medford city police in the valley schools. Also included in this safety program are talks to Granges, clubs and other interested groups, according to the agencies.

For a number of years, state police officers with the Medford office have spoken and shown films from the department of motor vehicles. Their schedule has also included county schools, as well as service organizations and Granges.

Game laws and regulations have been reviewed by state officers before sportsman groups. Farm safety has also been discussed.

Boating and firearm safety talks have been given by members of the sheriff's department to interested groups and safety talks by the Medford police department have included industrial safety to businesses.

Officials of the three departments explained that the majority of their personnel have participated in the program and a representative is usually available. Interested groups may contact one of the three departments for further information.


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