

Straub Backs CCC Program of 1930s

Albany—"Revive the CCC camps to provide healthy outdoor work for the many young people who are out of school and unemployed so they can earn money, learn needed manual skills and help develop our resources," State Sen. Robert W. Straub said in a speech to the Linn County Democrats.

Straub spoke at the Linn county courthouse in Albany, recently. He is a candidate for the Democratic nomination to Congress from the Fourth District.

"The best program Roosevelt started was the CCC camps during the 30's. These camps should never have been

stopped. We still are benefiting from the work these boys did in our national forests," Straub said.

"If I serve in Congress, I will work to re-establish the CCC camps to give employment to boys between the ages of 16 and 22. Approximately one million young men each year find themselves out of school and out of work. In Oregon, recent statistics show that twice the number of young men under 21 were unemployed than was true of the labor force as a whole. It is very important that we put these young men to work at healthy, useful jobs."



HOME DAMAGED—This scene of destruction resulted at the home of Anna Straughn in Portland when vandals broke into the residence while Mrs. Straughn and her daughter, Betty, were at work. Furnishings, including a hi-fi set, television and piano, were damaged and record and slide collections were strewn over the living room. Fire was set in a bedroom. Loss was estimated to be \$1,650. (UPI)

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Lowell Stockman Happy in Business Role After Shedding Political Life

By A. ROBERT SMITH

Washington Correspondent
Washington (Special)—Funny thing happened to me on the way to the Capitol the other day.



Met a fellow who had become completely cured of that common and often insidious malady around here, Potomac Fever. The man is Lowell Stockman, former Republican congressman from Pendleton. It's been almost a decade since Stockman did what so very few men his age do—voluntarily retire from public office.

Many are involuntarily retired by the voters, and many of these disappointed fellows stick around Washington rather than go "home" to the places they used to boast of loving so greatly.

The fellows in this latter category, for the most part, have contracted Potomac Fever. The most noticeable symptoms are a tendency toward name-dropping, a rising anxiety at the cocktail hour if the patient is not milling through a socially-correct "reception," and a dogmatically-voiced notion that Washington is the center of the universe and that the rest of the globe is flat.

Nibbled for Appointment

Tiny Stockman, who earned his nickname simply by being the biggest man in Congress when he was here, appeared to have a touch of the fever in his last years here before bowing out in 1952. He frequented the fashionable Burning Tree Golf club, later made famous by President Eisenhower's afternoon recreation

there, and he nibbled around for an appointment to the Federal Reserve board, which offers its members 14-year terms.

That hope never materialized. But something better came along. Lowell Stockman discovered the joys of trailer life. He and his lovely wife, Dorcas, hitched a trailer to their

car and traveled back to Oregon one year, liked it so, well they used it while campaigning all over Oregon's huge eastern district which he represented for 10 years.

When he quit politics, he decided that wheat growing didn't offer as much promise for the effort expended as running a trailer court. He talked his son out of a long-held ambition to run the ranch, bought him a trailer court in Portland, sold the ranch and bought himself a trailer court in Seattle.

"I don't do much, but I

manage to keep busy," Stockman said with a happy grin. "And Dorcas goes to adult education classes. She makes hats and things and wishes she had learned to sew 20 years ago."

First in Four Years

Stockman's visit to Washington was his first in four years. It was a business trip. He didn't plan to stay around long enough to get involved in the social whirl. He visited with old colleagues and lunch with Rep. Al Ullman, his successor whom he praised for being a hard-working congressman.

Having developed an immunity to the fever, Stockman could have stayed longer without risk—but the big man

with the big western hat seemed more anxious to get back to the peace and quiet of his trailer court than to endure the stimulation of pandemonium on the Potomac.

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Deposits Rise at Central Point Bank

Record highs for springtime deposits and loans were posted by the First National Bank of Oregon, Ralph J. Voss, president, has announced.

Deposits of \$893,760,887 were reported compared with \$866,423,020 in April a year ago.

Loans outstanding in the statewide 88-office banking organization totaled \$502,072,518 for a gain of \$18,959,569 over the April, 1961, figure.

The Central Point branch of First National reported first quarter deposits of \$3,477,074 and loans outstanding of \$3,353,777, according to Branch Manager F. C. Ayres. Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$3,251,634 in deposits and \$2,412,807 in loans.

THE COURT HELD

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Editor's note: This column is to present general principles of law. It is not to be taken as legal advice. Slight changes in the facts may change the outcome of a case. If you have a problem, see an attorney.

Mary sued the defendant city for personal injuries sustained when her rayon dress came in contact with an unprotected gas heater and caught fire in the ladies' powder room of the City Community Center.

The defendant city acquired the premises from the county by deeds which provided that the property was to be used "exclusively as a community recreational center."

Plaintiff had come to the premises to attend a dance given by the Havana club, an organization of Spanish speaking people which had made arrangements with Mrs. Jones, an employee of the city who had the immediate supervision over the recreational program and activity for the use of the hall. They paid her \$15 as "hall rental" and the club was charging 75 cents per person for admittance. Before purchasing her ticket, the plaintiff went into the "powder

room" in the other wing of the building to make last minute preparations for the dance when the unfortunate accident occurred.

The court stated that a city may act both in a public and private capacity and that when performing in a public or governmental function it is not subject to tort liability for ordinary negligence.

The most general test of governmental function relates to the nature of the activity. It must be something done or furnished for the general public good, that is, of a "public or governmental character," such as the maintenance and operation of public schools, public parks or recreational facilities. In addition to the general test these supplemental ones are also applied: (a) whether there is special pecuniary benefit or profit to the city and (b) whether the activity is of such a nature as to be in real competition with free enterprise.

THE COURT HELD: The plaintiff could not recover, and the court dismissed the case. The center was intended to be, and was used as a public service for the common good of all, and maintained solely for the entertainment, pleasure and benefit of the general public, and that the arrangement with the Havana club was in accordance with the general purpose of the recreational facility. Where the activity is otherwise consistent with the governmental function, the fact that a nominal charge is made does not change its character. (Ramirez v. Ogden City, 3 Utah 2d 102, 1955)

Ex-Central Point Man Takes Position

Corvallis—Richard L. Purdy, a civil engineer, has joined the staff of Cornell, Howard, Hayes & Merryfield, regional engineering firm with offices at Corvallis, Seattle and Boise.

For the past two years, Purdy has been an engineer with

Adlai Stevenson's Sister Quits DAR

Southern Pines, N. C. —(UPI)—Mrs. Ernest L. Ives, sister of United Nations Ambassador Adlai Stevenson, has resigned from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), saying she does not agree with its policies.

Mrs. Ives, a granddaughter of a founder of the DAR, said an increasing number of DAR policies "are wholly out of line with the policies of the United States of America as formulated by both the Republican and Democratic parties, and as overwhelmingly endorsed by a majority of American voters."

She said this trend reached its climax when the DAR "was unable to support the children's fund, the UNICEF program of the United Nations."

Eugene To Open Offices Earlier

Eugene —(UPI)—The Eugene city council has decided to open city offices an hour earlier when other parts of the state go on daylight saving time April 29.

The Eugene Chamber of Commerce earlier had urged the council to consider such a move.

Last year the council also urged residents to set their clocks ahead one hour, but it did not make that request Thursday. Eugene businesses have not yet announced whether they will set their clocks ahead, or simply open and close an hour earlier this summer.

the Bechtel Corporation, San Francisco. He will be stationed in the Corvallis office.

A graduate of Oregon State university, Purdy also attended Oregon Technical Institute, Klamath Falls, and Southern Oregon college, Ashland. He is a former resident of Central Point, where he attended Crater High school.

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