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By BILL JENKINS

Charley Thomas came up with a reminder for us the other day. In referring to the recent panel on registration he asked what had become of the educational program that we used to have.

What he was referring to was an organization known as the Mills Edition Improvement Club which flourished a number of years ago in that district.

Composed of practically every adult in the area, the club held regular meetings on political issues. A debate was staged bringing out the pro and con sides of every controversial bill. By the time the vote came the people of Mills Addition know what it was all about, knew how they were going to vote and understood thoroughly every measure on the ballot.

In fact, the organization was of such scope that downtown bookmakers could get a definite voice—if they knew someone—on how the Mills vote would go.

I think Charley has the right idea.

We have the voter's pamphlet which is a splendid service but too often discarded without reading. A live discussion held by people of the area will do more to stimulate interest and foster understanding than any amount of printed matter.

A thought for the future?

That sickening crash you heard—and keep hearing—was probably an overzealous postal department employe somewhere between San Francisco and this office squaring off—apparently with a 12-pound sledge—on parcels marked with the big red "fragile" sign.

Our mats (from which wire service pictures are printed) keep coming in so bent and folded and mashed it is almost impossible to decipher the sign printed on it.

I did check in San Francisco once, though, before the mail left the AP office, so I know what it says.

"Do not crush or bend."

This subject of spring clothes and the new Easter outfit sends a young man's thoughts inevitably turning toward the sartorial side of life.

Which thoughts sometimes bring us to certain conclusions.

Such as that the average man would probably never buy any new clothes if it weren't for the women in his life insisting on it. He likes to be comfortable in the ones he has so patiently and painstakingly broken in. A small hole here or there certainly doesn't ruin the utility of the garment. It might be a hindrance tossed in the path of aesthetic beauty, but from a strictly utilitarian and Spartan viewpoint it does nothing to detract from the intrinsic value of your haberdashery.

Or take the idea of a new outfit. If a man buys—probably under protest—a new Easter getup the first thing he wants to do is make sure that at least half the other men in town have something just like it. That proves that his choice is accurate, sound, conservative and in line with the present day trend. Then he wants to buffet the outfit around, scuff it up here and there, apply a grease spot or two and in general take the newness off. There is nothing so outstanding as a new pair of shoes. Or a new suit that hasn't had time to drape itself attractively around your sagging form.

If the manufacturers of clothes had to make a living off selling to an exclusively male population they wouldn't be able to afford sardines and crackers for dinner twice a week. With the exception of socks which wear holes in themselves (I'm sure it's not the man's fault) and shirts whose collars fray and shorts that lose all the elastic a man doesn't need much in the way of clothes.

But if you're really interested in clothing as such come on up and take a gander at my new Easter necktie.

Too pretty to wear in fact!

A short note from the wire:

Notice that a stern English judge has put the chill to off-shore guzzling in the Empire's headquarters. Which means that your loyal Britisher can no longer shove off in a cruise boat or board a train to get his pots on after the legal pubs are closed.

Over there you can legally pickle yourself from 11:30 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon and again from 6 p.m. until the final curfew at 11 o'clock. Of course any right man who has decided that a night on the tiles is in order wouldn't think of quitting at such an early hour as 11.

In the old days if you got offshore or on a train that was moving (not necessarily at the time you boarded it) you could continue with your tippling.

Wonder if the judge could be any relation to our Mr. Volstead? Or Mr. Benneti?

They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Hardened Criminals In Segregation Section Always Planning Escape

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

SALEM (AP) — What do the desperate criminals in the 15 segregation cells at the Oregon penitentiary think about?

Escaping, of course. And they know that if they don't escape this year, they won't have hardly any chance at all.

These segregation cells, a makeshift arrangement at best, are in the basement of an old cell block.

The 15 men in them can hear the piles being driven for the foundation of the prison's new 90-cell segregation building. They know that when the new building is completed at the end of this year, their chances of escaping will be almost gone.

That's why four lifers, including the two cop-killers, Dupree Poe, 54, and John Omar Pinson, 33, made their attempt last week.

The men in their segregation cells are supposed to be entirely shut off from other prisoners. But they can communicate in Morse code with other prisoners by tapping water pipes at night.

Somehow, a prisoner outside the segregation unit got a hacksaw blade into the four men, enabling them to saw their way through six doors to get out of the segregation unit.

Some prisoner also had a rope, made of sheets, waiting at the top of the building for Poe, who climbed up through the ventilating corridor.

The plot was foiled. But it's a constant battle of wits between the prisoners and the guards.

The new segregation building will make it impossible for men inside segregation to communicate with other prisoners. The building will be fenced off. The cells will be barred with the hardest steel, in contrast to soft steel now being used in some old cells.

Joe Murray, who runs the prison office has seen every kind of escape attempt in 40 years at the prison. Better than 95 per cent of the escapees, however, are trusties who just walk away.

Murray says the funniest attempt was many years ago when a convict tried to escape by walking through a flume. He had a long rubber tube to get air. But some of his fellow convicts thought he just fell in, so yanked him out.

Poe entered the prison in 1932 for killing a Silverton policeman in a holdup, and he's one of the top escape attempters. But he's never made it. He's in constant trouble, and has spent much of his 20 years in prison in solitary confinement.

He got put in solitary in 1935 for distributing Communist propaganda inside the walls. He figured he could overthrow the prison management that way.

Last Halloween, he and Pinson, armed with knives, were among a dozen or so convicts who locked their guards in cells and got out of the cell block. But they didn't have any way to get over the wall.

After this incident, Warden Virgil O'Malley decided to have segregation cells.

Last June, Poe mingled with a group of visitors leaving the prison and walked out with them. He was caught by a guard just outside the grounds.

In March, 1936, Poe and two others cut their cell doors in solitary confinement. They were caught before they got out of their cells. In Poe's cell were a pick, sledge, two shovels, two bars and wedges. Poe escaped from a Texas prison before he came here.

Poe and Pinson bribed a guard last December and got a gun and dynamite. But they were caught because a prisoner told the guards about it.

Pinson, who killed a state policeman in Hood River in 1947, made his first attempt in 1947 when he and six others got in a prison truck and tried to crash their way across a railroad bridge and through a gate. The truck got stuck on the bridge.

Two years later, Pinson did make it. He and William Benson sawed their way out of solitary confinement and went over the walls in a hail of gunfire. Pinson was caught in Pierre, S. D., and Benson in Columbus, Ohio.

Pinson's next try was the Halloween attempt. His batting average is one out of five, and even Pinson says that isn't good.

Nobody's been wounded in an escape attempt for five years. The last one occurred when a convict, knowing a tower guard was on the job for the first time, put a ladder up to the wall and started over. The new guard shot once — plugging the convict in the chest.

The bullet didn't hit a vital spot, so the convict wasn't hurt much. But he didn't escape, either.

Netherlands Queen Tells US To Avoid Mistakes Of Iron Curtain Countries

By RUTH COWAN

WASHINGTON (AP) — Queen Juliana of The Netherlands urged Congress Thursday not to imitate Iron Curtain countries which place so much emphasis on defense that economic, social and cultural well-being suffer.

She also said in a speech before a joint session of Congress less than 24 hours after her arrival Wednesday:

1. The United States can count upon Netherlands support in the present divided world.

2. Her country, with the help of America, is able to "stand once more on our own feet" economically. She expressed thanks for the aid given.

3. She said European unity is growing and that "political integration" may come "perhaps eventually."

4. The world is split into two parts, the positive democracy and negative (slavery), and the negative pole will "have to yield" in time.

Major emphasis of the Queen's address, which she delivered in English, was on technical assistance.

She said her country was helping to the best of its ability by exporting skills and experts to less developed countries.

"It is my earnest hope that one memorable day the enormous increase of production now demanded by rearmament will be converted to meet the needs of these enormous development projects.

"The circle of countries around the North Atlantic ocean should avoid imitating the example set by the countries behind the Iron Curtain, which have focused their minds so much on their defense, that they forget to focus as much attention on their economic, social and cultural well-being".

The speech was part of a fast-paced program that includes shaking thousands of hands at three receptions and donning a diamond tiara Thursday night for a formal dinner party.

The queen and her husband, Prince Bernhard, are the first guests in the newly rebuilt White House. The President and Mrs. Truman moved back in only last Thursday after having lived across Pennsylvania Avenue at Blair House for three years.

The Carlton Hotel was the scene of a formal state dinner Wednesday night.

About 50 guests were invited to the dinner, given by the President and Mrs. Truman. For this event both Mrs. Truman and the Queen wore grey evening gowns.

Truman told his guests that "we have with us what I like to refer to as the fairy queen. We had the fairy princess with us the time before —before she became Queen of England."

He referred to the visit last November of Queen Elizabeth II, then Princess Elizabeth.

Alluding to the Dutch who settled in the United States, Truman told the Queen:

"They put on a point four program long before I was old enough to know what it meant. They built railroads, ranches, buildings—one of the greatest apartments in this area of Washington was built by Dutch capital.

"We are grateful for that. We want to show our gratefulness, and we have been trying to show that by the fact that we were — and are — willing to help free Europe recover and meet the world menace east of Poland."

Truce Talks Postponed By Brass

MUNSAN Korea (AP) — Rumors of a possible break in the prisoner exchange deadlock cropped up Thursday when top Allied brass arrived shortly after U.N. truce negotiators postponed secret prisoner parleys.

An Allied spokesman said the prisoner talks were postponed 24 hours for "constructive purposes."

There was no announcement as to why Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, top Allied commander; Gen. James A. Van Fleet, Eighth Army Commander, and other generals flew here for conferences with the U.N. armistice delegation.

An official spokesman said it was not "a foregone conclusion" that an important development was imminent.

He did not deny, however, that there was such a possibility.

Observers said it might be significant that the list of top level officers included Van Fleet and Brig. Gen. Francis Dodd, commander of the Koje Island Prison camp, scene of two bloody riots in the past two months.

The Eighth Army would handle the actual exchange of prisoners.

The joint subcommittee of top level negotiators met for the first time in two months Thursday for its first attempt to break the deadlock over whether Russia qualifies as a neutral nation to help inspect a Korean truce.

"We had a meeting in which nothing new happened," said Maj. Gen. William K. Harrison.

Postponement of the secret prisoner exchange talks stirred immediate speculation that a new move to end the deadlock may be in the offing.

Similar recesses in the past often have preceded important developments.

Army Power Buildup Set

WASHINGTON (AP)— Manpower officials say an increase of 110,000 means about 1,200,000 new men the fiscal year starting July 1 men in the armed forces during must don uniforms.

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg, defense manpower boss, told the House Appropriations Committee in testimony made public Wednesday that the large majority of new recruits will merely replace those relieved from active duty.

"We are in effect running a revolving door," she said. "This is expensive and takes a great deal more manpower."

Of the 1,200,000 new men, all but 110,000 will replace 850,000 inducted and enlisted men whose terms are about to expire, and 230,000 reservists and National Guard personnel soon to be released.

The increase of 110,000 will build up the military forces to 3,700,000, Mrs. Rosenberg said in testimony supporting the 1953 defense budget

Defense Cut Held "Good"

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of a House "watchdog" subcommittee says a 10 per cent cut in the 52 billion dollar military budget actually will improve the nation's combat strength by tightening up waste and duplication.

Rep. Bonner (D.-N. C.), said in testimony released Wednesday that five billion dollars could be cut from the new military budget "without even drawing blood."

"Such a cut, instead of rendering the military less effective, will actually result in improvement of the end products of our national defense efforts, namely combat strength," he said.

Bonner, testifying before a House Appropriations Committee, said his own group on a world tour of inspection found numerous "doodaddles and duplication" which were wasting money and sometimes hurting efficiency.

He urged that the use of enlisted men as domestic servants for high ranking officers should be stopped.

One example of waste, he said, was the building of $23,000 Army houses on Okinawa. A commercial company, on the other hand, erected "adequate" homes alongside the Army houses for about $8,000 each.

Driver Hurt In Accident

Glen Alfred Durand, 5645 Altamont Dr., got up and ran away from an accident last night on Summers Lane, according to State Police. But he didn't get very far through the brush before being run down by a patrolman and arrested for driving during revoked period and leaving the scene of an accident.

Durand's car, according to police, plowed into the rear of another vehicle, operated by Forrest H. Albert, 2929 Summers Lane, who was turning into his driveway.

Officers said Durand's car rolled over twice and stopped against a telephone pole. Thomas Johnson, passenger in the Durand car, was treated at Klamath Valley Hospital for a forehead cut.

Durand is in the hospital with reported rib injuries. He was cited to appear in District Court this afternoon on the two charges, but police were not sure if he would be released from the hospital in time.

Freak Wind Cause Of Ice Damage

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP) — A freakish Southwest wind Wednesday launched by land an "iceberg" which caused havoc for 20 minutes across the east arm of Grand Traverse Bay.

The "iceberg" was a phenomenon of the spring breakup. It clipped down trees like a giant mower, ground docks to pieces and destroyed boats and other objects in its path.

A sudden shift of the wind saved the home of Edward Larkin. When the mass of ice stopped, piles of ice were window high.

Afterwards, the ice moved out into the bay and the danger appeared over.

Forger Gets 10 Year Term

Ballard J. Wilson, 42, apparently thought he was "going to get well on what he collected from Klamath County" since he had it "over a barrel."

But instead yesterday he got a 10-year ticket to the Oregon State Prison after pleading guilty to a charge of forgery.

During his stay in jail since Jan 28, Wilson wrote to a friend in Glendale, Ore., saying that he (Wilson) had the county over a barrel and that the friend would get half of what he collected.

Dist. Atty. D. E. Van Vactor produced a photostatic copy of the letter in court yesterday, but Wilson wouldn't say what he meant in the letter when questioned by Judge David R. Vandenberg.

Wilson was arrested Jan. 28 by City Police under the name of Garrison. He had forged a $15 check and tried to pass it at two or three places in town before being picked up.

Wilson also admitted writing a $500 check on a bank account in Ohio in which there was less than $100. That check, Wilson admitted, was down payment for the purchase of The Snappy Service Cafe, 1008 Main St.

Hal Boyle

NEW YORK (AP) — There have been times in America when the banker was regarded as an ogre in a starched collar, a Simon Legree of finance.

During periods of depression farmers sometimes used to keep a pitchfork sharpened just in case the banker showed up to foreclose.

But bankers, as do convicts and baseball umpires, yearn to be liked. And lately they've been doing all sorts of things to make a bank more money—from putting in soft music to providing nursery service while mama deposits papa's paycheck.

Banker Harold C. Hahn has pioneered a step farther.

"It would be nice of people could know we're not just a cold name but a friendly organization," mused Hahn, who is president of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of New York, one of the largest in America.

What bothered him was that in the post-war assembly line procedure of home-buying, his bank was arranging hundreds of mortgages through lawyers, real estate men and other intermediaries. But it wasn't meeting the homeowners itself.

So he created one of the oddest posts in financial history—an "ambassador of good will" to go out and make friends among the young couples on whose homes his bank held mortgages. The job went to small, dark-haired Mrs. Clare Maxwell Young, a former psychology student and mother of 7-year-old twins.

She drives about 20,000 miles a year calling on housewives, explaining how the bank works, and discussing problems of household decoration and finance.

"My first problem is to convince them I haven't come to inspect the property or to see that the house is being kept up," she said. "Many people think of a bank as a cold-hearted institution just waiting to forclose on them. They are startled at first at the idea it could take any real interest in their home ownership problems.

"But then they warm up quickly. Often I am the first person in the community who has called on them and they ask my advice on all kinds of things."

These include such matters as the right color for kitchen drapes, how to care for an expectant bulldog, and the best way to bring a canary out of an epileptic fit.

Mrs. Young has had to deal with more than one emergency.

"Once I arrived at a home just as the family dog was run over in the street, the children came home from school the phone rang and the baby fell out of the high chair," she recalled. "All this happened at the exact moment I pushed the doorbell.

"I helped bandage the dog, quiet the crying children, and soothe the baby. And soon the mother and I were sitting down talking things over."

Does it all pay? The bank thinks so. It has hired a second ambassadress. And banker Hahn often reads Mrs. Young's detailed reports of her visitors, so they are fully informed on which family has mumps, which has a flooded cellar —and which is getting ready to move to a arger house that will move to a larger house that will

"We realize," said Mrs. Young, "that the housewife is a vital factor in shaping her husband's opinion about where he will invest or borrow money."

She feels she is particularly fitted in one way to understand the problems of those she visits.

"My husband and I bought a new seven-room house," she said, smiling. "And it's mortgaged to the hilt."

Senate Clears Pacific Pacts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate approved Wednesday the controversial tidelands bill giving states, instead of the federal government, clear title to oil-rich lands in their coastal areas.

The House has passed a somewhat similar bill, but the measure is still far from becoming law.

First, differences between the Senate and House bills must be ironed out. Lawmakers do not believed this will be difficult.

The finally approved bill then goes to President Truman, who vetoed a similar measure in 1946 and may veto the new one.

After the 50 to 35 Senate rollcall vote Wednesday, senators expressed conflicting opinions whether the legislation could be passed by the required two-thirds majority over the anticipated veto.

The Senate measure gives the states outright ownership to the lands beneath the marginal seas for a distance of three miles out from their shores, except in the case of Texas and Florida, where the distance is 10½ miles because of conditions under which they were admitted as states.

The House bill not only gives the states title to the marginal belt, but provides also that the states should receive 37½ per cent of all revenues from oil and gas developments in the continental shelf out beyond the state seaward boundaries.

The Supreme Court has ruled that the federal government has paramount rights to submerged coastal areas. However, if Congress passes a law saying the states own such areas, the court ruling would not apply.

Republican Sens. Cain of Washington and Cordon of Oregon voted for the bill. Sens. Magnuson (D) of Washington and Morse (R) of Oregon voted against it.

James Marlow

ABC's

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Truman, whether you like him or not, is an extremely human man, quick tempered, as humble as any man who ever occupied the White House, almost painfully loyal to his friends in most cases, and with an astonishing ability to appear cheerful in the face of adversity.

When he said he wouldn't run again it was probably the most important statement he'll ever make, from a political standpoint. he left the most important question unanswered: Why did he decide not to run. He or his friends may explain it some day. Maybe it was as simple as this: He was getting old and his wife wanted him to take it easy.

But it was probably a lot more complicated than that because in the past year unpleasant events piled up on him, enough of them to tax the cheerfulness of any man, even such a professional politician as Mr. Truman who gave the impression of walking on the sunny side even when the clouds were rolling up.

One year ago, on March 29, 1951 he told a news conference he had reached a decision about seeking another term but would not disclose it until he was ready and in spite of repeated needling at all the news conferences in the year that followed he managed to keep the quizzers guessing.

In March 1951 things were perking up a bit for Mr. Truman. The Americans in Korea were beginning to do well again, after their shattering reverses in the 1950-51 winter; General Eisenhower had gone to Europe to build up the North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) army; inflation was still with us, but moving slowly; employment was high; and defense production was making progress.

If we won the war in Korea inflation was checked, NATO did all right, and defense production was rolling, Truman might have been able to feel just about this time in 1951 that he could ask the voters for another term in the White House with some feeling of confidence he might get it. There was certainly no other candidate in the Democratic party who could be considered competition.

But by last Saturday night, March 29, which was one year to the day since he had said he had reached a decision, rebuffs and reverses had piled up for Truman so the decision he announced Saturday night, not to run, might have been just the opposite of the decision he had reached a year ago.

The war in Korea has bogged down; Truman had suffered a humiliating defeat in the New Hampshire primary; and even in Minnesota Sen. Kefauver beat him on the write-in vote; the smell of corruption in government had spread across the countryside; and he knew he had reached a low in popularity.

Of all he's done in seven White House years there's no doubt he expects history to judge him on his leadership and policies in foreign affairs, the very field which Sen. Taft, who opposed his foreign policy, had suggested would be a main issue in the presidential campaign.

At the end it may not be, for if Eisenhower gets the Republican nomination the Republicans will have difficulty in assailing a foreign policy to which the general subscribes; if only in Europe. And even if the Democratic nominee loses the election it probably will enable Truman to step out of the White House wearing his cheerful grin if his foreign policy has come through the shot and shell of the campaign without major damage, since it's his baby, his favorite one.

STORM WARNING

SEATTLE (AP) — The Weather Bureau issued the following advisory at 7 a.m. Thursday.

"Hoist smallcraft warning Tatoosh, Wash., to Astoria, Ore., for southerly winds 20-30 miles an hour, with gusts up to 35 MPH Thursday. Winds shifting southwest to west Thursday night and decreasing slowly."

Foresters Prune Trees

Four snowshoe-clad foresters have been pruning potential lumber trees in the Seven Mile are near Fort Klamath, according to District Ranger R. L. Cooper, Rogue River National Forest.

The pruning eliminates limbs from the lower part of ponderosas, usually along a 16-foot "log" length. Cooper said trees picked for pruning are those in vigorous condition and placed in dominant locations.

They plan to cover all cutover pine areas where there is natural reproduction on the ground. The men are able to cover about 65 trees each per day, Cooper said.

Last year pruning operations were carried on in the Scott Creek area, and Cooper said summer crews would begin working there again this june.

McGrath Has Big Day

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was a pretty interesting day for Attorney General McGrath.

First he had what appeared to be a heated discussion with President Truman while awaiting the arrival of Queen Juliana at the airport Wednesday.

Then, while guests were assembling for a state dinner in honor of the queen at the Carlton Hotel Wednesday night the lobby loudspeaker boomed: "The attorney general and Mrs. McGrath," and the Marine band struck up with Ruffles and Flourishes.

Cabinet officers ordinarily are not greeted that way, but over the drums came a voice from the other side of the room:

"The President of the United States and the Queen of The Netherlands."

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