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Convention Town

By MAX WAUCHOPE

Despite its comparative isolation Klamath Falls plays host to many groups as a convention town in the course of a year. Last weekend the Shriners of the Hillside Temple held their fall ceremonial here.

Shriners from as far away as Sacramento converged on Klamath Falls and among other activities staged a parade through the rain Saturday down Main Street.

Everyone in Klamath Falls who came in contact with the visitors hopes they enjoyed their stay in the city. The merchants, hotel and restaurant operators, and many others, are benefited directly and indirectly by the influx of conventioners each year. Let's keep 'em coming and show them the best side of our community during their stay here.

Klamath Falls is getting its usual Christmas face lifting as crews of the city street department under the direction of city engineer E. A. "Craxi" Thomas and Ted Fellon put the gay decorations over Main Street last week.

The decorations are put up each year by the city for the Klamath Merchants' Association, which owns them.

As an aid to Christmas shoppers the stores of Klamath Falls will remain open every Friday evening. Starting on Monday, December 19, the stores will remain open every evening until Christmas.

On the political scene the annual state convention of the Oregon Young Republican College League will be held in Portland December 3 and 4.

Oregon legislative leaders Speaker of the House Edward A. Geary, Klamath Falls, and Senate President Elmer Smith, John Day will be the featured speakers at the convention banquet scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 3, at the Multnomah Hotel. Smith has been acting governor of the state in the absence of Governor Paul Patterson.

A reception for the members of the state and Multnomah County Republican central committees at 1:15 p.m. Saturday will be one of the highlights of the convention.

We can expect both political parties to hold many meetings and rallies. In addition to these regular conventions, this winter and next year up to election time. All signs point to a vigorous campaign on national, state and local levels.

Forests' Value

By KEN MCKEOD

The forests of this world are divided into two classes: softwood and hardwood. The value of a forest as a source of wood cannot, of course, be gauged by mere acreage. Aside from such factors of accessibility to transportation and the skill devoted to their management—when they are managed at all—the most important consideration is the kinds of wood produced.

When one looks at a map showing the distribution of the forests of the world he notes that they are classed either as softwood or hardwood forests. The class of hardwood forests is further subdivided into temperate hardwoods and tropical hardwoods.

Strangely enough, however, the general term "softwoods" and "hardwoods" have nothing at all to do with the actual texture of the wood itself. In the tropical hardwood forest we find the softest of all textured woods—balsa, yet still this tree is classed as a "hardwood." The application of the term "softwoods" to the class of trees that are botanically classified as "gymnosperms," the "bare-seed" trees. These are the conifers—such as pine, fir, spruce, and larch—and 95 per cent of them are in the Northern Hemisphere and even covered more before man began his long agricultural and industrial expansion.

Softwood timbers have proved the most adaptable for many purposes, notably for construction, packaging, the manufacture of pulp and paper and for many products of chemical conversion. The coniferous forests for many generations have been the mainstay of the world's large-scale wood industries.

Hardwood forests are composed of the broad-leaved trees, botanically classed as "angiosperms," trees in which the seed is covered, such trees include both deciduous trees of temperate climate, like the oak, elm, and beech, and tropical species, such as mahogany, greenheart and balsa.

Most temperate hardwoods are actually hard and have long been chosen for their beauty, for use as beams, ship's timbers, cabinet woods, and the like. In the tropical hardwood forest, however, only a third of the woods are hard and heavy. Some of these tropical woods are ironwood, are so hard that they will turn nails. A third of the tropical hardwood forest timber is light and soft. Some of these trees, such as balsa, are lighter than cork. The remaining third of the tropical hardwood forest trees are intermediate between these two extremes.

As long as the accessible forests in the Northern Hemisphere were superabundant, the tropical forests that cover much of South America, Southeast Asia, and tropical Africa were left almost untouched by the lumber industry, except for highly selective "treasure hunts" for a few prized cabinet woods and

Movie Notes

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP)—John Huston, a zestful fellow who plays at his work and works at his play, believes he would live longer if he had 20 million dollars.

The lanky film director, who recently completed a four-million-dollar version of Herman Melville's whaling classic, "Moby Dick," said he wouldn't quit movie making even if a leprechaun suddenly showered 20 million on him—an amount Huston feels would enable a man to live graciously.

"I wouldn't retire yet," he remarked. "I look on making pictures as play. To me it's fun."

"My real occupation in life is fox hunting—and shooting."

"But with 20 million I'd find time to do more of the things I haven't got around to. I shot a tiger this year, but I'd like to go back to India and spear a wild boar from horseback. I haven't done that yet."

Here is how Huston, a man who loves simple elegance, would live if he had that 20 million:

"I'd have a castle in Ireland and be a master of bounds in some Irish hunt. It's a paying job, but you do the paying yourself."

"I'd have a shooting box in Australia, a salmon stream in Scotland, a stud farm in Kentucky, a racing stable in France."

"I'd have my own DC3 plane, so I could fly to India, Africa or Alaska, according to the season of my inclination."

"I'd have a country living in Ireland, as I do now, because it's a convenient place for one who likes to push around the parade ground of the world. I'd buy better paintings than I can afford now—a Rembrandt or two, a few Goyas, and some Piero Della Francesca."

"I'd have a half dozen houses. One in Madrid, certainly, one in New York, and several apartments in Paris. No, I wouldn't bother to have a house in Hollywood. I'd stay with friends there."

"It would be a very merry life, and—in Huston's view at least—a long one."

"I'd never know a moment of boredom," he said. "Life is far too short to become boring. My life span would probably be lengthened. It's only trying to make 20 million that cuts short a man's years. Spending it would be healthy."

Huston may never achieve 20 million in the bank, but he does have a way of making his dreams come true.

His latest picture—the 14th in his career—is an example. At the age of 21 he read and was deeply stirred by Melville's tale of the mystic white whale. He decided some day he would film it.

Twenty-eight years later he has achieved the goal. He had earlier hoped to make the film with his father, the late Walter Huston.

"After my father's death," he recalled, "I put away the idea and thought I would never come back to it. But I did. I worked three times as long on it as I did on any other picture, and I think even the college professors will agree I stuck close to the spirit of Melville."

Gregory Peck is starred as Ahab, but some 20 artificial whales played the role of Moby Dick, the white whale Ahab pursued.

"They ranged in size from six feet to 120 feet," said Huston. "Some were hydraulic controlled, some had pneumatic controls, some had electronic controls."

"Some worked marvelously well out of water but were no good in water. Some were almost complete failures. But they all served a purpose. It was a terrific technical problem."

"Two of the gigantic home-made monsters—each costing about \$20,000—broke their backs at sea and never were found. Presumably they are somewhere wallowing beneath the ocean waves, frightening the innocent demizens of the depths."

Anyone who finds either of the whales presumably has a ticket to it. Huston is done with whales for this lifetime.

Education Meet

By JAMES MARLOW

WASHINGTON (AP)—The men and women taking part in the President's White House Conference on Education opening today would like to think it will do good. Will it? Or will it be just a lot of people letting off steam?

The delegates include educators, labor, farm and civic leaders, businessmen and clergymen. They may, in spite of their varied views on how to get more schools and teachers, reach some majority opinion without explosions. But they still seem to face a triple problem of time, politics and money.

This conference has had a buildup for almost two years, a lot of fanfare, and countrywide interest. President Eisenhower proposed it in a message to Congress Jan. 7, 1954.

Political Review

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last week in Oregon (Nov. 21-26) the appearance of Gov. Averell Harriman at Eugene and Milwaukie was the principal political event.

Political comment and action of the week included:

Harriman—"Nothing so symbolizes the give-away philosophy as the deal at Hells Canyon. . . I can see no conceivable reason . . . why John Day Dam . . . should be turned over to private power companies in milk for 20 years. . . Partnership between big business and government has resulted in plowing farmers under at a time when corporations are making record profits. . . And he said returning Sen. Morse to the Senate would help break up this partnership."

Sen. Morse—in introducing Harriman at Eugene, said he wanted a wide-open presidential nominating convention and in connection with talk of Harriman's possible candidacy said that Harriman has "all the necessary qualifications."

Wendell Wyatt, Republican state chairman—"We can pass judgment on Sen. Morse without any help from the Eastern power group whom the Oregon Democratic state chairman recently denounced as lacking in political morality and as a stooge of Tammany Hall."

Philip Hitchcock, former Republican state legislator—"We now have the multi-millionaire governor of the state of New York here in Oregon for the announced purpose of telling us we should vote for Wayne Morse for senator. . . The people of Oregon will make up their own minds on this and other questions."

Sen. Neuberger—"On the candidacy of Mark Hatfield for secretary of state: 'The filing for secretary of state hasn't been made—Terry Schruck'."

Sheriff Terry Schruck—"He didn't make any comment on the possibility of seeking the secretary of state Democratic nomination, nor has he in the past."

Mark Hatfield, candidate for GOP nomination for secretary of state—"Named William E. Walsh of Coos Bay his campaign committee chairman, said Stuart H. Compton, Salem, campaign treasurer."

J. D. McDonald, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor—"All unions must back Sen. Wayne Morse" for reelection.

Howard Morgan, Oregon state

Democratic chairman

"The Federalists' distrust of the people is held by prominent spokesmen of the Oregon Republican Party right now. . . The Democratic Party is the people's party." And he added that Oregon hasn't had "active" government since the administration of Oz West, 1911-1915.

Future event: Tuesday, Nov. 29, debate at Willamette University between State Sen. John Merrill, Republican, and Howard Morgan, Democratic state chairman, on whether the GOP merits re-election in Oregon.

Clothes Design

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—Men design women's clothes. And now some women are designing men's apparel.

One maker of men's suits (H. Daroff and Sons) has hired a woman to advise retail outlets to encourage women to shop for men's clothing, with the idea that will boost sales volume.

A maker of men's hats (Frank H. Lee Co.) has hired a woman to design its new spring line on the theory that a woman would know best how a man should look—so as not to clash with his wife's fashions.

Many women have long been very vocal about telling their men what they ought to wear. Many pick out the clothes on the theory the husband's taste can't be trusted. Others go along as unpaid but certainly not unheard consultants.

But a lot of men resent it and won't permit their wives to choose anything for them.

Some merchants say the wife spurs the husband into spending more on his appearance than he would if he weren't nagged. They report 50 per cent of their sales of men's suits are made while the wife watches.

Others say that the wife just combats sales, wastes clerk's time and upsets other and unaccompanied males who may be there shopping.

Some men, who choose their own suits, are content to let the women do the shopping for shirts, underwear, socks, pajamas and the like.

Merchants say 70 per cent of such items are bought by women.

H. Daroff and Sons also had a research organization query women shoppers on the subject of men's fads.

More than a third of the women said, "Everything is left up to me." But almost half said style was specified, though less rarely was brand and color mentioned.

The women said when they went along with their husbands they were listened to on the matter of fit, but seldom consulted about fabric, color, brand or price.

Democrat Poll

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (AP)—A nationwide United Press poll of state level Democratic politicians indicates that Gov. Frank J. Lausche of Ohio at this time is no more than a remote possibility for his party's 1956 presidential nomination.

The United Press polled Democratic governors and Democratic state chairmen, reaching all but one governor and four chairmen, excluding Lausche himself.

Of 25 governors and 44 state chairmen, only two individuals made Lausche their first choice for the Democratic presidential nomination. They were State Chairman N. B. Garstaphen, Louisiana, and State Chairman George Sandlin, Texas.

Garstaphen said: "As of today I would say Lausche is my first choice because he is a conservative Democrat."

Sandlin said: "Lausche would be my first choice at the moment. However, I think his chances are equally good as a dark horse because now in the news will be deadlocked and the unstructured and favorite son delegates will probably back a fourth candidate. Lausche stands out at the moment."

The governors and chairmen were asked this question: "How would you rank Gov. Lausche as your choice for the Democratic presidential nomination, first, second, third or fourth?"

Fourteen governors said they preferred not to make such a selection. None picked Lausche as among his first four choices. One governor said he would rank Lausche lower than fourth choice. Several avoided any ranking but said they thought the governor of Ohio was a fine fellow.

The polling developed little support for Lausche among his fellow governors. The chairmen were more friendly although 22 avoided all comment. Two made him a first choice, they were John R. Hodson, New Hampshire and Milton Wellman, Utah.

"Right now," said Wellman, "I'd rank Lausche behind (Adlai) Stevenson and (Gov. Averell) Harriman but ahead of (Sen. Estes) Kefauver. Some Republicans I've talked to would like to see Lausche as the Democratic nominee, but we Democrats, at least in Utah, don't particularly favor him."

Another chairman said he would rate Lausche "high up," but five said he should be ranked lower than fourth. One replied in a word: "Never!" Several declined to rate Lausche but said he had little chance of being nominated.

Yuba City Men Killed In Crash

YUBA CITY (UP)—Two Yuba City men were killed yesterday when their private airplane crashed into an orchard shortly after taking off from the Yuba City Airport.

The victims were Stewart Holdredge, 39, the pilot, and Delbert Hartman, 27, Hartman's wife, Patricia, had given birth to a son less than 24 hours before at Fremont Hospital, where Hartman was pronounced dead.

Witnesses said the plane appeared to go straight up at the end of the runway, then nosed over and plowed into the orchard.

CONTRACT
PORTLAND (AP)—Army Engineers here have awarded a \$28,457 contract to Western Equipment Co., Eugene.

The contract is for delivery, within 90 days, of a 15-ton mobile truck crane, a 10-ton mobile crane and a 10-ton mobile crane on the middle fork of the Willamette River.

Wife Wins California Drive Test

SACRAMENTO (UP)—Men, I'm a dead duck. The Department of Motor Vehicles, state of California says officially my wife is a better driver than I am.

We took the Uniform Rating Test separately the same day, in the same auto and with the same examiner. We took great care to insure we weren't recognized as reporters, the testing would be strictly fair.

When I finished my nervous six-minute run, Erling A. Strand, an examiner for seven years, handed me my score, a passing 92. But when my wife, Pat, finished her 10-minute run, she had a score of 98. "You're sure you want it?" asked Strand, the soul of discretion. He handed me her test score, a perfect 100.

"I didn't give it to her because I didn't want to start any trouble," said the understanding Strand.

Strand wouldn't even hazard a guess as to whether the tests show that men or women are the better drivers.

But E. Keith Ball, veteran chief of the department's driver operations, said more men fail the driving examination than women. He said also that more men make extremely good scores than women, "so that it averages out about even."

There is certainly no reason to believe the women are worse drivers than men," said Fred P. Williams, chief of the Division of Driver's Licenses.

The department began using the Uniform Road Test score sheet last January after studies dating back to 1938. It lists 72 separate items in 17 categories, each one of which is scored by the examiner as the test progresses.

The score sheet has columns for fair, poor and fail. You start with 100 points. If you do a good job on an item, the examiner makes no deduction. A poor or fair job knocks your score down. A score of 70 is passing. A real blunder gets you a failure and ends the test.

HST Denies Blast Charge

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Examiner Monday quoted one of its reporters as saying former President Harry S. Truman said Sunday of Vice President Nixon:

"I don't even want to discuss his name to me. Don't even mention his name to me."

The Los Angeles Times quoted Truman: "I don't like the . . . and I don't care who knows it."

But Truman, who arrived here Sunday, denied making the statements. A spokesman at the Beverly Hills home of oilman Edwin Pauley, where Truman is staying, quoted the ex-President as saying he "would never speak in any such way of anybody holding the office of vice president."

Both newspapers said the quotes were Truman's response at the airport when reporters asked what his reaction would be to Nixon becoming the 1956 Republican candidate for President.

The spokesman quoted Truman as saying he said instead: "You know how I feel so don't talk to me about Mr. Nixon."

Truman arrived by plane from Seattle to address a \$100-a-plate banquet Monday night to raise funds for the Truman Library, now under construction at Independence, Mo.

USAF Announces New Flight Rule

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The Air Force said today it will relax its air defense system along the entire Pacific Coast Thursday to permit freer travel by commercial and private aircraft.

Planes approaching the coast from the ocean or over the Sierra will still face challenge from armed jet fighters if they have not previously identified themselves, the Air Force said.

But the area from the coast line to the eastern mountains in Washington, Oregon and California will be open to unimpeded air traffic.

An Air Force spokesman said the three states will still be "boxed in by guarded aerial frontiers," but the change will "cut down the immense load of paperwork and radio transmissions."

The Air Force also announced that the Air Defense Filter Communications Center in Oakland, which handles calls from 85 ground observer posts in California, will be moved to Reno to "remove it from a prime target area."

Texas Jury Acquits Widow Of Gun-Slaying Of Husband

PORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—A jury acquitted a 47-year-old blonde widow yesterday of paying a gunman to kill her wealthy oilman husband.

Mrs. Mary Clark placed her gloved hands over her face, wailed and fell onto the shoulder of her attorney Elvin Tackett after the verdict. Two friends helped her from the courtroom.

The jury deliberated about two hours Saturday night and several hours yesterday.

William P. Clark was found shot to death May 23, 1953, in his 22-room mansion.

A rifle was found 10 feet from Clark's body but a verdict of suicide was returned. The verdict was changed to murder after a bullet was found in the floor weeks later.

The state, which asked a life sentence for Mrs. Clark, but its case around statements of an ex-convict, Harry Huggins, who is under a murder indictment in the slaying.

Mrs. Clark, who married Clark in 1951, said in a telephone interview after the verdict that it was "just like pulling a coat off."

Deputies Arrest Speeding Youths

SAN RAFAEL (UP)—Four teen-age boys were arrested yesterday after sheriff's deputies capped a 96-mile-an-hour chase by shooting out two tires on the youths' car.

Deputies said the four were among 20 youngsters who crashed a private party in Novato and then fled when deputies were summoned.

The four youths ignored two officers who tried to flag them down with flashlights. Deputies Noel Snyder and Tom Lightfoot gave chase on Novato Blvd; just off U.S. Highway 101.

Snyder began firing at the fleeing car's tires when the chase reached 80 to 90 miles an hour. The youths halted after two tires were punctured.

The youths were identified as Charles R. Harper, 19, San Rafael, the driver; Milton C. Holloway, 18, Sausalito; Kenneth J. Marshall, 17, San Rafael, and Carroll G. Varner, 17, San Rafael.

Harper was held in the county jail and the others were placed in the Marin County Juvenile Home.

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Transport Meet Held In Oakland

OAKLAND (UP)—A Legislative Transportation Problems Committee heard testimony from East Bay city and county officials today on local highway and highway revenue problems.

Officials from Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa and Santa Clara counties testified at today's hearing, which was held in the Alameda County courthouse.

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