

Throws Discus to World's Record



Eric Krenz of Stanford University, Olympic star who finished fourth in the discus throw, hurled the platter-like weight 163 feet 8 3/4 inches in an official event which was witnessed by A. A. U. and Pacific A. A. officials at Palo Alto, Cal.

Life Of A Shut-in Cheered By Friends

To Editor of The Star:
Being a semi-invalid and sometime quite sick I am confined within the four walls of my rooms most of the time, winter and summer.
When strong enough I am busy at whatever I can do, but I have more energy than strength and at times I am exhausted before realizing it. It is a great pleasure to me to be useful and helpful in any way I can. With all I may do, I feel that I can never repay my loved ones and friends for their genuine favors. Very few days pass but some one comes to see me and bringing words of cheer and many nice favors. Nice dishes of something palatable and nourishing, papers to read, pretty flowers to look at and many things to remember.
The W. M. S. of Second Baptist church of which I am a member proved to me their eagerness and love by making for me a nice gift bag. Something that I appreciate and can use as a receptacle a long time. The bag was full of nice love gifts, so numerous and different, all useful and some very sweet. I can't express my pleasant surprise here now, but I thank you one and all for the nice tokens of your love to me.
These favors are all sweet to me.

They are sweet with the perfume of the sort of blossoms that never fade, and the thoughts that reach me straight from your hearts are flower thoughts, love thoughts.
Earnestly desiring that Loves' greatest gift be accepted by all.
Mrs. A. R. Putnam.

Penny Column

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Around Our Town

WITH RENN DRUM
"Shelby Political Mysteries."

AT THE OUTSET IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD* THAT this department has no intention or desire whatsoever to discourage men who may have the itch of public office in their anatomy. In fact, in time past, to further reinforce that statement, we have been accused of enticing more candidates into local political races than should have been in.

Two instances recalled wherein such accusations were made were the last sheriff's race, or primary, with 10 candidates in, and the last municipal election in which there were six candidates. We had no such ideas or ambitions, of course, but it is readily admitted that in a political race, insofar as news is concerned, "the more the merrier." Which should make it plain that statements to follow are not intended to frighten or persuade any one out of making a political debut in the coming municipal election, for if 40 men and women run for the four aldermanic berths and 17 seek the mayor's toga, the easier it will be from now until the election to stir up readable news stories about Shelby.

Not Worth It.

All of which, it must be apparent by now, is preliminary to saying that in our observations, based upon the observations of men who have tried it, that holding public office lacks quite a bit of being what "it is cracked up to be" (E. R. Clark, "Halifax Jones" or some of the other expert colloquialists may volunteer to inform us where the "cracked-up-to-be" expression originated.)

Proved By Cal.

First of all, and to make it impressive, it is recalled that Calvin Coolidge in his first article dealing with his six years as president declared that "it costs a lot to be president." Being a thrifty New Englander Mr. Coolidge might have meant that "being president is not worth the cost," except that Coolidge saved up a tidy sum while in the White House, and we are not referring particularly to monetary matters.

But of more recent, and of considerably more local interest is the announcement by Aldermen Rochel Hendrick that he will not be a candidate for office again, having decided that he wouldn't be two weeks after he found out just what tribulations and trials, with little more than cussings as a reward, are attached to the office.

Frankly Truthful.

Prior to being an alderman, Mr. Hendrick perhaps held about the same views as does the average citizen, viz: That about all an alderman has to do is sign a few bond issues, meet once or twice each month, at which time the board talks of this and that, signs a few papers, and goes home.

No intention is being made to single out the alderman who has not decided to run again. He is being used only as an example of the average citizen's opinion of public office prior to testing it out himself or herself. Mr. Hendrick knows now that there is a lot more to serving as alderman than signing a few papers and chatting now and then about the municipal board. Hereafter, due to his experience, Mr. Hendrick is frank to say that he will be a little more careful about criticizing public officials, and a little more ready to cooperate with them, for he knows now what they have to go through with. And here, too, it might be said that this is no defense for the present city fathers of Shelby, or any other group of aldermen who have served, or will serve the city, but it is, in a manner of speaking, a presentation of what officials who serve the people must cope with.

Why The Desire?

It being a part of this department's necessary newspaper duties to keep strict watch and close tab upon the activities of the city fathers, much like the Washington news papermen who have already learned, and published, that Mr. Hoover eats toasted cheese and peanut butter sandwiches for breakfast, we have long wondered why men ever have a desire to be aldermen or mayors.

Patriotism Bank.

Perhaps some of them serve the city and county as public officials as a matter of patriotic interest in their communities. But, with due respect to all, we are inclined to believe that there are few men imbued and endowed with enough patriotism and civic pride to go through with what the average alderman and county commissioner must just for those things alone. Some of them, perhaps, do so for the title. But as yet we have never found a man who has held one of the offices named who admits that he got much out of it except the lesson on how to be a good citizen. And that recalls a very wise expression made by the alderman who isn't going to ask for reelection: "If every citizen of Shelby could, at some time or another, serve as alderman, it wouldn't be long until this would be the most perfectly governed town in the country." Therein he is eternally right.

Coming And Going.

The average man in his controversies and desires cannot

see both sides unless he must of necessity please both sides. An alderman, or any public officer usually has to do just that, or not do it.

An Example.

To illustrate that point, we recall hearing a certain citizen go before the city fathers not so terribly many years ago and urge them to put in a sewer line along a certain street, an expenditure that would run into several hundred dollars or more. The board just couldn't see the deal. The necessary money to do the job was not on hand, and to get it would mean bonds, and bonds eventually mean more taxes somewhere. So, the aldermen refused the request, and the citizen who requested just stormed about town telling this and that person of the "tightness" of the board. Whereas not a fortnight prior to making his request, we heard the same citizen storming, just as much as he did the last time, about mounting taxes and public expenditures.

And therein is the main hardship of holding an office—how can you please the average citizen, or taxpayer, when he comes in one day and storms about having so much tax to pay, and then comes along on the following day and demands the expenditure of money that would eventually mean a boost in taxes? On the first day he cannot understand where all the money goes, and on the next day he cannot fathom why those in charge of the public purse strings will not let more of it go.

Need Solomons.

Any man who is of the opinion that he can solve this problem, and solve it in a manner that would please the taxpayer on both days would make a perfect public official. But unless a man feels that he possesses that super knowledge, we cannot see, for the life of us, where the itch begins to hold public office. A man's first entrance into politics is usually explained by him with the statement that "my friends just kept at me until I announced for the sake of keeping them away." If you haven't figured it out for yourself years ago, we'll let you in on a political secret: That statement is 100 percent bunkum about 999 percent of the time. But after holding public office once, the man who announces for the second time usually is telling the truth when he says that his friends urged him to run again, for in his own mind he is fed up on public office. That's why, we suppose, that a good percentage of the candidates offer for reelection here and elsewhere.

Mysterious Yet.

Still it is a bit of mystery to us. We've never thoroughly understood why, except for the fame of it, that a man would desire public office at all, and why he should care for it after trying it, is still more of a mystery.

No Evil Ideas.

Which, we remind again, is no attempt to persuade any one not to seek public office, nor is it a move to induce any office-holder not to seek the same office again. Personally we hope that 50 percent of Shelby's population runs for the city board and mayor's office, then at least that many people would be interested in the political news three afternoons each week when The Star came out, as their names would more than likely appear in print at frequent intervals.

Just An Opinion.

But personally we cannot see where the job is worth the price, and by price we mean not merely financial cost but the more important matter of continued aggravation, criticism, and cussing which come to those who win the ballot battles. Of course, that is only our opinion and may naturally be deducted in value for being such, but it is still a boast of this country of ours, "sweet Land of Liberty," that one may express his opinion—provided, of course, that it does not conflict overly much with the opinions of those who have more power, pull, or prestige.

And now to write a couple political announcements for the news columns.

Nearly \$9,000 has accrued to farmers of Lincoln county from three sales of poultry held during the past six weeks.

Chowan farmers have shipped their first car of hogs for the season. Sixty-six head were sold on the Richmond market.

About 1,000 pounds of grass seed will be planted for permanent pastures in Nash county in March.

Grape plantings in the Valdese community of Burke county will not be greatly enlarged this year because of the outlook for the industry.

Dawes Talked As Next Ambassador

Former Vice President Appears Very Probable Choice As Next Minister.

Washington.—Although he has relinquished the vice-presidency and returned to Chicago, the question, what will Charles Gates Dawes do next, remains a subject of lively speculation in the capital.

Of course, it is known that he has gone back to his Chicago bank, and that he plans to go to San Domingo soon to help organize the fiscal affairs of that nation. It is also known that he has been making plans to go to Europe this summer.

When that was first mentioned, the interference was that his European trip would be a personal affair. Now, however, the idea is gaining credence that he will not go as a private citizen, but as America's new ambassador to Great Britain.

Houghton To Retire.

Alanson B. Houghton, the present ambassador, it is assumed, is preparing to retire from that post and, possibly, from public life. President Hoover is maintaining his position that he will make no diplomatic appointments pending the arrival of his new Secretary of State, Henry L. Stimson, but he is known to have a very high regard for the former vice-president's abilities.

That regard was formulated first during and immediately after the war, when Mr. Hoover was engaged in relief work and Mr. Dawes was a general in the American expeditionary forces. At that time, it is recalled, he sought the assistance of Dawes and appreciated it.

Since then, the outspoken "general," as he is still called, has made Washington officialdom gasp several times during his service as director of the budget and vice-president. He is credited with having made economy interesting and the phrase, "Hell and Maria," famous, during an appearance before a congressional investigating committee, and with setting a vice-presidential precedent by denouncing the senate's rules in the only address he had a chance to deliver in that chamber.

Logical Choice.

While those aspects of his colorful and varied career may not jibe with the common conception of diplomacy, friends here point out, there are others which in their opinion would make his appointment to the highest post in the foreign service entirely logical. His fitness for such an undertaking, they hold, was amply demonstrated

Zeppelin: Pilot Dead



Veteran of two transatlantic flights, delivering the Los Angeles to America and the round trip of the Graf Zeppelin, Walter Scherz, helmsman, is dead following balloon gas poisoning while engaged in free balloon tests at Friedrichshafen, Germany. (International Newsreel)

Schools To Observe Special Arbor Day

Due to a proclamation by Governor O. Max Gardner that Friday, March 22, is Arbor and Bird Day in North Carolina, many schools of this county will observe the day with appropriate programs. The two Carolinas observe the entire week, March 17-23, as Forest week, a week that encourages tree planting, the preservation of forests and birds.

Dr. Clarence True Wilson thinks the buyers of liquor should be things are.—Nashville Banner.

in his handling of the difficult problem of German reparations which produced the plan of settlement that bears his name and is still being followed in the relations between the Allies and Germany.

All things considered, despite lack of official confirmation for the rumor, some usually well informed individuals here are prepared to be considerably surprised if this former soldier, budget officer and vice-president sees service in a new capacity at the Court of St. James.



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