

WESTERN VIKING

Golden Jubilee Edition

City, County, State

GREETINGS

United States Senate

It is a pleasure for me to be able to extend a word of greeting to the Western Viking on completion of fifty years of publication.

It is rather striking that this is coincidental with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of statehood by Washington.

Norwegian residents of the State of Washington have indeed contributed very much during this period toward the development which has made Washington an outstanding member of the American Commonwealth.

Yours very truly,

L. B. Schwellenback.



City of Tacoma

We are pleased to join in the celebration of the Western Viking on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. The influence of this paper in the upbuilding of Tacoma has been a valuable asset to our community.

This being the State's Golden Jubilee year, it is particularly fitting that this Norwegian publication should also be recognizing its progress and advancement. We realize the value that the Norwegian citizenry has been to our city and the State as a whole through their energy and leadership, and in which this paper has had an important part.

We wish the Western Viking a continuance of its success for many years to come.

NORTON CLAPP, President,
Tacoma Chamber of Commerce.

GREETINGS

February, 28, 1939

Mr. Kåre Moe, Editor,
Western Viking,
1216 So. K Street,
Tacoma, Washington.

Dear Mr. Moe:

GREETINGS TO THE WESTERN VIKING AND ITS READERS:

It is no small event in the life of the community when a paper such as the Western Viking is able to celebrate its Golden Jubilee. Fifty years ago when the Western Viking was founded, Tacoma was struggling to establish herself as one of the great seaport cities of the Puget Sound and the Pacific Coast. Tacoma has gone far toward achieving distinction, and the credit is due in large measure to the spirit of its early pioneer founders and builders. Included among the pioneer men and women who came to the Northwest to the State of Wash., and to the Puget Sound, were large numbers of Norwegians and other representatives of the Scandinavian peoples. They hewed the logs, built sawmills, and thus helped establish the great lumber industry which still flourishes in Western Washington. They cleared the land, tilled the soil, and erected farm homes throughout the valleys on the Western side of our State. These early pioneers underwent countless privations and hardships as part of the task of settling and building our great State. The Norwegians of America have been among the finest citizens of the land. Their sturdiness, their honesty and their liberal views on social, political, and economic problems have contributed immensely to the progress of America. The children of the pioneers have that same forward-looking point of view with respect to national, state and local problems.

In all of this period, the Western Viking served admirably not only to record news of interest about our own community, but has also brought to the Norwegians and the Scandinavians of the State of Washington information about the Homeland.

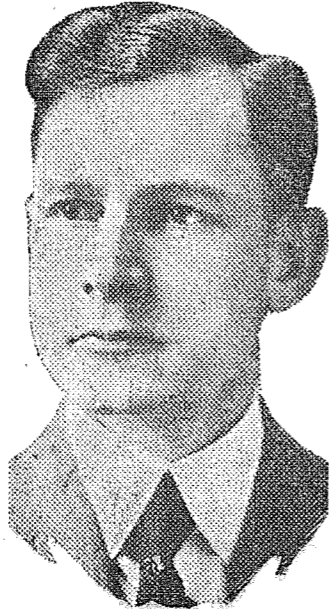
Upon its fiftieth birthday, I salute the Western Viking! I congratulate it upon its achievements. To this splendid newspaper and its many readers I extend a handclasp of friendship and best wishes for all the future years.

John M. Coffee
Member of Congress.



HON. JOHN C. COFFEE

Senator Bone and Congressman Coffee greet readers of Western Viking.



HON. HOMER T. BONE

GREETINGS

A. R. BERGERSEN
Commissioner of Public Works
City of Tacoma

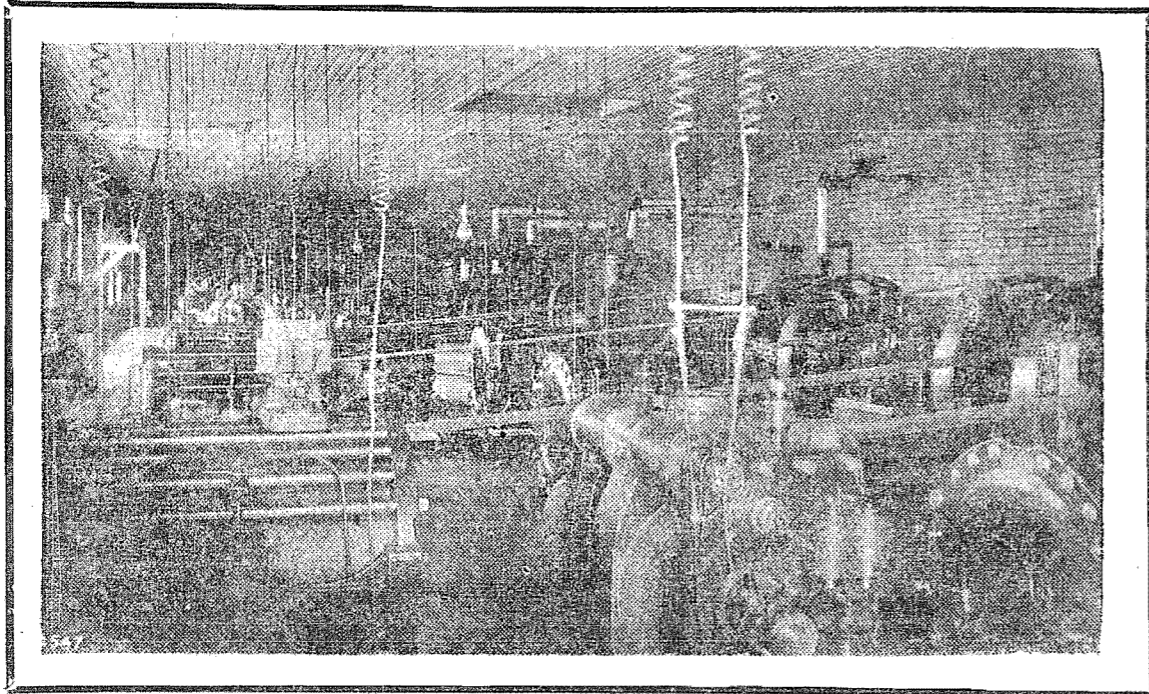
Vi ønsker Western Viking held og lykke med 50 års jubileet. Må Western Viking lenge leve.

Hr. og Fru W. A. Kunigk
Med Familie.

Supt. Water Dept., City of Tacoma.

47 YEARS OF PROGRESS!

(Tacoma Light's Original Plant)



The history of Tacoma's "citizen-owned" electric utility has been a 47-year record of singular community enterprise and achievement. Each succeeding year testifies to the fulfillment of highest hopes, as the people of Tacoma continue to enjoy the **LOWEST ELECTRICAL RATES IN THE UNITED STATES**. But Tacoma Light has done more than provide this city with low rates . . . it has paid taxes, too. . . Last year over a quarter of a million dollars was so distributed. During the past 47 years, Tacoma Light has grown steadily and rapidly. A utility worth 23 million dollars has been created, built from earnings. These physical properties, including power generating plants, transmission lines, receiving and distributing stations and a host of other essential equipment, now provide light and power in abundance for over 130,000 people. Tacoma Light is yours, a successful Utility of which you can well be proud: a Utility built to serve you adequately now, and in the years to come.

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ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM
Total Generating Capacity 302,000 Horsepower
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Built 1932

IRA S. DAVISSON, Commissioner, Department of Public Utilities

Department of Public Utilities

LIGHT DIVISION
IRA S. DAVISSON, Commissioner
VERNE KENT, Superintendent

GREETINGS FROM SEATTLE

MAYOR'S OFFICE
Seattle, Washington
April 18, 1939

Western Viking,
Tacoma, Washington.
Gentlemen:

It is a privilege and a pleasure to felicitate the Western Viking on the 50th anniversary of its publication. I am sure that its half century of service has meant a great deal to the many good citizens of Scandinavian descent in Seattle and King County—keeping them informed not only with news of their adopted country, but news from the old country.

To the publishers of the Western Viking I extend my heartiest congratulations for the progress they have made during the past fifty years and my most sincere wish for their future success.

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR B. LANGLIE, Mayor.



MR. EINAR OSTERHAUG
Promotion for Well Known
Norwegian

After over a quarter of a century with the same firm, during which time he has advanced steadily, Mr. Osterhaug was recently made division manager of Pacific Fruit and Produce Co., in charge of purchasing and sales over a wide territory, with headquarters in Seattle. The firm is among the largest in the world as wholesale distributors of fresh produce. Einar, known popularly by his first name to thousands of merchants throughout Washington, is a native of Norway. Because of the shipping activities of his company he numbers hundreds of sea captains among his friends, Vikings as well as others of many nationalities.

Mr. and Mrs. Osterhaug have a family of talented boys and girls. The Western Viking takes this opportunity to extend congratulations and greetings to this true son of Norway who has chosen America for his adopted country.

Passasjerere
fra Vestkysten som reiser med
"Stavangerfjord" fra New York
den 13de mai er:

Mr. and Mrs. Gunvar Haugse,
Tacoma, Wn.
Mrs. Margot Foss, Petersburg.
Mrs. Mathilde Bon, Seattle.
Mrs. Johanna Untiedt, Seattle.
Mr. and Mrs. Sverre E. Sandnes,
Ruth Sandens, Seattle.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bignes,
Portland, Ore.
Mrs. C. A. Bjornstad, Seattle.
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A. Johnson, Vancouver, B. C.
Yngvar Strom, Junau, Al.
Anton Lian, Seattle, Wn.
Mr. og Mrs. T. J. Sandbo, Port-
land, Ore.
Nils Sorensen, Tacoma, Wn.
Peter Riksheim, Seattle, Wn.
Mr. og Mrs. Cornelius og barn,
Seattle, Wn.
Mrs. Dora Hansen, Everett.
Olga Brunstad, Seattle, Wn.
Mr. og Mrs. Christ Nelson,
Seattle.
Torres Ness, Juneau, Alaska.
REIDAR GJOLME, G. A.
Norske Amerika Linje.



AIRPLANE VIEW OF SEATTLE, WASH.

Courtesy Chamber of Commerce

WIGGEN and SONS FUNERAL DIRECTORS



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GREETINGS

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FISHING and CANNERY EQUIPMENT

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COMPLIMENTS

Service With a Smile

WE DO

Cleaning - Dyeing - Pressing Hat Blocking

LET US TAKE CARE OF YOUR
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BON TON CLEANERS

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Magnolia Cleaners & Dyers

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NAT KRAUSE, Manager
A Friend of the Scandinavian People

COMPLIMENTS

Nordby Supply Co.

1300 Western Avenue
SEATTLE, WASH.

84 Water Street
KETCHIKAN, ALASKA



C. L. EGTVEDT
President, Boeing Aircraft Co.

Daily more than 3700 men pass through the doors of a manufacturing plant that has brought world recognition to the Pacific Northwest as a center of aviation progress—the Boeing Aircraft Company located on the Duwamish Waterway in South Seattle.

At the head of this institution, which has grown in 23 years from a tiny one-room shop to Seattle's largest manufacturing organization, stands Claire L. Egtvedt, who joined the company as an engineer in 1917 and worked his way through successive capacities to the presidency of the company. Egtvedt is of Norwegian descent. His grandparents on both sides of the family were Norwegian.

Born October 18, 1892 on a farm near Stoughton, Wisconsin, Claire Egtvedt moved to Seattle in 1911 and in 1917 was graduated from the University of Washington in both Civil and Mechanical Engineering. When he entered the engineering department of the Boeing Company in May 1917, he was put to work on airplane layout and stress analysis. He rose from that position successively through the offices of Chief Engineer, Secretary and Chief Engineer, Vice President and Chief Engineer, and Vice President and General Manager to the presidency in 1933.

From the Boeing Aircraft Company, during its 23-year history, have come more than 2000 airplanes of 67 different types, culminating now in the giant four-engine planes that are attracting widespread attention. Boeing four-engine bombers, popularly known as Flying Fortresses, are leaders of the United States Army Air Corps' modern aerial defense fleet. These giants of defense weigh more than 22 tons and travel at speeds in excess of 250 miles per hour. Larger still are the great Boeing Clippers which have emerged more recently from the Seattle plant to take their place in Pan American Airways' transoceanic passenger operations across the Pacific and in Pan America's newly planned transatlantic service. The Boeing Clippers, largest commercial aircraft in the world, weigh approximately 42 tons and accommodate as many as 74 passengers in luxurious travel compartments.

As the size of the Boeing ships has grown, so also has the size of its plant and payroll. Instead of the original one-room shop there now stands a factory comprising a floor area of more than half a million square feet, with more than 3700 persons in its employ. The Boeing Aircraft Company now has by far the largest payroll in all its history.

Den Norske Krigsforsikring for Skib hadde pr. 3die mai inntegnet 1246 skip på ialt 4,341,062 tonn, tilhørende 342 rederier med et samlet forsikringsbeløp på 1,727,974,840 kroner pr. 31 desember 1938 var det inntegnet 1229 skip på ialt 4,230,345 tonn tilhørende 332 rederier og et samlet forsikringsbeløp på 1,662,929,390 kroner. Der arbeides fremdeles på å få erstatning fra Farnicos regjering for konfiskasjon av to skib "Alix" og "Skulda" og for oppbringen av en rekke andre skib.

GREETINGS

SEATTLE SHIPS SUPPLY COMPANY

SALMON BAY TERMINAL

PORT OF SEATTLE

Peter Hvatum - Alfred Howe

Scandinavian Dishes and
Short Orders
BEER - WINE

NORDLYS CAFE

1808 1/2 8th Ave.

(Located 1/2 Block from
Bus Station)
Peter and Agnes Schjelland
Proprietors

Greetings

to my friends throughout the State

Einar Osterhaug

Division Manager

PACIFIC FRUIT & PRODUCE CO.

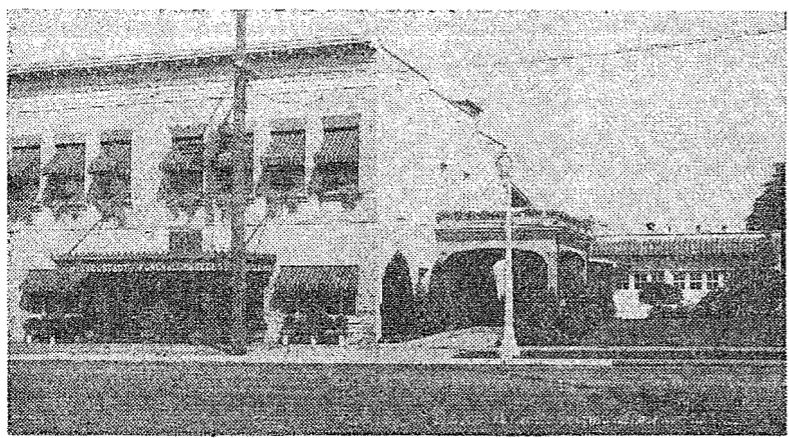
King and Occidental Sts., Seattle, Wash.

COMPLIMENTS



GREETINGS FROM SEATTLE

MITTELSTADT FUNERAL PARLORS



Over 30 Years of Considerate Service to the People of Seattle

COMPLIMENTS FISHERIES SUPPLY CO.

PIER 4 - SEATTLE

GREETINGS NORWAY PACIFIC IMPORTING CO.

A. Sunde, Proprietor

48 LOWER SANITARY MARKET

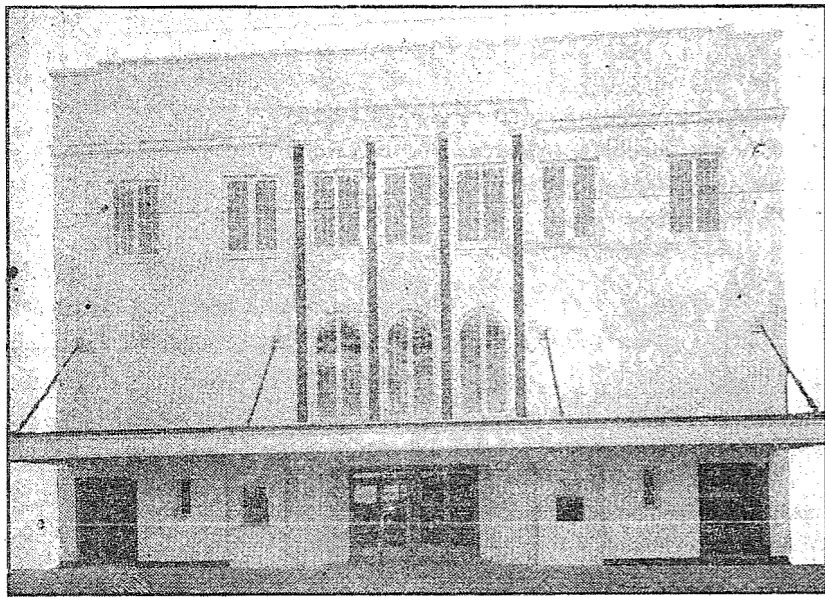
Compliments THE BLUE JAY INN

12-INCH HOT DOG 10c
LARGE MILK SHAKE 10c

(WE NEVER CLOSE)

Seattle 20 miles - PACIFIC HIWAY - Tacoma 13 miles

Harmony Hall Seattle



Nordlandslaget Fembøringen, Seattle, Wash., stiftedes den 6te september 1913. Det har nu over 600 medlemmer og går stadig fremover. For snart et år siden kjøpte laget den store Olympic Theater bygning på 8de Avenue mellem Pike og Union Street, Seattle. Denne bygning ble forandret til en stor møte hall med kjøkken og spisesal ovenpå. Kjelder etasjen som før var en cabaret er nu forandret til en recreation sal med kontorer for flere fagforeninger. Bygningen opførtes i 1927 til et kostende av over 100,000 dollars.

Nordlandslaget har hermed sat en rekord for mot og foretaksomhet, idet Harmony Hall er den mest moderne og best utstyrte norske møtnehall på vestkysten.

NORLANDSLAGET FEMBØRINGEN

Seattle, Washington

HILSEN OG GRATULASJON

Den nøkne sannhet forarger titt!
men når mann blitt er behendig
og vet å dekke å pynte den litt,
så blir den straks anstendig.

Fru N. PEDERSEN
Sekreter

NICHOLAS FLEINNESS
President

De som avetterer i Western Viking bør støttes av avisens lesere. Kjøp fra dem og nevnt vaar avis. Derved hjelper de oss, vaar avetterende og Dem selv.

SUNNMØRSLAGET I SEATTLE

Dette lag var stiftet i August 1925, nesten 14 år siden. Vi forsøker her å samle kvinner og menn fra Sunnmørs mange bygder og byer til hyggelig samvær og til fremme av felles interesser. Det er vårt mål at ære far og mor, slektninger og lekekamerater, sambygdinge og oskoler, som under vår oppvekst gjorde så mye for oss. Og denne inspirasjon har gitt laget vekst og trivsel. Vi føler det som vor skyldighet som gode menn og kvinner at vi endnu husker på dem, at lugen endnu svever rundt de gamle tomter. Tilmere vi ærer og akter dem, desto mere ærer og akter vi oss selve og vårt liv skal bli lysere og det skal gå oss vel. Dette lag og dets gjøremål knytter sig til de fineste preg og som bringer tilbake tilfretsbet og belønning. Laget kjøpte en stue av den gamle type, som nu står på Borgunds Museum. På våre fester og utflukter møter vi venner fra alle parter av staten. På våre møter bruker vi vart gamle morsmål, for måle hennar mor mei vil allrdri gloime.

Det skulde være av interesse å enevne disse, som har vært formenn siden laget ble stiftet: E. Ulvestad, Ingvald Gamlem, fru Kornelius Johnson, Hans Carlsen, O. B. Hollemark, Ole Melang, Ole Hauge, Louis R. Wicks og Fred Alvestad. Stor takk skyller laget disse for sitt trofaste arbeide. Den 4de july har Sunnmørslaget sin utflukt ved Halls Lake og det blir en god anledning til å treffe kjemninger der, så la dette bli møteplassen den 4. july.

Gratulasjon til Western Viking og takk for det store arbeide de har nedlagt blandt de norskse folk; e ulang arbeidsdag på 50 år.

På Sunnmørslagets vegne,
FRED ALVESTAD,
Presidett.
Seattle, Wn., 1. mai, 1939.

GREETINGS

HIGH - GRADE MILK

PURE, FRESH AND DELICIOUS

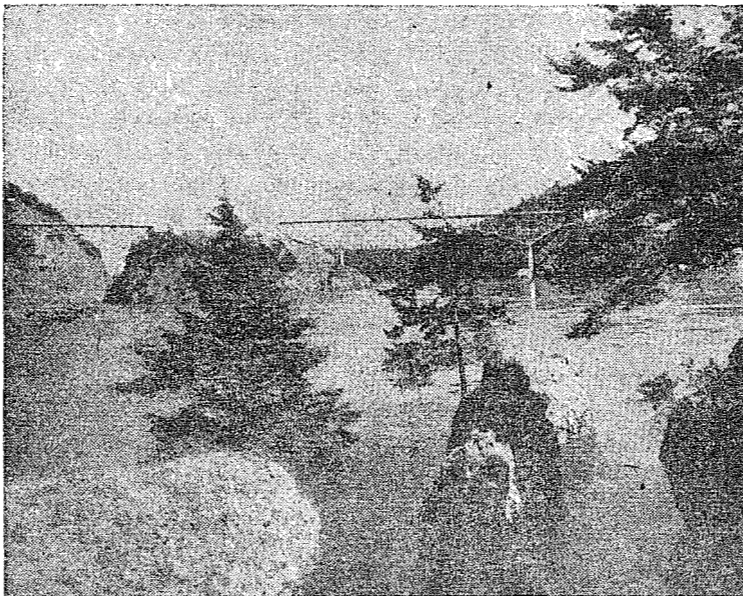
The major essentials assuring pure milk are
Tested Cows, Pasteurization, Freshness and
Sanitary Bottling

That is just what you receive in every bottle
of High-Grade Milk

HIGH - GRADE DAIRY

820 Yale North MAin 1766
OLE FOSS, Manager

SCENIC MARINE DRIVE



This \$350,000 Deception Pass bridge, 180 feet above the water, is a scenic highway link between the mainland and Whidby Island. Deception Pass was so named by Capt. George Vancouver in 1792 because he thought he had been deceived as to the nature of the inner waterway. The bridge lies within beautiful Deception Pass state park. This picture released through cooperation of Washington State Progress Commission and Washington Newspaper Publishers' Association, of which this newspaper is a sustaining member.

Western Vikings

Jubileumsnummer kan kjøpes hos Gust Tollaksen på 1528 Westlake

Ave. i Seattle. Priesn er 10 cent,

porto ikke beregnet. Bare noen få kopier tilsalgs.

FISHERMEN'S COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION CONTINUES ITS SUCCESS

The Fishermen's Cooperative association of Seattle, which numbers 450 seafaring men as its membership, who own and operate their own fishing boats in the salmon trolling industry, have through years of successful operation proven through cooperation that they represent a true American business ideal.

The Board of Trustees are active fishermen elected by the membership, and the officers of the board are: Sevrin Leite, president; P. C. Jepson, vice-president; Stener Anderson, secretary-treasurer. Other members are H. B. Peterson, R. W. Shaffer, K. Kyvik and O. Missenberger. Arne J. Antonsen is the manager.

The main office is in Seattle, and a sub-station is located at Westport. During the salmon run stations are in operation at Neah Bay, Ilwaco and La Push.

The salmon is delivered direct by the fishermen, or from the sub-stations, by truck and packer to Seattle, where it is sold over the Salmon Exchange operated by the Fishermen's Cooperative association to the highest bidder. A small percentage is deducted from each catch for the expense of operation and for reserve.

At each station a store is maintained where the fishermen may buy groceries and supplies, and at the end of the season any profits realized are pro-rated to the fishermen in accordance with the volume of their purchases.

Each member is also a stockholder and any profits accrued during the season's operations are shared and shared alike. Dividends are made according to the amount of fish delivered by the fisherman during the season.

The entire organization is united in every respect, and built on the firm foundation of cooperation it has proven that through united effort men can build a successful enterprise.



PROF. AUGUST WERNER

Nylig ble han av den norske konge hedret ved Olavs ordenen for sitt virke for kjemnskap. til Norge i Amerika.

Vi har en av hans innlegg i saken om felespill og skal. ta. det snarest.

Imidlertid gratulerer vi. herr Werner med eresbevisningen.

Werner vil syngte ved 17de mai festen på Treasure Island for det norske Kronprinspar og tusener av tilhørere.

GREETINGS

McKay Apartment Hotel

705 1/2 Pike Street

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Phone SUNset 9285

Res.: SUNset 8690

L. R. WICKS LINE CO.

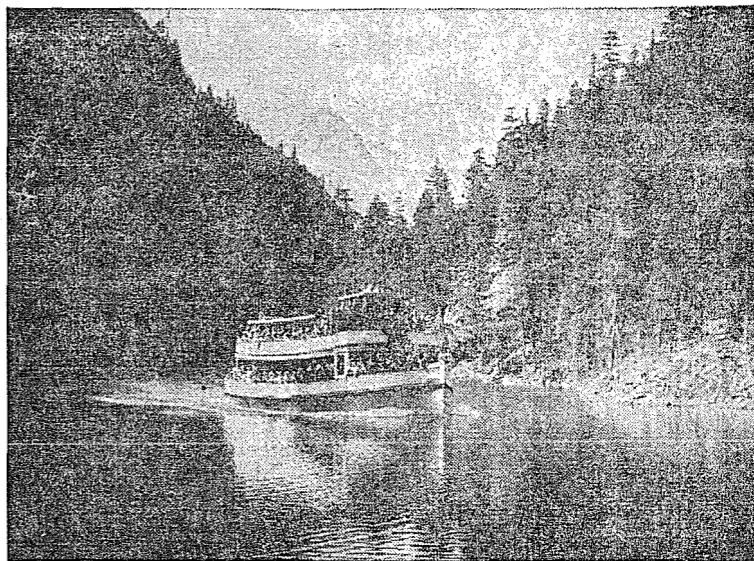
MANUFACTURERS

1546 Leary Avenue

Seattle, Wash.

L. R. WICKS, Mgr.

"RUBBER-NECK" CRUISE



Thousands of sightseers each year visit the huge Skagit power plant of Seattle's City Light, one of the most scenic educational trips in the state. Here is a week-end party on the excursion boat "Alice Ross" that plies the placid waters backed up by the immense dams.—This picture released through cooperation of Washington State Progress Commission and Washington Newspaper Publishers' Association, of which this newspaper is a sustaining member.

Compliments

NORWEGIAN COMMERCIAL CLUB

of

SEATTLE

GREETINGS FROM

GUS TOLLAKSEN

Importør av Norske varer. Utssalg av Norske Aviser.

1528 West Lake Ave.

Seattle, Wn.

Compliments

GUY R. MELTON

County Commissioner
PIERCE COUNTY



GREETINGS

LOUISE S. TAYLOR

Pierce County School Superintendent
Court House

COMPLIMENTS

JOE A. MALLERY

JUSTICE of the Peace

JOSEPH E. KARPACH

CONSTABLE

GREETINGS

Blanche Funk Miller

Clarence E. Layton

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

COMPLIMENTS OF

VAL C. FAWCETT

COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE
City of Tacoma

COMPLIMENTS

THOMAS A. SWAYZE

CONTROLLER - CITY OF TACOMA

GREETINGS



Ira S. Davisson

Commissioner of
Public Utilities

MUST THEY DIE AT PLAY?

Children are at play. From nowhere, it seems, come bicycles, kites, tops, marbles, dolls, jacks and all the other cherished possession of childhood. To complete this picture a tragic touch must be added, a touch of heart rendering, soul searing loss because the records are grim and crimson with the familiar stories of death and painful accidents among youthful Americans.

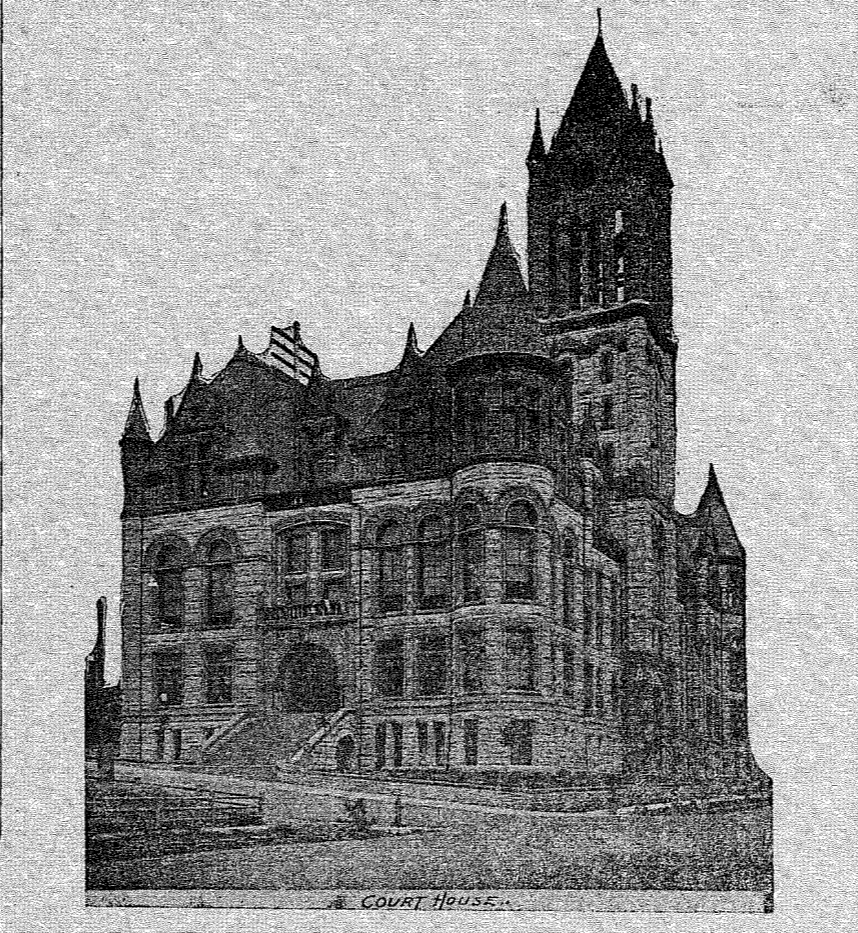
Your Public Safety Department seeks your co-operation in safeguarding the lives of the youthful Americans of our City.

Public Safety Dept.
City of Tacoma

HOLMES EASTWOOD
Commissioner of Public Safety

TRAVELERS WILL KNOW ABOUT NORTHWEST

The Pacific Northwest will undoubtedly be on the itinerary of



Compliments

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Hearty Congratulation

On its

50th Anniversary

To the

WESTERN VIKING

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John C. Bjorklund
SHERIFF

The best wishes for future success to the Western Viking, which for so many years has lent itself to the advancement of the Scandinavian interests in this country.

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THOR C
TOLLEFSON

★

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
PIERCE COUNTY

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

... CONTINUED SUCCESS

PAUL NEWMAN

COUNTY TREASURER

GREETINGS

L. W. CRAIG

County Clerk

COURT HOUSE

every traveller during the summer of 1939. Apart from the magnificent scenery, an unequalled attraction year in and year out, there will be the 1939 jubilee pageants and festivals, to be held in Washington State, with all the glamor typical of the Northwest. Grandest of all will be Tacoma's celebration, commemorating Washington's Golden Anniversary of Statehood. Washington was admitted to the Union on November 11, 1889, but Tacoma officially celebrates the event with

GRATULASJON



S. CLIFFORD DAVIS
Pierce County Auditor



MORE SEWER WORK FOR TACOMA

The Tacoma Public Works department under the direct supervision of Commissioner Abner R. Bergersen is extending more and more the great network of sewers which will give many sections of the city adequate drainage for years to come.

Before Bergersen took office seven years ago, an elaborate plan of sewer construction had been prepared, but its estimated cost, in excess of \$3,000,000, was so great that the people voted down the bond issue proposed. Actually, before the bonds could be paid off the project would have cost Tacoma taxpayers a sum probably in excess of 15,000,000.

Since that plan was too expensive for Tacoma's depression-time pocketbook, Bergersen has accomplished a very considerable part of that improvement at a very small fraction of the cost.

By taking advantage of the federally-paid for labor of WPA, and federal WPA contributions toward materials and engineering, Bergersen has been able with a relatively small amount of city funds to launch more than 50 trunk and lateral sewer projects in almost every part of Tacoma.

Many miles of new sewers ranging in diameter from 6 to 60 inches have been, or are being laid, to take care of the city's storm and sanitary drainage. Many extremely aggravating conditions have already been relieved, many swampy areas drained, adequate conduits installed to replace those that were proving inadequate. In general, these replacements and extensions have helped largely to meet problems of drainage that arise in almost every growing city.

Newly constructed trunk sewer lines include the Cheyenne street, Division Avenue, Carfield Park, Tacoma-Eastern gulch, East 1 street and South Tacoma Lines all of large diameter pipe.

In addition drainage has been provided for Snake Lake, Wapato lake, McKinley swamp, the whole South Pacific avenue area, and numerous lesser districts where conditions were bad.

Projects completed or under way now, add more than 30 miles of main system and lateral drainage to the city network, vastly improving general sanitation and city health.

Less than 1,300,000 has been expended by the city so far to accomplish about \$2,500,000 in sewer improvements and all projects excepting the South Tacoma trunk, have been handled by WPA or CWP relief labor.

There is much to be done yet before Bergersen's program is finished, but the success so far shows what can be done with competent, aggressive leadership and careful planning.

mosphere, various national groups and organizations are erecting old world villages and bazaars where the spirit of Mardi Gras will reign supreme.

Distinguished people, from the nation's capital to Hollywood, from Hudson's Bay to the Gulf, and great names of the airways have invited to help make the celebration one of the finest ever staged.

Tacoma will without doubt be the gayest spot in the nation on July 20, 21 and 22, 1939.

Husk kontingenten!

GREETINGS

From

Roy T. Swanson

Civil Service Commissioner

PIERCE COUNTY SCHOOLS

By Louise Stixrud Taylor

There's a thrill in the thought there are men now living who saw the hills that skirt Commencement Bay when they bore their unmarred cloak of virgin timber. And, to an educator, there is an equal thrill in the remembrance that the parents of pierce County's first children, who broke trail across the Cascade range or who came by the perilous ocean route, brought with them the tradition of the arce, that to every child would be given the opportunity of schooling, insofar as circumstances would permit.

And wherever families gathered to drag fir logs down a skid-road with ox-power, to establish a farm settlement, or to mill logs into Lumber, there was built a school house. As the farming centers grew and as eastern timber men left their depleted lands to harvest pierce County's big trees, school houses grew in size and number.

Mrs. Lydia Bonney is credited with starting the first school in pierce County, when she taught the children of the refuge settlers who had sheltered themselves within the stockade at Ft. Nisqually, in fear of warring Indians. In 1938, there were 32,858 pupils attending pierce County public schools, under the guidance of over a thousand trained teachers.

At those 32,858 school room desks sit our hopes for the future; our chances for good citizenship, wise economic planning and good government. The ideas for the cars we ride in, the clothes we wear and the food we eat depend on the skill of those thousand teachers and the response of their charges.

three days of big doings on July 20, 21 and 22.

Each evening in Tacoma's fame stadium, overlooking Puget Sound, Mount Rainier and the wild Olympic Range, will be held a mammoth historical pageant with some 1500 odd characters portraying the great and interesting events of pioneer days. In the background will be anchored mighty ships of the United States Navy.

Each morning there will be a huge military parade with historical floats from each of Washington's 38 counties. Championship golf and tennis matches, salmon fishing derbys, a mammoth air show and other sporting events will help to make the celebration thrilling and memorable. For those who enjoy a gay at

Taxes Based On Ability To Pay Is Theory Of County Assessor

Fred A. Smith
(County Assessor)

(Continued from page 5)
In the midst of what everybody recognizes as a possible overflowing abundance, we have increasing want, enforced idleness, discouragement and despair.

It is pretty well agreed that a better adjustment of the distribution of wealth and income must be had before we can establish in this country any fair degree of economic security for our people, or anything like an equal distribution of the essentials of livelihood; which it is so obvious the country can be made to produce.

He have reams and reams of statistics compiled by the most unimpeachable authorities: universities, government agencies, the foundations and trusts established by our great financial estates—the Faulk foundation of Pittsburgh, the Carnegie foundation, the Rockefeller foundation, 20th Century fund, and many others, most of them organized for the direct purpose of evading taxation.

Now, these foundation and trusts, in order to qualify as tax exemption agencies, must have an obviously charitable purpose and do some unselfish work, so they compile statistics. More than 200,000 families were interviewed by trained workers last year by one of these foundation, and the statistics they gathered show, and are substantiated by the researches of the institutions above mentioned, that less than one-tenth of one per cent, eighty-five thousandths of one per cent to be exact, of our people possess more than eleven per cent of the total national income, of which they return to the circulating medium less than half; that is, they spend for living expenses and taxes considerably less than half of what they take in, which means that the unspent part of the income is finally invested in more or less permanent form, in tax exempt bonds, and stocks and bonds of corporations, the control of the means of production and the natural resources of the country. When we analyze these figures it is apparent that the accumulation thus invested almost accounts for the shrinkage that is taking place in the total national income; and if this accumulation is allowed to go on, in a few more years this handful of people will own practically all of the United States, and control the wealth and income of all individuals.

It is like the gambling house "rake-off" on a poker game, where the players are the people of the United States.

This concentration of wealth is not a new thing in human history. It is expedited by modern industrial development, but the concentration took place in Japan between one to two thousand years ago, and now three great families, or trusts, own practically all of the Island Empire and control its business and industry so completely that the Japanese ambassador could say, "We have subservient labor willing to work for a bowl of rice and a cup of tea a day," and so efficient have they become that they are able to buy the best peeler logs from Puget Sound, ship them to Japan, make plywood out of them and ship it back to us to sell for less than we can produce it, with all of our highly mechanized lumber industry.

This same development has also culminated in India, where for more than a thousand years a few hundred Nabobs have owned all the land and vast masses of the people go about in rags, down-trodden for so many generations

they no longer protest. The same condition was also widely extended in China, but the Japanese invasion has lately aroused a new national spirit that demands relief which will probably be accomplished by way of communism.

There is evidence that the process took place in Babylon, it certainly did in Egypt. When the Gauls conquered Aome they found twelve Senatorial estates owning practically all of Italy. They were welcomed by a people who had nothing to defend worth fighting for.

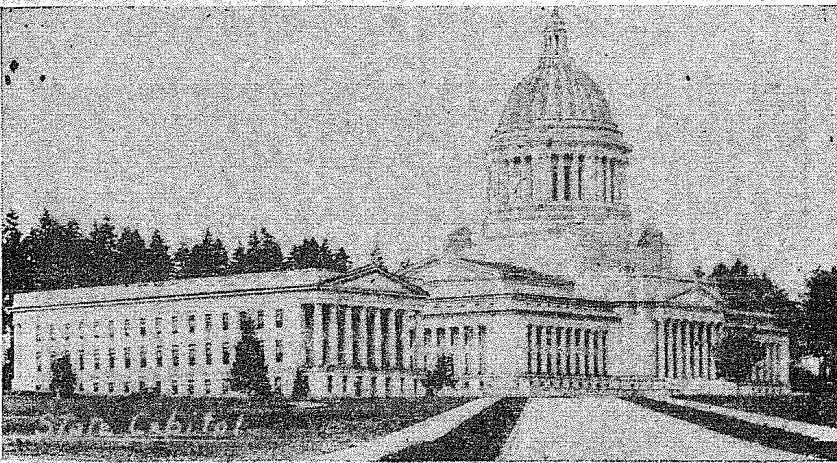
Incidentally, it is worth noting that the Great Wall of China, the Pyramids of Egypt, and perhaps many other great efforts of the old nation were built not by slaves, as they thought of slavery, but by otherwise unemployable labor in times of depression.

We in America see this appalling condition being impressed upon us with unexplainable complacency. We seek only to relieve the immediate distress and leave the problem itself untouched. Our papers are lately filled with long lists of inflated salaries that corporations are paying proxy-protected officials. Often more than the corporation pays in taxes, even to the extent of being greater than the operating profits. These salaries are paid even when the corporation faces losses that must mean bankruptcy, and many of our successful financiers boast of incomes that extend into millions of dollars per year, largely tax exempt by allowance for losses, gifts to charities and credits.

Not since the Huey Long's "Share our wealth movement" have we had any plan even offered that would tend to produce approximate equality in our wealth or incomes. The Townsend plan, a beautiful dream of life, contains no restraint whatever on the size of income or the accumulation that necessarily follows. It seems to say to our youth, graduating from our school and Colleges, "Find a place on the CCC or elsewhere where you can eke out an existence during the years of your life that should be productive. The Townsend plan will greet you with abundance at sixty-five however, this concentration of wealth will have so restricted the national income that no possible transaction tax could finance a mere fraction of this Townsend dream.

Let us glance at the economic in the United States. What is it we need? Business complains of high taxes and we have the cry of "More jobs and less taxes." There is a large amount of common sense and justice involved in these complaints. It is foolish to hamper a business machine and that is exactly what our industrial corporation is. No one would put a brake on a typewriter or an adding machine, on the other hand controlled regulation is necessary. The taxes on corporations should be directed to that end. Stability of business conditions would be a much better guarantee than accumulated surplus. A corporate surplus tax calculated to limit and an industrial commission to supervise the investment of accumulated surplus is highly advisable, and it should be extended to the regulation of all corporate salaries, because taxation is not the only drain on our corporate enterprises. Unwaranted and unearned salaries are just as much a drain as a tax levy.

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