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(PAT RYAN ? - GIRL WHO USED TO WORK FOR HIM)

COLLEGE NEWS BUREAU

Publicizing the State College of Washington began about 1907, when a few students with some newspaper experience volunteered to send a weekly page, or a few pages of news to a list of newspapers in Washington. However, according to J. L. Ashlock, professor emeritus, the items never went much farther than the Spokane papers.

One of these students was Arthur Hooker, whose father was then business manager of the Spokane Daily Chronicle. Art himself had worked on the editorial staff. Ashlock had helped him, chiefly in typewriting handscript copy, operating an old-fashioned mimeograph, and gathering the items.

Around the year 1907-08, Ashlock began sending special correspondence to several dailies, among which were the Post-Intelligencer, Seattle; the Morning Oregonian and the Oregon Journal, Portland; the Twice-a-Week Spokesman-Review, Spokane; and the Spokane Daily Chronicle. The latter newspaper, he had served on for several months of "internship."

In the fall of 1908, Ashlock went on the road with M. E. Hay, who was campaigning for lieutenant-governor on the Republican ticket. His politics were approximately Democratic at that time. However, Hay did not care what Ashlock's politics --- or lack of politics --- were so long as he kept his name in the news.

Hay was elected to the office and Ashlock accompanied him to Olympia, acting in the capacity of secretary while he held the post of Lieutenant Governor; an office which made him the presiding officer of the state senate.