

HAPPY!

Visiting Kiwanians are having a good time in Salem, one reason is because the city is happy to have these folk as its guests.

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Generally fair today and probably tomorrow; slightly cooler. Max. temperature Monday 83; Min. 48; River -2.3; Clear.

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## BRIDGE ROW FLAKES AT CAUCUS

### Rousing Enthusiasm Exhibited By Visitors At Convention

#### SUN GOD ROARS WESTWARD ON RECORD FLIGHT

Starting Point at Spokane Will be Reached Some Time Today

Mamer and Walker Fly Over South Dakota Without Mishap

ABERDEEN, S. D., Aug. 19.—(AP)—The endurance plane Spokane Sun God, piloted by Nick Mamer and Art Walker, reached here at 6:25 o'clock tonight and after circling over the city several times, flew westward accompanied by the refueling ship. After taking on 75 additional gallons of gasoline in two contacts over Aberdeen, the plane headed for Miles City, Mont., and will probably circle over the airport there through the night, according to a note Mamer dropped to his refueling pilot, Vernon Bookwalter. Preparations had been made here to allow the refueling plane to take on gasoline, but the refueling plane's tanks were emptied from Mamer's plane before landing here, and the Sun God started west.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Taking on 250 gallons of gasoline the endurance plane Spokane Sun God tonight was headed westward toward its starting point, expected to be reached tomorrow.

The plane arrived here at 1:25 p. m. from Cleveland and the pilots, Nick Mamer and Art Walker, soared over the city until just before three p. m., leaving then for Missoula, Mont., the next refueling point.

Oil and Provisions Also Taken Aboard In addition to the gasoline, ten gallons of oil and two chicken dinners were taken aboard. After the first refueling contact, Mamer dropped a note saying: "Thank everybody in St. Paul for us. Will not have time to write enough notes. After this contact you land and take all the gas you can and follow me toward Aberdeen. We have enough oil, so weather reports are good. A slight delay was occasioned when the refueling plane, 'Apple Blossom' broke its brake cable in landing after the first contact. In another note, addressed to T. (Turn to Page 10, Column 2.)

#### Ranch Employee Drops Dead as His Heart Fails

John Balmer, who has been employed for several years at the Thomson ranch, two and a half miles south of Turner, dropped dead suddenly about 7:15 o'clock Monday morning as he was started about his morning chores. Death was due to heart disease. County Coroner Lloyd Rigdon was summoned to take the body in charge. Balmer was about 68 years old and a native of Kansas. He is survived by one daughter, Bernetha, who lives at Turner. Remains are at the Rigdon mortuary here.

#### Graf Zeppelin Is Safe In Hangar Near Tokyo After Epoch Making Air Journey

TOKYO, Aug. 19.—(AP)—The great Graf Zeppelin having sailed 6,850 miles across Europe and Asia from Friedrichshafen to Japanese capitol city in 100 hours, landed at 6:27 p. m. today, at 4:27 a. m. est and tonight, after her historic flight, was safe in the hangar at Kasumigaura airport. While ancient Yeddo and the world acclaimed Commander Hugo Eckener as the hero of the air, the Graf was groomed for her leap across the Pacific to Los Angeles. Commander Eckener plans to stay only three days in Tokyo before heading for California and on to Lakehurst. Never before have men flown from Europe to far Asia in such a manner as did the Zeppelin. The flight surpassed all expectations of speed and communications. Even in the loneliest spot in the world, North Siberia, the Zeppelin maintained wireless communication either with European or Japanese stations. The 20 passengers who ate breakfast in Germany

#### Salem Armory Packed By Kiwanians At Governor's Banquet; Dance Follows

Busy Day Will Bring Annual Meet to Close

Speaking Contest to Be Among Unique Events

A five-minute speech contest in which eight divisions of the northwest district of Kiwanis will participate, the annual business session to be climaxed by the election of officers and the district banquet and stunt night will bring to a close tonight the 12th annual convention for the northwest with a men's and women's golf tourney Wednesday morning as finishing touches to the meeting in Salem. The speaking contest which comes at 10:10 o'clock this morning at the state capitol, is an innovation sponsored by Governor T. Harry Gowman. Each division has previously held an elimination contest and one of the eight men vying in the morning will be named for the trophy awarded by the president.

In the competition will be Nelson J. Craigne, Everett; Warren Butler, Tacoma; George E. Campbell, Cle Elum; Matt Thernes, Spokane; Dr. Willford H. Belknap, Portland; Frank B. Bennett, Tillamook; Charles Edwards, Roseburg. Slate Completed For Main Offices

The slate is already quite well made for the principal district officers including the nine lieutenant governors. Divisional meetings held Monday afternoon lined up the candidates for the different sections with the result that today's elections are expected to be more or less of a formality. Charles Walker, of Portland, appointed to be unopposed for the office of district governor. A feature of this afternoon's program toward which delegates are looking will be a trip through the state penitentiary flax plant. This will start at 3:10 o'clock. At 5:30 o'clock the Salem American Legion drum corps will drill in the downtown district. Eight of the clubs tonight are appearing at the district banquet. Under the direction of Cy Pruner of Portland the Ontario, Portland, Roseburg, Oregon City, Aberdeen, South Bend, Spokane and Victoria clubs will each give a number.

#### FIERCE BATTLE IS REPORTED IN CHINA

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Chinese sources today told of a fierce struggle for possession of the village of Tungning-shan, near the southeast border, in which the settlement changed hands several times but was finally retained by the Chinese. Russian cavalry from Nikolok, about 50 miles north of Vladivostok, was said to have dashed across the border.

#### BIG ZEP COMPANY IS BEING FORMED

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Germany Aug. 19.—(AP)—The present world flight of the Graf Zeppelin, it was learned tonight, from technical sources, was a technical demonstration to prove the practicability of regular international dirigible service in which American capitalists, the Zeppelin works and the Hamburg-American steamship line would cooperate. It was learned that Dr. Eckener, in previous discussions in America, had proposed for the creation of this service by a German-American company. The Zeppelin works would contribute their technical equipment and an experience unsurpassed in length elsewhere in the world, the Hamburg-American line its present world organization, and the American group the financial backing. It was hinted that a number of American transportation companies were included in the group which had been interested in the project.

#### Visiting Women Are Entertained In Gardens Here

Five gardens were opened to the visiting Kiwanis women Monday afternoon, the gardens of T. A. Livesley, Curtis Cross and George Putnam, all on Fairmount hill, and those of Homer Smith and William McGillchrist, Jr., on Summer street, and the garden of U. G. Shipley on East Washington street. Special music was presented in the various gardens and wives of prominent Salem Kiwanis members acted as hostesses to receive the guests and direct them about the gardens. It is estimated that not less than 500 persons went through these five gardens during the course of the afternoon.

#### RED CROSS NURSE SLAIN BY MANIAC

#### Insane War Veteran Murders Woman on Street in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Miss Egie Ashmun, 32, executive secretary of the San Francisco chapter, Red Cross, was stabbed to death on a busy street here today, the victim of a man police say is insane. Her slayer, David W. Licaraga, 34, a World War veteran mental case, was in the city jail charged with murder. Miss Ashmun was accosted by the man as she left her office near the civic center this afternoon, eye witnesses told the police. The man demanded to know why she was there and his compensation. "In due course of time," she was said to have told him. Unmindful of the hurrying throngs of persons leaving their offices Licaraga drew a long knife and leaped at Miss Ashmun. His first blow severed her jugular vein and she fell to the sidewalk. A dozen eye witnesses to the attack seized the man as he attempted to flee and held him until police placed him under arrest. Although an ambulance was hastily summoned, Miss Ashmun died while en route to an emergency hospital. Paul Falski, another disabled veteran, told police he heard the conversation between Licaraga and Miss Ashmun. William H. Avery, volunteer executive secretary of the Red Cross, told officials his office had had much trouble with the man, who received \$100 a month war compensation through a guardian who lives in Texas. The money, he said, was sent to the local Red Cross office for Licaraga, and was given him every month. "He had an ugly disposition, and always made trouble when he came to the office," Avery declared.

#### BLAZE IN TIMBER SPREADS RAPIDLY

Holdings of Four S Lumber Again Threatened by Forest Fire A timber fire which broke out recently in the holdings of the Four S Lumber company, seven miles east of Sublimity, late yesterday spread on to the property of the Silverton Lumber company. More than 200 men were fighting the fire. Officials of the state forestry department said that seven men and a railroad speeder were penned in by the fire last night, but were released early today. Reports indicated that the fire was confined to a slash, and that the financial loss was nominal.

#### Wisconsin Man Given 2 Years

LONDON, Aug. 19.—(AP)—Reports of border raids in Manchuria came tonight from both Russian and Chinese sources. Two young Swiss aviators, with nearly a third of their perilous journey behind them, last night (Monday) had left the last outpost of Europe behind them and pointed their white monoplane for the shores of America. Taking off from Juncal, near Lisbon, at 1:30 a. m. E.S.T., they passed over Praria Victoria, on the east coast of the island of Terceira, the Azores, about 11 1/2 hours later. The number of their plane "CH245" was read by the villagers before it swung away to the northwestward. These first 900 miles had been flown at an average speed of just under 80 miles an hour. This was far below the 105 miles an hour of which the plane was capable, but weather reports indicated the fliers had contended with opposing winds. They had said on starting they would return if the gasoline consumption proved high, but those who saw them pass Terceira saw no indication that the flight was to be abandoned. Over 2,000 Miles Of Trip Remains There were left about 2,200 miles between them and their goal at New York. If they laid their course for Newfoundland they would sight their first land in the New World after covering little more than half that distance. Oscar Kaeser and Kurt Lueschner, the fliers, had expected they might have to refuel at Halifax, N. S., but if this was not necessary, they hoped to reach New York by 6:00 p. m. E. S. T., today (Tuesday). A non-stop flight across the North Atlantic from Europe to the western continent has been successfully made only once before, and then by the flying team of Huenefeld, Koehel and Fitzmaurice, who were forced down to their goal on lonely Greendley Island.

#### 900 Visitors and Ladies Present at Dinner

Nine hundred Kiwanians and ladies packed the Salem armory Monday night for the governor's banquet and the majority proceeded later in the evening to Schindler's hall for the annual governor's ball which came as the climax to the second day's events in the 12th annual northwest district convention of Kiwanis International. From the early breakfasts at 7 o'clock under the closing notes of the orchestra at midnight Monday, the second day proved to be one filled with business and entertainment and marked the most widely attended convention in northwest Kiwanis history. Official registration for the convention exceeded 900 with six Kiwanis in the Willamette valley reporting to Scott Page, chairman of the convention committee, that their organizations had registered to the last man. Past District Governor Presides The armory banquet Monday night marked the high point in the day's events. With Kenneth Ferguson of Victoria, a past district governor presiding, the men and women of Kiwanis were kept entertained by a musical program followed by the address of the evening, "Do the United States and Canada Need Kiwanis?" delivered by O. Sam Cummings, immediate past international president, here from Dallas, Texas, as the honored guest for the convale. "Kiwanis can be of use to the United States and Canada," asserted Mr. Cummings, "first because it creates friendships making for all our life through the eyes of the other fellow. Moreover, Kiwanis raises the standards of business and professional conduct, and thus we improve the structure of business."

#### GASOLINE WARFARE AGAIN HITS SALEM

Some Dealers Cut Price to 18 Cents is Latest Development A spasmodic warfare which has been waged among retail gasoline dealers flamed up again Monday with the announcement by several local firms that gasoline could be purchased for 18 cents a gallon, which is five cents below the going price of 23 cents. Dealers who made the announcement said Monday night that they were acting independently and were not to be joined, to their knowledge, by other stations. No dealer was willing to make the statement that a general gasoline war was imminent but several dealers intimated that they were cutting prices to show other dealers that they were able to meet competition and price-cutting as anyone in the field. For several months a wide-margin existing for retail dealers has led to some rebating on the part of the independents. This has provoked desultory skirmishes and temporary low prices but there has been no general reduction locally of gasoline prices.

#### Fire Does Much Damage to Hay Baler, Tractor

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Aug. 19.—(AP)—A new hay baler was completely destroyed and a John Deere tractor badly damaged by flames at the Ray Ramsden farm near her eat about three o'clock this afternoon. Twelve tons of baled hay were destroyed by the fire, total damage being estimated at between \$2000 and \$3000. The blaze is believed to have started in the hay, being caused by a spark from the tractor. The baler was the property of Ed Kuenzi. The Silverton fire department was summoned, but was unable to reach the scene of the fire until the property had become enveloped in flames.

#### Aviatrixes Seek Air Title

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#### SWISS FLYERS WELLED ON WAY ACROSS OCEAN

Two Daring Aviators Estimated to Have Passed Third of Trip

Oscar Kaeser and Kurt Lueschner May Head for Nova Scotia

(By The Associated Press) Two young Swiss aviators, with nearly a third of their perilous journey behind them, last night (Monday) had left the last outpost of Europe behind them and pointed their white monoplane for the shores of America. Taking off from Juncal, near Lisbon, at 1:30 a. m. E.S.T., they passed over Praria Victoria, on the east coast of the island of Terceira, the Azores, about 11 1/2 hours later. The number of their plane "CH245" was read by the villagers before it swung away to the northwestward. These first 900 miles had been flown at an average speed of just under 80 miles an hour. This was far below the 105 miles an hour of which the plane was capable, but weather reports indicated the fliers had contended with opposing winds. They had said on starting they would return if the gasoline consumption proved high, but those who saw them pass Terceira saw no indication that the flight was to be abandoned. Over 2,000 Miles Of Trip Remains There were left about 2,200 miles between them and their goal at New York. If they laid their course for Newfoundland they would sight their first land in the New World after covering little more than half that distance. Oscar Kaeser and Kurt Lueschner, the fliers, had expected they might have to refuel at Halifax, N. S., but if this was not necessary, they hoped to reach New York by 6:00 p. m. E. S. T., today (Tuesday). A non-stop flight across the North Atlantic from Europe to the western continent has been successfully made only once before, and then by the flying team of Huenefeld, Koehel and Fitzmaurice, who were forced down to their goal on lonely Greendley Island.

#### San Marino Girl Leads Air Derby

#### Florence Barnes Ahead in Own Class; Phebe Omlie of Memphis, Tennessee Also Has Best Record in Elapsed Time

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#### SECRET MEET HELD BY CITY COUNCILMEN

Unusual Executive Session Precedes Decision to Convene in Week Mayor Livesley Attempts to Have Engineer Hired After Discharge Walls in the city hall—ever the partitions—are three feet thick, some of them thicker, so what happened when Mayor Livesley and 13 councilmen crowded themselves into the city engineer's office and parlayed Monday night, passed by reported. All that is known is that after this protracted executive session, the representatives of the people marched back to the council chamber, where the other city officers, reporters and a crowded gallery were awaiting them. They came, not all in one group but in twos—the mayor and five aldermen, then eight more aldermen. And every face appeared decidedly more ready than nature made it, and every jaw was set in firm lines. Subject Avoided On Council Floor Not a word was said on the floor of the council that could be construed as relating to this secret session, until the very end. Thereafter, motion by Alderman Dancy, that when the council adjourned, it should adjourn to meet next Monday night, August 26, at 8 o'clock. The motion carried. But while the mayor and aldermen conferred secretly behind closed doors, it was whispered in the council chamber that the subject of their discourse was the recent action terminating the services of R. A. Furrow as bridge engineer August 31. Mayor Livesley, according to these rumors, was making a strong appeal—appeal being a mild word for his presentation of the case—that the action be reconsidered and that Mr. Furrow be retained until the first of the year at least. The fact that the adjourned meeting was called, bears out this theory, for a meeting next Monday night would be about the only way to reconsider the decision here. (Turn to Page 10, Column 6.)

#### PATTERSON FAVORS HOOVER PROPOSAL

Governor Patterson is heartily in favor of the proposal of President Hoover, for the western states take over from the federal government the remaining unappropriated public lands. It was said that the proposal would be submitted to the western governors at their conference at Salt Lake City August 26 and 27. Governor Patterson pointed out that the state of Oregon recently completed a successful fight for the return of a large area of swamp lands in Klamath county.

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In the first feminine air race in the country, Mrs. Claire Mae Fahy, upper left; Ruth Elder, upper right; Gladys O'Donnell, lower left, and Amelia Earhart, lower right, all well-known names to air-minded people will fly in the national women's derby from Santa Monica to Cleveland.

#### Anderson Gets Contract To Construct Hangar At Salem Municipal Airport

A. J. Anderson with a bid reduced through certain changes in the specifications to \$10,660, was awarded the contract for construction of the hangar at the municipal airport, Monday night by members of the airport committee that the bid of A. A. Stewart with similar deductions, was about \$95 higher. The deductions were brought about by eliminating the concrete floor and warming up apron, and by purchasing a less costly door. It was explained by L. L. Jensen, architect who designed the hangar, that it will be 80 by 100 feet, of truss construction so that there will be no pillars inside the hangar proper; and that the door will be 80 feet wide and 20 feet high. In response to suggestions by Alderman Johnson, member of the airport committee, that the specifications might be further modified, Mr. Jensen said it would not be possible without falling below the department of commerce requirements for a class A airport. The loan to which will house the machine shop, offices and rest rooms is the only feature which could be left out, and these are required. Acceptance of Mr. Anderson's bid was recommended by the airport committee in a meeting prior to the council meeting, at which it was also decided to terminate for the present all work on the leveling of the field. One task, however, was handed the committee by council action; that of restoring the watercourse which ran through land near the airport owned by Dave W. Pugh. A special committee consisting of Aldermen O'Hara and Simeral, found that Mr. Pugh was entitled to the stream, and recommended that the drain be rebuilt so that the water would be diverted to the Pugh property. In constructing the airport drainage system it had been turned aside and property occupied by the city incinerator. (Turn to Page 10, Column 1.)