

## SPRING SEASON IS USHERED IN BY LOCAL FOLK

Opening Celebration Draws Enormous Crowds Here Thursday Night  
Music, Entertainment, Auto Parade and Many Other Events Attract

Ideal weather combined with the carefully laid plans of the Salem Advertising club and the uniform cooperation of Salem merchants to make the fifth annual Spring Opening Thursday night the most successful in the history of the city.

From the time the parade of six bands, interspersed with a varied array of the newest models in automobiles got under way promptly at 7 o'clock, until the midnight closing time brought a halt to hundreds of dancers in Crystal Gardens, the evening was a pleasant, happy one for thousands of people who thronged the downtown streets.

Spring was here and of that there was no doubt. Big Crowds Gather Early in Evening  
Throng of little tots, downtown in the early hours of the evening, were speedily augmented by crowds of young people and of parents who first watched the extensive parade go through the downtown streets, and then divided their time between a varied array of fashionable windows and an entertaining program given from an open air stage on Liberty street.

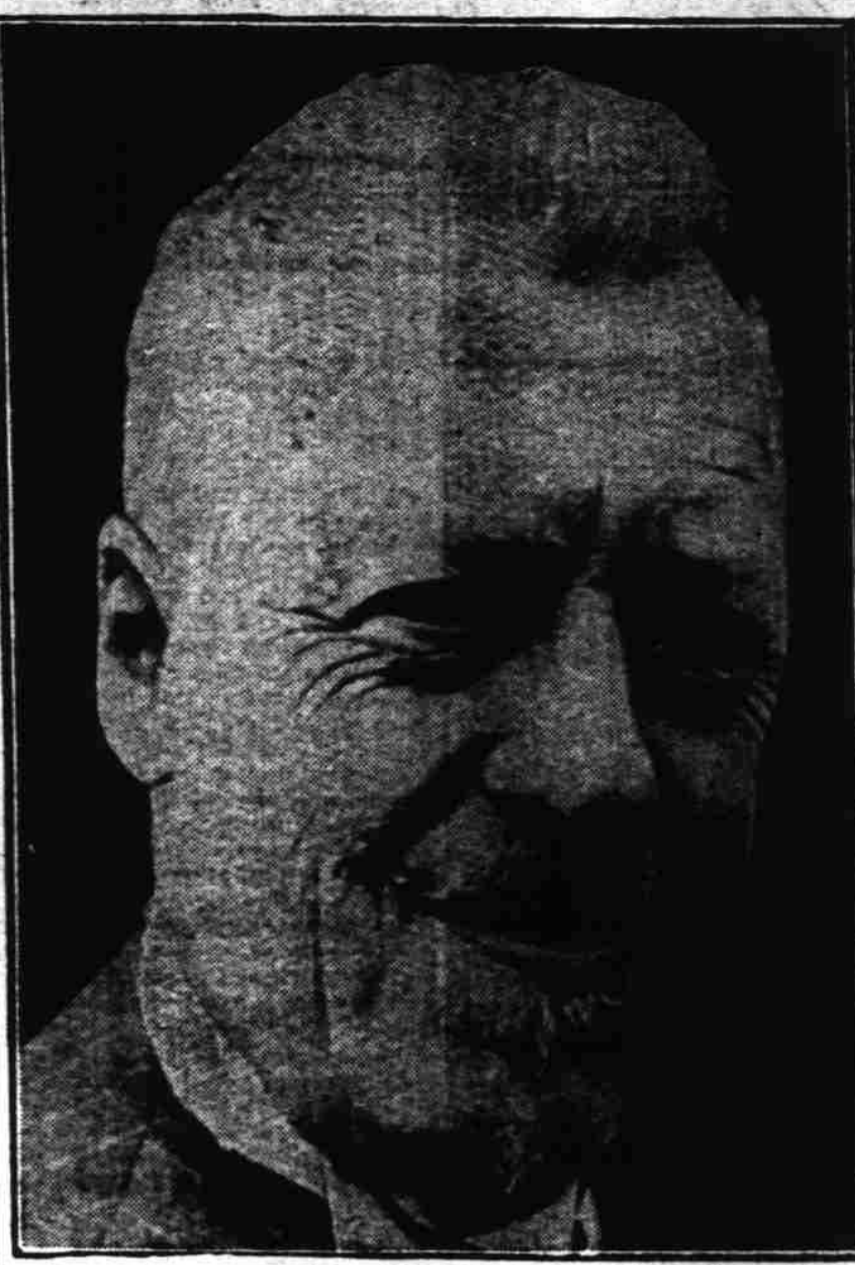
Starting promptly at 7 o'clock, the downtown parade, a new feature at Spring Opening, started at Marion square, marched up Commercial to State and turning there, went through the entire downtown area, in addition to numerous entries from all Salem auto dealers, bands from Hubbard, Chemawa, two from Salem high school, the boys' and the girls' organizations, the Salem city band and the Scotch Kilkie band were included in the marchers.

Whistles Bring News Of Zero Hour  
Exactly at 7:30 o'clock mill whistles announced to the throngs that spring had come and almost magically the veils over scores of windows were taken away and springs newest and latest fashions came to light.

Never before have the displays been so varied and so interesting. Not alone were window displays those of merchants selling dress apparel. Meat markets showed attractive cuts, hardware stores invited the passerby to the land of sports, furniture stores showed how spring could be effected in the home. Merchants big and little, no matter their trade, combined with the apparel shops to catch the eye of Mr. and Mrs. Public.

A new feature and one which drew a very large crowd, was the crew air program in Liberty street. Here a program, arranged by Ralph Kletzing, chairman of spring opening, and with Newell

## Commander of German Flying Ship Cited For Scientific Achievement



Dr. Hugo Eckener, who last night was given a gold medal by the National Geographic society for his work in navigating the Graf Zeppelin around the world.

## GOLD MEDAL GIVEN DR. HUGO ECKENER

Captain of Globe-Girdling Zeppelin is Honored by Geographic Body

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—Dr. Hugo Eckener's name was inscribed on a roll of modern immortals in geography and exploration tonight when the National Geographic society presented its special gold medal for his globe encircling trip in the Graf Zeppelin.

Flanked by the flags of America and Germany and the historic banner of the society which Peary carried to the North Pole, the grizzled skipper joined the ranks of ten other pioneers, only three of them, Charles A. Lindbergh, Floyd Bennett and Read Admiral Richard E. Byrd, entered through aeronautical achievement. In accepting the "exceptional honor" he said the glory was shared with his officers and crew and the United States navy department "without whose support we could not have been successful."

Washington assembles all its color for official tributes to the genial skipper and diplomats of 26 nations, members of the cabinet and of congress, ranking officers of the army and navy, and

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## OFFICIALS ARE STILL BAFLED IN DEATH CASE

Redding Woman's Relatives Unable to Identify Body Of Murder Victim

Search Continued by Authorities as Fast as Clues Are Presented

ASTORIA, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Rose O'Brien, mentioned in connection with the discovery of a woman's body near the Redwood highway near Eureka, Cal., was located here tonight after Portland police had traced her through relatives there. She is employed as a waitress at a local hotel.

EUREKA, Calif., March 27.—(AP)—Relatives of Mrs. Gladys Preston, 23, missing from her home in Redding since February 9 last, were unable tonight to identify the body of the young woman found slain near the Redwood highway, 60 miles north of here Monday, as that of Mrs. Preston.

Frank, Jesse and Homer Naves, brothers, agreed with her stepfather, Frank Paulsen, that the body was not that of their missing sister.

Although certain physical characteristics present in the body of the slain woman agreed with a description of Mrs. Preston, the four men who drove from Redding to view the body, pointed out Mrs. Preston was a much lighter woman in weight and had darker hair.

Authorities had been almost convinced that Mrs. Preston was the slain woman principally because two toes on the left foot of the body were grown together as they were in the case of Mrs. Preston.

Failure of the brothers and stepfather to identify the body left investigators stumped without being although several possibilities were being checked.

One of the clues came from a Del Norte country traffic officer indicating the body may be that of Aecce O'Brien who left Portland for the south last December. A report was furnished by County Detective John Lanson who said the slain woman might be Adair Wilson, former Redding waitress, who left Eureka January 20.

## SALT TAX DOOMED GANDHI DECLARES

AN-KLASVAR, India, March 27.—(AP)—At a meeting of Satjod today, Mahatma Gandhi, who is leading a march of his volunteers to Jalapur to manufacture salt in contravention of the government monopoly, said the salt tax was doomed and the public would get cheap salt shortly, whether or not he was permitted by the government to reach his objective.

He referred to Sir George Sasterson's recent statement in the legislative assembly that the government was referring the salt tax question to the tariff board, so as to secure salt for the masses at as low a price as they would pay if the tax were abolished.

However, Gandhi affirmed he would not be satisfied with this, saying there were other ways to be sought, including foreign cloth and liquor. He admitted he was not impressed with the progress made in the Broadcast district which he will leave tomorrow morning.

## Parachute Drops Scheduled Here

The Eyerly Aircraft corporation is announcing a special feature for Sunday when Frank Brooks, veteran aviator, will make single, double and triple parachute drops from airplanes at the municipal airport field.

His double drop will be in the morning and his triple drop using red, white and blue parachutes will be in the afternoon. Brooks has made 2188 drops from the air, and has appeared here at the state fair in years past.

## Oregon Statesman Passes 79th Anniversary Today

was leased to C. P. Crandall and E. M. Waite, and late in the same year moved to J. W. P. Huntington, Ben Simpson and others. The first power press in the northwest had been installed a few years before, and in 1864 the Statesman appeared as an afternoon daily for a short time because of the demand for up-to-date news.

This venture turned out to be a little ahead of the times, but in 1868 under the management of S. A. Clarke the daily publication was resumed and has continued uninterrupted up to the present. There were numerous changes in ownership up to 1885. R. J. Hendricks was manager and principal owner from that year until 1928. Associated Press dispatches have been received regularly since June 1888.

Asahel Bush personally controlled the destinies of the pioneer newspaper until 1893, when it

## Shortest Cascade Road Frowned On By Highway Body

Marion County Found to Have Started Agitation too Late; Cascadia Route too Far Along for Present Change in Plans

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Consideration of bids and awarding of contracts formed the principal business of the state highway commission's meeting here today. However, a large amount of work was contracted for commencement in the near future.

Marion county offered \$100,000 in cooperation for work on the North Santiam highway. This highway is projected on the forest service system, but is not a part of the state highway program at present.

The commission explained the South Santiam highway is a part of the state's highway system and the road has been built on this side as far as Cascadia. Both the north and south Santiam highways have the same ultimate objective, central Oregon, and the commission was of the opinion that it would be unwise to divide the state into two highway work on the north highway before the south Santiam has been completed.

Largo Sums Expended Upon Other Projects  
The commission took action on the following projects:  
Clackamas county: Multnomah county line to Oswego; section of Pacific highway, 0.93 miles of grading, W. H. Hauser, \$55,135. Awarded.  
Clatsop county: Cannon Beach junction; Nehalem summit, section of Oregon coast highway, 12,000 cubic yards broken stone. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## LOBBY QUIZ PROBES WET, DRY ACTIVITY

Amount Expended to Affect Prohibition Laws Subject Of Investigation

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—Methods employed by dry and wet organizations in supporting or opposing the prohibition laws together with the amount of money expended, will be investigated by the senate lobby committee.

Chairman Caraway of the committee said today the inquiry would begin as soon as the investigation of persons and organizations interested in Muscle Shoals is completed. W. E. Bell, president of the American Cyanamid company, who has been called for next Tuesday, is expected to be the last Muscle Shoals witness.

Meanwhile, a report on the Muscle Shoals investigation is being prepared for submission to the senate when it reconvenes April 1 after a brief vacation.

The report, Caraway said, will discuss the activities of Claudius H. Huston, chairman of the Republican National committee and former president of the Tennessee River improvement association, which had advocated the Cyanamid company's proposal to lease the power and private plant.

Huston added that his committee would not introduce a resolution to censure for Huston's action in collecting money from the Union Carbide company, for the Tennessee association and depositing it in his personal brokerage account. He said he had heard reports, however, that such a resolution would be presented by some one not a member of the committee.

## Local Detective Heads South For Brooks Resident

Asa Fisher, detective of the Salem police department, left last Thursday night for Oakland, Cal., bearing with him a request for the extradition of Keith W. Williams, formerly a resident of Brooks, who is being held there on a charge of forgery.

Information in the hands of the police is to the effect that Williams cashed a number of forged checks on a Salem bank here recently and they have been informed that he is also charged with passing worthless paper in California.

## Handball Meet Scheduled Here Late This Week

A three-cornered handball tournament will be staged at the Salem Y. M. C. A. Saturday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock. Eugene, Portland and Salem players are entered. The Salem Y. will be represented by Frank Lynch and William Herzog in the doubles.

In Portland April 3, 4 and 5 the A. A. U. handball championship tournament will be staged, and the same trio of Salem players will enter.

BRIDGE OPENING PLANNED  
SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—(AP)—Mayor James Rolph, Jr., of San Francisco, left here tonight to attend the dedication of the new Columbia river bridge at Longview, Wash., Saturday.

CHILDREN EAT POISON  
LOS ANGELES, March 27.—(AP)—Six children, the oldest 9 years and the youngest 11 months were prostrated tonight from the effects of rat poison.

## RAID EFFECTED SINGLE HANDED ON SPEAKEASY

Three Jailed on Charges of Doing Illicit Liquor Business Here

Woman Empties Two Gallon Jug When Lone Officer Invades Place

An alleged "speakeasy" which was said to have been doing a thriving business fell victim to a one-man raid late Thursday afternoon and as a result Roy Jones, claimed to have been the proprietor, Earl Buchanan and Marjorie Murphy are in the city jail on charges of possession of liquor and destroying evidence.

The place where this illicit business was alleged to have been carried on was an upstairs apartment at 265 North Commercial street. Numerous complaints had come to official ears but the officers had previously been "stumped" in their efforts to raid it because a "spotter" evidently was kept on duty at night.

Noticing an apparent increase of activity in the last two days, a state officer hit upon the idea of going all alone in the daytime. He arrived when Jones was away and had no difficulty in getting in. When he announced that he was an officer, the Murphy woman ran back into the bathroom.

After locking the door and taking the key, the officer broke in the bathroom door and found the woman had emptied a two-gallon granite jar, but a small amount of alleged liquor remained in it, and in addition, a half pint was found in a pitcher. The state man called for aid from county and city officers, and at about the same time that a policeman arrived, Jones walked in, accompanied by his wife.

Another man had followed the officer in before he announced his business, but he was evidently a prospective customer and was not arrested. Mrs. Jones also was allowed her freedom.

Jones has been arrested and fined previously on similar charges, and Buchanan likewise is not unknown to the police, it was learned Thursday night.

## SMITH EXPECTS TO RUN FOR JUDGE JOB

Guy O. Smith was as near a candidate for the republican nomination for circuit judge Thursday as a man can get without actually being in the race.

"You may say I'm seriously considering entering, in fact, I've virtually decided," said Smith late in the afternoon. He indicated that just as soon as he heard from certain petitioners in Lin county he would make up his mind.

Smith is a well-known Salem attorney. His practice here has extended over a number of years and his acquaintanceships is wide. While he plans an active campaign if he enters the race, Smith said this week his efforts would be diffused and thoroughly constructive.

L. H. McMahan, present judge, is to run, and doubtless will be the only other contestant besides Smith.

Smith said Thursday that if he filed he would ask friends to circulate petitions in his behalf. Tuesday is the last day for filing with the secretary of state.

## Oregon Briefs

BUCKS TRIMMED AGAIN  
PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Vancouver took a two-game lead in the Pacific coast hockey league championship series by defeating Portland's Buckaroos 2 to 1 at the Coliseum here tonight. The Lions defeated Portland by the same score in the first contest of the series at Vancouver Monday.

MRS. SULERUD PASSES  
CORVALLIS, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Mrs. George L. Sulerud, wife of an assistant economist at Oregon State college, died today, one week after the birth of a daughter by a Caesarian operation. Mrs. Sulerud joined the staff of the station last fall, coming here from Minnesota. The couple had been married only one year. The infant daughter was reported doing well.

EUGENE MAN SUICIDE  
EUGENE, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Robert Orr, 60, ended his own life today by jumping from the fifth story of a local hospital. Hospital attendants said he had made a previous attempt at suicide, cutting his throat with a razor. He was a farmer of near here and leaves a family. Dependence was given as the cause of the suicide.

MAY SHOOT HIMSELF  
EUGENE, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Ray Syphers, 30, Lake creek farmer, shot and killed himself with his own rifle on his place today. Relatives said they

believed the shot accidental. Syphers had taken his rifle to work with him some distance from his house and not returning for lunch his wife went in search for him, finding him dead. The bullet had pierced his heart.

Syphers lived in the Lake creek Empire district in the home of Frank Syphers, an early settler. His widow and four children survive.

## New Kind Of Treaty Projected

Yanks Make Definite Move for Consultative Pact

Details Withheld by American Naval Envoys

LONDON, March 27.—(AP)—A committee of the American delegation to the naval conference tonight completed a definite plan for American participation in a consultative pact among the naval powers if one is finally adopted by the conference. The nature of this plan was not disclosed.

This is the first move of a definite nature by the Americans in the direction of a consultative agreement. It is in accord with Secretary of State Stimson's suggestion that his colleagues should prepare their ideas on such a treaty as soon as possible.

Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow, Senator Joseph P. Robinson and Ambassador Hugh Gibson worked almost the whole afternoon and intermittently again in the evening to complete the plan. This is only one among several suggestions that the delegation will have before it for consideration early next week.

GENEVA, March 27.—(AP)—The possibility of the London naval conference developing a consultative pact with the United States participating is viewed with great satisfaction in League of Nations quarters.

It is felt here that such an agreement would expedite the success of the league's preparatory disarmament commission work and the ultimate general disarmament conference, and also would go far toward eliminating the vexing problem of sanctions.

It is felt in authoritative circles that participation by the United States would have a great moral influence for peace, in that trouble makers would be discouraged from warlike action and the necessity of applying the sanctions clauses of the league's covenant would be avoided.

PARIS, March 27.—(AP)—French opinion tonight lauds the United States position in refusing to make guarantees of security to France in order to obtain a five power naval disarmament treaty at London.

The French admire the hesitancy of the United States in declining even to appear to be hoodwinking France by inducing the French to reduce their naval program on a basis of supposed American military assistance in case France is attacked.

France thinks the United States will participate in a general consultative pact. This is agreeable to the French but they do not deem it enough to warrant naval reduction.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—Opposition to American signature of a consultative pact at the London naval conference developed in the senate today with Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee charging that the consultative pact set back by definite pledges as a "pious fraud."

Senator Borah's declaration did (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## IMPRESSIONS OF SPRING OPENING

By GENEVIEVE MORGAN  
And now there's no more curiosity to know what's behind the great lengths of canvas that displayed store fronts yesterday and day before. What's more, as far as this scribbler could observe, every one of the hundreds who strolled out last night to watch spring unfold in one big blaze gazed on with satisfaction and admiration. It seemed to be the spring opening deluxe.

Who'd dare judge which window was the most striking? The ohs, and ahs and other ejaculations of delight were almost continuous, whether the faintest of glimpses for a millisecond, a striking array of electric stoves, vegetables in display that vied with many of those of apparel, jewelry, flowers, candy, hardware—or whatever you please.

The Klits band had a good following, and you could hear persons a block away talking about instrumentation at the other end of the block. That's not slighting the other groups on hand to add generous dashes of music. They all went over big.

It's really not diplomatic to mention specific things, what with every storeman figuring how to do himself, but the display of "table accessories" in Gahldorff's certainly had it. They didn't say so in so many words, but that's what all the persons gathered admiringly around means. The rambler heard more than one woman sigh for dishes and candlestick holders like those on the model table.

How many heard this one? "Spring is here!" shouted a high school boy as he bounced up and down in one of Henry's earlier models.

By and large, spring opening was for the grown ups, but kiddies who found their way down to the P. S. store didn't want to more thereafter. In fact, it's a

## ROBEY RATCLIFFE SEEKS SOLON JOB

Robey E. Ratcliffe, Salem attorney, is expected to toss his hat into the ring today as a candidate for the republican nomination for representative from Marion county. Ratcliffe said Thursday that his mind was virtually made up to make the contest.

He has practiced law here for four years and has been a resident of Marion county for 22 years. His parents reside in Salem.

Ratcliffe graduated from the Willamette university college of law in 1924. For a time he worked in the offices of the state tax department.

Ratcliffe served during the World War in the navy being stationed at San Diego and at San Francisco. Here he took an active part in football in addition to his service work, and both played and coached.

Ratcliffe is especially interested in the field of taxation into which his study and his experience have led him. He feels that injustice more than 25 per cent of the citizens contribute to the support of the state.

Ratcliffe's slogan will be "Modern and sane business and equitable taxation."

## \$125,000 to Be Expended Upon River, Report

Reports from Washington D. C. that \$125,000 has been allocated by Secretary of War Hurley to the Willamette and Yamhill rivers has nothing to do with the proposed four-foot channel project in the opinion of W. M. Hamilton who in his chamber of commerce work has been very interested in the deepening of the river channel. Mr. Hamilton stated Thursday that the funds allocated were doubtless for maintenance work since this is the customary sum allowed.

Army engineers surveyed the project of deepening the river in 1925 and early the next year reported the cost at \$1,900,000.