

First Of Names On Petitions

Four Days Remain in Which to Get 1302 Signatures
Hundred Sheets Being Circulated Among Voters Here

WATER BOND PETITIONS AT STATESMAN OFFICE
Legal voters of Salem who have not been given an opportunity to sign initiative petitions for the \$1,200,000 bond issue for acquiring a municipally owned water system in Salem, were placed in circulation late Saturday afternoon. Reports Saturday night were that the petitions were being readily signed by hundreds of Salem citizens.

With but little more than four days in which to complete them, initiative petitions on a charter amendment calling for a \$1,200,000 bond issue for acquiring a municipally owned water system in Salem, were placed in circulation late Saturday afternoon. Reports Saturday night were that the petitions were being readily signed by hundreds of Salem citizens.

BYRD WILL RETIRE FOR TWO MONTHS
NEW YORK, April 12.—(AP)—Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd will retire to private life for at least two months, within six weeks after he returns to New York in mid-June from his south polar voyage of exploration.

OFFICIAL CLAIMS MACDUFF SUICIDE
EUGENE, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Lane county authorities announced today that reports of a case definitely indicated that Nelson F. Macduff, Cascade national forest supervisor, took his own life.

Black Cherries Will Be Sought

A black cherry deal is being planned by Claude McKenney, who has a fruit warehouse at High and Mill streets. Arrangements are not quite completed, but Mr. McKenney said Saturday he expected to be in the market with one lot of the black cherries available for shipment.

Oregon Briefs

BLOOM HELD DRUNK
PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—John W. Bloom of Salem was arrested today by Deputy Sheriff Stanley on a charge of being drunk on a public highway following an automobile accident near here. The deputy said that Bloom's machine collided with one driven by Albert J. Camp of Gresham and Camp's machine was overturned. Nobody was injured. Bloom later was fined \$15 in district court here.

DRY PERIOD OVER
MEDFORD, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Five weeks of drought were ended this afternoon with showers. More rain was in prospect. Orchardists who have been using irrigation reservoir waste water to moisten the ground were gladdened by the downpour today and the forecast of more.

COSHOW, BELT SPEAK
MEDFORD, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Supreme Court Justices O. P. Coshow and H. Belt of Salem, and E. O. Immel, Eugene, president of the State Bar association, were principal speakers at the monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon Bar association here tonight.

2 OF VALLEY'S TOWNS SHOW CENSUS DROP

Turner's Population Reduced By Thirteen During 10 Year Period
Gervais Sees Drop of 14 Under Official Count Made Decade Ago

Preliminary census returns made on the first two towns, Gervais and Turner, in Marion county, show a slight decrease in the population of each. Gervais 1920 figures, which are preliminary and subject to correction, give that town 254 inhabitants and five farms. In 1920 there were 268 persons in that town, Turner according to the preliminary check, lost 13 inhabitants in the 10 years, the present count showing 276 as compared to 289 on January 1, 1920.

Preliminary count of the returns of the 15th census for the Brighton precinct in Tillamook gives 132 persons. There are no figures available for the 1920 count in that district.

The number of names recorded by the enumerators in the four counties on April 9 reached 5,596, divided as follows: Marion county, 2, 822; Polk, 893; Tillamook, 612; Yamhill, 1,269; Salem city alone, 1,428. Highest individual score on that day was made by Mrs. Elsie C. Rhoten in Salem, with 162, second highest count was 160, made by Mrs. Evelyn L. Travis of Salem City.

Further new developments in the census enumeration as reported by R. J. Hendricks, district supervisor, are:
Thirteen additional names were added to Salem's population when the new Park district enumerators found that many persons in a Southern Pacific working car and enumerated them here.

Mrs. Mabel Lockwood, who has been working in a district in the eastern part of the city, and is finishing there, has been given a new district between Union and Center and High and 12th street. Mrs. G. Ed. Ross, who has had a down town district and is about through with it, has been given the territory between Union and Market and west from Broadway to the river.

These two districts, with another two districts, will be enumerated on April 13.

Blooms Cleansed Ready For Today By Light Shower

Eighteenth Annual Blossom Day Scheduled to Bring Thousands of Appreciative Visitors to This Section of Valley

REFRESHING and cleansing rain fell upon the millions of orchard blooms in the Salem vicinity on the eve of the 18th annual Blossom Day, and despite official predictions to the contrary, springtime landscape enthusiasts were hoping that Mother Nature had merely arranged a Saturday night bath for the dainty fruit tree flowers and would brighten them with warm sunshine when the thousands of sightseers arrived to view them today.

Election Ordered In Issue of Laying Highway to Coast

Governor Norblad Saturday issued a proclamation calling a special election on May 16 on the question of forming the Nestucca Highway Improvement district.

The purpose of creating the district is to construct a highway from Carlton, in Yamhill county, along the Nestucca river to Beaver, Tillamook county, where it would connect with the Roosevelt Coast highway at Beaver. The proposed new highway would be approximately 40 miles in length.

BAND CONTEST WON BY JEFFERSON HIGH

Salem's Musicians Fail to Place in Competition at Corvallis

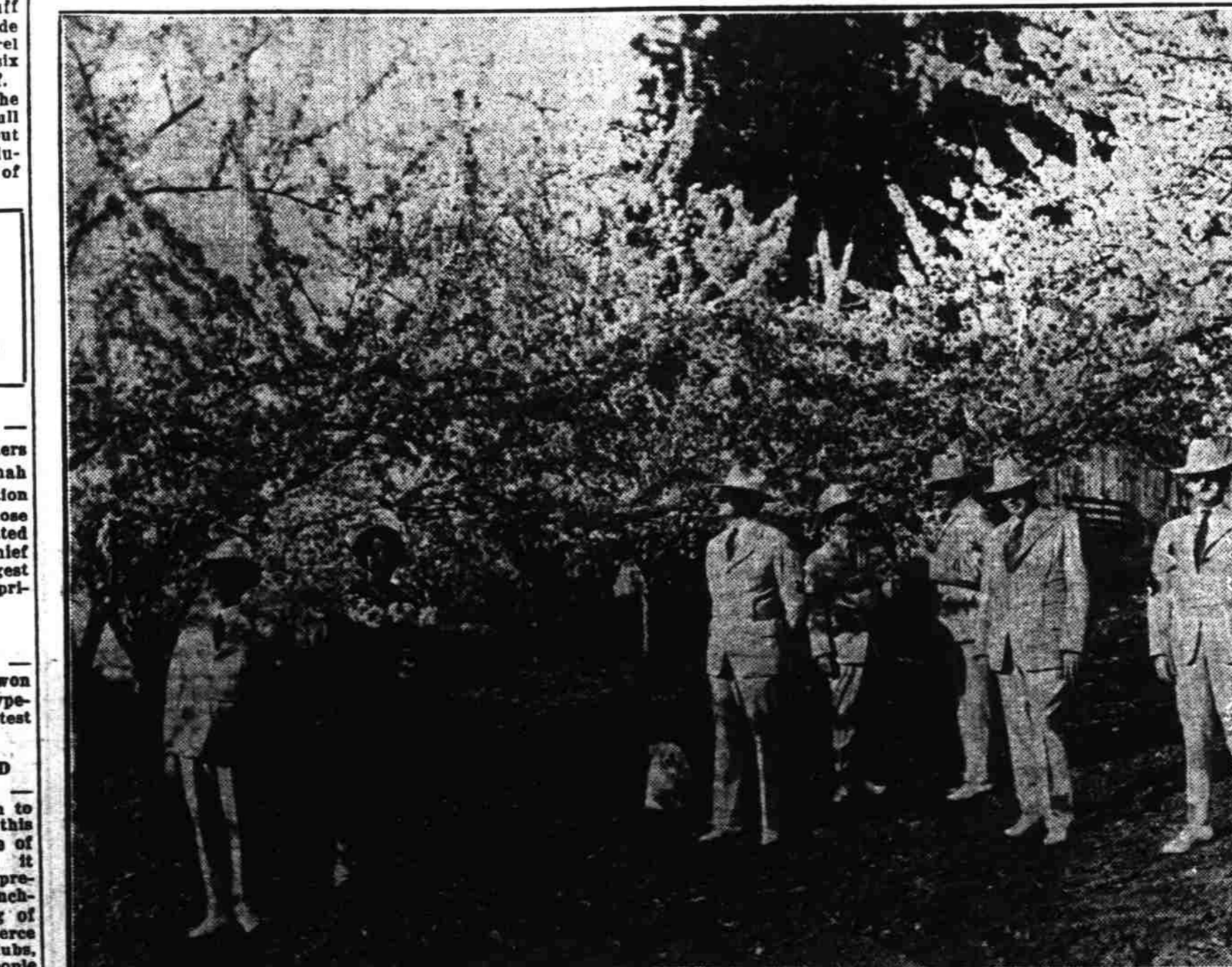
CORVALLIS, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Jefferson high school's band of Portland proved the class of the seventh annual statewide high school band contest at Oregon State college here today and won the championship and grand prize in class A in competition with nine other organizations from all parts of the state.

Jobs Given 66 Workers During Week, Report

Sixty-six men and three women were furnished jobs by the local employment office in the past week, E. A. Kenney, acting manager, reported. The total number of male applicants for work was 110, although only 45 new registrations were recorded.

The list of employed includes 23 agricultural workers, 21 common laborers, two construction workers and 20 skilled workmen. The women furnished with jobs were all domestics.

Blossoms Just Right, Cherrians Decide on Inspection



Scene taken during the week in the S. P. Kimball orchard across the Willamette river near Salem. Left to right the parties are: Lester Davis, Catherine Hartley, Harold B. Sakka, G. E. Wilson, K. E. Kugel, Grover Hillman, King King of the Cherrians, Oliver J. Meyer.

JOSEPH MAKES SOME INROADS ON RIVAL VOTE

Portland Man Believed Gaining Support From Dissatisfied Ones

Carbett Puts in Busy Week; Norblad Criticized for Bank Activities

With but five weeks to continue the sparring in the gubernatorial encounter, the stage seems to carry largely the same setting as last week. The only change possible to note is a tendency for George Joseph, the fiery Multnomah county contender, to have seemingly stolen the show, temporarily at least.

CHINESE PHEASANT SHUTS OFF POWER

Inoffensive Game Bird Flies Into High Tension Wires Early in Evening

Actions of a Chinese pheasant, ordinarily the most inoffensive of feathered creatures, became intertwined with the domestic affairs of almost half of Salem's population early Saturday night.

At the hour when lights were about due to be turned on in North Salem homes, and when Saturday night diners were ready to be placed in electric ovens, householders all over that district suddenly discovered that electricity to provide these customary conveniences was lacking.

HOME BURNS DOWN

IRVINGTON, N. Y., April 12.—(AP)—Fire starting from an explosion of undetermined origin today swept through the Irvington House Cardiac home, a home for children suffering heart disease. All the patients were saved.

Oregon's State Librarian Passes At Portland After Long Illness



Mrs. Virginia Bacon

State's Librarian Passes Yesterday

Mrs. Bacon Called by Death After Extended Illness; Valued Service to Oregon Is Recalled by Many Friends

PORTLAND, Ore., April 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Virginia Cleaver Bacon, 47, Oregon state librarian, died at Good Samaritan hospital here today following a protracted illness. She had been state librarian for little more than a year, having been the unanimous

Laborite Speaks At Chamber Meet

F. J. A. Boehringer, president of the central trades and labor council, will be the speaker at the Salem chamber of commerce luncheon Monday. His subject is "Let's Get Acquainted."

As adviser in adult education for the Portland Library association, she established the first department of its kind on the Pacific coast and made the work so outstanding that it was quickly adopted elsewhere.

21 Killed In Blast At Mine

Timbers Torn Out of Place by Force of Explosion

Many of Bodies Buried in Vast Quantity of Debris

TACOMA, April 12.—(AP)—A terrific gas explosion on the second level, about 500 feet underground, in the Carbonado coal mine of the Pacific Coal company at Carbonado snuffed out the lives of 21 miners at 8 o'clock tonight.

So strong was the blast that the men, a complete shift unit, were instantly killed. Timbers were torn out of place and parts of the mine walls caved in but mine authorities stated it was believed that few of the bodies were buried very deep. Half of the bodies had been recovered about three hours after the explosion.

The explosion came with such suddenness that for a time its exact location was not ascertained, but veteran miners immediately went into action and in a short time had found the scene of the tragedy. Rescue parties at first were hurried back by the gas fumes but about two hours after the impact were able to reach the entombed men, who were located about a mile from the mouth of the mine and some 500 feet underground.

The tragedy occurred on the second level which is 500 feet from the surface of the ground, but is reached only after a trip down a shaft by tram cars and thence along the main tunnel for a distance of more than a mile. A second descent is made by tram to a lower level and from there it is necessary to climb up manways four feet square and 50 feet in height to reach the next level. Connections between the manways and working locations (Turn to page 14, col. 3)

PLANE ACCIDENTS MANY YESTERDAY

PECOS, Tex., April 12.—(AP)—Miss Letha Prewitt of Pecos was killed and five passengers injured severely late today in an air plane crash.

William Turner of Pecos, one of the victims, is in a dangerous condition. The plane had gained about 100 feet altitude on the take-off when the motor stalled and the ship sideslipped to the ground.

Miss Prewitt was instantly killed and Mrs. Turner suffered internal injuries expected to prove fatal.

William Turner, her husband, suffered internal injuries and both legs were broken, while two small Turner children were badly shaken up and one suffered a broken leg.

BUTTE Mont., April 12.—(AP)—Herman Carbon, 24, pilot and Bill Gordon, 27, a passenger, were killed tonight about a mile from the Three Forks airport when their plane went into a dive from a height of about 200 feet. Carbon was a flier with about 120 hours experience and was associated with the Three Forks aircraft school.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—(AP)—Two student pilots jumped to safety today when their planes locked wings over the San Mateo airport. Reports received here indicated neither was injured.

Washington Girl's Death Battles Capital's Police

WASHINGTON, April 12.—(AP)—The slayer of Mary Baker, the 28-year-old government clerk whose bullet-plerced body was found face downward in a culvert beside Arlington National cemetery today, was the object of hunts tonight by Washington and Virginia police.

Described by friends as not "the type of girl to run around," she was last seen alive last night by Inez Eyrle. They had attended church meeting.