

# RETIREMENT IS GIVEN BACKING

## Salem Directors Petition Legislature For State Pension Program

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of retiring teachers on pensions ended a long discussion that approached the proportions of a dispute with the Salem Teachers' association representatives—President Shannon Hogue and M. J. Ellis—over the feasibility and the justice of the district's levying extra taxes to provide for teachers' retirement.

Director E. A. Bradfield declared against setting up a local retirement fund because "I don't think we have any right to ask a local district to support it all" and "we'll have losses we can't meet."

Preliminary statistics prepared by F. E. Huston, actuary, showed that to receive a \$50 monthly pension upon retiring at 50 years of age, a teacher entering the school system at 20 would be required to contribute \$4.96 and the board \$4.96 10 months of each year. In case of the older teachers the board's share would be larger.

Complaints mentioned to the directors' apparent surprise, Huston in his report billed the board for \$75 for services. Hogue claimed the directors had incurred this obligation; the board declared it only had agreed to pay Huston's expenses incidental to working up a pension schedule.

The request for abolishing compulsory physical education came about because, to quote Minier, "we're confronted with a lot of complaint" regarding it. Gaiser pointed out it was not the intention to eliminate physical education entirely.

Complaints regarding heating service at Englewood school were referred to the building-grounds committee.

Employment of Edmund A. Carleton, Oregon State college graduate and a Salem resident in his boyhood, to substitute in the high school mathematics department this semester was approved.

# GOVERNOR QUERIED UPON AMENDMENTS

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Governor Martin was not willing to earmark all special funds of expenditure only for the benefit of the groups from which the funds were raised. "To use these funds otherwise I think would be unfair," Hazlett said. "I believe the administration will have sufficient power under the budget control bill to supervise expenditures without enacting House Bill 1."

Governor Martin yesterday indicated he would not ask the legislature for additional administrative measures, with the exception of a minor measure to accomplish certain governmental economies.

# Safety Valve

## DICTATOR AHEAD?

Stayton, Ore., Editor Statesman:

Many, including a Rev. Neal, have asked for a reason why we oppose the Townsend plan. Well, I would be a beneficiary under this plan if it would benefit? I am not going to say all the sick or all the poor, nor any other class are all crooks or hypocrites. Far from it. I know there are good, honest people in all walks of life who are, as the saying is, between the devil and the deep sea. They are harassed and menaced on one side by crooked, unscrupulous competitors; on the other by unwise legislation; they must either do business under conditions as they are, or get out of business altogether. I wrote two former articles in order to start people to thinking, but I see most people cannot read the printed lines to say nothing about reading between the lines, so here goes:

Now, in the first place, compulsory retirement is very distressing to people who have acquired the habit of being industrious, besides it is impossible to improve conditions simply by retiring one class to make room for another. We must put more to work. And if you really want to make old people happy, why tie a tin can to your Townsend plan? Compulsory retirement is a "cure" for the sick. Certainly people of three score years are as competent to spend wisely as the younger generation are. A friend of mine, well over three score and ten, told me he would rather have fifty per cent to spend as he needed than the two hundred with the Townsend tin can to it. O, but you say that would not pay enough money into circulation! This forced spending would

# CHATAS PURCHASES GRAY BELLE, WORD

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in the main dining part; a front entrance to the downstairs banquet room.

In addition, all kitchen equipment will be modernized, service will be arranged closer to the main room, which will be rearranged to seat 88 persons. The entire establishment, including the Crystal room, will be redecorated.

The business will reopen under the name of Frank's restaurant, and Mr. Chatas hinted yesterday the serving will be something entirely new for Salem. Chatas sold the Pendleton cafe last November 1, and has been looking about since then for a suitable new location. He spent nearly four weeks in and out of Salem before he decided this would be his new home.

Coming to Salem with him is Mrs. Chatas. Their two children, a son, 17, and daughter, 14, will remain in Pendleton until close of the school year. Mr. and Mrs. Chatas are staying at the Palace apartments until they are able to locate a home.

Latest available figures for comparative quarters in 1933 and 1934 show that in Japan proper there was a gain for the last quarter of 7933 deaths, causing a gain in deaths over births of 7112.

# Ousts Colonels

get for it. And besides it was all class legislation of which we have too much.

Now, take a man with a small factory, he is making a living, so are his men; but now comes the minimum wage racket. There must be a minimum or a union wage. But this firm is not up-to-date in modern machinery; cannot compete, closes down, is out of business and his men out of a job. But the manufacturer more favorably situated adds more labor-saving machinery, dismisses about one-half or more of his men, selects the most efficient and goes into mass production. But these people with no jobs cannot purchase his goods. Would it not be better for one hundred men to work for two dollars or less per day than ten men at ten or twenty per day? Why not make a minimum wage for the farmer or a minimum bag limit for our sportsmen. Compel everyone to take out a game license to bag two bucks, four coyotes, six skunks and so on all down the line, with heavy fines and penalties if he failed? Don't you see it would drive all out of the game business but a few very skilled and resourceful. We have sense enough to make laws to keep a few from hogging all the game, why not have sense enough to make laws to keep a few from hogging all the wealth. There must be a bag limit for profit, income, salaries and natural resources and it must be drastic. There must be a back to the land movement and that will come as soon as it is safer and profitable to own and till it. Just look at the delapidated and deserted farms and our overbuilt cities,—mute evidences of the follies of the last few decades. But some will say: "Overproduction already." Oh, baby! I lived to see three major panics and every time the same baloney. With millions poorly clad and



Governor Ruby Laffoon

Because he believes many persons have been commissioned Kentucky Colonels who haven't been "worthy" of the honor, Governor Ruby Laffoon of Kentucky has decided to institute a system of merit ratings for candidates in the future, and cut down the wholesale appointments. Persons holding commissions in the Kentucky regiment now total about 4,000, appointed mostly upon recommendation.

hungry, but I never found one with too much. Sure, I found many with a surplus who were

anxious to exchange same for other commodities, but the high tariff have wrecked our exchange system, both home and abroad. He is plundered going to and coming from the market. When he gets back home he has nothing left, and so surprises do pile up because they do not reach the consumer. I just want to see if we don't soon get wiser and safer laws very soon we will have a Mussolini or Hitler in the White House.

A. P. KIRSCH.

# WE FAIL TO DODGE

To the Editor:

I was pleased to read your editorial (February 7th) with assurance that it was a complete and final analysis of the Townsend pension plan. The flourishes in mental arithmetic were practically perfect whatever it anything that has to do with pension philosophy.

I have paid but little attention to the Townsend plan. Guess I took it for granted that it was just another Utopian dream and assumed that some one would eventually expose the fallacy of the idea. Silence, however, except for bald declarations of impossibility and a few asinine blarbs has made me a bit curious about the proposition.

As the pension allowance would be spent at once, it boils down to virtual payment of the pension in goods and services. If goods and services are available, or can be produced with reasonable facility, the plan is well worth considering; while in case the requisite commodities do not exist and can not be produced, there is no purpose in further contemplating the subject. How about that?

Stuart Chase says that in the past five years we have "failed" to produce \$300,000,000,000 worth of goods for which the

physical plant was fully equipped." This would be at an average rate of 60 billions per year or three times the amount of goods necessary to satisfy the estimated demand of the Townsend pension. And besides, Mr. Chase does not include enormous quantities of goods actually produced and wantonly wasted.

In short we call millions of destitute people up on deck to shiver in the cold and to look on helplessly while we dump their food, clothes, shelter, gadgets and pleasures overboard to destruction; all in stupid obedience to a business custom too feeble and cowardly to face responsibility.

Proper use of goods and services will bankrupt the country, by what kind of arithmetic do you figure that destruction of goods will avert the disaster? I put this question to the Capital Journal a couple of weeks ago. No reply. And I suspect that the Statesman will also find it more restful to pass the question.

Considering several recent contributions to the Safety Valve, however, it would not be surprising if some irate reader would wish to sing once again the theme

song from statistical percentages. It goes like this:

Eight millions times 12 times \$200 equals \$19,200,000,000 which is two per cent of \$950,000,000,000 (almost a trillion) which in turn is more than 30 times the \$48,000,000,000 business of the United States in one punk year. Also, by deduction, two per cent of 50 shirts is one shirt. So what?

The problem still remains to find some idiotic excuse for summing up more goods than would be required to guarantee physical security to every one.

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(Editor's Note: Mr. Cooper's approach to the problem is correct. It is essentially one of capacity to produce and ability to distribute. The Statesman has consistently opposed the crop production program and theory, believing where so much want existed, distribution should be improved to satisfy the wants rather than destroy goods. Chase's statistics do not agree with estimates in recent studies of the Brookings Institution.)

THE SWEET FLAVORED GUM  
WRIGLEY'S JUICY FRUIT CHEWING GUM

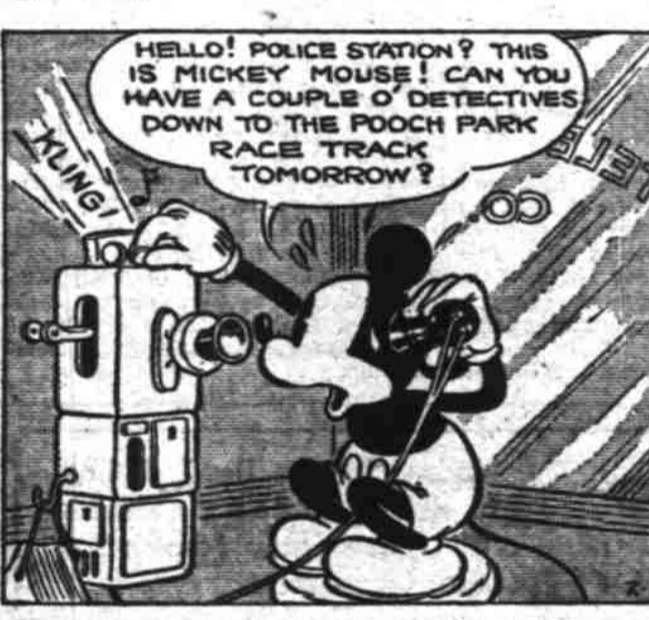
# POLLY AND HER PALS



# Girls Will Be Girls

By CLIFF STERRETT

# MICKEY MOUSE



# A Word to the Wise

By WALT DISNEY

# THIMBLE THEATRE—Starring Popeye

Now Showing—"On the Q. T."



# LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY

"There's Something About a Soldier"

By DARREL McCLURE



# TOOTS AND CASPER

An Unexpected Visitor

By JIMMY MURPHY



# Cross-Word Puzzle

By EUGENE SHEFFER

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- HORIZONTAL
- 1—a dance step
  - 4—lad
  - 7—accumulate
  - 12—part of
  - 13—vegetation
  - 14—refuse
  - 15—covered
  - 16—with was
  - 17—penetrate
  - 18—cluster of fibers
  - 19—in wool staple
  - 21—incapable of hearing
  - 22—cornmeal bread
  - 23—female of the deer
  - 24—weapons of offense
  - 25—employ
  - 26—like
  - 27—conspire
  - 28—names
  - 31—divisions of Attica
  - 35—likely
  - 37—an international language
  - 38—beverage
  - 39—bodies of water partly enclosed by land
- VERTICAL
- 1—moccasin-like shoe
  - 2—sandy
  - 3—more calm
  - 4—portion
  - 5—mountain nymphs
  - 6—former name for Tokyo
  - 7—feet
  - 8—order
  - 9—a flower
  - 10—water in the form of vapor
  - 11—peasants
  - 16—monkey
  - 20—river in Scotland
  - 22—place
  - 26—venomous serpent
  - 28—fuss
  - 30—hugs
  - 32—genus of epidera
  - 33—springy
  - 34—Japanese coin
  - 36—Hindu cymbals
  - 37—a centripetal flower-cluster
  - 39—sudden wind
  - 40—feminine name
  - 41—long for
  - 42—disclosed
  - 44—be indebted to
  - 45—free from everything extraneous
  - 51—weapon
  - 52—person
- Herewith is the solution to yesterday's puzzle.
- SORAS STONE  
SAFARI CANUTE  
SAR MARLENE  
LACILTONS JPA  
FRAS SUE SIEIT  
MASTIS TIGESE  
SHIP PALESTINE  
THOATIAN REITE  
ERNANTIA DAL  
MA OULACTI SRE  
SCILLA HOOTED  
SENDER EMBED
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