

Blossom Day
Tens of thousands of people will be guests of Salem tomorrow for the annual Blossom Day sponsored by the Cherrians. Route details will be in the Statesman.

The Weather
Cloudy today, unsettled Sunday, possibly showers; Max. Temp. Friday 80, Min. 53, river 5.4 feet, northerly winds, clear.

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Fired for Refusal to Collect Says Gannon

Turkey Breaks War Treaty in Arming Strait

Fourth Pact Violated as Troops Move Forward Into Dardanelles

Italy Rejects Pleas for Armistice, Pushes on for Addis Ababa

(By the Associated Press)
Another world war treaty was shattered Friday when Turkey, following in the wake of Adolf Hitler, marched her modern troops into the demilitarized Dardanelles at dawn.

The act, long predicted, was in direct violation of the treaty of Lausanne.

At the same time Italy forced the League of Nations to admit defeat in its six-week campaign to stop the fighting in Africa and rejected an appeal from her chief friend, France, for an armistice.

Mussolini Brushes Aside All Appeals

On the threshold apparently of a final and crushing victory over the Ethiopians, Premier Mussolini has brushed aside pleas that he call a halt.

As a result, the league's committee of 13 gave up the peace task and called a meeting Monday of the league council to shoulder the problem.

Europe in the past 13 months has seen violations of the treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, Locarno, Lausanne and what was formally recorded by the league as a violation of its covenant.

Adolf Hitler began it in March, 1935, by rearming in violation of Versailles. He followed it up in March, 1936, by sending troops into the demilitarized Rhineland, breaking the league said, both the Versailles treaty again and the Locarno treaty.

Austria recently followed suit by ordering general military conscription, and the Little Entente protested she violated the treaty of St. Germain.

Geneva Undecided On Italian Question

Italy was formally indicted last fall by the league as a violator of the league covenant for aggression in Africa.

Turkey recently asked permission of Great Britain and other powers to rearm the Dardanelles. The request was received favorably in most quarters but actual permission had not been granted—at least publicly.

Regulations governing the Straits were adopted at the Lausanne conference in 1922-23, closing both sides to Turkey's military forces.

Geneva, meanwhile, appeared undecided what to do about the Italo-Ethiopian crisis.

Radio Convention Will Start Today

Amateur radio operators from all parts of the state will begin arriving here this afternoon for the fifth annual convention of the Oregon Amateur Radio association. Convention arrangements are in charge of the Salem Amateur Radio society, headed by Howard J. Hinton, who also is president of the state association.

Delegates will inspect the penitentiary this afternoon and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company building here at 7 p.m. At 9 o'clock E. A. Yunker, professor of physics at Oregon State college, will deliver a technical address at convention headquarters, the Marion hotel.

The operators will attend the army demonstration at the airport Sunday morning, participate in sending and receiving contests starting at 1:30 p.m. and hold their business meeting at 4:30 o'clock. The convention banquet will be held at the Marion at 6:15 p.m. Sunday.

Wives Barred on City Water Jobs

The Salem water commission last night forbade the employment of married women and non-residents of the city by the water department after May 15. These orders, incorporated into the by-laws at Commissioner J. M. Rickman's urging, will affect one pump operator and one woman office worker at present.

Rickman also sponsored a by-laws amendment requiring commission approval of all expenditures in excess of \$250.

"My idea is to relieve the manager of possible criticism, not to find fault," Rickman explained. "This resolution is for his protection."

Royalty Poses for Blossom Day; King (Bing) and Queen (of May)



Strictly for the purpose of reminding nature-lovers of Salem and the Willamette valley that Blossom Day is scheduled for Sunday and that a kindly fate has brought the cherry and prune blossoms to perfection at the same time—to say nothing of the tulips which form their background here, Miss Winifred Gardner, May Queen of Willamette university, and Breyman Boise, King Bing of the Cherrians, posed for this picture.

Armory Is Packed At Final Concert

Flavia Downs Pleases in Solos, Philharmonic Orchestra Event

By JESSIE STEELE

A capacity audience heard the final concert of the season played by the Salem Philharmonic orchestra last night in the armory, Jacques Gerszkovitch directing.

Flavia Downs established herself as a pianist of top rank in her presentation of Mendelssohn's "Capriccio Brillant" for piano and orchestra. She has flair and style to her playing combined with vigor and touch.

Her left hand is as facile as her right. From the first note of the concert, through the melodic initial movement, Miss Downs was assured, confident and masterful, yet her tone was modulated and in keeping with the mood of the selection.

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Over Half of Gambling Fines Already Paid In

Fines totalling nearly \$1000 had been paid into the county treasurer's office here up to Friday night as self-confessed operators of slot-machines and gambling games paid up on the assessments levied against them in circuit court here Wednesday. Judge L. H. McMahan granted the 16 men who pleaded guilty until next Monday to pay their fines. A total of \$1900 in fines was levied by the court.

The moneys go into the general fund of the county.

Additional Scouts Assigned To Direct Blossom Viewers

To aid visitors in finding their way about Blossom day, J. E. Monroe, Boy Scout executive, has assigned ten scout troops to duty Sunday.

Due to a new route being selected in the cherry district north of Salem, across the river, more scouts than in past years will be assigned to duty.

A new assignment will be on North Capitol street where the Pacific highway intersects Fairgrounds avenue. The usual assignment will be the usual assignment at Capitol and Center to direct visitors from the north to Center street and thence across the Marion-Polk county bridge.

At the Franklin tulip farm, scouts will be placed about quarter of a mile north to direct cars

Volley Teams Open Tourney At 1:30 Today

Vancouver, B. C., is Last Minute Dark Horse Entry in Meet

Afternoon Contests are on Willamette Floor, Night at Y.M.C.A.

With zest added by the last minute entry of a dark horse competitor, the Vancouver, B. C., team, the Northwest Y.M.C.A. volleyball tournament will open on the Willamette gymnasium floor at 1:30 today with five teams in the running.

Tacoma, Northwest A.A.U. champs and "the team to beat," Seattle, Portland, Vancouver and Salem Y.M.C.A. teams will be the volleyball outfits vying for the northwest championship and a trip to the national tournament at Davenport, Iowa. Tacoma is the defending champion.

Drawing Made by Secretary of State

Secretary of State Earl W. Snell yesterday drew for positions in the round robin elimination tournament which will be played this afternoon at Willamette. Each team will play nine games. The two teams with the highest percentage of wins will meet on the Y.M.C.A. floor at 8:30 o'clock tonight for the championship.

The two next highest will play at 7:30 for third place. A public address system has been installed in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium for play by play description of the final contests.

Vancouver, which decided to enter at the last minute, may have something up its sleeve. Vancouver was narrowly beaten out by Bellingham for the northwest B title but may have strengthened.

Salem Even With Defending Champs

Salem's team has broken even with Tacoma, the team conceded the best chance of winning the title, in games this year. Seattle placed second to Tacoma in the Northwest A.A.U. tourney with Salem third.

Referees for the contests are Dwight Adams, Dallas, and Oscar Heintz, Portland; and umpires (Turn to page 5, col. 8)

School Warrants Call Due Monday

The Salem school district will reduce its warrant indebtedness to the lowest point since last fall when a new warrant call is issued Monday. A call of \$14,913.75 in warrants this week reduced the warrant debt of the district to \$33,095.76. It was announced at the school clerk's office yesterday.

The last call of warrants numbering 14,402 to 15,573, inclusive. Interest amounting to \$67.13 was drawn by these warrants.

This call and the one scheduled Monday are made possible by two tax turnovers, \$18,486.93 in 1935 taxes from the county treasurer and \$15,455.28 in county school funds from the county school superintendent. All of this money will be available to redeem warrants since the school clerk is carrying a reserve fund to meet bond obligations coming due soon.

Salem - Portland Bike Race Today

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—Nearly 50 bicyclists are scheduled to leave the Salem courthouse at 9 a. m., Saturday on the 50-mile race to Portland. Women competitors for cycling honors will use the four-mile course from Milwaukie to Portland.

The fastest four cyclists will compete in Seattle at the north-west Olympic finals.

Half a dozen or so Salem cyclists are entered in the race, it was announced here Friday.

Late Sports

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—(AP)—San Francisco's Seals defeated the Seattle Indians 6 to 5 tonight in a Coast league game marred by numerous errors.

Seattle..... 5 13 8
San Francisco..... 6 19 5
McDougal, Oshora, Lucas and Spindel; Gibson and Monzo.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—Results of Portland interscholastic baseball today: Jefferson 3, Benson 2; Washington 5, Commerce 1; Lincoln 4, Grant 1; Franklin 6, Roosevelt 4.

Ingenious Girl Rescues Rabbit From Air Shaft

SEATTLE, April 17.—(AP)—An 11-year-old girl rescued her pet rabbit from an air shaft today without calling the fire department.

After the rabbit dropped in the shaft, Effie Fraser put a head of lettuce in a shopping bag and lowered it into the shaft. The rabbit crawled into the bag and she whisked him to the roof where he finished the lettuce—his first meal in two days.

Secondary Roads To Be Taken Over

Highway Board to Survey Needs; Asks Fund For Cooperative Radio

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—The state highway commission announced a policy today of taking over maintenance of more secondary highways throughout the state.

The commission awarded or referred to the state highway engineers for action more than a million dollars worth of road and bridge construction during its two-day meeting which ended late today.

Before any secondary roads are taken over for maintenance, the commission will make a comprehensive study of the state to make the selections fair to all, commission Chairman Henry Cabell said.

The commission received bids on four grade crossing elimination projects at the two-day meet, bringing to 19 the number started toward fulfillment.

Funds for Radio System Are Asked

Application was made for Public Works Administration funds to cover 45 per cent of the cost of a \$40,000 to \$50,000 statewide radio system for emergency communication by state police, state highway workers and foresters.

R. H. Baldock, engineer, said that it will cost \$45,000 for 27 sending stations. There would be 100 watt stations at Salem, Klamath Falls, La Grande and Bend, 50 watt stations at Roseburg, The Dalles, and Burns and 10 watt stations at Astoria, Coquille, Grants Pass, Pendleton, Baker, Multnomah, Eugene, There would also be several mobile stations.

The commission will sell one of the two ferries superseded by the Coox Bay bridge and move the other to Willamette. If it can navigate the Willamette river locks at Oregon City, Anderson Award Building Job Held

Jobs were awarded or referred to engineers for award included: Clackamas county—Undercrossing to carry Southern Pacific tracks over Pacific highway at Oregon City, Parker Schram Co., Portland, \$289,416.

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Open House Held, Utilities Office

The state utilities department held open house here yesterday, inviting to its new offices in the Market building 110 employees from all parts of the state. An address at the morning meeting by Governor Martin was followed by one by Frank C. McColloch, utilities commissioner, and by division supervisors. Round-table discussions of problems of the department was conducted throughout the afternoon. Last night the department enjoyed a dance at the Mellow Moon hall.

The conference will continue this morning.

Thomas in Finals Of Speaking Meet

WALLA WALLA, April 17.—(AP)—Entrants from North Central of Spokane, Ellensburg, Salem, Ore., and Walla Walla high schools advanced to the finals in group A of the sixth annual extemporaneous speaking contest sponsored by Sigma Delta Rho of Whitman college here today.

Fourteen contestants were entered in the two groups when elimination contests opened today. Finals in both groups will be held tomorrow morning. Salem was represented by William Thompson.

Linfield Elects

McMINNVILLE, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—The Linfield college student body named George Harrington, Medford, president. Other officers chosen: vice president, Maxine Babcock, Seaside; secretary, Alice Southard, Portland; general manager, John Van Buegan, Portland.

Candidates to Give Up OARP Speaking Jobs

Means Three-Fourths of Orators in Portland Area, Estimated

Eggertsen Seeks Probe; California Clash is Reported Ended

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—James Logan, state manager of the Townsend pension plan, issued orders today that "full-fledged candidates for any office" must relinquish their Townsend speakers' credentials or quit campaigning.

It has been estimated about three-fourths of the accredited Townsend lecturers in the Portland area seek political jobs. Previous instructions from state headquarters barred candidates from holding any official position in the ranks of Townsendism.

A new controversy centered around City Commissioner Clyde today. One faction of a Portland Townsend club claimed he made a political talk at a club meeting. Cards denied it. He is a candidate for mayor of Portland. The faction bringing the complaint is understood to favor the re-election of Mayor Joseph K. Carson.

PORTLAND, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—Luther Eggertsen, ousted as an accredited Townsend lecturer, said tonight he would demand that the district attorney of Multnomah county initiate a probe of Oregon Townsendism immediately.

Eggertsen, in a talk at a forum here, said "a whispering campaign based upon circumstantial evidence has put my reputation at stake. He said he thought he was ousted 'because I planned this forum without consulting headquarters. But no! I didn't get the slightest idea what was up until the last two days.'

In a talk at Oregon City tonight, John H. Weir, regional Townsend representative, urged his audience not to "play politics."

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—(AP)—Leaders of warring factions of the Townsend old age pension (Turn to page 5, col. 7)

Ducks Pay Bonus; 14 Eggs From 12

AUMSVILLE, April 17.—A dozen Indian Runner ducks belonging to Mrs. William Fuson registered well over "100 per cent" in their egg laying duties today. When Mrs. Fuson went out to collect the eggs, she found 14. On some previous occasions there have been a baker's dozen.

Mrs. Fuson collects the eggs every day and there is no possibility of any of the ducks "hiding out" their nests, so it is evident that at least two occasionally lay more than one per day.

Gossin Withdraws as Candidate For Elector

William L. Gossin, secretary to Governor Martin, yesterday withdrew as a candidate for the democratic nomination as a presidential elector. Gossin's withdrawal from the campaign came as the result of an attorney-general's opinion which held a state officer could not hold two state positions at the same time. The attorney-general held a state position, not a party office.

Resume Woods Work

ASTORIA, Ore., April 17.—(AP)—Re-employment of a considerable number of men in the Crown-Willamette company's operations in Clatsop county appeared probable today after the Astoria central labor council announced, it had withdrawn a boycott.

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Other senators backing Agular's proposal declared that "the argument that Mexico is defending a weak country like Ethiopia by belonging to the League is a dream, because Mexico really is serving the imperialistic interests of England."

They also suggested that the money saved in dues to the League could be used for paying for Mexico's participation in "the League of American Nations proposed by President Roosevelt."

LaGuardia May Visit Here, Tells Governor

Mayor F. H. LaGuardia may stop in Salem en route to Portland on April 24 he advised Governor Martin yesterday, or he may return the following day to a convention of Young Democrats which will then be in session here. LaGuardia is to be in San Francisco early next week for a meeting of mayors.

Bourbons Accepted First Contributions Says WPA Official

Administrator in Washington State Balks at Relief Workers' Fund to Buy Campaign "Wagon"

Men Anticipated Further Demands on Their Meagre Pay, Says; Sent in Resignation Previously

SEATTLE, April 17.—(AP)—George H. Gannon, dismissed state works progress administrator, today said the money raised from among his employes was to have provided a sound wagon in which Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach (D-Wash) could tour the state to broadcast his speeches.

Gannon said he vetoed the plan as soon as he learned of it and ordered the money returned to the individual subscribers.

He said he reported his act on to Harry L. Hopkins, national WPA administrator, two weeks ago.

"I resigned in good faith last Monday, effective June 1, in order to avoid embarrassment to the administration and to give Mr. Hopkins plenty of time to select a successor without interference with whatever plans he may have had in mind."

"I regard his (Hopkins) action on such a flimsy pretext as purely a political gesture which already indicates his attitude toward the problem of relief," Gannon said.

Money Previously Collected, Accepted

Gannon said \$300 had been previously collected from the WPA employes for the national campaign, which, he said, was turned over and accepted by the national democratic committee.

"But I was discharged after I refused to permit the second collection and ordered the money returned."

"This collection was started voluntarily among my employes without my knowledge, and so far as I know without the knowledge of Senator Schwellenbach, and in all fairness to the national committee, without theirs."

"The men anticipated that future demands would be made among them and they took up a collection, planning that it would be used for the national campaign."

"Perhaps I made a serious political mistake in ordering the money refunded, but I would do it again. I would not tolerate this strain on the finances of men receiving moderate wages, all of whose money was barely sufficient to provide food for their families," he said.

No Criticism of First Collection

Gannon said there was no criticism of the collection of the first sum of \$300 from the national committee.

Gannon was discharged by Administrator Hopkins Thursday, for what Hopkins said was "political skulduggery in soliciting funds from the state WPA administrative staff for political purposes."

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Mexico May Quit League, Revealed

MEXICO CITY, April 17.—(AP)—Senator Candido Aguilar, a member of the foreign relations commission of the senate, said tonight Congress will request Lázaro Cardenas soon to present Mexico's resignation from the League of Nations.

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Wise told the board that the operation of a private telephone system by the state would be neither economical nor satisfactory.

Would Not Connect With State System

Governor Martin asked Mr. Wise if his company would connect its lines with the state-owned system if the latter should (Turn to page 5, col. 5)