

Education Meeting Ends

Western Man Named Leader By Educators

Pratt of Spokane Heads NEA; Spokesmen for 3 Parties Debate

Academic Freedom, Help by U. S. for Schools, Tenure Supported

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Orville C. Pratt, superintendent of schools at Spokane, Wash., accepted the presidency of the National Education association tonight "with keen appreciation" and with the pledge to "do my best to further the long-range program of education."

The gavel was turned over to him by the retiring president, Miss Agnes Samuelson of Des Moines, Ia., after the defeated candidate, William H. Holmes of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., had moved to make the vote unanimous. The motion was approved with no negative vote.

Fascist Rule in America Feared



NORMAN THOMAS

Playground Work Holding Interest

Leslie Drama Group Will Present Play; Many Out For Classes

The Leslie playground drama class will present a play in the Boy scout cabin next Friday with dancing and tumbling classes joining in the program, it was announced by Isobel Morehouse, Leslie director.

Attendance of from 15 to 40 children is being recorded daily for the playground groups, Miss Morehouse said. The kindergarten, starting each day at 9 a. m., is divided into periods for story telling, musical games, marching and songs, printing, house building and hand work.

The afternoon programs at Leslie consist of tennis instruction, needlecraft, raffle weaving and woodcraft, story hour from 3:30 to 4 o'clock and dramatics.

The first of a series of Thursday afternoon picnics in the Leslie grove was held yesterday.

Miss Morehouse is being assisted by Ruth Billings, former Willamette university student, volunteer playground worker.

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Petition Opposes Convict Transfer

A petition signed by more than 150 persons protesting against the transfer of convicts from the state penitentiary to the training school for boys, was filed in the executive department Thursday.

The petitioners alleged that such action would demoralize the boy's school and work to the disadvantage of inmates of the institution.

Three younger convicts already have been transferred from the penitentiary to the boy's school.

The transfers were suggested by Governor Martin and the state parole board as a means of relieving crowded conditions at the prison.

Texas Floods Spread into New Regions; 23 Now Dead

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, July 2.—(AP)—Gulf-bound south Texas flood waters poured over a new area tonight as they left behind 23 known dead, many missing and damage approaching \$5,000,000.

The estimates were for only a portion of the vast area covered. Flood warnings were dropped from an airplane over isolated settlements on the mouths of the San Antonio and Guadalupe rivers.

Nine Measures Scheduled For Ballot in Fall

Basic Changes Inevitable Is Thomas Claim

Great Advance With New Principle or Slump, Fascism Forecast

New Deal Dead Although F. R. Still Strong is Socialist's View

Either the United States will enter upon a period of "great advance" with production for use stressed or else it will enter another great depression and an inevitable drift to economic fascism, Norman Thomas, socialist candidate for the presidency, told an audience of 750 Salem citizens yesterday afternoon at the Salem high school auditorium.

Only the platform of the socialist party, which calls for national ownership of natural resources and the basic industries of the United States can solve the otherwise unsolvable problems of a capitalistic economy, Thomas announced to his hearers.

"Socialism, probably in the form of a farmer-labor party, will seriously challenge the two major parties in the next decade," Thomas had announced at a press conference before the Salem meeting which preceded his address last night to the National Educational association in Portland.

He characterized the "New Deal" as a retarder of socialism, saying President Roosevelt was in no sense a socialist but an advocate of the saving of a disordered capitalism.

To reduce permissible state tax on real and tangible personal property payable in 1937, to six mills per dollar of assessed valuation, and reducing such limit from four per cent annually to 4.8 mills in 1942 and thereafter.

Train's Victim Is Partly Identified

Thursday passed without the identity of the young man killed by an Oregon Electric freight train Tuesday night being established. Police thought they were on the trail of his identity early yesterday when a transient man reported at headquarters that he believed he knew the train victim.

The coroner's office indicated no inquest was likely to be held, unless a man who had been received last night from K. Bellis, Marshfield resident, who wired Wednesday night for the dead man's description.

Grand Coulee Dam Jobs Offered Now

Merion county men today will have their first chance to secure employment on the huge Grand Coulee dam construction project in eastern Washington, it was announced at the state employment agency, 355 North High street, last night. The Salem office has been allotted 20 jobs out of an order of 200 received yesterday at the headquarters office of the free employment service in Portland.

The dam work will pay 50 cents an hour for a 40-hour week and will last indefinitely, John E. Coater, placement official, reported.

Cooler said the dam work would provide desirable foremen able to stand heavy common labor. Minimum board and room costs at the dam site are \$9 a week.

The initial call for 200 Oregon men to go to work on the dam and power and irrigation project is expected to be only a foretaste for several hundred more such jobs.

Morgan's Illness Isn't Serious Friend Asserts

NEW YORK, July 2.—(AP)—J. P. Morgan, 68, the nation's financial giant, is on a long stay at Long Island, was said late today by an associate, George Whitney, to be "getting along fine."

A jury decreed young Walter was sane after hearing three court appointed alienists testify the 28-year-old wanderer knew right from wrong.

Walter's wife, a New Yorker, collapsed. His father, a Boston salesman, said he would make one more effort to forestall the hanging by employing an alienist and an attorney.

Water Board Due To Discuss Plans

Plans for speeding construction of Salem's new water supply system are expected to be discussed at the regular water commission meeting at 8 o'clock tonight.

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2000 Now Strike At Inland Mills

SPOKANE, Wash., July 2.—(AP)—Spokane lumber mill workers joined more than 2000 north central Idaho timber employes on strike today, demanding higher wages and better working conditions.

Responding to a strike voted taken by the Carpenter and Joiners of America, nearly 600 men walked off their jobs in Spokane today.

Portland, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—The hard-hitting Salem Senators more than lived up to their advance publicity by overwhelming the Old Timers 15 to 3 in the final first round game of the Oregon state semi-pro baseball tournament here tonight.

Reliable Shoe beat Bridal Veil 5 to 1 in tonight's opener and will meet the Senators in the second round next Wednesday night.

Bevens' Salem ball twister, whiffed eight batsmen and walked only one. In addition to his six-hit pitching, he lashed out a triple and a double.

The Senators, seeded No. 2 in the 16-team tournament, connected for 13 hits and showed themselves on of the best defensive teams in the meet, giving Bevens good support.

The Old Timers, paced by Fleishman who got a pair of bins, scored all their runs in the first three innings.

Schroeder, starting pitcher for the old-timers, gave way to Biddy Bishop, spit-ball hurler, who also was driven from the mound.

A crowd of about 300 saw the game.

Salem Old Timers . . . 14 1 7 1

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Bevens and Maple; Schroeder, Bishop, Maxmair and Helmecke.

Good fielding and timely hitting brought Reliable 1 to his victory.

Lee Sisson, pitcher for the losers, allowed the shoemen only one earned run, but his teammates booted seven chances.

Ken Sax of Reliable had good support and was steady in the pinches.

Jack Olney paced the Shoemen's attack with two hits.

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Crowd and Band Out to Greet Zioncheck, He Doesn't Appear

Relief Looms; Drought Area Will Get Rain

Moisture Already Helps Situation in All But Four States, Word

100,000 Families Need Subsistence Aid and Plans are Rushed

CHICAGO, July 2.—(AP)—A wide-spread dampness on the crop-consuming drought was predicted by the weather bureau today as various authorities estimated its cost to date at \$250,000,000.

Rainfall was predicted for the Ohio valley, the southwestern states and parts of Minnesota and North Dakota—the latter in the west of the five-state belt including South Dakota, Wyoming and Montana, where the dry spell has been characterized as the "worst in history."

The bureau said precipitation this week had relieved the seriousness of the situation in the west of the five-state belt including Montana and also Iowa.

Many in Need of Subsistence Help

With an estimated 100,000 northwest farm families needing subsistence aid, President Roosevelt's special drought committee in Washington made plans to push the general relief program into definite form by next week.

At Duluth, Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace announced he had authorized government purchasing and processing of cattle forced off north central ranges by failure of forage crops.

Up to a million head of livestock will be taken off producers' hands under the emergency plan, he said.

'Lost Man' Slayer Is Declared Sane

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—(AP)—Albert Walter, jr., self-styled "lost man," was held sane today and sentenced to be hanged September 4 for the sex slaying of Blanch Cousins here two weeks ago.

"It's O. K.," said the wanderer young Bostonian. "I asked for it and I got it."

"I regard the death sentence as the penalty for all of my crimes."

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Great Financier Morgan Suffers Severe Illness; Needs Stretcher



Umpqua Span to Be Opened Today

REEDSPORT, July.—(AP)—The Umpqua bridge, its two spans extending 3813 feet, will open to traffic sometime tomorrow, O. H. Hinsdale, the contractor building the approaches, said today.

When the graving of the approaches is completed he will remove the barriers and call a stop to ferry service.

The bridge, fourth of the five coast highway spans to open, is featured by a swing span and by a cut of 140 feet through Bolon Island.

Its construction afforded employment of 125 men daily, the weekly payroll being \$2500.

Originally it was intended to be opened in April. Difficulty in filling and surfacing the marshy approaches on the north side delayed the schedule.

The opening of the bridge will give a new meaning to Independence day to Gardiner and Reedspport residents who long have been accustomed to governing their lives by the time of the ferry service.

A celebration and dedication of the bridge will be held in August or September.

Higher Prices For Hops Are Refused

Hops held firm yesterday as growers refused to sell their current price offerings of 100 cents in the face of the apparent failure of the 1936 hop crop due to the damage resulting from the attack of the down mildew.

A few small sales were reported but unconfirmed at 25 cents. Rumors of refusals of 30-cent offerings and 35-cent options were prevalent.

California dealers who had shown a tendency earlier in the week to sell at the 20 and 25 cent prices were reported to be holding yesterday as were the Washington producers.

Salem Senators Hand 15-3 Defeat to Old Timer Club

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Fence-Jumping Solon Misses Big Reception

SPOKANE, July 2.—(AP)—The band was out to meet Marion Zioncheck at the railway station tonight, but the fence-jumping Seattle congressman wasn't out to meet the band.

A milling crowd which state patrolmen estimated at 1500 was disappointed as it failed to get a peak at the man whose antics at the national capital and whose escape from a Maryland sanitarium for mental and nervous cases have made headlines for weeks.

Newsmen's searches through the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific train failed to reveal any trace of the frolicking congressman, who was aboard the train through Montana.

The band contented itself with playing "The Bear Went Over the Mountain." The band was turned out by the Spokane athletic round table, fun organization, which expressed a desire to pledge Zioncheck to membership and nominate him to represent the organization in the Olympic games high jump.

Members of the group carried signs emblazoned: "Zioncheck's a jump ahead of the nation's best. Spokane's choice," and "Seattle passes; Spokane backs Zioncheck in Olympic jump."

The crowd surged up and down the platform hood-nudged in the vain hope of getting a glimpse of the madcap congressman.

George Webster, local general agent for the railway, said the special agent informed him Zioncheck was locked in a private compartment with one or two government escorts. Webster said he was not even allowed to see the congressman.

SEATTLE, July 2.—(AP)—Mrs. Rubye Louise Zioncheck, traveling incognito, slipped quietly into Seattle by plane tonight.

The wife of the fun-loving congressman was met at an airport by her brother-in-law, sluiser, Mr. and Mrs. William Nadenau, who took her to the Zioncheck home here where she was in seclusion from interviewers.

The pretty former Texas girl's arrival was complete surprise as news dispatches from the east said she was somewhere in the vicinity of Washington, D. C.

Officials of the airline said her name was not on the passenger list and they could not determine where she boarded the plane.

Selassie Seeking Aid From League

GENEVA, July 2.—(AP)—Emperor Haile Selassie, "king of kings," hopes to obtain aid from the League of Nations by developments at Geneva, took a train to Geneva tonight in an attempt to save his country from complete domination by Italy.

First, he asked the league for a loan of \$50,000 to "defend his integrity." Then he went to the assembly a draft of a resolution calling attention to provisions in Article X and XVI of the covenant for non-recognition of annexation obtained by force of arms.

The Negus, who delivered a personal appeal to the assembly two days ago, said Ethiopia has a right to assistance from the league under Article XVI.

A call for an immediate peace conference by leading nations to "prevent a European war" was made unexpectedly by Eamon de Valera, president of the Irish free state.

"The terrible menace which threatens us all today can be warded off," he said.

Lena Belle Tartar Made Officer, National Group

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Hugh Ball Taking Over Relief Task

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 2.—(AP)—Hugh G. Ball, editor of the Hood River News, announced acceptance of an appointment on the state relief committee following a conference with Governor Charles H. Martin here today.

The new member will place at the disposal of the committee data accumulated during three years of service on the Hood River county relief committee of which Ernest C. Smith is chairman and M. E. McCarty and Mrs. R. J. McInnis are members.

The record made by this committee is considered outstanding both for its efficiency and its reasonable cost.

Hoover in Oregon

KLAMATH FALLS, July 2.—(AP)—Former president Herbert Hoover passed through Klamath Falls today and left his train at Chehalis. It was believed he was planning to fish in some of the Cascade lakes.