

Salem Plays Oakridge, B Champ, Tonight

The Weather Fair to day. Saturday cloudy, rains. Slightly warmer. Max. temp. Thursday 66, min. 40. River 8.5 feet. North wind.

Arrests and Suicides Increase in "Czechia"

Country Taken Over Formally By Nazi Force

Even Hungary, Profiting From Events, Worried Over Hitler Plans

Resisting Czechs Suffer Defeat; all Europe Stirred up Again

(By the Associated Press) PRAGUE, March 17.—(Friday)—Arrests and suicides among anti-Nazi and Jews were reported increasing early today in the wake of German-Hungarian absorption of what was once the Czech republic.

No accurate figures were available but one estimate that probably was conservative placed the number under arrest at about 600.

British citizens said, however, they had been encouraged to believe they would be able to organize several transport trains to take Jews to England shortly.

German anti-semitic laws, however, were being enforced.

The blotting of Czech-Slovakia from the map of Europe, started by the peace-makers at Munich, was completed formally Thursday.

Slovakia followed Bohemia-Moravia under the protection of Germany, and Hungary annexed Carpatho-Ukraine, third and last remaining component of the erased republic.

Adolf Hitler proclaimed German law for Bohemia-Moravia and agreed to establish a protectorate over the Slovaks in the event of the latter after it had seceded from the republic for a two-day existence as an "independent" nation.

The German Fuehrer added to his expanding rule 13,000 square miles and 2,450,000 persons in Slovakia in addition to the 15,000 square miles and 4,733,632 persons in Bohemia-Moravia over whom he became protector Wednesday.

Hungarian forces crushed Czech resistance in Slovakia in a two-day battle with die-hard Czech and Ukrainian nationalists entrenched seven miles east of Chust, territorial capital.

The Hungarians smashed the resisting forces, however, and completed occupation of Czech lands along with dozens of other towns and villages in the annexed territory.

Other Hungarian units already had pushed on to the Polish border to establish the common frontier which both Poland and Hungary long have desired.

Southeastern Europe meanwhile looked nervously toward Berlin for some indication of Germany's next move.

Even Hungary, profiting from the collapse of Czech-Slovakia, and completed occupation of Bohemia-Moravia, is anxious to see Hitler as chancellor.

Hitler was en route from Prague to Brno, Moravia, where it was believed he might make a speech throwing some light on the question.

Concern over Hitler's next step also was evident in London and Paris.

British Ambassador May Be Recalled Recall of Britain's ambassador to Berlin for a report on the latest Nazi advance to the east was studied by the British government.

A further announcement on Prime Minister Chamberlain's policy was expected tonight when he makes an important speech at Birmingham, his home town, on the eve of his 70th birthday.

Members of the French chamber of deputies reported Premier Daletier was planning to demand semi-dictatorial powers from parliament to strengthen France's defenses.

In Warsaw a celebration over establishment of the Hungarian-Polish frontier developed into boisterous anti-German and anti-Jewish demonstrations.

State Motor Association Re-Elects Top Officials

Michigan Chief Dies Suddenly



Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald of Michigan who defeated Frank Murphy, now United States attorney-general, when Murphy sought reelection last November, died of a heart attack Thursday night following a siege of influenza.

Sodaville Ballot Battle Is Settled

Recorder Fort Says Vote Here Legal, One Cast in California Not

ALBANY, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—A battle over a \$5 per month job in Sodaville, one of Oregon's smallest incorporated towns, blew into and out of justice court today, still going strong.

The town's 77 residents were all here and all agog as Mrs. Inez Fort, \$5 per month city recorder, answered charges that she voted illegally in last November's elections. The charges were brought by Mrs. Cleo Calahan, former recorder, who lost her job to Mrs. Fort in the same election.

Mrs. Calahan charged Mrs. Fort voted in California last August, which made her later Oregon vote strictly no good.

Mrs. Fort countered with the explanation that she visited her daughter in Clements, Calif., last August, became interested in a bitterly fought school election and allowed herself to be persuaded to vote—although she was not a resident.

Her Oregon vote, she contended, was good. A jury, which was out five minutes, agreed.

So Mrs. Fort still is city recorder, secure in her \$5 a month.

71-Year-Old Barn Resists Wreckers

Structure Which Endured Through 1890 Flood Is Found Still Sound

A barn that for 71 years had marked the western terminus of the Willamette river crossing connecting Marion and Polk counties at Salem was pulled down yesterday but its hand-hewn, pegged timbers resisted to the last.

Located 100 feet north of the West Salem approach to the inter-county bridge, the old barn had seen the passing of the early-day Salem ferry and two river bridges and had withstood the swift waters of the flood of 1890, second worst in the community's history.

The crest of the 1890 flood was (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Mopping-up After Session Begun; Governor Eyes Bills

The tumult and the shouting died away at the statehouse Thursday with only a scattering of legislators left from the 66-day session. Many members, away from their work for more than two months, left for their homes Wednesday night in order to get busy on accumulated work.

The secretary of state's office had a crew of men busy early in the morning, packing up legislators' supplies to be shipped to their homes. Each member will receive a complete Oregon code, a gift of limited value since the session voted to issue a new code during the biennium at an expense of \$45,000.

The session passed 513 bills, the records show, or slightly more than half the 1063 measures introduced into the two houses of the legislature's office had already disposed of 283 when the session adjourned. Fourteen were filed with the secretary of state without the executive's signature, nine were vetoed and 390 signed. Of the 128 measures which awaited executive action Thursday morning, many were appropriation bills which will receive immediate approval. The executive, under a recently enacted constitutional change, now has 30 days after adjournment, instead of five, in which to approve or veto legislation.

The silent enactment of the closing day of the session, part from the passage of the revised tax structure, consisted of major amendments to the state unemployment compensation act. The recommendations of the unemployment commission were adopted and benefits hereafter will not be paid to any persons out of work because of a labor dispute. The amendment will set benefits in a situation each (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Japan Troops Reinforced at Russia Border

Movement Is Basis for Anxiety as Siberian Fishing Row Eyed

New Development Likely to Mean Diminished Activity, China

SHANGHAI, March 16.—(AP)—Heavy movements of Japanese troops to Sakhalin island and Manchoukuo, Japan's protectorate bordering Soviet Russia, were reported today by neutral foreign military observers to have been under way for the past week.

The reports aroused some apprehension because they coincided with a bitter dispute between Japan and the Soviet Union over Japanese fishing rights off the east Siberian coast.

Though Japan normally sends about 50,000 men as replacements for its Manchoukuo garrisons during March each year, it was noted that present troop movements were toward the frontier and no relieved troops were returning.

Foreign military observers said two Japanese divisions, of an estimated total of 40,000 men, had landed on Sakhalin island, owned half by Japan and half by Soviet Russia.

Two other divisions landed at Manchoukuo port during the week, these reports said, and were rushed immediately to the Soviet frontier.

Most of the troops were said to have come from Japan proper, and since few fresh troops were moving into north China, it was held that Chinese-Japanese hostilities might result.

Japanese continued an offensive northward along the Han river and carried on mopping-up maneuvers in northern Kiangsu province, Shantung and Shanxi but otherwise the war areas were comparatively quiet.

Portland Port's Closure Averted

Longshoremen Load Scrap Iron After Chinese Remove Pickets

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—Sixty longshoremen dumped scrap iron for Japan into the holds of two Greek steamers today, ending a threatened port closure after Chinese demonstrators were withdrawn.

Longshoremen refused for 15 days to pass the Chinese pickets to load the steamer Ann Stratathatos. Waterfront Employers' association members threatened to close the port, but at the request of Governor Charles A. Sprague, the Chinese withdrew their demonstrators.

The steamer Kostas, which previously was delayed in loading scrap at Marshfield by a similar demonstration, arrived yesterday after a settlement was in sight. Crews went to work early today.

Efforts to determine the legality of scrap shipments to Japan were launched by Governor Sprague and Senator Charles McNary (R., Ore.) at Washington, D.C., but no action has yet been taken.

Poacher Kills Two Officers After Arrest

Raw Meat-Eater May Be Able to Hide Away in Hills, Belief

Walla Walla's Mystery Murder Victim Has Oregon Record

POWELL, Wyo., Mar. 16.—(AP)—Two Park county officers were shot and killed tonight when they surprised a raw-meat pracher who kidnaped a deputy sheriff in his escape from the jail at Cody, Wyo., a few hours before.

Coroner Ray Easton said Earl Durand, 26, the fugitive poacher, shot and killed Under Sheriff D. M. Baker of Powell when he stepped from a car with Town Marshall Charles E. Lewis of Powell before the home of Durand's parents.

Lewis, his spina shattered by a bullet fired several hours later at the Whitlock hospital in Powell.

Noah Riley, the deputy sheriff Durand kidnaped in his flight from the Cody jail, escaped from the home while the other two officers were shot down, Easton said.

Durand, known to sojourn for weeks in Wyoming's Lili country living on the raw game he killed with his rifle, fled after the shooting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Durand, five miles northeast of Powell.

WALLA WALLA, March 16.—(AP)—Fingerprints, taken from the victim's hands in a morgue and checked through files at the Washington state prison, led to (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Daylight Saving Proposal Viewed

Chamber of Commerce to Sound out Sentiment Monday, Forecast

Does Salem want daylight saving? With promise of spring, there are those about town who are letting the days of winter wane to enjoy spring and summer days and the upstart of it is that sentiment is being voiced in some quarters for daylight saving.

Who'd miss the hour of transition? And look at the extra light on the horizon, the desire to enjoy spring and summer daylight after working hours, they argue.

The local chamber of commerce reports several inquiries have come its way in the past few days urging that some step be taken to sound out local sentiment on the plan.

As a result, chamber members may be asked to indicate their choice at the luncheon meeting next Monday noon. If the voice of this group is that way, a census may be arranged to determine how a majority of the townspeople feel.

County WPA Roll Is Little Changed

Number of Eligibles Has Slight Increase but Quota Still 1900

Marion county WPA rolls remained nearly static during the month ended yesterday, according to a report prepared by R. F. Patton in the district WPA assignment office here. At the close of the month 2174 men and women were employed on local, state and federal projects in comparison with 2173 on February 15.

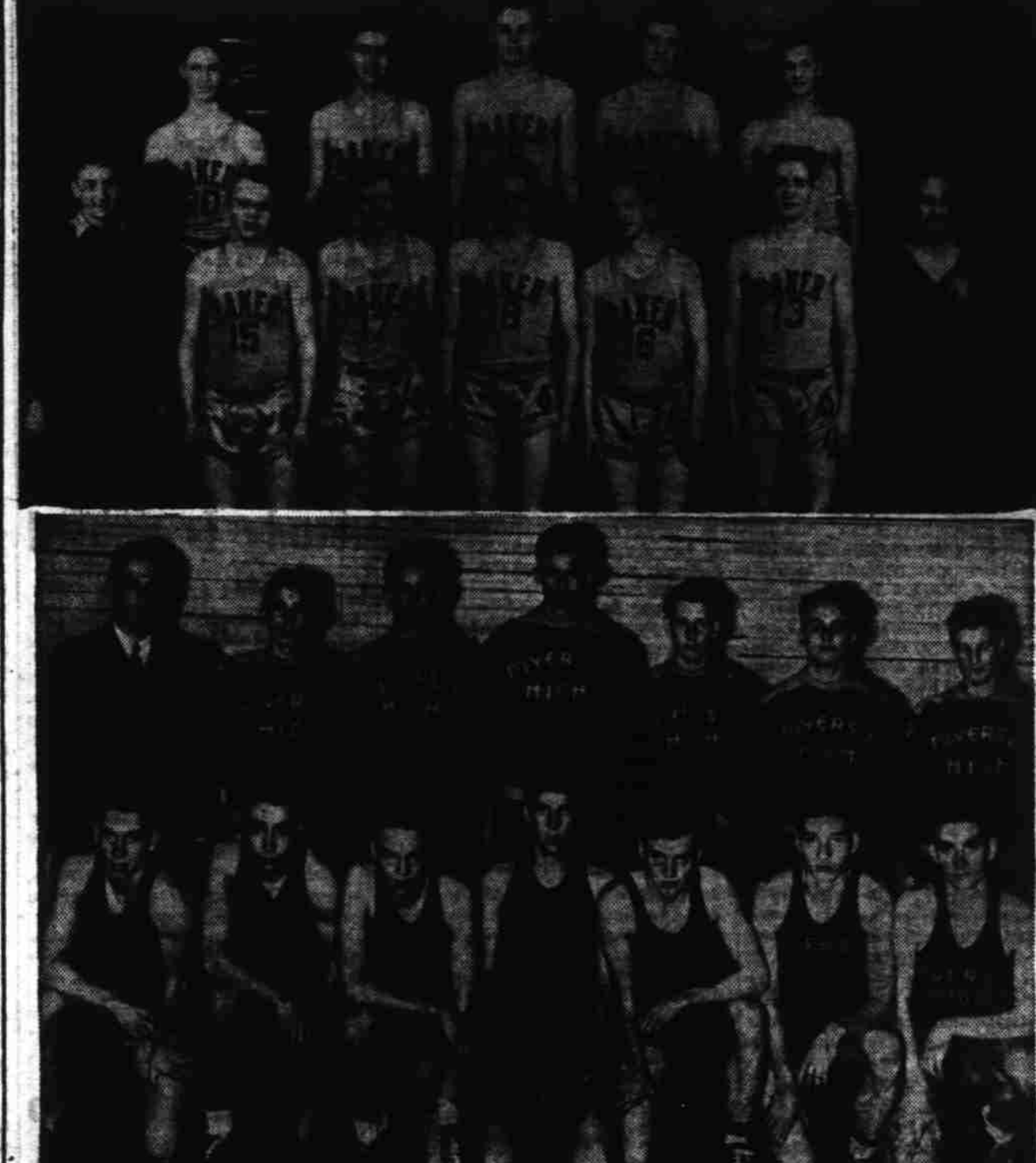
The list of persons certified as eligible climbed from 2726 to 2736 during the period while the number awaiting assignment gained by three, to 435. Of the 2174 listed yesterday as at work. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2.)

Revised Pact Aim On Canada Lumber

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—Senators Boies (D-Wash.) and Harry (R-Ore.) proposed legislation today which would eliminate two provisions in the recently negotiated trade agreement with Canada.

One measure offered by the senators would restrict a 100-year requirement that most lumber and lumber products imported into this country be marked with the originating country's name. Another would restrict a 1937 statute which limited importations of red shagbark hickory to 25 percent of the total used in this country.

DROP OUT OF RUNNING IN HOT TOURNEY



Above, the Baker team which fell before Salem's most consistent performance of the season. From left, front row, Manager Holden, Clegg, Ellis, T. Holman, Flackback, D. Holman, Coach George Allison; back row, Larsen, all-state Colson, Hendegson, Spence, Williamson, Below, University high which upset Oregon City but bowed to Medford; from left, front row, Lyons, DeAutremont, Richardson, Gatlin, Goddard, Mann, Stump; back row, Coach Ray Hendrickson, Flath, Adkinson, Jensen, Biale and Hamer.

North Bend and Medford Stay In Race; Will Clash Tonight

Southwest Oregon Boys Get Jump on Pelicans Who Rally too Late; University High Stays in Game Until Last Quarter Point Deluge

Mrs. Lydia Miller Dies at Age 100

Resident of Dallas About 70 Years; Health Good Until Last 5 Days

DALLAS, March 16.—Mrs. Lydia Miller, 100, died of a heart attack at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Frank Holman, tonight at 6:45 o'clock after an illness of five days. Mrs. Miller had enjoyed good health prior to this brief illness, and had been an active worker in the Methodist church here, Rev. John A. Linn officiating, with interment in the Dallas IOOF cemetery.

Born in La Porte, Indiana, January 1, 1839, Lydia Leaming was married to William W. Miller at Adell, Iowa, in 1858. They came to Oregon in 1868 and she has lived in or near Dallas since that time. Her husband passed away in 1912.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Frank Holman and Mrs. Chloe Butt of Dallas; a son, W. F. Miller of Valsetz; 17 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

AFL Closed Shop Authority Unused

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—The AFL declined to enforce its closed-shop authority at the Pipe Lock corporation today and invited CIO men to join its ranks and absorb available jobs.

The federal circuit court of appeals invalidated a national labor relations board order naming the CIO bargaining agent and upheld the AFL contract.

The AFL said it did not want to be "rough" and follow its right to fire every CIO man in the plant. It offered to "take you back, waive all fines and require only the payment of the normal initiation fee."

The corporation's managers said they would employ only AFL workers beginning next Monday.

New Theatre Planned in Glendale Reconstruction

GRANTS PASS, March 16.—(AP)—The reconstruction program at Glendale, Douglas county, will include a theatre today. A moving picture house erected by C. E. Hildge will be operated by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Penney who will manage the enterprise. It is the plan.

Vikings Defeat 1938 Winners; In Semi-Final

Colson Stages One-Man Show to Rate Among All-Time Stars

Veteran Sinks 'Em From Back of Center but Salem too Fast

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS Championship Flight Oakridge 33, Butte Falls 28. Salem 33, Baker 33. North Bend 39, Klamath Falls 28. Medford 34, University High 26. Consolation Bracket Westport 46, Arlington 17. Carrville 28, Astoria 31. Pendleton 26, Tillamook 29. Oregon City 39, McMinnville 25.

TODAY'S GAMES Championship Flight (Semi-Finals) 7:30 p. m.—Salem vs. Oakridge. 8:30 p. m.—North Bend vs. Medford. Consolation Bracket 10:00 a. m.—Westport vs. Carrville. 11:00 a. m.—Pendleton vs. Oregon City. 2:00 p. m.—Butte Falls vs. Baker. 3:00 p. m.—Klamath Falls vs. University High.

Whittled to four teams, the championship field of the state high school basketball tournament went into the semi-final round yesterday as Salem ousted Baker, Oakridge dropped Butte Falls, North Bend and out, Klamath Falls and Medford eliminated University High.

The lineup tonight pits Salem against Oakridge, winner of the B school title in its 33 to 26 victory over Butte Falls, at 7:30 o'clock and Medford against North Bend at 8:30.

Salem's ball-hawking Vikings boomer over Baker, last year's champions, 38 to 33.

North Bend's fighting crew of ball sharks led the Pelicans from Klamath Falls all the way and won 39 to 28 after fighting off a final period rally.

Medford, after trailing through the first quarter, drew even with University High of Eugene in the second and pulled out to win going away 34 to 26.

Colson Thrills With Solo Performance Salem's battle with Baker was the wildest, most intense melee to date, with Baker's Wayne Colson, turning back the tide, a performance that will perhaps stand his name in the annals as one of the all-time tournament greats.

Colson, a one-man team, left the ball game with but two minutes left, by the foul-out rule, and the cool-headed youngster who had just finished the prettiest shooting performance seen on the Willamette boards for many moons, received a tremendous ovation.

Colson threw in six mid-floor howitzers, of the distinct "whacker" type, and converted on nine of 11 free throw attempts for a total of 31 points—the highest individual total for one game of the tournament thus far. Besides, the 1938 all-state guard threw another that was not allowed because of an infraction called before he let go of the ball.

Terrific aggressiveness won for Salem, with little Frankie Page, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Wine Regulation Study Is Started

Two Salem Beer Licenses Suspended; Control Issues Scanned

PORTLAND, March 16.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission undertook a task left by the legislature today to regulate and standardize wine.

A. K. McManis, chairman, instructed Robert O. Boyd, commission attorney, to discuss with retail package store operators a proposal to cease selling wine during the hours the state stores were closed. He asked inspectors to investigate Oregon wineries on the basis of sanitation complaints.

"This wine situation needs a lot of study," the chairman, one of the sponsors of the legislation, said. "It is the most disagreeable situation we have."

House Bill 338, awaiting Governor Charles A. Sprague's signature, prohibits adulterated, blended or rectified wines and provides (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4.)

Gaiser Urges Harmony Be Restored, School Affairs

Slas Gaiser, retiring city school superintendent, last night issued a statement urging reestablishment of harmony and bespeaking "the good will and support of the entire community" for "whoever is to take over the administration of the Salem schools."

Referring to the school board's vote taken Tuesday night denying him a new contract, Superintendent Gaiser declared he had "consistently tried to give Salem a good school administration" and regretted "that the reasons for the action were not stated."

The superintendent's statement read as follows: "I have been besieged in the last few days with expressions of confidence and offers of assistance in my behalf in order that I might retain the position of superintendent of schools of Salem. These expressions of confidence are greatly appreciated. I value the friendships shown me most sincerely."

"On last Tuesday evening, March 14, a decision was made by a majority of the school board which is official. I was disappointed in that decision and regret that the reasons for the action were not stated, because I have conscientiously tried to give Salem a good school administration."

"But for the future interests of the schools of Salem it is necessary that harmony be re-established. The program of education for our children must continue. Whoever is selected to take over the administration of the Salem schools must have the good will and support of the entire community. No personal advantage or consideration is as important as the general school welfare."

Two Aged Men Plead to Guilt on Morals Charge

ROSEBURG, March 16.—(AP)—Two defendants whose combined ages totaled 164 years pleaded guilty today to charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Judge Carl R. Winkler, presiding, said the two men, Joseph F. Fisher, 77, and Joseph C. Haight, 87, both of Salem.