

Test Case Over new Picketing Law Opens

State Library Work Praised At Dedication

Service to Oregon in Past and Present Speakers' Theme

Librarian Conference to Continue Today for Many Delegates

The Oregon state library building, center for a statewide library conference now in session, was officially dedicated to the use and service of the people of Oregon in dedicatory exercises held Monday night in the main lobby of the new structure which flanks the west approach to the statehouse.

Governor Charles A. Sprague, presiding at the meeting attended by librarians and trustees from all parts of the state, outlined the history of the library building's development and paid special tribute to Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian, for her leadership in forwarding the construction of the building.

Principal address for the occasion was delivered by Dr. Evelyn Steel Little, librarian of Mills college, Calif. Terming the state library, "the people's university," Dr. Steel outlined the "Power of Books in a Democracy."

Freedom of Reading Cited as Blessing

"We should be thankful not only to have books; we should be thankful that we have freedom to read them," counseled Dr. Steel. "Books are the enduring record of our cultural heritage. Democracy in the use of books implies that every citizen must have access to all sides of every question, not that everything that is printed is true, but without freedom to investigate we cannot have democracy."

Dr. Steel contrasted the democratic ideal of the wide employment of books with the restrictions, historic and present, placed by totalitarian states on books. "The essence of the totalitarian state is to make books the agents of a doctrine. Because the spoken word over the radio or the use of visual images through the movie makes possible mass propaganda, dictators discourage the growth of literature."

Dr. Steel outlined in vivid manner the contributions of great books to the knowledge and advancement of the world. She averred that true culture demanded effort from the acquirer of culture, a cited reading as a challenge to the intellectual abilities of the reader. She urged librarians throughout Oregon, by their own knowledge of literature and the abundant life it brought, to encourage others to share in the treasure of the library.

First State Library Allocated \$1200 Yearly

Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, librarian for the state for 24 years was represented at the dedication (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1.)

Turkey Ready to Take Alexandretta

PARIS, April 4.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Turkey was reported today to have informed France she would annex the semi-independent district of Alexandretta in northern Syria as her price for supporting the "stop Hitler" bloc.

The conservative newspaper Le Figaro said a Turkish army of 50,000 men was waiting on the frontier to march into the district after a vote of the Turkish-controlled Alexandretta parliament calls them in.

Le Figaro said the occupation may take place today. The Centrist newspaper L'Ordre said the Turkish ambassador in Paris, Said Davis, yesterday informed Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet of the coming occupation.

Committee Backs Monetary Powers

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Answering Secretary Morgan's plan for continuation of the treasury's \$2,000,000 stabilization fund because of a possibility of "recurrence of international crises," the house coinage committee approved a bill today to extend it for two years.

The measure also would renew for two years the president's authority to devalue the dollar and the treasury's power to buy newly mined domestic silver above world prices and coin the white metal without limit.

Medford Steel Factory Suffers \$4000 Damage

MEDFORD, April 3.—(AP)—The Medford Iron and Steel Works were damaged an estimated \$4,000 by fire which started from acetylene torch sparks yesterday. The chief loss was in foundry patterns.

Present, Past Library Heads



Above, Miss Harriet C. Long, state librarian; below, Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, wife of the Oregon congressman and former state librarian. Both had prominent roles in the dedication of the new library building Monday night, though Mrs. Pierce's share of the program was delivered "by proxy" as she was unable to leave the national capital.

Vincent to Paint Postoffice Murals

University of Oregon's Art Professor to Do \$2300 Decoration

Andrew Vincent, brother of Captain Willis Vincent of Salem, won the competition for decoration of the Salem postoffice, according to a release from the treasury department, section of fine arts.

The space to be decorated by Vincent is over and around the entrance from the main lobby to the stair lobby and covers about 135 square feet. Postmaster H. R. Crawford said late yesterday afternoon he had not been advised of the project.

Thirty artists entered the anonymous competition, the committee in charge of which was Frederick A. Sweet, director of the Portland museum of art, chairman; Miss Sally Hart and Walter E. Church. Twenty-three hundred dollars is to be paid for this work, the price including complete cost of execution and installation.

Vincent's design, details of which are lacking here, "represented a high quality of painting" with the "drawing of the figures done with conviction," the jury (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6.)

Fisher's Body Found In Willamette Waters

OREGON CITY, Ore., April 3.—(AP)—The body of Morris Knudson, 64, Willamette river fisherman, was recovered from the river near here Sunday. Coroner Tom Myers reported. A search had been conducted since his empty boat was discovered March 19.

Immediate Start on Project of Beautifying Park Is Due

Way was last night opened by the city council for the immediate opening of work on the old auto park improvement project when Alderman David O'Hara's motion, that the estimated necessary \$2,000 be borrowed from the sewer bond fund, was passed over Alderman Glenn Gregg's objection.

Gregg objected on the grounds that the committee, of which he was a member, had failed to meet to consider means of obtaining the necessary funds. He maintained the committee should have further time to consider the matter, and the council should not rush its decision.

Introduction to the council two weeks previously by City Engineer Harold Davis, the improvement project is a WPA affair that provides for the beautification of the park. It is to be filled in with dirt graded from the city streets, and

Russians Japanese Border Troops Fighting Again

Meagre Reports Do Not Tell Casualties of Latest Clash

Nazis Accuse England of Brewing War on European Front

TOKYO, April 4.—(AP)—A Domei (Japanese news agency) dispatch from Harbin, Manchoukuo, today said a three-hour battle took place between Manchoukuos and nearby 100 soviet Russians Sunday on the border of northwestern Hsingan province.

The dispatch said the Russians, armed with light machine-guns, clashed with Manchoukuo border patrols, but did not give the number of casualties.

(The border of the province named is in the vicinity of Manchull, on the northwestern frontier between Manchoukuo and Siberia where numerous clashes have occurred in recent months.)

(By The Associated Press) Britain opened the door to world participation in her stop-Hitler campaign Monday and drew an immediate nazi accusation of fomenting a new war for others to fight.

Britain Invites World To Halt Aggression

The epochal step marked Britain's second departure within a week from her traditional isolationist policy and was accompanied by a fresh move to throw up a quick barrier against nazi expansion in eastern Europe.

"We welcome the co-operation of any country, whatever may be its internal system of government, not in aggression but in resistance in aggression," Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons.

Chamberlain emphasized Britain had no aggressive designs against Germany "so long as she will be a good neighbor," but he accused her of breaking faith and reiterated British determination to resist any effort at world domination by force.

Berlin was quick to reply that Germany would not be "indifferent or passive to any aggressive tendencies on the part of Britain and her ally, France."

While Hitler enjoyed a holiday cruise in the North sea, his lieutenants followed closely the movements of Polish Foreign Minister Joseph Beck who was in London for vital conferences on the British.

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WPA Sum Friends Fight More Cuts

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—An effort to obtain a compromise agreement to appropriate \$100,000,000 for relief, instead of the \$150,000,000 insisted upon by President Roosevelt, was in progress in the senate tonight.

Word of this move spread soon after an appropriations subcommittee had voted down, 3 to 2, an amendment to raise the sum to the higher amount and postponed until tomorrow the consideration of proposals that the appropriation be cut below \$100,000,000.

The purpose of the compromise was to get administration floor leaders to agree to the \$100,000,000 appropriation in return for a guarantee that the appropriations committee would not reduce the figure further.

51 WPA Workers out

ASTORIA, April 3.—(AP)—Fifty-one WPA workers in Clatsop and Columbia counties will be dropped from their jobs in a move forced by reduced congressional appropriations, Resident Engineer E. G. Gearhart said today.

Reorganizing Bill, Air Funds Signed

WARM SPRINGS, Gr., April 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt signed tonight the \$358,000,000 emergency army air defense bill and the government reorganization measure.

They were the only two important bills approved by congress which were sent to him here for action. He had ten days to act, but stiffer his signature to both long before that time was up.

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City Council Unanimous For Dam Power Survey

Bonneville Engineer to Be Asked to Check Setup of Present City Plant; Reserve of Power for Possible Salem Purchase Asked

Carrying the names of all 14 aldermen and the mayor as sponsors, the resolutions that may provide a stepping stone for the purchase of Bonneville power for Salem were unanimously passed by the city council last night.

They provide: 1. That R. W. Beck, principal Bonneville project engineer, be asked to make a survey of the value, income and operating costs of the present plant serving Salem and its adjacent territory, as well as a separate study of the street lighting system and cost to the city, and

2. That Bonneville authority be asked to reserve for purchase power sufficient for the use of Salem's citizens and industries.

The utilities committee, consisting of Chairman Frank Marshall, Glenn Gregg and Lawrence Brown, and the mayor, were authorized to execute for the council an application for the reservation of an unnamed amount of Bonneville power.

Other resolutions passed: Directing the removal of parking markings between Ferry and State streets on High.

Providing for the installation of slow signs at the Market and Sumner streets intersection.

Establishing one-way traffic, south to north, in the alley bounded by Court and State, Commercial and Liberty streets.

Requests granted: That Ferry street, between 19th and 21st, be included in the WPA street improvement project; street lights in old auto park, at Jefferson and 16th, at Winter and Norway, at South 19th between the 600 and 700 blocks, at South 21st between High and 21st, at 18th and Grant.

Hull Retorts to Trade Criticism

Nazi Barter Is Paralyzing World Markets, Says in Reply to Funk

WASHINGTON, April 3.—(AP)—Replying to criticism of American trade policies by Walter Funk, president of the German Reichsbank, Secretary of State Hull asserted today that Germany's system of barter "paralyzes world markets."

In a speech last week, Dr. Funk said the world stands at a crossroads and either "will surrender to American gold or it will accept the new methods of young, strong, aspiring nations."

Hull, in a statement authorized for direct quotation, said bluntly that Germany's economic troubles with the United States were her own fault.

"Any obstacles which German trade faces in the United States as compared with any and every other country," he said, "are entirely the result of German policy and practices. They are not the result of any special American laws dealing with German trade."

"Under American laws and regulations, Germany is free to trade with the United States under the same set of conditions as can any other country of the world. The large trade the United States is now carrying on with other countries is going smoothly and with remarkable absence of dispute."

Amity Youth Is Killed in Crash

McMINNVILLE, April 3.—(AP)—Injuries suffered in an automobile crash near his Amity home were fatal today to Glen Stimpson, 25. Three other youths were hurt.

Hospital attendants said Harold Johnson, another passenger in the car which skidded on loose gravel yesterday and crashed into a telephone pole, was in critical condition from internal injuries.

Richard Janeway, 18, and Arthur Osborne, 30, were less seriously injured. Peter Slowik, 17 and Newton Rosenbalm, 27, two other passengers, were unhurt, but Amy Marshall, 17, was hospitalized and arrested Rosenbalm on a drunkenness charge.

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Council Kills Sunday Closing Of Auto Lots

Deadlock on Ordinance Broken When Mayor Votes His "No"

Opinions Differ as to Car Dealers' Ideas on Sales Ban

Mayor W. W. Chadwick cast the deciding "no" that killed Alderman S. B. Laughlin's ordinance prohibiting the sale of automobiles and trucks in Salem on Sundays, after the 14 councilmen's vocal ballots counted up to 7 to 7 in last night's city council session.

The ayes: Aldermen Brown, Davison, French, Laughlin, Lear, Lobdell and O'Hara.

The nos: Aldermen Clark, Goodman, Gregg, Loose, Marshall, Nicholson, Perrine and Mayor W. W. Chadwick.

Recorder A. Warren Jones held the mayor could not vote on city ordinances, but Alderman O'Hara and City Attorney Paul Hendricks produced charter rules they claimed provided that he should vote.

Torrid discussion preceded the vote, with City Attorney Hendricks holding it unconstitutional and its backers extolling its merits on a humanitarian basis.

Let Operators, Salesmen See Business Killed

Alderman Laughlin stated he introduced the bill at the request of Paul Wallace, who had told him that car dealers had voluntarily attempted to close up sales rooms and used car lots on Sunday without resort to legislation.

Both Laughlin and O'Hara told the council Portland is now operating under a similar ordinance, and making arrests in its enforcement.

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Chinese Surprise Invaders, Report

Fresh Defending Troops Are Instrumental in Routing Nippons

HONGKONG, April 3.—(AP)—Japanese forces making a new thrust in south China were reported tonight to have been routed by a surprise Chinese offensive in which 3000 Japanese were killed, wounded or captured.

The remnants of the invading force, it was stated, were driven back to their ships in the West river, south of Canton.

The clash occurred near the city of Kongmoon, 50 miles below Canton, which the Chinese reported they recaptured. The Japanese had taken the city yesterday for the second time in four days.

Chinese reports said two freshly-arrived divisions of Chinese troops from Kwangsi province were instrumental in defeating the Japanese at Kongmoon, launching their attack from the rear.

Postal Business For 1939 Larger

Salem postoffice receipts for the first quarter of 1939 forged \$4600.46 ahead of those for the corresponding 1938 quarter, Postmaster H. R. Crawford reported yesterday.

The increase came in spite of a drop in March receipts. The quarters just ended showed \$95,960.15 on the books, as against \$91,259.69 for the first three months of 1938.

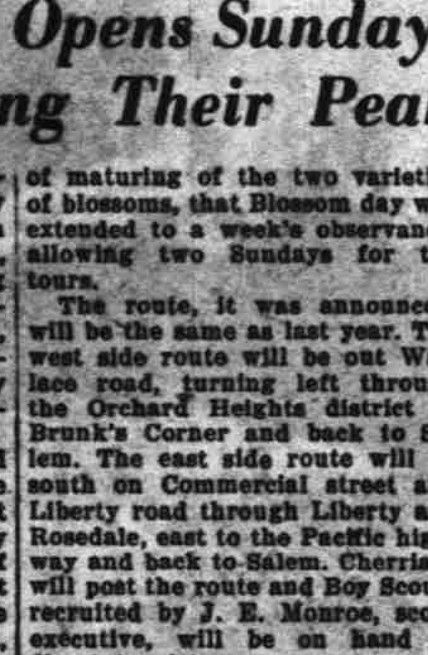
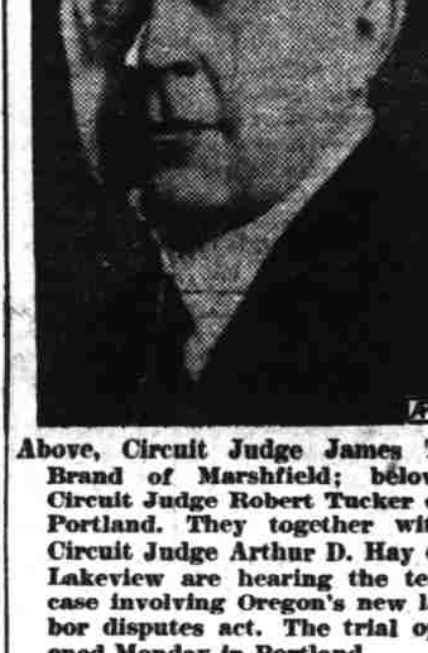
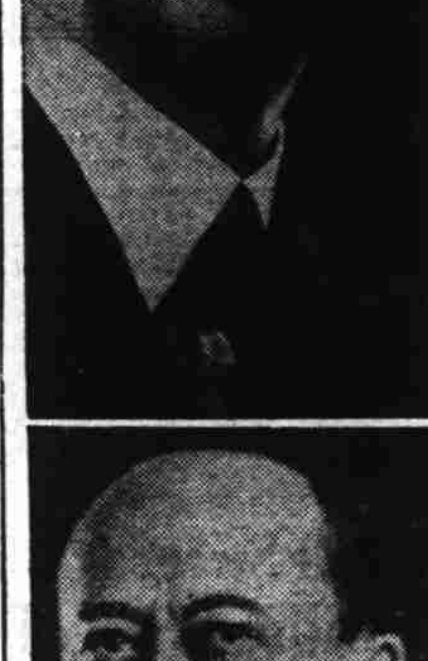
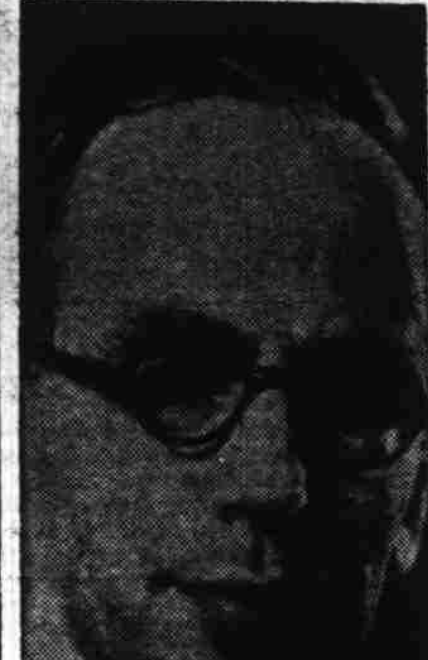
January, 1939, led all six months under consideration with receipts of \$46,415.34. February receipts this year were \$28,924.74 and March receipts were \$26,417.49.

Blossom Week Opens Sunday; Blooms Nearing Their Peak

Blossom week, which succeeded the traditional Blossom day last year, will be observed again this year starting next Sunday, April 9, it was announced by King Bing Harold Busick of the Cherrisians, sponsoring organization, following a meeting of the Blossom week committee Monday night. The observance will continue through Sunday, April 16.

Members of the committee had made an inspection tour of the blossom route and found that cherry blooms in Polk county were in full bloom, given one or two days of warm weather this week, be about at their best by Sunday. The prune blossoms in the Liberty district, always a little later, will make a good display by Sunday, coming closer than usual to meeting the cherry blossoms' schedule. It was because of this difference in time

They'll Rule on Anti-Picket Law



Honors Nearly Even on First Court Rulings

Chief Niles Remains One of Defendants When Motion Denied

A. Hampson Is Admitted as Defense Attorney Over Objections

PORTLAND, April 3.—(AP)—Organized labor won one point and lost another today as the long-awaited test case on Oregon's new labor-disputes act opened.

Unions gained their point this afternoon when the three-judge court refused to dismiss Portland Chief of Police Harry M. Niles as a defendant.

The unions lost in a legal skirmish this morning to prevent admission of Alfred A. Hampson as attorney for District Attorney James R. Bain, one of the defendants.

The case was the first test of constitutionality of the labor law, passed overwhelmingly by the voters at last November's election, which would permit picketing only when a majority of employees voted to strike, would confine labor boycotts to bona fide labor disputes, and would provide for open inspection of union books.

The American Federation of Labor, Congress for Industrial Organization and Railroad Brotherhoods asked a declaratory judgment against the law and a permanent injunction to prevent its use.

The defendants, besides Niles and Bain, are State Attorney General J. H. Van Winkle and Multnomah County Sheriff Martin T. Pratt.

Associated Farmers' Tie-up Mentioned

Labor attorneys objected to admission of Hampson because his firm previously was denied right to intervene in behalf of the Associated Farmers of Oregon, co-sponsors of the bill. They claimed the firm was merely taking a new track to enter the case; but Circuit Judge Robert Tucker, Portland, James T. Brand, Marshfield, and Arthur D. Hay, Lakeview, admitted Hampson, saying they wanted all possible legal opinions.

A. G. Brown, deputy city attorney, argued fruitlessly that Chief Niles was not a proper defendant since he could make arrests in picketing controversies only after a fact-finding body had established that a majority of a firm's employees were not on strike. The unions replied that as a law-enforcing officer it would be Niles' duty to act in apparent violation of the anti-picketing law.

Chicago Elections Today Major Test

CHICAGO, April 3.—(AP)—The mayoral election, providing the year's first big direct test of strength between democrats and republicans, was expected to bring out more than 1,300,000 voters tomorrow.

The contenders were Mayor Edward J. Kelly, a veteran leader of the city's democratic organization, and former U. S. District Attorney Dwight H. Green, republican challenger who won wide notice as a member of the government's gang wrecking crew during the prohibition era.

Strategists on both sides of the political fence agreed the results would have an important bearing on the 1940 plans of the major parties.

Youthful Monarch Of Iraq Is Victim

PARIS, April 4.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—The French news agency (Nas) reported from Baghdad today that King Ghazi, 27, of Iraq, was killed in an automobile accident about midnight.

The heir to the throne of the independent state is three-year-old Emir Faisal.

King Ghazi succeeded his father, King Faisal, the first king of Iraq, who died Sept. 9, 1933.

Firm Buys Tract For Sodium Plant

TACOMA, April 3.—(AP)—Purchase by the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing company of a 100-acre tract of land at Cascade Locks, Ore., preparatory to the eventual construction of a \$750,000 chemical plant, was announced tonight by Fred C. Shaneman, manager of the company's plant here.

Shaneman said the site had been chosen because of the availability of cheap power from Bonneville dam.

The proposed plant's principal product would be sodium chloride, used as a weed extirminator, Shaneman stated.

Directors of the company have not yet decided when actual construction will start, Shaneman said.

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