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 "No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe"  
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**Public Relief and Divorce**

Most statistical graphs, no matter what their subject matter, took a downward curve in the early depression years and have since crawled upward again. Thus marriages dropped from a fairly steady level of more than 10 per 1000 of population up to 1929, to less than 8 in 1932. For the ten years since the depression struck, the marriage rate is below normal, though it leaped in the one or two years when recovery seemed to have arrived, due to delayed marriages.

The divorce rate also dropped, though less noticeably, the first few years of the depression. Up to 1914 there never had been one divorce per 1000 of population in the United States. By 1929 the figure had risen to 1.66, a new high; in 1932 it was down to 1.28. The subsequent rise was coincident with the prevalence of public relief. In 1935 there were 218,000 divorces in the United States, 1.71 per 1000 of population, and 16.4 per 100 marriages.

A wife and family are assets when it comes to obtaining and holding jobs in private industry, and they are of some benefit in obtaining WPA or other relief work. These benefits accrue principally, however, to the husband. The wife knows that if she leaves her husband the relief agencies will take care of her and the children. So, in case the wife is not held by the ties of affection, there is not much else that will hold her—provided the family belongs to the relief group.

From the practical standpoint there are several other factors, some of them in conflict. Judges sometimes refuse to order husbands of low income to support their families, because relief is available. Thus the husband loses the feeling of responsibility. Wives already separated from their husbands seek divorce in order to qualify for separate relief. Social workers, finding so many cases of separation in which the parties are living with new mates without the formality of marriage, often recommend divorce and marriage to the new partner in the interests of morality and legitimacy of children.

"When debt comes in the door, love flies out the window," the old copybooks quoted. According to a survey conducted by the Northwestern National Life Insurance company in the 35 largest cities, "domestic relations" constitute the largest group of cases now handled by free legal aid societies.

There is no question that economic stress has contributed to the loosening of family ties; and that whereas divorce was once most common in the very highest income group, the class below the level of decent self-support is now keeping pace.

**The School Election**

Next Monday the voters of the Salem school district will go to the polls and elect two members of the district school board. The two present board members whose terms expire, El A. Bradford and W. F. Neptune, are running for reelection. The other candidates are Donald A. Young and Roy Harland.

There is no essential difference in this matter of electing directors, between a rural district operating a one-room school and a metropolitan district employing hundreds of teachers. In either case what the citizens of the district seek to the exclusion of all other interests, is the welfare of the boys and girls whom the school system serves. The board's part in attaining the best possible educational service for these young people involves sound business management of the district, the selection of personnel and the maintenance of a school plant efficient in all respects. Requisites in this latter connection include harmony between the board and the personnel it has employed, and an intelligent, progressive attitude toward problems of education.

In the quest of harmony and in the selection of personnel there is no room for personalities, or for any other issues not relevant to the welfare of the boys and girls.

This being the case, The Statesman has no desire to indulge in personalities in discussing the issues before the voters next Monday. It is however each citizen's duty to observe frequently whether his schools are being operated efficiently, harmoniously and progressively. Most any citizen, observing conditions during the past few years, will have come to the conclusion that something has been lacking in these respects. The lack of harmony and the tendency to inject personalities have been most noticeable, but equally if not more harmful to the system's welfare has been the failure of the majority of the board to recognize and adopt progressive educational principles. Under this group's domination, public education in Salem has gone backward, not forward. The scrapping of the program of elementary supervision was a severe blow to the schools' efficiency.

There is need for younger members with an up-to-date viewpoint on the school board; members whose sole interest will be the maintenance of an efficient educational system. The desired viewpoint and qualifications are possessed by Roy Harland and Donald A. Young, who have been "drafted" as candidates by a group of citizens who are convinced that changes in the board's membership are necessary to the schools' well-being. Election of these two men will be the first step toward a restoration of the desired conditions in Salem's most important "industry"—the preparation of its young people for their life's work.

**Dim Your Lights, Neighbor**

For the past 16 years the etiquette involved when two automobiles approached each other on the highway at night has run something like this:

Motorist A, believing his lights to be properly focused and being fully conversant with the law which requires him to dim or tilt them only when passing on a hill or when the pavement is wet, does nothing—at first. Motorist B, suspecting his lights may be focused too high, tilts them at about 200 yards. When A fails to reciprocate, B obstinately turns his lights on "full" again. They glare in A's eyes, so in self defense, he finally tilts his. By the time B follows suit, they have passed each other, and neither has benefited from the procedure.

But after 16 years trial, this system has been discarded. Once more it is obligatory to dim or tilt whenever one meets another car. The law which substituted periodical inspection and focusing of lights as a substitute for dimming, did improve conditions; reports of accidents mentioned less frequently that a driver was "blinded by the lights of an approaching car."

Nevertheless, night driving is still much more hazardous than daytime driving, and it is not too much to ask that double precautions be taken in this matter. There are always those who fail to have their lights adjusted, and others who will neglect to dim. The double regulation ought to cut in half the number of accidents caused by light-blinding.

Among all the complaints voiced by business against the New Deal, comparatively little has been heard from bankers, though anyone knows, upon reflection, that it is in the credit field that government has made its greatest inroads upon private business. Now comes A. L. Lathrop of Los Angeles, speaker at the Gearhart convention of the Oregon State Bankers association, with a claim that the government's lending agencies have capital and loans exceeding those of the private bank; in other words they have confiscated more than half of the banks' business. If that had happened to any other group the walls would have been louder and longer.

**Bits for Breakfast**  
By R. J. HENDRICKS

The flags of history: 6-16-39 since civilization's dawn peoples have had emblems: Flag Day was Wednesday, the 14th.

In the column of B. F. Irvine, blind editor emeritus of the Portland Journal, under the heading, "The Flags of History," on Wednesday, June 14, Flag Day, appeared the lines that follow, used with only the quotation points of the original:

From a contribution to The Journal by Alice Stewart Miller of Castlerock, Wash., the following passages are taken:

"Since civilization began, all peoples have had some kind of emblem, to stand for their countries. From the beginning of nationality, men have lifted up standards, emblems and colors around which they have kindled the fires of patriotism, developed the sense of loyalty and bound themselves together in mutual allegiance. Explorers find on monuments and in tombs of ancient Egypt carvings and paintings depicting troops in formation, with standards uplifted and banners streaming.

The Persians had their standards. In 800 B. C. in a Persian revolt, a blacksmith's apron became the standard. In the time of Cyrus the Persians used a white flag on which was a golden eagle. Augustus lifted a glebe to symbolize his conquests. Constantine adopted the cross in token of his 'vision.' The early Greeks displayed a piece of armor on a spear. The Athenians used the olive and the owl as their emblem. The Thebans lifted aloft a sphinx.

Of all the nations, America, one of the youngest, may claim one of the oldest flags—only Denmark, Switzerland and Holland can claim older. The Stars and Stripes has flown triumphant seven times against a foreign foe, once in a war between the states, and in 16 Indian wars. General Thomas Gage of Bedford, Mass. in April, 1776, carried the first flag, at Concord and Lexington, maroon in color, with outstretched hand grasping a sword, and the motto "Conquer or Die." This flag is still preserved at Bedford.

In the Revolution Washington suggested the Pine Tree flag with Massachusetts' motto, "Appeal to Heaven." The Southern colonies' flag was a collied rattlesnake with "Don't Tread on Me."

William Washington, a cousin of George, raised and outfitted a company, which marched away under a red damask curtain contributed by William's fiancée.

The first Stars and Stripes in battle was at Fort Stanwix, afterward Fort Schuyler, in New York. It was made from a white shirt and an old blue jacket, and for the red, a flannel petticoat of a soldier's wife.

The first flag carried into foreign waters was that flown by John Paul Jones. The ladies of Portsmouth made a flag of their best silk gowns. The 13 stars were from the wedding dress of Helen Seary. It was raised by Jones on the Bon Homme Richard.

In the Revolution the Grand Union flag, with the old British jack in the canton, and with 13 red and white stripes, was used. In the War of 1812 the flag had 15 stars, in the Civil war 45, and today 48, one for each state.

For 89 years we imported our bunting from England. The first flag made of American bunting flew over the Capitol in February, 1866, the gift of General Butler.

The Daughters of the American Revolution was first to petition congress for a law against desecration of the flag. Only after 21 states had passed such a law did congress act, in 1900.

The first surrender to the flag was by the Lee, under command of John Manley, capture of the British brig Nancy. The Lee's flag was the Pine Tree banner.

After the reading of the Declaration of Independence the Grand Union flag was raised over Washington's headquarters in New York. In September, 1776, the brig reprisal sailed for France, carrying the Grand Union flag and Benjamin Franklin, minister to France.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental congress substituted the Stars and Stripes for the Grand Union flag.

(So ends the contribution of the Castlerock lady, Alice Stewart Miller. It is timely, appropriate, well done.)

**SPECIAL FOR '57' COUPLES**

To all couples who are having their 57th wedding anniversary within the year, the H. J. Heinz company will give a gift assortment of its famous "57" products free and without any obligation. Any couples who can qualify as to the correct number of anniversaries will fill in a phone or mail their names to The Statesman office.

**Asa Adams Known As Pioneer Here**

Asa Adams, who passed away recently at his home in Auburn, Wash., was an early settler in the Auburn district near Salem. It is recalled by Lute Savage of Sublimity.

Adams left here in the early '90s, living in Detroit, Mich., until about two years ago. He leaves his widow, a daughter and two sons. While living near Salem Adams was well known as a fruit grower and as a hunter.

**Japanese Blockade Concessions**



After first demanding Britain release four alleged Chinese slayers of a Tientsin, China, official, Japanese military widened their demands and increased guards about the British and French concessions to effect a blockade. Japanese and French guards are shown at a temporary barrier between their concessions in the city during quieter days.

**Radio Programs**

**KELM-FRIDAY-1560 Kc.**  
 6:30-Millman's Serenade.  
 7:30-News.  
 7:45-Hits and Encores.  
 8:00-Morning Meditations.  
 8:15-Haven of Rest.  
 8:45-News.  
 9:00-The Pastor's Call.  
 9:15-Happy Gang.  
 9:30-Organist.  
 9:45-Home News.  
 10:00-Fredy Nagel's Orchestra.  
 10:15-News.  
 10:30-Morning Magazine.  
 10:45-Morning Meditations.  
 11:00-Salesman of the Air.  
 11:15-Home News.  
 11:30-Piano Quiz.  
 11:45-Value Parade.  
 12:00-News.  
 12:15-Hillbilly Serenade.  
 12:45-Musical Salute.  
 1:00-Organist.  
 1:15-Interesting Facts.  
 1:30-Grand Central Trio.  
 1:45-Varieties.  
 2:00-Our Navy.  
 2:15-Swingtime.  
 2:30-News.  
 2:45-Manhattan Mother.  
 3:00-Pacific Parade.  
 3:15-NCA's Tru Meet.  
 3:45-Paul Lewis, Jr.  
 4:00-NCAA Track Meet.  
 4:15-Home News.  
 5:00-Trio Tunes.  
 5:15-Crimson Trail.  
 5:30-Back Stagers.  
 5:45-Dinner Hour Melodies.  
 6:00-Tonight's Headlines.  
 6:15-Valentine Service.  
 7:30-The Lone Ranger.  
 8:00-News.  
 8:15-Six Echoes.  
 8:30-Fredy Nagel's Orchestra.  
 8:45-Home News.  
 9:00-Weather Report.  
 9:15-Home News.  
 9:30-Hancock Ensemble.  
 9:45-Home News.  
 10:00-Carl Lotner's Orchestra.  
 10:15-Home News.  
 11:00-Tomorrow's News Tonight.  
 11:15-Stan Myers Orchestra.  
 11:30-Home News.  
 11:45-Midnight Serenade.

**KEL-FRIDAY-1190 Kc.**  
 6:30-Musical Clock.  
 7:00-Family Hour.  
 7:30-Valentine Service.  
 7:45-Melody Time.  
 8:00-Dr. Brock.  
 8:15-Home News.  
 8:30-Latin Ladies.  
 8:45-Home News.  
 9:00-Alice Joy.  
 9:15-Home News.  
 9:30-Current Events.  
 9:45-Home News.  
 10:00-Organist.  
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 10:30-News.  
 10:45-Home News.  
 11:00-Home News.  
 11:15-Home News.  
 11:30-Home News.  
 11:45-Sports Final.

**KOAC-FRIDAY-560 Kc.**  
 9:00-Home News.  
 9:05-Homemakers Hour.  
 9:15-Weather Forecast.  
 9:30-Story Hour for Adults.  
 9:45-Alexander Hall.  
 10:00-Music of the Masters.  
 10:15-Home News.  
 10:30-Home News.  
 10:45-Variety.  
 11:00-Home News.  
 11:15-Guard Your Health.  
 11:30-Facts and Affairs.  
 11:45-Monitor Views the News.  
 12:00-Phonetic Read Along.  
 12:15-Stories for Boys and Girls.  
 12:30-Home News.  
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**The Safety Valve**  
Letters From Statesman Readers

Sweet Home, Ore.  
June 14, 1939

To the Editor:  
A special committee, which was appointed to push through the Willamette Valley project by building high dams on the headwaters of the Willamette and its tributaries, are inviting all civic and service clubs in the Willamette valley to celebrate the beginning of this project.

I am not averse to a sensible program wherein the people of the Willamette valley will be benefited. The expenditure of a reasonable amount of money is justified, but the public should consider the proposed high dam on the south fork of the Santiam river.

Many of our residents and business men that live in the valley of Sweet Home object to the proposed dam at Sweet Home, which, if built, will destroy a very valuable territory. To build such a dam will deprive 2000 people of their homes and business and destroy between one and two million dollars worth of property.

Sweet Home has today, about 70 business houses, a Union high school and campus valued at \$125,000, a \$60,000 grade school, long lines of new concrete sidewalks and highways. We have many new residences, costing about \$6000 each, utilities valued at \$165,000, a \$15,000 theatre building, five sawmills, valued at \$200,000, churches and other buildings.

The South Santiam river with its tributaries is nature's spawning ground for salmon. The high dam at Sweet Home would destroy this. It would drown out one of the finest and most beautiful valleys in Oregon.

The promoters expect the government to pay for our destruction. On the other hand, Senator Charles McNary has written "With regard to the construction of a dam that would submerge Sweet Home, I had the impression when I discussed the subject with District Engineer Moore last year that no such thing was contemplated."

JOHN T. RUSSELL

**10 Years Ago**

June 16, 1929

First Alwator Kent audition contest for Oregon was held at the Knight Memorial church with Miss Aldeane Smith and Leonard Chadwick of Salem placing first.

Rev. George E. Swift, new rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, will deliver his first message to his new charge at the regular services today.

Price of Royal Anne cherries were established at 10 cents a pound here Saturday with arrival of George Hobson, northwest buyer for Libby, McNeil and Libby.

**20 Years Ago**

June 16, 1919

Oscar B. Gingrich of the Gingrich Motor and Tire Co. is visiting the Maxwell factory in Detroit, Mich., in an endeavor to secure more Maxwell tires.

Mrs. M. L. Fulkerson was re-elected county school supervisor for one year by county educational board.

Lt. Allan Carson arrived in New York Thursday on the Lehighland. At present he is stationed at Camp Merritt with company B.

**Exam Schedule Is Posted for Valley**

C. L. Mort, examiner from the operator's division of the secretary of state's office, will be in valley towns the next week to issue driver's and chauffeur's licenses and renewals and to give examinations for those over 70 years of age or applying for operator's license for the first time.

The schedule follows:  
 Today, Monmouth city hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Saturday, June 17, Stayton, at city hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Monday, June 19, Mill City at Hammond hall, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Tuesday, June 20, Silverton, at city hall from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 Wednesday, June 21, Jefferson, at old review building, 9 to 5 o'clock.  
 Thursday, June 22, at Detroit community hall, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**GRAND**  
 Grant Arthur  
 Starting June 17  
 8th and Last Big Day  
 9:45 A. M. Today

**BAM!**  
 Listen to The Bam-Bell  
 9:45 A. M. Today  
 HEAR "Manhattan Mother" 2:45 P. M.  
 "Tomorrow's News Tonight" 11:00 P. M.

**HOLLYWOOD 15**  
 TODAY & SATURDAY 2 FEAT.  
 THE AMITY  
 HARRY COTT  
 "AMBUSH"  
 Gladly Sacrificed, Gladly Won

**COMING SUNDAY**  
 Two Big Features  
 THE NEW UNIVERSAL presents  
 ALTER ROLL AND HURTON  
 "LITTLE TOUGH GUYS IN SOCIETY"  
 And Second Feature  
 WITH DOUGLAS  
 "VIRGINIA RECK"  
 JOHN WAYNE  
 RAY CORRIGAN  
 MAX TERHUNE

**Victim of Incurable Disease**



Mrs. Sam Gelson, of New York, holds the bottle for her four-months-old child, Stephen, a victim of incurable Oppenheim's disease. Responding to her nationwide appeal for aid, Stephen E. G. Currie, of Detroit, volunteered his services. He is known for treatments with electrical devices.

**Expert on Camps To Be Here Today**

Park Service Authority to Advise Local Body on Silver Falls

Julian Solomon, camping specialist for the national park service, with headquarters in Washington, DC, will be the guest of honor at a YMCA camp advisory committee meeting today noon at the Spa, and will be taken on an inspection tour of the Silver Falls recreational area this afternoon.

Coming here from an inspection tour of California areas, Solomon is expected to advise the local committee in regard to the Silver Creek camp. C. E. Creider, state superintendent of recreation, will also meet with the committee, headed by Governor Charles A. Sprague.

Other members of the committee include Secretary of State Earl Snell, Postmaster H. R. Crawford, Dr. Bruce Baxter, Judge George Roessman, Paul Wallace, Dr. Frank Brown, W. L. Steale, Max Page and C. A. Kells.

Boys' Work Commissioner Ted Chambers and Don Young, and Boys' Secretary Gus Moore and Physical Director Fred Smith will also attend the meeting and camp inspection.

**Mrs. Linda Bland Claimed by Death**

Mrs. Linda Bland died early Thursday morning at a local hospital following a six-weeks' illness. She had been a resident of Salem for the past eight years and was employed in the ready-to-wear department of Miller's department store. She was a member of the First Baptist church.

She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Florence Hoover of Seattle. Services will be held from the Clough Barrick chapel today at 3:30. Dr. Irving Fox will officiate. Interment will be at Lakeview cemetery in Seattle.

**Yanking of Teeth Claimed Fine Art**

PORTLAND, June 15—(P)—The Oregon Dental association learned at its 46th annual meeting today

**Call Board**

- GRAND
- Today—Cary Grant, Jean Arthur and Richard Barthelmess in "Only Angels Have Wings."
- Saturday—Sidney Toler in "Charlie Chan in Reno."
- STATE
- Today—"Topper Takes a Trip" with Constance Bennett and Roland Young; Booth Tarkington's "Penrod's Double Trouble" with the Mauch twins.
- ELSINORE
- Today—Wallace Beery in "Sergeant Madden"; "Zero Hour" with Otto Kruger.
- Saturday—Mickey Mouse matinee. "Sergeant Madden" with Wallace Beery and "Zero Hour."
- CAPITOL
- Today—"Big Town Czar" with Barton MacLane; "Yes My Darling Daughter" with Jeffrey Lynn and Priscilla Lane.
- Saturday—"Calling Dr. Killdare" with Lew Ayres and the Three Mesquites in "Three Texas Steers."
- HOLLYWOOD
- Today—"Ambush" with Gladys Swarthout and Lloyd Nolan; Gene Autry in "Home on the Range" with Smiley Burnett.

that dentistry is "one of the finest arts."  
 Dr. Bert L. Hooper, University of Nebraska, explained: "You deal with the same elements as does a sculptor. Also, with the possible exception of artificial eyes, there is no color artistry that goes so far as the dentist's. It must actually fool the observer into thinking your art and mine is part of the human anatomy. Beyond that, it must function as such."

The meeting was marked by clinics, reunions and fraternity events.

**ELSINORE**  
 TODAY AND SATURDAY  
 BEERY SERGEANT MADDEN  
 PLUS 2ND HIT  
 "ZERO HOUR" with Freda Inescort - Otto Kruger... Plus Robert Benchley in "Opening Day at the Ball Game."

**APITOL**  
 TODAY'S TWO BIG HITS  
 ---STARTS SATURDAY---

**Calling DR. KILDARE**  
 LEW LIONEL  
 RYRES - BARRYMORE  
 LARABEE DAY - LARA TURNER - NAT PENDLETON  
 SAMUEL S. HINDS - LYVINE CARVER - ERMMA DUNN  
 2ND BIG HIT

LAST TIMES TODAY  
 "Yes, My Darling Daughter" and "Big Town Czar"  
 Plus Latest News of The British Submarine Disaster