

### Three Ballots Taken in Vote

#### Joe Chamberlain Winner of Hotly-Contested National Post

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foreign soil drew strenuous applause. Ralph Hargrett of Lebanon was elected vice-commander by a margin of only 13 votes, 162 to 149, over Ray L. Gossett of Portland in a contest which bore some scars indicating it had been the football of the more hectic national committee race. For one thing, two prospective candidates had withdrawn before nominations were in order.

Thomas D. Stoughton of Portland was unanimously and enthusiastically reelected finance officer. For chaplain, the Legion chose a Catholic priest, Rev. Joseph Clancy of Portland. His election also was unanimous.

Oratory was brief in the national committee tussle, nominees being Chamberlain, E. L. "Buck" Knight of LaGrande and Raymond L. Bassett of Salem; but its fervor was immediately apparent when the first post on the roll call, No. 1 of Portland, asked "five minutes to caucus" even at this late date. Denied this privilege, the post "passed" and came up at the close with 10 votes for Chamberlain and 10 for Bassett. Bassett Drops Out of Race

The votes of several other posts were divided—Sheridan's three men all disagreed. The tally at the close of the first ballot was Chamberlain 116, Knight 116, Bassett 78. Bassett withdrew "to expedite the election" but it wasn't expedited, for on the second ballot another vote developed; Chamberlain 154, Knight 154. Some question arose over related balloting by past commanders who are delegates-at-large, and the rules were made more definite for the third ballot.

On this count several delegations switched sides, but it was again a tie until Tillamook, which had passed, came in with four votes for Chamberlain.

District commander elections previously determined in district caucuses were confirmed as follows:

No. 1, Art Steele of Clatskanie; No. 2, Harry Humphreys of Astoria; No. 3, John Power of Corvallis; No. 4, Marvin W. Skipworth of Marshfield; No. 5, Don Graham of Prineville; No. 6, Hugh Bowman of Pendleton; No. 7, Earl Graham of Vale.

Delegates to the national convention at Chicago were elected as follows:

District No. 1, Floyd Long of Gresham, Jean Ewen, Harry Weinstein, Al Greenwalt and Dr. William Levin, all of Portland; alternates, Wagner Brown, Harvey Swan and Lee Bostwick, Portland.

District No. 2, Soren Sorenson, Amity; Ray Stumbo and Ray Jansett, Salem; alternates, Hans Hotstetter, Salem; Henry Heisel, Tillamook, and George Censky, Sheridan.

District No. 3, Ben Dorris, Eugene; Joe Chamberlain, Corvallis; alternates, Z. E. Merrill and Ed Fortmiller, both of Albany.

District No. 4, Perry Smith, Roseburg, and Gladwyn Smith, Grants Pass; alternates, Bob Ebel, Medford, and Blake Miller, Kirby.

District No. 5, George Brewster, Redmond; alternate, W. Al Taylor, The Dalles.

District No. 6, Carl Hendricks, Fossil; alternate, Robert Burigall, Milton.

District No. 7, J. Richard Burthwalte, Baker.

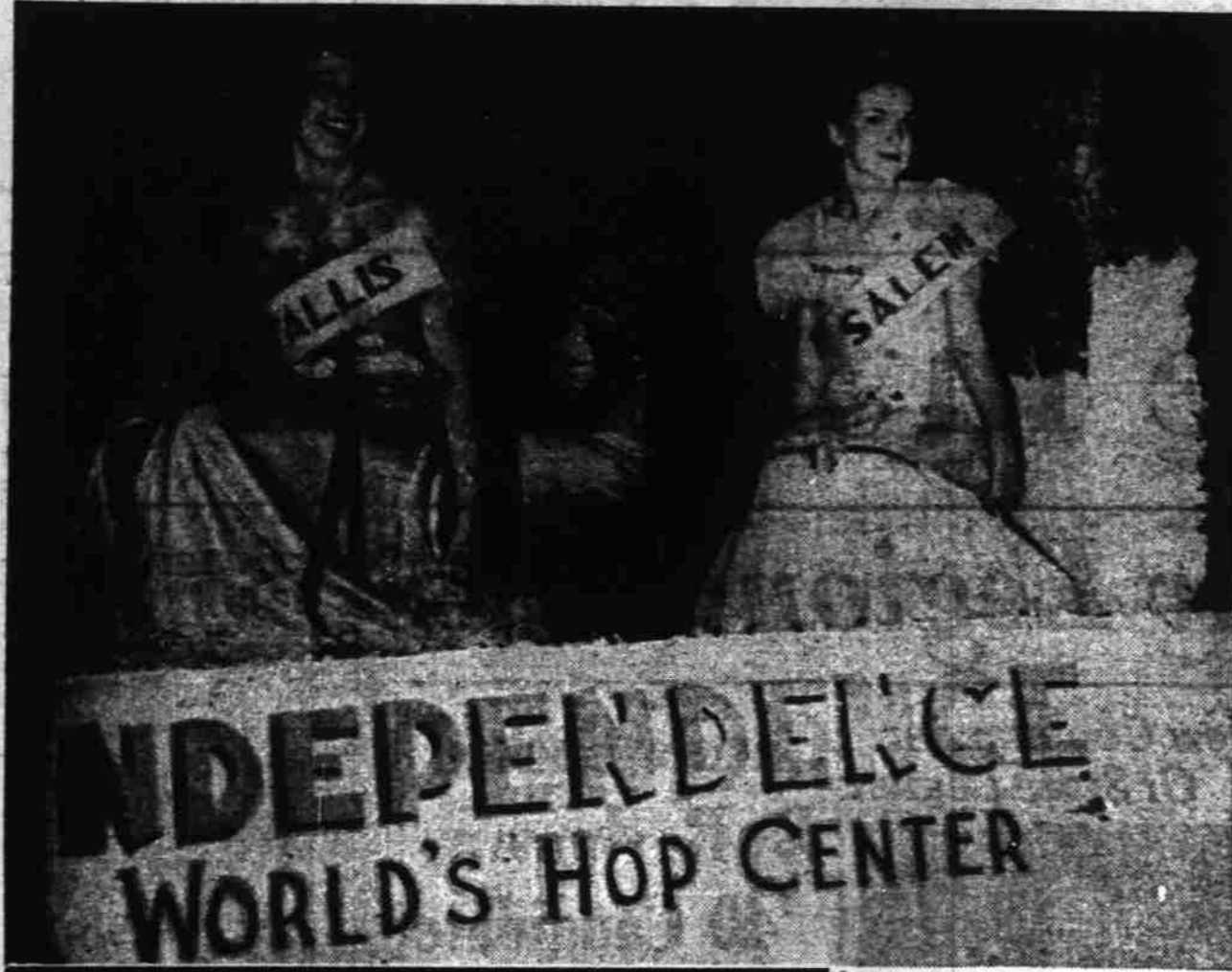
### Prune Men Greet Sprague's Invite

Many acceptances have been given to Governor Charles A. Sprague's recent invitation to prominent Oregon prune growers, canners and processors to attend a market-improvement conference at the capitol at 2 p. m. Tuesday, the governor reported yesterday.

### Marine and Fisheries Officials to Visit Here

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(P)—W. D. B. Dobson, executive vice president of the Portland chamber of commerce, said today members of the United States house of representatives committee on merchant marine and fisheries will visit Portland September 26. Dobson said he did not know how many members of the committee would be here.

### Queen Candidates Plentiful in Legion Parade



County misses these, caught by a Statesman photographer in Friday night's Legion parade. Above: (seated upon a gayly decked independence float, are Yvonne Kerr of Surfer at left and Betty Toler of Liberty at right, hop queen candidates. Below, helping to glorify the Mt. Angel Flaxarian float, are two flax queen candidates, Virginia Meek, Mt. Angel, and Faye Clodfelter, Salem.

### Netherlands Ready to Destroy Dikes Should Invaders Cross Borders Into Land of Windmills in Times of War

By WILLIAM MCGAFFIN  
AMSTERDAM, Aug. 12.—(AP)—If the Netherlands should be invaded, her citizens may resort to a daring collaboration with their old enemy, the sea, in an attempt to hold off the new foe.

Military experts say that carefully worked out plans for flooding a vital area of this tiny country by opening the dikes and diverting the canals lie ready in the generals' offices.

### Osteopath Knocks Hospital's Action

GRANTS PTSS, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—Dr. Blaine B. Pruitt, osteopathic physician, charged today an expectant mother was denied use of the county hospital unless she dismissed him as her doctor.

### Colorado Strike Settling Failure

DENVER, Aug. 12.—(P)—A federal conciliator's attempt to settle the Green Mountain dam strike failed tonight when the Warner Construction company of Chicago contractor on the project, declined to send representatives to negotiate with four American Federation of Labor unions.

### Motorcycle Club Is Aid To Police, Says Minto

Members of the Salem Motorcycle club were commended yesterday by Chief of Police Frank A. Minto for their assistance to his department in clearing traffic ahead of the American Legion convention parade Friday night.

### Housing Survey Okehed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(P)—President Roosevelt signed today a bill directing the census bureau to make a national housing survey in 1940 in conjunction with the decennial population census.

### Boy Believed Drowned

ASTORIA, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—Coroner Hollis Ransom said tonight he believed Gordon Miles, 17, of Portland, drowned in the surf at Cannon Beach this afternoon. The body was not recovered.

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### Oddities in the News

#### PATERSON, N.J., Aug. 12.—(P)—

Haled into court by a sister-in-law who charged that he called her names, Joseph A. Scelzo was instructed by Recorder Vincent C. Duffy today to make his "in-laws" move out.

"When relatives move in with you and trouble develops," said the court, "the husband's job as head of the house is to order them to leave."

#### HAZLETON, Pa., Aug. 12.—(P)—

A .22 calibre rifle notwithstanding, 17-year-old Leo Ravina didn't take any chances today when attacked by a 160-pound bear.

He sprinted for a tree—rifle in hand—and scampered up. From his perch on a limb he dropped brim with 18 bullets—fired as fast as he could reload.

#### NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(P)—

Leonard Ciavarella, 13, took a forbidden swim in the East river; so he was afraid his dad would give him a spanking.

Instead, his dad took Leonard to the movies today, and the boys on his block called him a hero.

Leonard plunged in yesterday, after a moment of puzzled deliberation, and rescued Hugh Murphy, 49, from drowning. The man had fainted while trying to climb back to the pier.

### Legion Delegates Reject Resolves

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session, pointed out that all nations are not as willing as the United States to cultivate friendship and understanding.

"So long as some members of the family of nations make force and the threat of force their national policies, we must stand on guard," he declared. "We must keep well armed. We must be ready, not for offense, but for defense, not to wage war, but to keep out of war."

Johnson pointed out that the job of preserving America comes to every generation. "Upon some of us the lot has fallen to save it by blood and sword in battle; upon others of us, to preserve it by example and precept in our daily conduct," he said.

He struck at "sluiter forces, principally of foreign origin, that would erect ideological frontiers between our citizens, undermine our spirit of tolerance and understanding and destroy America by propaganda."

### Marquam People In Motor Crash

MARQUAM — Mr. and Mrs. Kach Baty, who are on a vacation motor trip to Spokane and Canada, had their car wrecked near Tomasket, Wash.

Mr. Baty sustained body bruises but was not seriously hurt. Mrs. Baty, who was driving the car, sustained cuts on her left arm and chest injuries. She is in a hospital.

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He ran up my record while working in an international car theft ring along the Canadian border," Mitchell quoted Secord as saying.

### Garner Handed Rayburn's Nod

#### House Floor Leader Says He's for "Liberal" Democrat

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Bankhead (D., Ala.), Rayburn, Vice-President Garner and Senate Majority Leader Barkley (D., Ky.)—who confer weekly with the president during the legislative sessions.

Although Garner's friends have put him definitely in the presidential race, he himself has said nothing.

#### PENDLETON, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—

Rep. Walter A. Pierce said in an interview here yesterday "the capital finds it a little hard to believe Garner's presidential boom is serious."

"Garner is a fine man, well liked and respected," Rev. said. He explained, however, that the capital doesn't believe Garner wants the nomination.

Pierce made the statements while commenting on the prospective opening by Gen. Charles Martin, former Oregon governor, of a Garner headquarters in Oregon.

Leadership in the Garner-for-President movement in Oregon will be taken by General Charles H. Martin, former governor and former Oregon congressman, he said while in Salem for the American Legion convention.

Garner campaign headquarters will be opened in Portland soon and a vigorous campaign will be waged, Martin said. Three hundred letters have already been sent to democrats, announcing the ex-governor's plans.

Disposing of rumors concerning his own political future, Martin said he would be a candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention, and would not run for congress or for the Portland mayoralty.

### Hauser Urges Cut In City Spending

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bond issue; band concerts, \$1000; comfort stations, \$1171; first aid car, \$6936; health service, \$7041; incinerator, \$59370; built under \$40,000 bond issue; public library, \$13,441; parks, maintenance, \$4925; WPA sewing project, \$1500; YWCA employment office, \$150. Their total cost, \$42,968.50, he said, represents a levy of 2.9 mills.

"Every time an auxiliary function is added it curtails the development of an essential function unless the tax rate is raised," he pointed out.

Soundness of the city's financial condition was emphasized by the treasurer in terms of debts and their retirement, liens and their collection.

All bond principal and interest obligations are being met promptly and there are no city warrants outstanding and unpaid today.

The treasurer commented particularly on the fact that no additional bonded debt has been created this year and that between December 31, 1935, and December 31, 1938, the general obligation bond debt was reduced by \$163,500, or to \$710,000.

Street improvement, or Bancroft, bonds not paid from tax funds—have been reduced by a principal by \$257,762.67, leaving \$478,107.30 outstanding, the report showed.

The treasurer declared the city council lien foreclosure committee headed by Alderman David O'Hara, had been largely responsible for the recent restoration of the lien and improvement bond accounts to good condition.

### Cavemen Offer to Fix Mt. Rainier Same as Shasta

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 12.—(P)—The Oregon cavemen of Grants Pass awaited an answer today from the Tacoma chamber of commerce to their offer to add approximately 50 feet to Mt. Rainier.

The cavemen telegraphed the chamber of commerce they would stretch the mountain six men's shadows higher for ten dinosaur eggs. They explained the cavemen of old dug the Oregon caves and Crater lake, piling rocks on Mt. Shasta.

"We will dig cave side of Rainier, push top up from underneath," Chief Bighorn W. W. Lightner telegraphed.

### Reed College Institute Faculty Travels South

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(P)—Faculty members of the Reed college institute of Public Relations were on route today to Palo Alto, Calif., where a second institute will be held. The institute here closed last night, with Edward L. Bernays, New York public relations counsel, saying the democracies need a good public relations campaign.

### Two Men Electrocuted

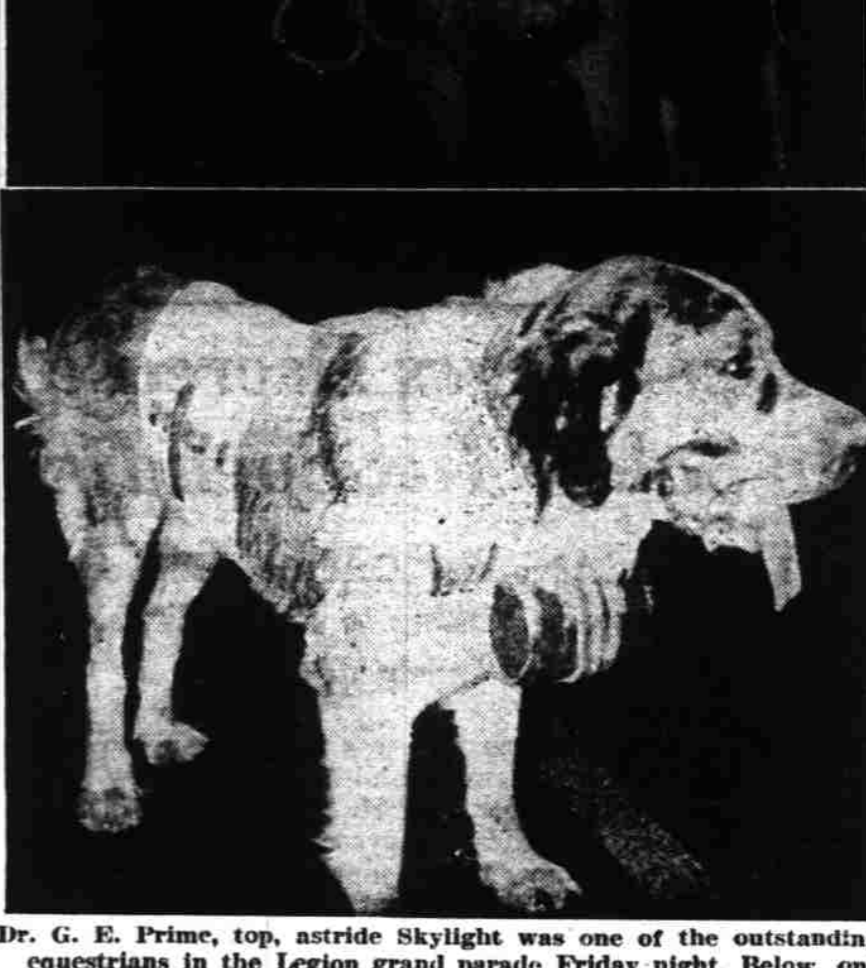
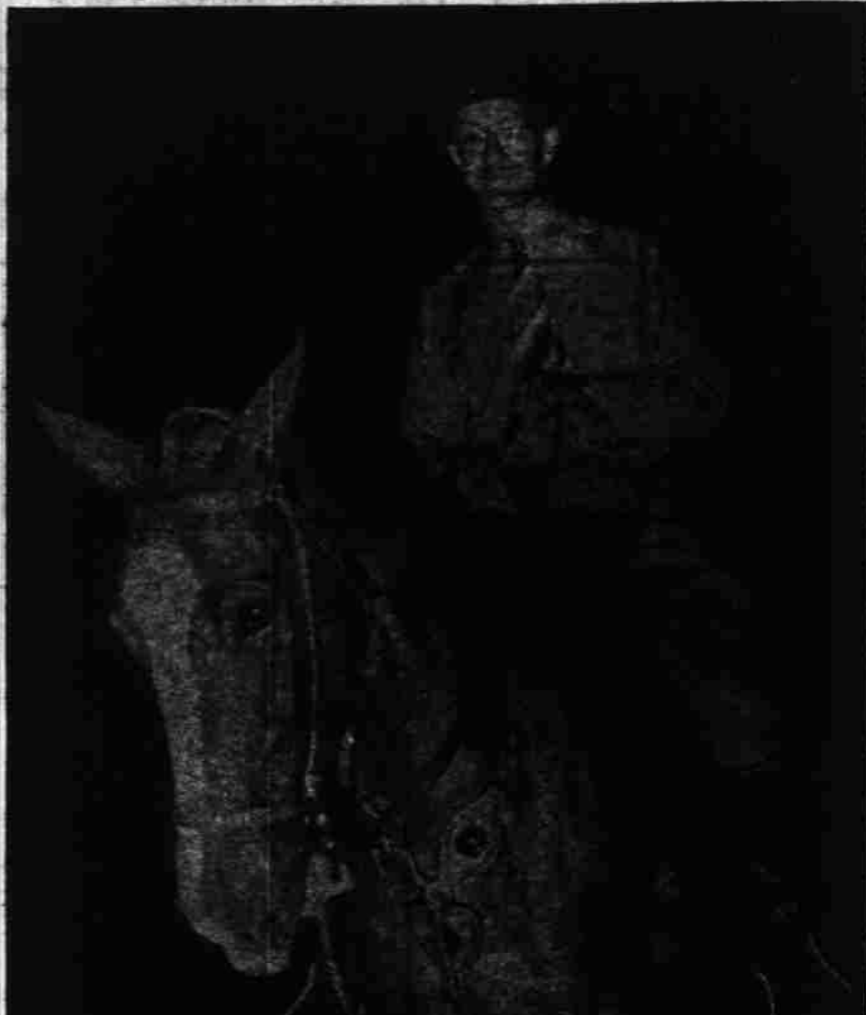
GREELEY, Colo., Aug. 12.—(P)—Two Greeley men were electrocuted today when a cable on their well drilling outfit crossed a High voltage power line.

The victims were J. E. Ferrell, 31, and Don Kahler, 23.

### Labor Shortage Eased

BERLIN, Aug. 12.—(P)—An acute labor shortage in Germany, which is struggling to keep up with the high speed schedule of the four-year plan, was eased to some extent today by an arrangement with Bulgaria for importation of Bulgarian laborers.

### As Legion Paraded Down Commercial



Dr. G. E. Prime, top, astride Skylight was one of the outstanding equestrians in the Legion grand parade Friday night. Below, one of two huge St. Bernards that paraded, each bearing Red Cross insignia and the familiar cask of brandy or something said to be so welcome to lost travelers in the Alps.

### Youth Kills Self In Car Argument

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—George Carlson, 25, furniture factory worker, fatally shot himself today after an argument with his father, M. A. Carlson, 57, over payments on a used car, Detective John Abbott said.

One of two bullets fired went through his chest, pierced a bed room wall and passed through the left wrist of his sister, Eleanora Wilcoxon, who was sitting on a davenport in the living room.

After the first shot, the father tried to grab the gun, but the younger Carlson successfully wrestled him and fired a second shot into his chest, Abbott said.

### Glassed-in Heart Beginning to Fail

MANILA, Aug. 13.—(Sunday)—(P)—Mary Heart Rafael's glass covered heart began to fail her today and doctors all but despaired of saving her life.

Physicians used oxygen at 15-minute intervals in an effort to relieve respiratory difficulties. The little Filipino girl born last Monday with her heart outside her chest developed bronchial pneumonia, and suffered from almost continuous cyanotic attacks.

### Whitehead Ouster Sought by Cantor

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(P)—Eddie Cantor, president of the American Guild of Variety Artists, demanded today that the American Federation of Labor settle an actors' union jurisdictional quarrel by ousting Ralph Whitehead, executive secretary of the local weather American Federation of Actors.

In a telegram to William Green, AFL president, Cantor said Whitehead was attempting to "hide behind the skirts" of Sophie Tucker, burlesque president of the AFA.

The current dispute arose when the Associated Actors and Artists of America, parent AFL union of actor groups, accused the AFA of mismanagement, revoked its charter, and chartered the new guild of variety artists in its stead.

The AFA, which claims 10,000 members among night clubs and vaudeville performers, then joined the international alliance of theatrical stage employes (the stage-hands' union), also an AFL affiliate. The 4-A then protested to the AFL, calling for cancellation of the stage-hands-AFA marriage.

### Batten Hatches; It's a Hurricane

EUGENE, Aug. 12.—(P)—A lady, thinking she was connected with the local weather bureau, said into a telephone: "Could you tell me the forecast for the next 24 hours?"

"Hurricane starts at 6:13" was the startling reply.

The telephone operator had connected the caller with a theater featuring the stormy south sea saga.

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