

Politics, History, Defense, Fire Pictured in 1940 Salem News



Senator Charles L. McNary brought honor to himself and his native Salem when he was nominated for the vice-presidency. Here he meets well wishers following his acceptance address at the state fairgrounds.



History, the city's and the northwest's, claimed much of the valley's interest as Salem celebrated the centennial anniversary of its founding, July 31, August 1, 2, 3 and 4. Typical parade entry, above.



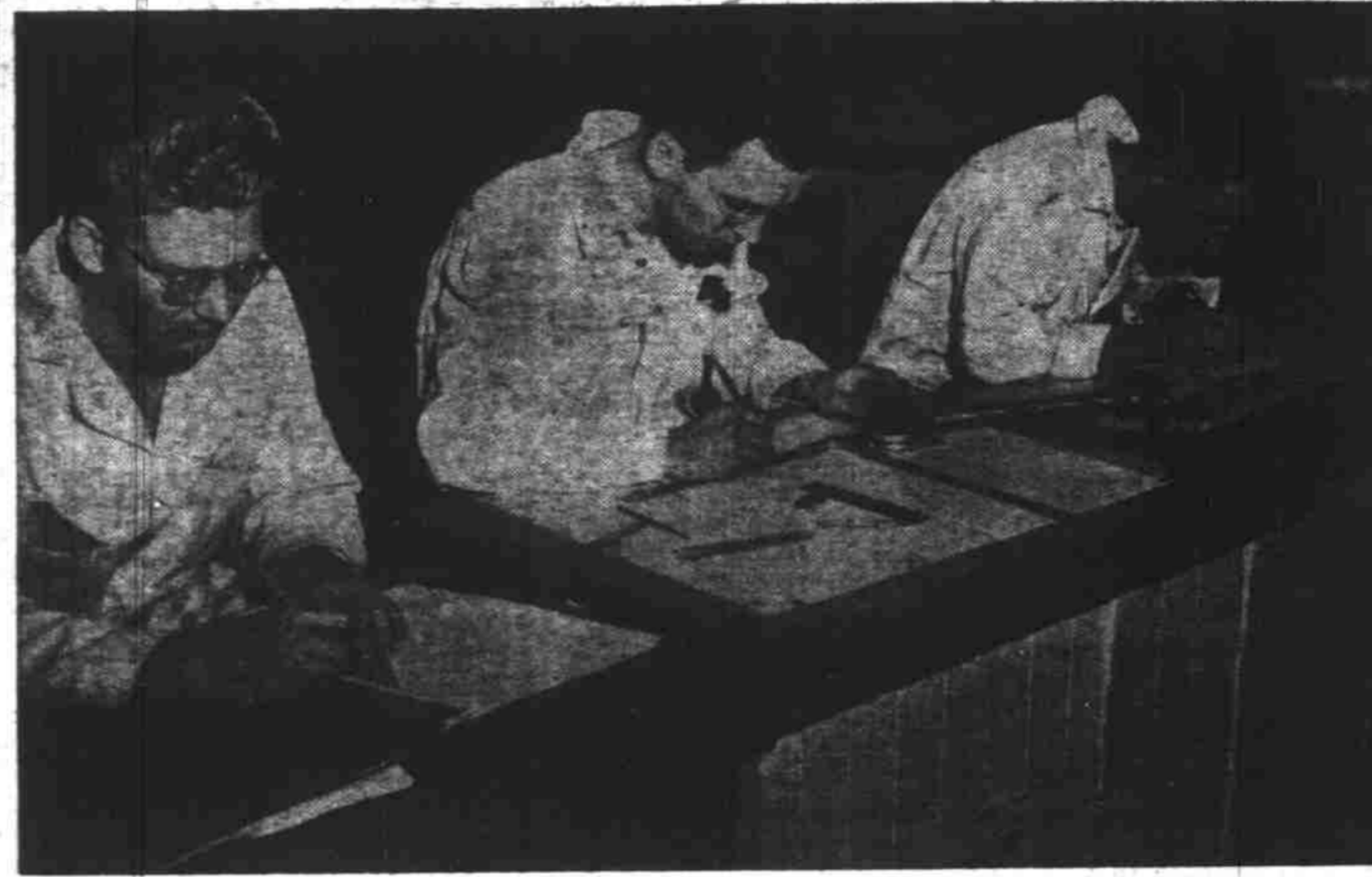
Salem's first direct touch with national defense came with mobilization of its national guard units. Here mobilized guardsmen are fed at fairgrounds, awaiting transfer to army camps.



Also in Salem, for ten minutes, was the democratic vice-presidential nominee, soon to become vice-president, Henry Agard Wallace, who spoke briefly from train platform.



Politics also brought Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Jr., to Salem, campaigning for "My Old Man's" third term, which he won.



The capital city did its part in training national defense workers. Learning drafting, above are students in special vocational school conducted at odd hours in senior high school shops.



Next came selective service, or the "draft." Salem local selective service board, Chairman Ray J. Aumsville and Member Romeo Gontley, above, went to work in October, assigning numbers to registrants.

Objectors' History Given

By S. B. LAUGHLIN

This, the sixth article in this series will give the positions of the Northern Baptists, the Episcopalians and the United Lutherans.

Northern Baptist Convention (1940):

Whereas, it is the unalienable right and unalterable duty of each man before God to obey the voice of conscience; and

Whereas, throughout their history freedom of the individual conscience has been a basic principle of all faith; and

Whereas, the Constitution guarantees to the citizens of the United States freedom of worship; and

Whereas, there is in our domination a group of sincere individuals compelled by conscience to abstain from participation in war, therefore, be it

Resolved, (1) That we reaffirm the sacred obligation of every Christian to obey his conscience;

(2) That we reaffirm our request to the government of the United States to accord all conscientious objectors the same status as that accorded to members of the Society of Friends and other religious groups;

(3) That we lay upon the consciences of our people the responsibility to maintain our bond of fellowship in Christ despite differences of opinion and to give moral support and protection to those who follow the voice of conscience either in personal participation or refusal to participate in war.

Protestant Episcopal Church (1934):

Whereas, the House of Bishops in its Pastoral Letter issued from Davenport stated that it is the duty of Christians to put the Cross above the flag, and in any conflict of loyalties unhesitatingly to follow the Christ; and

Whereas, we desire that all Christian people who, though willing to risk their lives in non-combatant service, are unwilling for conscience' sake to take human life in war, and shall have signified their intention by placing themselves on record at the national headquarters of their respective Churches, be accorded by the United States Government the status in fact accorded members of the Society of Friends as respects military service; be it

Resolved: That a commission of six Bishops, six Presbyters and six laymen be appointed by the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies to perform the following duties:

1. To petition the Congress of the United States for such legislation as may be necessary to secure the status in fact accorded members of the Society of Friends for all Christian men who, though prepared to risk their lives in non-combatant service, are prevented by their consciences from

Hasty Wedding Usually Error

And Marrying to Escape Draft Is Worse Says "Dr. of Troubles"

By FRANK G. GILBRETH

CHAPEL HILL, NC., Jan. 4. (AP)—As the last rays of the setting sun peeked across the lagoons, John crushed Mary to his manly bosom and—they lived happily ever after.

Or did they?

Let's look at the imaginary case of Johnny Doe and Mary-kins Roe. Johnny whose draft number was near the head of the list, met Mary at a party and they decided they danced divinely together. They were married three days later, and thought their love was a lasting thing.

What is the chance that their marriage will be a happy one?

We asked the question of Dr. Ernest R. Groves, professor of sociology who has taught marriage courses at the University of North Carolina the last 13 years and is credited with being the first person to convince educators that such courses have a place in a college's curricula.

Groves—he's affectionately known as "Dr. of Trouble" to the students at Carolina—said he couldn't give an unqualified answer, because the human element makes all marriages different, but it seemed to him the married life of John and Mary started out with two strikes.

Always a Chance

His observations apply to marriage in general.

"There's always a chance that John and Mary are smotherly fitted for each other and that their marriage will be a happy one," he said. "You see you can't say definitely that their marriage will be happy or unhappy unless you know both John and Mary and have an opportunity to study their backgrounds."

"But the cards are against them for at least two reasons. First, here is a hasty marriage, and any motive which leads to a quick marriage is a bad motive. Second, we know that one reason for John's marrying is his belief that by so doing he can escape the draft. Possibly during the very first argument he has with his wife he will think:

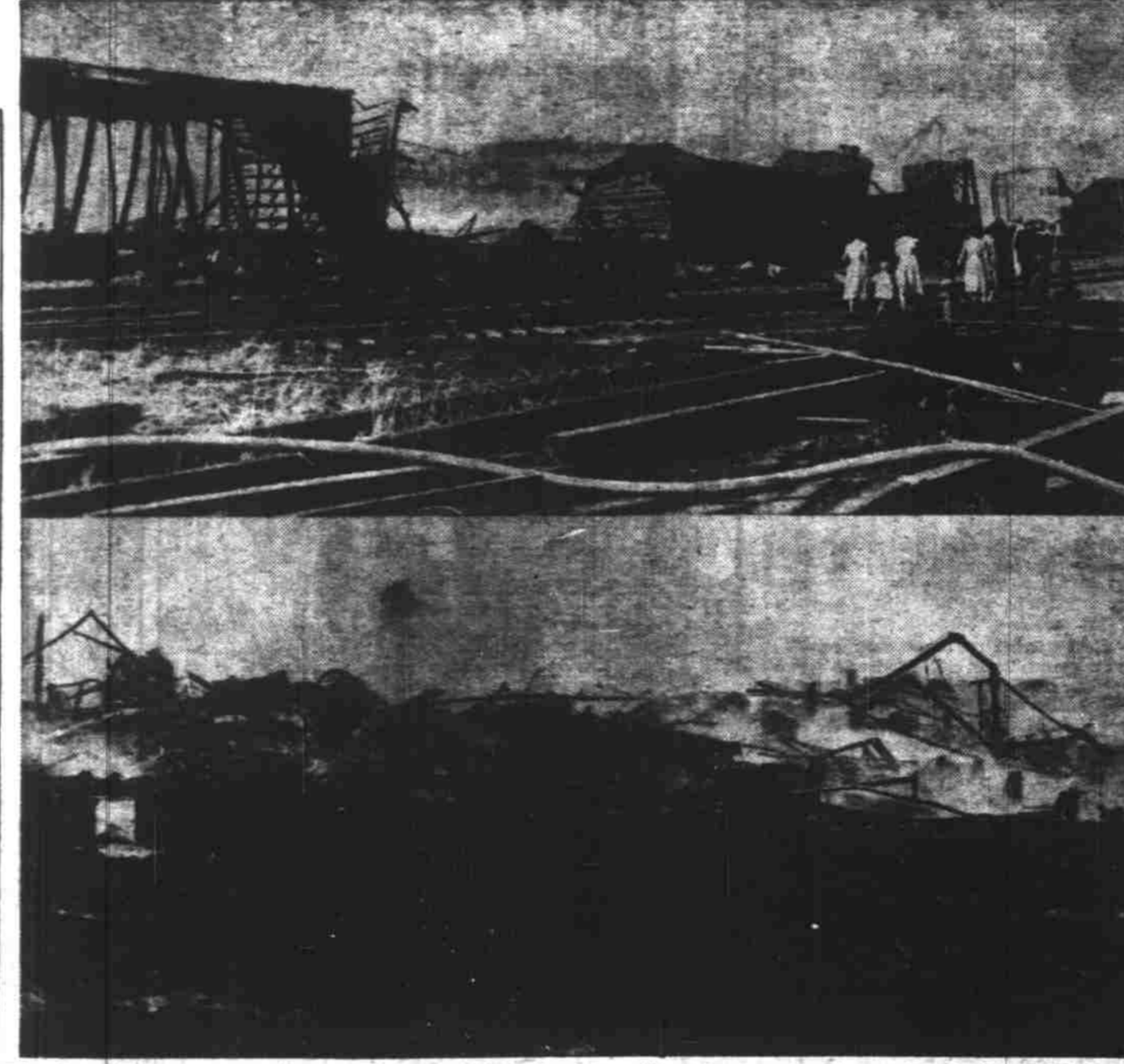
"I never would have married her in the first place, if it hadn't been for the draft. Even the army would be heaven compared with this."

And what happens if, in the heat of argument, John expresses this thought.

"That may be the beginning of the end," said Dr. Groves. "No woman—or man either, for that matter—can have it said that she is 'being used.' Possibly that's why wealthy people seem to have so much trouble. Possibly they wonder whether they were married for their money."

Money Successful

War conditions increase the number of marriages, Dr. Groves believes, but many such marriages are entirely successful.



Big fire of the year was the one that raged the planing mill and several other units of the Willamette Valley Lumber Company plant at Dallas. Loss was estimated at \$450,000; 373 men were thrown out of work. Plant is being rebuilt.

"The uncertainty created by war conditions heightens the spirit of adventure," he explained.

"Now suppose a boy and a girl have been going together for some time, and they have decided they will marry. But they have fixed no definite wedding date because of some caution—perhaps they think they are not making enough money."

"The uncertain and adventurous times may cause them to drop their caution and get married. The 'we don't know what's going to happen tomorrow and we have a right to our happiness' sort of thing."

"There is no reason why such a marriage shouldn't be a happy one. That is not a hasty marriage, because the two have known each other, and have decided they are fitted for each other; it is based on the solid foundation of mutual understanding, respect and love."

The Marriage of a Soldier on Leave

Here we meet a girl and soldier who meet in 1916. It was then he decided that courses in marriage, stressing such subjects as the importance of physical examinations and pre-natal care, should be part of a college's curricula.

"If I had known then what I know now," he said, "I don't believe she would have died. For I would have known that the specialist was making a mistake in not taking the patient to a hospital at once. Her death made me want to teach others how to avoid such tragedies."

His second wife is Gladys Hoagland Groves, herself an authority on family relationships,

who has collaborated with Dr. Groves in many books. They have been married since 1919.

"The time to begin teaching a child the difference between right and wrong is when the child is born," said Doctor Groves. "Not when the child starts going out on dates. If this instruction is started early enough, a lot of the danger of growing-up will be removed."

Then he grinned and added: "But, bless us, I know how parents feel when their children start going with the opposite sex. You see, I've got daughters of my own."

Luncheon Given Aumsville Folk

AUMSVILLE—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ham entertained a few guests at their home Wednesday at a New Year's party.

At a late hour the hostess served refreshments with the guests seated at a beautifully appointed table. Following the luncheon, Mrs. Ham entertained with interesting and puzzling magic tricks.

Bidden were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Mountain of Coburg, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mountain and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Ham.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Potter have had as a guest at their home this week their granddaughter, Dolores Potter of Freewater. Their son, Orville of Estacada has also been a guest at their home this week.



Two-way radio, from headquarters to motorized patrols, and return, was instituted by Salem police department in 1940. First two-way equipment is shown above.



Top financial news of year was merger of pioneer Ladd & Bush bank with Salem branch, United States National bank of Portland. Staff, above, carried money and records across intersection.