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Weather

Fair today and Thursday; warmer with lower humidity. Max. Temp. Tuesday, 75. Min. 42. North wind. River 2.1 feet. Clear.

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Allies Crush Parachute Blitzkrieg on Crete

Balloting Light On Issues

Voters Approve Amendment on City Officers

Salem voters approved Tuesday of erection of a sewage disposal plant for Salem and bonding the city for \$200,000 to do it, in a special city election which saw only slightly more than 13 per cent of the registered voters go to the polls.

The \$200,000 bond issue passed by 1393 to 997.

The voters also approved a charter amendment extending

HOW BALLOTS WERE CAST ON SEWAGE DISPOSAL BONDS

Table with 2 columns: YES, NO. Rows for Ward 1 through Ward 7, and Totals.

terms of appointive city officers from one year to two years. The favorable vote was 1321 to 1032.

Although the vote was light—only 2415 of the 16,607 registered voters cast ballots—both proposals received comfortable majorities in all but one of the city's seven wards. In ward five alone both were defeated by a few votes.

Passage of the bond issue sets machinery in motion for speedy work on the sewage disposal project, to be financed only in part by the city.

The federal government is expected to furnish WPA labor and the state of Oregon will share 18 (Turn to Page 9, Col. 3)

Thanksgiving Goes Back to Old Date '42

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—The 48 states again will celebrate Thanksgiving on the traditional last Thursday in November because, in the words of President Roosevelt, advancing the date failed to accomplish its purpose.

The change will not occur until next year, however, so calendars, football schedules and sales campaigns will not be thrown out of kilter. For 1941, as he has done for the last two years, Roosevelt will proclaim the next to the last Thursday in November to be Thanksgiving day. That will be November 20.

PGE Plans Cut On Power Rate

Applies for Change in Charges; Would Save Users \$75,000

The Portland General Electric company applied to the state public utilities commissioner Tuesday for permission to abandon its old "postage stamp" rate in favor of a "locality surcharge" policy which James H. Polhemus, president, declared would save Salem residential and commercial customers approximately \$75,000 in the next 12 months.

Polhemus said that under the new plan, if it is approved by the utilities commissioner, his company would fix the Bonneville "objective" power rate as a base and add a surcharge intended to cover "the actual costs of doing business" in the subdivision to which it is applied. These would be costs above those of production and distribution of power.

The Salem surcharge would be 5 per cent, an amount that (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Hull Hits At Nazis In Vichy

Tells Envoy France Exceeds Armistice Terms

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—Secretary of State Hull told the French ambassador in strong language Tuesday that the United States is convinced pro-Nazi elements are in supreme control in the Vichy government and France has gone beyond the armistice terms in "collaborating" with Germany.

This, it was authoritatively reported, was Hull's reaction when the envoy, Gaston Henry-Haye, called at the state department to seek an explanation of what he termed an explosion of emotions in the United States concerning the "collaboration."

Henry-Haye contended that the French were acting only in accordance with the armistice between them and Germany and Italy. He also protested against the United States' "unfriendly action" in taking French merchant ships into protective custody.

When the ambassador requested clarification of the American attitude (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

King Named to Succeed Brand

Myrtle Point Attorney Appointed by Sprague for Circuit Bench

Dal M. King, Myrtle Point city attorney and former state representative, was appointed by Gov. Charles A. Sprague Tuesday as circuit judge of the second judicial district to succeed James T. Brand, Marshfield, who will become a justice of the supreme court next Monday.

King will take office upon submission of Judge Brand's resignation from the circuit bench. He will serve a district made up of Douglas, Benton, Lincoln, Coos, Curry and Lane counties until June 14, when Benton will become a part of a new district with Linn county. Other judges serving the second district are Carl Wimberly, Roseburg, and G. F. Shipworth, Eugene.

The new judge was born near Myrtle Point on January 14, 1893. He was graduated from University of Oregon in 1914. During the World war he served as a second (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

George Baker Funeral Held

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—(AP)—Funeral services were held here Tuesday for George L. Baker, mayor of Portland through the first World war, the '20s and the depression.

Westminster Presbyterian church was banked with more than 500 floral pieces and several thousand Portlanders viewed the body as it lay in state during the day.

Entombment was at the Portland crematorium.

Six Sets of Twins Mix on WU Campus



If you see one of these 12 Willamette university students, don't jump at conclusions, for it may be the other one. Six pairs on the campus this year keep both fellow students and professors guessing. Without guarantee as to correct order they are (left to right, above) Gordon and Gerald Jaffe, Leland and Leonard Williams, Keith and Kenneth Sherman; (below) Winfield Achof, Keith and Kent Markee, Richard Achof, Frances and Florence Liburn.

Twins Puzzle University

Only One Pair Said to Be Easy to Tell Apart; All Boys but Two

Six sets of twins, four of them in the freshman class, roam the Willamette university campus this year—baffling to say the least. Individuals are correctly distinguished only by the experienced in five instances.

Oldest of the group are Keith and Kenneth Sherman, 24, who alone can readily be called by the right names. They are students in the law school, Keith a freshman and Kenneth a junior. Their home is Whitefish, Mont., making them the only non-Willamette valley pair.

Frances and Florence Liburn at 18 are the youngest and the fairest. Both freshmen, they are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Frank (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

Salem Flocks to Watch Soldiers Pitch Camp

Second Contingent of Ft. Lewis Troops Bivouac at Fairgrounds, Then Visit City; Other Units Are Due Today

Not only did the army move in on Salem this week—last night the city returned the compliment. Hundreds of civilian automobiles trailed the olive-drab column of the second military party to stop here within 48 hours.

While men in uniform looked over the city, men in mufti, gaily-clad women and girls, curious children inspected the military equipment at the state fairgrounds, where 2,190 men and 97 officers were bivouacked for the night.

Missing were the sentries who Monday steered away from the encampment all except those who were willing to swear they had official business there, and sight (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Coal Miners Sign Pact

NEW YORK, May 20.—(AP)—A new two-year agreement between the United Mine Workers of America and Northern coal operators, covering the bituminous industry in the eight-state Appalachian area, was approved Tuesday by a joint conference of union and management representatives.

At the scenic plant, near Gresham, and at Banks the Kelley-Farquhar company are working with Marshalls but in Salem a crew of about 40 were reported to be finishing the 1940

cherries. The company has contract for the Lacombe pool of black raspberries, estimated at about 170 tons.

Gooseberry packing will continue for about 10 days and work on Marshalls for at least three weeks, at their plant, George Paulus, of Paulus Brothers reported Tuesday.

Packing of asparagus at Reid-Murdoch started about three weeks ago and will probably continue until June 10, Ray Yocom, manager reported. Both Yakima and local asparagus is being used and the pack was expected to be about the same as usual, although hot weather might cut it short.

Delivery of Marshalls at the Reid-Murdoch cannery started (Turn to Page 9, Col. 5)

Invaders Slain Or Captured Is British Report

Nazis Disguised as New Zealanders Use Gliders, Transports

Churchill Reports Battle to Commons; Says Situation Is Well in Hand; Fears Shown

By The Associated Press

British imperial and Greek troops on the Mediterranean island of Crete were reported today (Wednesday) to have crushed a big-scale Nazi parachute, glider and air transport invasion.

All Nazi parachutists—and Prime Minister Winston Churchill said 1,500 of them were disguised as New Zealand troops—were said in Cairo either to have been killed or captured.

British-Greek defenders were said to be "complete masters of the situation."

This news was circulated by the British news agency Reuters, which said that official Greek sources had disclosed it to the independent French agency, AFI.

Prime Minister Churchill, in telling the house of commons of the big assault which many considered a dress rehearsal for an invasion of the British Isles, had said the British military reported "the situation in hand."

But the general tenor of his statement left great anxiety in London.

The British radio in a broadcast directed at Germany's armed forces warned Tuesday night that any Nazi parachutist dressed in the uniform of his enemy "must expect to be shot at once when taken prisoner."

Employment of a disguise was taken by the British to be a violation of international law.

The whole issue of the developing war in the middle east may turn on the defense of Crete, 100 miles off the German-occupied Greek mainland.

British, New Zealand and Greek soldiers, under orders to fight to the death for an allied base of almost incalculable importance (Turn to Page 9, Col. 1)

Four Fight Fans Hurt In Mishap

Four Portland fight fans homeward bound from the boxing matches in Salem Tuesday night were injured and their new automobile heavily damaged when it crashed into the rear of a big Southern Pacific transport truck on the Pacific highway a quarter mile north of Brooks at 10:40 p. m. The truck driver was not hurt.

The injured were: Irving Bloomberg, the driver, shoulder injuries, possible fractures; Donald Evans, scalp lacerations, possible skull fracture; LaVerna Evans, minor cuts, and Verma Mettore, cuts and possible head and neck injuries.

Robert Watson, Portland, the truck driver, declared to state police that he ran his south-bound seven-ton tractor and semi-trailer off the road in an effort to avoid the collision. The trailer jackknifed back against the cab as he maneuvered to avert rolling down the steep embankment at the roadside.

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In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

In case you haven't noticed, the army is in town. We have never seen so many live soldiers in our life. We have seen some dead soldiers in our time, but they weren't wearing khaki and waving at the girls.

We see so many soldiers we wonder if one of them isn't the fellow we read about, a draftee.

There were a bunch of them waiting to be inducted. An officer read off a list of names:

"Constantine, William, Frederick, Gerhart, Percival, Leo, Francis, Otto, Von Schier—step forward."

Out of the group stepped one man.

"Who are you?" asked the officer.

"Von Schier."

"Well," thundered the officer (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Board Says Row Settled

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—The defense mediation board announced settlement Tuesday of the dispute between the Columbia basin sawmill operators and their International Woodworker of America (CIO) employees.

After days of rain which set back the anticipated start of picking nearly a week from the date originally scheduled, the strawberry harvest in Marion county was believed to be well under way Tuesday and cannery officials reported that deliveries were coming in satisfactorily.

Believed far more beneficial than harmful, the rain is said to have greatly increased the tonnage on the 3000 acres of strawberries in the county, according to Acting County Agent Robert E. Rieder. Little rotting of berries was reported. However, one problem that is facing growers is the possible lack of pickers.

Orders for 500 pickers were yet to be filled Tuesday afternoon at the Salem office of the state em-

ployment service, according to William Baillie, manager, who reported that approximately that number of workers had been sent out since the first of the season. In most districts pickers are to receive 1 1/2 cents with a 1/2 cent bonus.

Crews employed at the various Salem and West Salem canneries vary considerably in size with most plants reporting that the peak of the strawberry season might be reached next week.

At the Producers Cooperative a crew of about 50 are employed, William H. Wood, manager, reported. Work started Monday on both gooseberries and strawberries with the gooseberries expected to last about 10 days and the strawberries around five weeks.

Glenn Lengren, of the Starr Fruit Products company, said that about 30 girls were busy with strawberries and gooseberries at that plant and that canned strawberries for delivery would probably be underway by the end of the week. Gooseberry packing will continue for about 10 days, he said.

At the Blue Lake cooperative in West Salem much activity centered around the preparation of equipment for the best pack, which is new this year. It is expected to start about July 1 with most of the bees coming from the Dayton area and only a small pack anticipated as the first season is considered somewhat of an experiment.

With an order for 50,000 cases of Blue Lake beans from the Campbell Soup company and to fill a larger pack than usual planned for themselves, the cooperative anticipates greatly increased activity. Work on gooseberries and strawberries will probably be underway the latter part of the week, it was reported.

Around 250 workers will be employed on strawberries at the Hunt Bros. plant, W. B. Baker, superintendent, said. A small crew is packing gooseberries.

Our Senators

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