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Weather
Mostly cloudy with rain today and Wednesday, followed by clearing weather. Max. temp. Monday, 67, min. 52. Southeast wind. River -1.7 feet. Rain .1 inch. Cloudy.

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British Open New Offensive in Lybia

Council Takes Steps On Parking Meters; Capitol Zone Ruled

Fire Alarm System Bids to Be Called; New Alderman Elected; Meters Opposed

Definite steps toward trial of parking meters around three and one-half downtown blocks and possible installation of a fire-alarm system, passage of a new zoning ordinance and election of James M. Clark as alderman featured Monday night's session of the Salem city council.

The parking meter resolution adopted provides for calling of bids on penny and nickel meters for a six-months' trial installation completely around the two blocks between Commercial and Liberty and Ferry and Court, the block bordered by State, High, Court and Liberty and along the north side of Court from Church to High and the east side of High between Court and Chemeketa.

Acceptance of the resolution was over opposition of Aldermen A. O. Davison, David O'Hara and E. B. Perrine, and counter to the request of the Salem Retail Trades bureau voiced by Ed Bissell.

The bureau, Bissell declared, had studied the situation and could offer only objections to use of parking meters in Salem. As a taxing system the meters were disapproved by the bureau because its members felt that any additional city taxes at present unwise. As a traffic regulator it has not proved satisfactory in other cities and would not solve Salem's problems, he declared.

An invitation to a committee on the meter question to meet with the bureau for further study and discussion, issued by Bissell and upheld by Perrine, who declared experience of Portland merchants with the meters has been unhappy, did not come to a vote. A fire alarm system of 20 boxes might cost around \$30,000, Ross Goodman, chairman of the fire department committee, declared; as he pointed out that passage of the committee's resolution would not in any way commit the council. The resolution provides for calling of bids for 20, more or less, boxes.

Similar systems have noticeably lowered insurance premiums in some other cities, Goodman declared. A totally new zoning ordinance, replacing three former ordinances and correcting minor errors in a new bill passed previously through two readings, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 8)

Snell Hires Night Crew On Licenses

A night crew, to handle drivers' license applications, will be added to the present state department personnel Tuesday, Secretary of State Earl Snell announced Monday.

Several hundred applications are being received daily. New licenses for the 1941-43 period are now effective although July 1 is the deadline for obtaining the new licenses.

Snell estimated that the number again Friday to the 57 men next two years would exceed those of past license periods by several thousand.

Late Sports

VANCOUVER, BC, June 16.—(CP)—Yakima Pippins, behind the ninth inning home run of Bill Reese, went on to defeat Vancouver Capitanos 6-5 in a ten-inning Western International baseball game here Monday night.

Yakima 6 12 4
Vancouver 5 9 2

Eiseman, Lien and Sueme; Ker-shaw, Goldman and Brenner.

Our Senators

Won 5-3
Beat San Francisco Seals

Elected



JAMES M. CLARK

A finance company executive from the seventh ward, James M. Clark, was elected a city councilman Monday night when the council voted him to replace Armin Berger who is now in the armed service.

City Picks Engineers For Plant

To build Salem's new \$400,000 sewage disposal plant the firm of John Cunningham and associates, Portland engineers, was selected Monday night by the city council. Selection was based on recommendation of the sewerage and drainage committee.

Skeleton plans and the survey material submitted in securing the WPA appropriation for the plant were prepared by Cunningham.

The Portland firm of which Cunningham formerly was junior member, Baar & Cunningham, has conducted several engineering studies for the city. Its survey and report favoring the Little North fork of the Santiam river as a source of water supply preceded the votes by the people in 1930 and 1931 that led to the acquisition of the private water system and its improvement.

Vets Planning July Fourth Celebration

Completed plans for Salem's Fourth of July celebration were reported Monday night by Don Madison, vice-chairman, to Capital post No. 9, American Legion. Further nominations were made for post officers, to be voted on July 7.

The post is to have a stag meeting, "an oldtime Legion affair" with no business, next Monday at 8 p. m. at the hall. A volunteer working bee is set for 6:30 tonight on the Legion baseball diamond at Leslie school.

"Crash" Campbell, daredevil auto driver, is to be featured in the two-hour show at the state fairgrounds July 4. A horserace is to be open to all who wish to enter horses. Fireworks are reported to be "the best yet in Salem."

Olivier Huston, nominated at the last meeting for post commander, with Tom Hill and Fred Gahlsdorf, withdrew his candidacy.

Herman Brown was added to the nominees for vice-commander. For the executive committee, King Bartlett withdrew, and Chet Zumwalt and William Hardy nominated. Julius Hoppe was nominated for delegate to the state convention.

Miss Long 'Unchanged'

Condition of Harriet Long, state librarian, was reported unchanged by Salem General hospital attendants last night. She has been "seriously" ill for several weeks.

Campbell Election Winner

Defeats Three For Place on School Board

Ralph H. Campbell, former assistant attorney-general assigned to the unemployment compensation commission, was the choice Monday of 682 out of 1408 voters for a position on the Salem school board. On July 1 he succeeds Percy A. Cupper, who polled 561 votes as second of four candidates.

Cupper was elected to the board first in 1935 and reelected in 1938. He served as chairman during the last six months of each term. In accordance with an act of the 1941 legislature, Campbell's term is to be five years.

Reports by Otto Hoppes, election board chairman, showed Campbell with an increasing lead hour by hour as the counting progressed. Francis E. Manley received 94 votes and Herman E. Lafky 69.

Except for the 65 votes cast a year ago, the total vote was the smallest since 1936, when 1325 citizens balloted. In 1937, 2122 votes were cast, 2273 in 1938 and 3070 in 1939.

Voters came steadily throughout the five hours the polls were open, Hoppes reported. Two ballots were thrown out because each was marked for two candidates. One of the voters was a 95-year-old man.

PRATUM, June 16.—The annual school meeting for the Pratum district Monday night resulted in Fred Cornu being elected director for three years and Willis Goebel clerk for one year.

SILVERTON, June 16.—W. R. Tomison, the only regular candidate, was elected school director for the five-year term here Monday and Glenn Price written in for the four-year term.

Tomison received 134 votes. Price received 49 for the position vacated when O. E. Lee resigned after serving one year. Names of 21 other persons were written in on the 160 ballots cast.

Opponents of Free Books Plan Fight

Backers of the 1941 law extending free use of textbooks to private elementary schools are prepared to apply for an injunction in event the state department seeks to file as completed the referendum petitions presented against the act last Friday, Rep. Leo Smith (D-Mult.) declared here Monday.

Smith, who conferred with Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle and Secretary of State Earl Snell, expressed the opinion that the petitions are invalid because they were circulated under the ballot title that the supreme court rejected early this month. Snell has asked Van Winkle for a formal ruling on the question.

Roosevelt Improved

WASHINGTON, June 16.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's cold improved so much Monday that he busied himself in conferences with defense leaders and diplomats, but abided by the ruling of his physician and cancelled trips to Boston and his home at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Victor



RALPH H. CAMPBELL

The assistant attorney general of Oregon will become a member of the Salem school board July 1 as the result of an election held Monday night. Ralph H. Campbell was the victor over three opponents with a plurality of 121 votes.

US Ousts All Nazi Consuls

Embassy at Capital to Remain; Move Is Seen as Rupture

WASHINGTON, June 16.—(AP)—In a drastic move to curb Nazi propaganda and other similar activities, the United States Monday demanded the closing of all German consulates and three semi-official Nazi agencies in this country by July 10.

A formal note to the German government also called for the removal from "American territory" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Ickes Hits Alcoa Firm On Defense

WASHINGTON, June 16.—(AP)—The senate defense investigating committee called on the Aluminum Company of America Monday to produce its records for examination after Secretary of the Interior Ickes had charged the huge firm with "recalcitrance" and "obstruction" of the preparation process.

Chairman Truman (D-Mo) said the Aluminum company had "ignored" eight or 10 committee requests for information.

"The Aluminum Company of America is a very large corporation, but hardly large enough to defy the United States senate," Truman told I. W. Wilson, production vice-president of the company.

Wilson, subpoenaed by the committee (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Draft Age Is Cut by House

WASHINGTON, June 16.—(AP)—The house military committee Monday approved draft act amendments providing:

- 1. That all men who reach the age of 28 by July 1 must be deferred from military service.
2. That President Roosevelt shall be empowered to order resumption of production at any strike-bound defense plant to use the armed forces to protect any employee voluntarily returning to work.

The amendments represented a sweeping revision of senate-approved legislation.

C C Plans Meet of Leaders

Civic Groups to Discuss Program Seen Necessary

By RALPH C. CURTIS

Establishment of a major defense aviation facility involving the basing of a considerable number of men at the Salem airport loomed as a distinct possibility Monday. Civic leaders were preparing to organize for the purpose of doing whatever might be done to further the prospect, to cooperate with defense agencies and to meet any requirements which might be imposed.

Representatives of all service and civic organizations are invited to meet at a luncheon in the Salem chamber of commerce rooms next Monday noon, June 23, to learn all that can be told at that time of the possible development and the role which the community may be called upon to fill.

Directors of the chamber of commerce are arranging for the meeting but it is their intention to offer all interested groups an equal share in whatever program develops.

Exact nature and extent of the possible defense activity could not be announced authoritatively. The Civil Aeronautics authority and WPA are proceeding with enlargement and extensive improvement of the airport at a cost of close to \$600,000. Representatives of the army engineering corps were recently in Salem investigating thoroughly certain details concerning the airport; availability of water supply and railway siding facilities among others.

Any citizen is privileged to add up these two facts together with some others, including the army's reported difficulty in finding enough suitable flying fields for its training program, and the government's recent commitment to provide such fields for the training of British and Canadian pilots.

The prospects now envisaged, by civic leaders here are not however dependent solely upon the logic of the situation; from qualified persons who were not in position (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Hits Axis



SIR ARCHIBALD WAVELL

Word from North Africa Monday was that Sir Archibald Wavell, commander of the Army of the Nile had started a driving offensive in Libya and his mechanized troops have pushed 40 miles into the Italian colony.

Survivors of US Ship Alive

Missing 35 Landed at Cape Town; Taken up by British Freighter

CAPETOWN, Union of South Africa, June 16.—(AP)—All missing survivors of the torpedoed American freighter Robin Moor were landed at Capetown Monday night by a British ship which happened to see their lifeboats after they had drifted 13 days on the hot mid-Atlantic.

The 35 survivors, who had been given up for lost, said it was the luck of the sea that brought the rescue vessel over the horizon, not any wireless notification of their plight.

Chief Officer Melvin Munday of Bethlehem, Pa., the officer who boarded the submarine, told how he pleaded with the (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

To Extend Reserves

NEW YORK, June 16.—(AP)—Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, national director of civilian defense, announced Monday night he would create nine regional offices in a far-reaching plan to train a civilian army to defend the nation.

Pushes In 40 Miles On Drive

Imperial Troops Follow; Fall of Damascus Nears

By The Associated Press

Britain sharply stepped up her war effort in North Africa and the middle east Monday under circumstances suggesting that she was taking advantage not only of the relative inactivity of the axis but perhaps of its diplomatic preoccupation with the United States.

Into Italian Libya from Egypt General Sir Archibald P. Wavell sent his army of the Nile, opening what appeared to be the first phase of a major offensive. Advanced British mechanized forces were declared to have struck 40 miles into the colony, ahead of the main imperial body.

In Syria and Lebanon continuing British and Free French successes imminently threatening those French colonies were acknowledged in Vichy, although it became clear that a final victory there would be achieved only at the cost of much blood—an eventuality which the British all along had declared they were anxious to avoid.

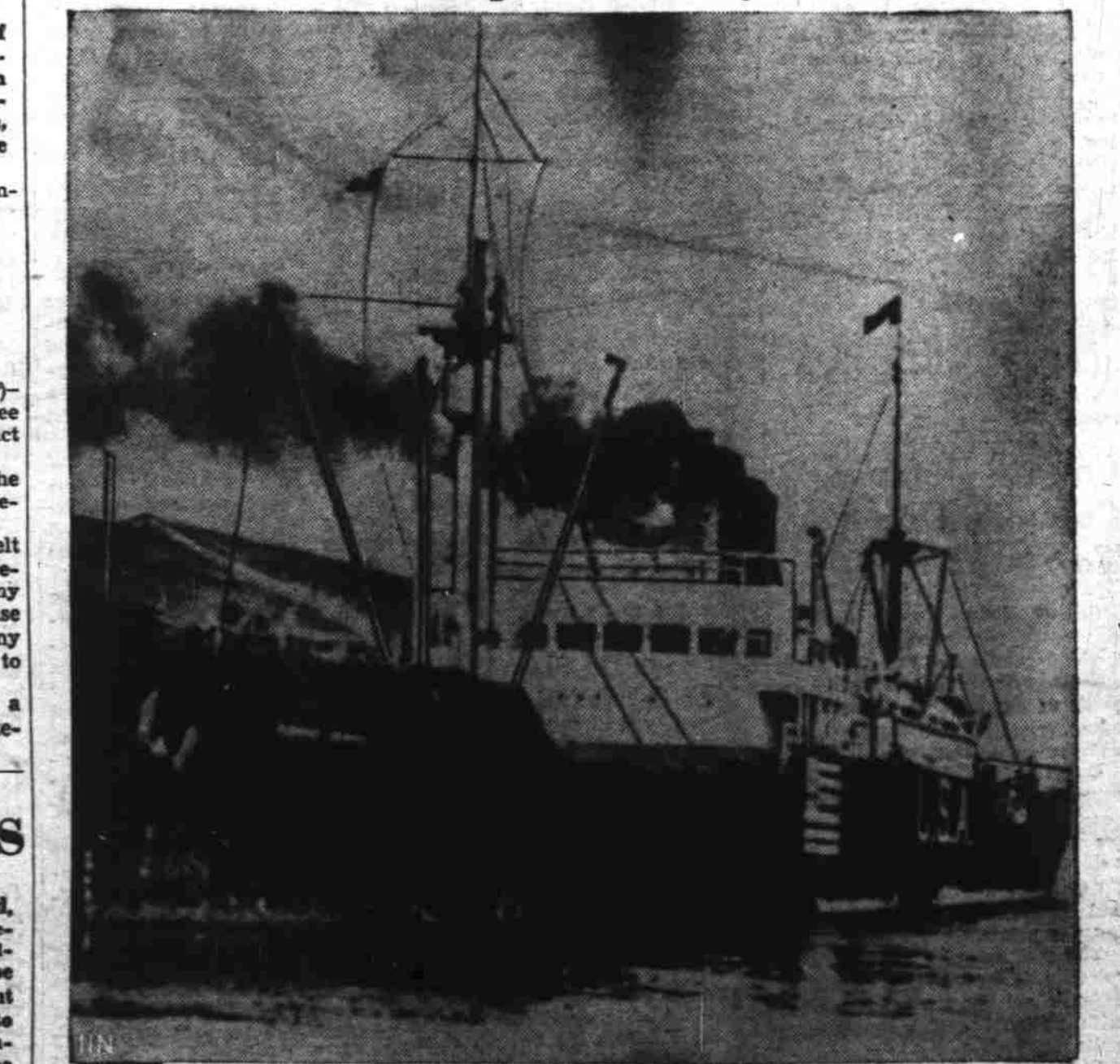
The allies were reported unofficially to have broken through to within five miles of Damascus, the Syrian inland capital, and to within 12 miles of Beirut, the capital of Lebanon. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

War News Briefs

LONDON, Tuesday, June 17.—(AP)—A major British bombing attack upon the "invasion ports" of France in daylight Monday brought on a spectacular series of air fights which the air ministry said today cost the Germans 11 planes and the British six.

BERLIN, Tuesday, June 17.—(AP)—Nazi fighter planes downed nine British bombers as the RAF struck again at western Germany during the night, informed sources said today. The raiders failed to damage any military objectives, these sources (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Here Is US Ship Sunk by German Sub



The 5,000-ton Robin Moor, sunk in South Atlantic, May 21. News that 35 remaining crew and passengers of the ill-fated Robin Moor had been landed safely by a British ship at Cape Town, South Africa, Monday brings this picture of the US ship, sunk in the south Atlantic last month by a German submarine, again in the limelight. Incidentally this is the first picture of the Robin Moor to be published in Salem, the picture being received from New York late Monday night.

Schools to Spend \$30,000 on Repairs

Maintenance to the amount of about \$30,000 is scheduled for Salem public school buildings this summer, A. W. Andrews, head custodian, said Monday. Most extensive work is to be done on the old and new senior high school structures.

In the old building, now for the most part rented, better lights will be placed in the lower halls, which are to be cleaned. The WPA offices will get new lights. The steam plant will be repaired

with the addition of a return pump instead of the present gravity system. The hot air furnaces will be replaced.

All outside doors and windows, 15 of the former and 351 of the latter, at the present high school will be painted. Improved acoustical material is to be placed in the auditorium. A ventilating system is scheduled for the woodworking shop. Considerable work is also planned for the junior high schools.

Parish maintenance includes the equipping of two rooms for science classes, enlargement of a classroom, addition of a teachers' restroom on the second floor and roof work. The shops building is to be enlarged by about nine feet in length to relieve crowding.

One more science room, linoleum in the library and badly needed repairs to the ceiling of the auditorium comprise the work at Leslie school.

Inside walls of Englewood, McKinley and Washington elementary schools are to be calcimined. Woodwork is to be painted at Englewood. At Grant the basement windows are to be rescreened and a new foundation and floor put under the bicycle shed.

In addition, normal maintenance work is to be done at these buildings and Bush, Highland, Garfield and Richmond grade schools.