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Weather

Showers today north portion and west of Cascades. Little change in temperature. Max. temp. Monday, 58, min., 63. Southwest wind and cloudy. Rain, trace. River, -1.8 feet.

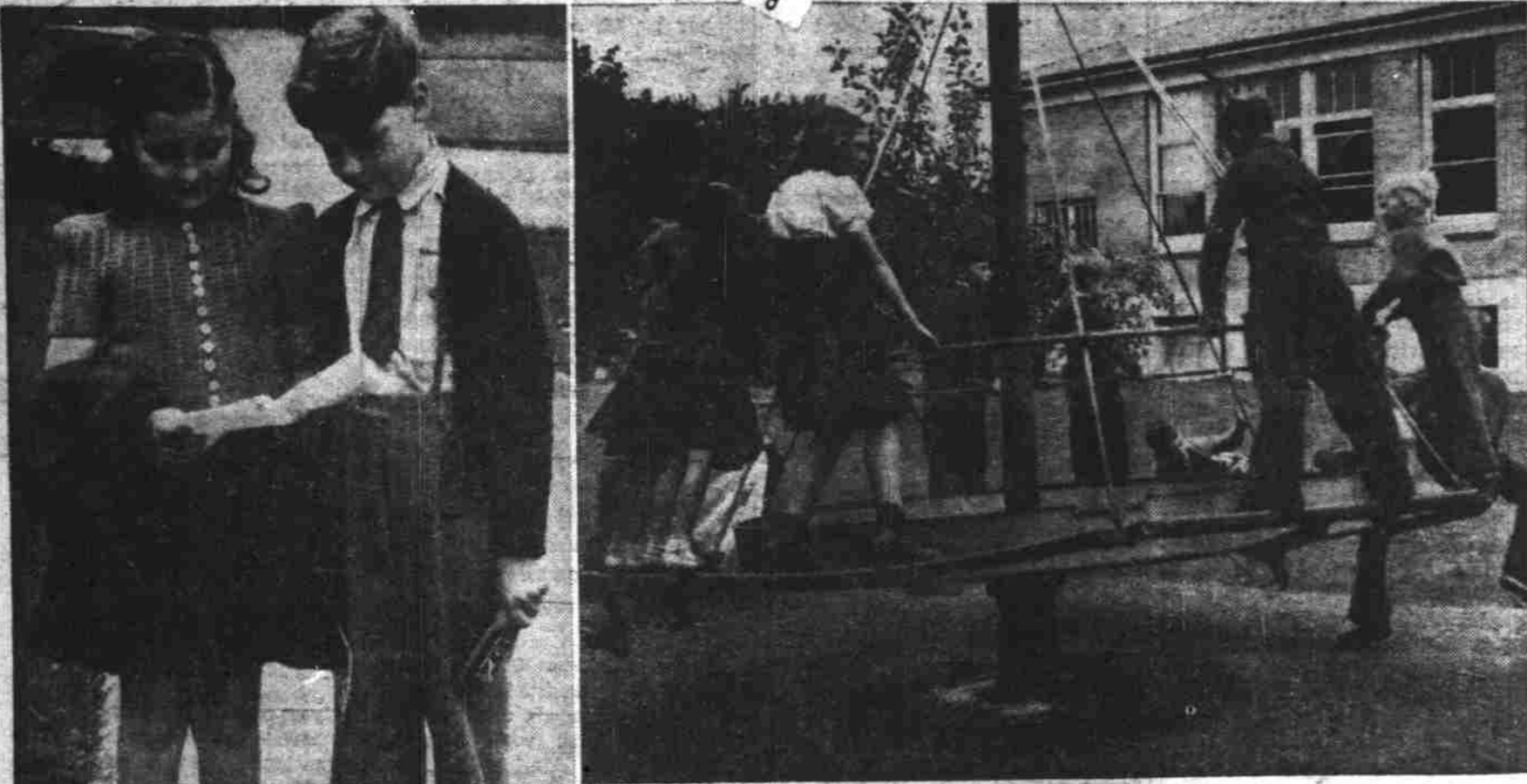
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Pictorial Proof Salem School Days Are Here Again



Lavorne Gammon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gammon, 599 North Commercial street, (she likes school) and Charles (Sonny) Fitzgerald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fitzgerald, (he'd rather go fishing) top left, pause on their way home from Garfield grade school Monday afternoon, to examine their schedules for the year. At the top right, students of Sacred Heart parochial school play on the merry-go-round after first day activities. Students of Washington grade school, center, climb aboard their school bus. J. Burton "Pop" Cray pours coffee during the lunch period at the senior high school for faculty members, from left to right, Miss June Philpott, Miss Vivian Chandler and Miss Lelia Johnson. Snapped between "signing up" activities at Salem high school Monday afternoon, bottom from left to right, are Carolyn Hastings, Larene Hastings, Marilyn Wodraska and Idi Park. — (Statesman Photos)

Salem Schools Show Drop in Registrations

Later Enrollments to Equal 1940 Total, Is Belief; Some Working

Back to school this morning for classes go most of the 4630 children who registered in Salem public schools Monday. The enrollment was 337 less than last year's first day total of 4,967.

The senior high school is to run through short sessions this morning and have the afternoon off to buy books and supplies. The other schools had a similar arrangement Monday and settle down to work in earnest today.

The decrease in enrollment was general, throughout the system but the next few days is expected to see the figure climb to approximate the 1940 total of over 5000. Supt. Frank H. Bennett said he believed the many families still in hop fields would swell the numbers. Parochial schools reported a first day enrollment, however, (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Death Claims Four Victims Of Crashes

Death by automobile claimed its fourth victim in as many days in the Salem area when an unidentified man succumbed at a Salem hospital early Monday night.

Meantime, Roy Lee Pratt, 41, of Hubbard lay in what was declared to be critical condition at Salem General hospital as result of a highway accident six miles west of Salem on the road to Dallas. Pratt, driving a light pickup, ran into the rear end of a lumber truck as the heavier vehicle slowed when its driver discovered its lights were not behaving properly, state police said. Early this morning he was semi-conscious, hospital attendants reported, and full extent of his injuries was still unknown. Less than 24 hours after he had been struck by a car as he walked on the river road east of Independence Sunday, a picker who had (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Peru Planes Bomb Ecuador

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Peruvian planes bombed the Tenguel banana plantations of the United Fruit company on the Gulf of Guayaquil Monday, an Ecuadorian announcement said, in a new flareup of the border war between Ecuador and Peru. Offices of the company's Ecuadorian subsidiary here said buildings occupied by the manager were damaged and a laborer killed.

Mott Sees Valley Project Funds

The second \$11,000,000 appropriation for the Willamette Valley Project probably will be approved by the present congress. Congressman James W. Mott told members of the Salem chamber of commerce Monday noon at their weekly luncheon following the summer recess. He also predicted that the revised highway defense bill would be passed and probably, if necessary, passed over a presidential veto.

Devoting principal attention to defense matters, the first district congressman said there was no real lack of unity in congress. Both "isolationists" and "interventionists" if the latter are defined as those favoring immediate entry into the war, are few and discredited, though not the president and 80 per cent of the congress agree upon a policy of arming the nation adequately and in the meantime giving all arms that can be spared to Great Britain and anyone else who will fight Hitler.

The United States will not formally enter the war, he predicted, for the reason that Hitler is "on his way out" and soon will be "out entirely." But if Hitler does win in Europe, he will never invade America, for by that time the United States army and navy will be so strong as to make it impossible.

Relative to the draft extension bill, Mott pointed out that General Marshall's request was for unlimited extension of service and an unlimited increase in the army personnel, to which practically no one in congress would agree. He added that most congressmen agreed to some extension for practical reasons. Fortunately for army morale, though an 18-months' extension was approved, most selectees' service will be closer to 16 months than 30.

Reds Slaughter Nazis In Leningrad Battle

Council Tables Bus Franchise; Ponders City Control Board

Will Await Returns of Test Runs; One Alarm System Bid Seen; Salaries Avoided

Tabling until early November the proposed Raven street bus franchise and taking first steps toward creation of a municipal property control board, Salem city council also moved through a multiplicity of routine business Monday night.

Budget cuts totaling \$6110 were recommended by various divisions of the budget committee in a pre-council session where salary schedules for the six-months' finance plan under consideration were not discussed. Because of the absence of Mayor W. W. Chadwick, who heads the special committee on salaries, all salary questions were avoided. A special budget meeting is to be called next week, members were told.

Proposed reductions were from the \$152,769.67 portion of the tentative budget to be raised by taxation.

Auto Output Cut Ordered

Deeper Slashes Seen as Need for Steel, Other Metals Increases

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—(AP)—A sweeping 48.4 per cent reduction in passenger automobile production for December was ordered by the office of production management Monday and some government sources predicted that an even deeper slash might be expected for January and succeeding months of 1942.

The curtailment after the first of the year probably will take the form of a leveling-off process, planning production approximately to the figure specified by OFM for December—204,848 passenger cars, as compared with 396,823 in December, 1940.

Thus, the over-all production for the 1942 model year—August 1, 1941, to July 31, 1942—would be brought to around 2,450,000 passenger cars, approximately half the 1941 model year output.

The OPM said in August that the halving of production would be necessary to conserve steel and other strategic metals for defense requirements.

Double "Fish Story" Told By Printer

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 15.—(AP)—The combined arms of two fishermen stretched out Monday as they told of the big one that got away.

R. Forier Conger, Salem printing house head, said he hooked the chinook salmon in the Columbia river near Celilo falls. It veered off and was hooked in the fall by Henry Zuger, Watsburg, Wash.

Neither line slowed down the fish, which the pair said must have weighed more than 80 pounds. It yanked Conger's pole out of his hands, and ran out Zuger's reel, snapping the line.

Japan Chief



General Otsu Yamada (above) was named commander-in-chief of national defense headquarters, which was established for Japan, Korea, Formosa and Sakhalin. In his new post, General Yamada, who will continue as Inspector General of Military Education, is answerable directly to Emperor Hirohito.

Peril in South Is Admitted

US Mission now In London; Axis Moves in Africa

By The Associated Press The Russians appeared Monday night to be adding thousands to a ghastly German casualty roll before Leningrad in a still effective defense of that city, but far to the south seemed clearly in bad case from above Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, down to the Black sea.

In the south there were indications that major German offensives were being developed, aside from the continuing operation to isolate Kiev itself, toward the Russian Crimea and eastward toward the great red industrial basin on the River Don.

German bombers in great force—the noisy and invariable heralds of major action afield—claimed the destruction of more than 500 Russian motor vehicles in a wide sweep east of the Dnieper river toward the region of the Don.

Moreover, authoritative persons in London spoke plainly of the peril to the Russian position created by the soviet's forced evacuation of the railway junction of Kremenchug 175 miles below Kiev, and a Nazi thrust not mentioned in any other quarter into the Perekop area about 56 miles to the southeast of the lower Dnieper on the neck that connects the Crimea with the Russian mainland. All this, they said, apparently had laid the Don basin open to a (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

FDR Discusses Neutrality Act

Reports to Congress Amount of Aid Sent British; Seeks More

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt discussed revision of the neutrality act with congressional leaders Monday while Secretary Knox announced that the navy henceforth would guard all lend-lease cargoes as far as Iceland.

Against this background, forecasting further moves by the United States against German U-boats and raiders, the president sent his second report on lend-lease operations to congress showing that \$171,191,946 worth of supplies had been transferred to Great Britain and other nations within the last three months. Prior to that period, \$75,202,426 worth had been transferred. Knox's declaration, apparently (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

On the Air For Defense

Tom Hill, chairman of planning and recreation for the Marion County Civil Defense Council, is scheduled to give complete instructions to civil defense units and to the public for Mobilization day activities when he speaks at 9:15 tonight on the defense council's program.

County Bar To Support Court Plan

The Marion County Bar association voted at a special meeting here Monday night to support a state bar committee report advocating creation of a district court in every county seat in Oregon.

The state report, outlined by Justice of the Peace Joseph B. Felton of Salem, would leave the present outlying justice courts in existence but grant the newly-created district courts countywide jurisdiction. The proposal will be submitted to the next legislature if the state bar, which holds its annual convention in Portland Thursday and Friday, adopts the report.

These Volunteers Defending Leningrad



Members of a detachment of the popular volunteer force studied an anti-tank gun in Leningrad, according to Moscow sources. This photo was sent by radio from Moscow to New York, wired to Chicago and airmailed to The Statesman.

Gauchos Oust Nazis

BENOS AIRES, Sept. 15.—The Argentine congress voted with but one dissenting voice Monday for the expulsion within three days of the ringleaders of Nazi undercover organizations, among whom its so-called "Dies committee" named German Ambassador Edmund Von Thermann.

Spy Pleads Innocent

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—(AP)—Kurt Frederick Ludwig, named by the government as the master spy of a widespread espionage ring, pleaded innocent in federal court Monday to an indictment charging him and four others with violation of the federal espionage act.