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Salem Traffic "Snafu"

Downtown traffic in Salem is bad and getting worse. Finding parking space usually takes a motorist in the busy part of the day on a search of several blocks until he gets well out of the business section. Close-in residents long ago found out the thing to do was to walk to town because if they drove they had to come nearly back home to find a place to park.

Parking restrictions as to time appear to be enforced intermittently, and with some show of favoritism to parking "regulars." It just seems impossible to get the "turnover" in parking space which the amount available should provide. Parking meters would speed this turnover, as has been demonstrated in many cities. The Statesman has come to the conclusion that the merchants who oppose the meters are mistaken in their opposition—that they lose more business now from the difficulty of customers to find a parking space than they would because of unwillingness to pay a nickel for an hour's parking.

Off-street parking is very desirable (though the charge is much higher than the meter toll), but with vacant lots being built on or used for used car sales depots, the amount of land for off-street parking does not seem to be increasing as fast as demand.

Things are getting badly snarled, especially on busy days like last week. The one move toward improvement is tied up in litigation and apparently we shall have to wait until the referendum on the meter ordinance is voted on. The more the traffic snarls up, the more votes there will be in favor of meters.

The Wrong Locale

We seldom hold with the contention that United States diplomacy plays the dupe for Great Britain, as sometimes charged, but we find it hard to justify Winston Churchill's using our locale as the sounding board for his warning comments on Russia, whether we agree with them or not.

Churchill, although repudiated in his own country remains a powerful figure in the modern world. His words bear great weight, as they should. And with our recognition and understanding of free speech and a free press, we can hear him out without linking his statements with any outside influence. But, even so, what would be our attitude, for instance, if Chiang Kai-shek were ousted in China, then toured Russia of his own volition and made speeches warning against the United States? It wouldn't be hard for us to imagine that Russia was investigating or encouraging his addresses.

In what light, then, does Russia view Churchill's comments made from our shores? Russia has little if any understanding of the liberty of speech and writing. It is hardly to be imagined that she could completely divorce, in her analysis of the situation, Churchill's attitude and the United States.

We are not finding fault with what Churchill says. We are saying merely that world-famous nationals, in discussing the most vital topics of history, should speak within their own boundaries so that no suspicion can attach to the origin of their comments. When such all-important words as Churchill's are spoken within America, they should be spoken by an American.

An Airing of Thoughts

The Statesman's "Inquiring Reporter" last week asked a pertinent question and received some just-as-pertinent answers which are well worth perusal. The question was: "What in your opinion does Salem need most?"

Implementation of the planning commission's ideas and "doing away with procrastination" highlighted the replies which also included an appeal for housing, off-street parking facilities, a living memorial (auditorium) to the dead of World War II, and additional industrial payrolls. Every one of the suggestions has merit, and the public airing of such views in a free and open forum which has no axes to grind should be advantageous to officialdom which should eternally be alert to what people are thinking.

The Statesman feels it can be of particular service in augmenting its "Safety Valve" (letters-to-the-editor) department with the "Inquiring Reporter," and invites the contribution both of questions and answers from every one in the valley.

The state of Washington's liquor control act is quite similar to Oregon's, except that sale of home-produced wines by the glass is permitted at bars. Three initiative measures are up to change the liquor law in that state. One would take the sale of beer and wine out of taverns; another would stop sales of fortified wines; a third would permit the sale of hard liquors by the glass at bars. With so many bills before the voters, the tendency probably will be to vote no on all of them.

Newspapers are starting the seasonal counterpart to "Twenty-three days before Christmas. Do your shopping early." Now it is "Twenty-five days to register" for the May primary election. The usual lineup of last-minute registrants may be expected, though smaller than usual because no hot fights are anticipated at the polls.

Eugene's Axemen certainly were properly named for that 27th state hoop classic—they really did "Give 'em the axe" as the old school yell demanded.

Anyway, if our loaves of bread are to be cut, it won't take so much butter for a slice of toast—nor so much coffee to soak it in.

Street and Road Maintenance

One needs only to travel in town or country to note that a big store of work lies ahead this summer in making repairs to streets and highways. Through war years maintenance was held down rather severely though attempt was made to do essential patching. The accumulated need now is large both in amount of material required, number of manhours of labor to be used—and the money to pay for the work.

On state highways there is considerable pitting on asphalt surfaces. The new road from Monmouth to Camp Adair is a sample of a job that needs to be done over. On other roads where trucking has been heavy the surface mat has broken through. The heavy rain and snowfall have added to repair requirements.

In Salem the cracking of the surface is bad on streets where the old streetcar rails were covered over. Too bad they were not pulled up and the paving relaid. On other of the older paved streets the pounding of heavy traffic leaves visible damage which must be cared for lest the street break up. One of the bad stretches is on the section of Center street which is under state maintenance, between the bridge and North Capitol. The coating laid some months ago did not adhere to the under surface and now is badly pitted, rough to ride on or walk over. The section east of Capitol laid by the Warren Construction company for the city has held up quite well.

The engineers will be out all over the state in cities and country checking needs and will return to their offices with full notebooks of jobs needing to be done. And as soon as the weather permits the repair gangs will get out, trying to catch up on the extensive deterioration our highways and streets have suffered during the war period. They will probably find it more than a single summer's repair job.

The Utmost of Something

A Portland paper dragged out the hoary issue of daylight saving and solicited opinions from many people. Our governor contributed the following to the symposium:

"There may be some advantages to daylight savings in some localities and in certain industries—but in this state it is a matter that requires the utmost and most careful consideration."

Behind the News

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, March 18—The withdrawal of Mr. Truman's friend, Edwin Pauley, was arranged at a midnight meeting of four senators. It was quite a significant meeting from a democratic party standpoint. Present were national chairman Hannegan, Mr. Pauley, the senator who led the fight for him, Millard Tydings of Maryland, the naval affairs committee chairman Senator Walsh—all strictly party men.

Conspicuously missing were the supra-party leaders, Senator Pepper, a nominal democrat, and Mr. Ickes who is not nominally anything, although he has been called, and has called himself many things. They were not consulted, as far as I have been able to learn.

The meeting did not break up until one a. m., after which the letters of pleasant exchange between President Truman and Pauley were arranged for release to the press the next day. Not much interpreting of the results has been done in view of the chaotic confusions into which the debate was plunged. Indeed the natural interpretation that the Pepper-Ickes group won a battle over the Truman-Hannegan-Pauley party leadership has been widely avoided as far as I have seen—both Pepper and Ickes avoided comment. The opposition appeared glad enough to forget its supposedly great sensational struggle.

Interpretation of Victory Unjustified
Indeed, the list of casualties left on the battle field hardly would justify an interpretation of victory for the Pepper-Ickes crowd. Mr. Pauley lost a proposed sub-cabinet job, but may get an ambassadorship or something else, as he still enjoys White House favor. Mr. Ickes lost his 14-year political hegemony in the interior department and his really important cabinet position. My information suggests Senator Pepper may have lost something equally important, although the loss of his tongue is so far the only recorded result in the casualty list.

Similarly my informants report the campaign within the party for Hannegan's scalp is not likely to succeed. There has been some legitimate opposition within the party to the Hannegan control, aside from this Pepper-Ickes fight against Pauley. Some of the older party men have been saying among themselves that he is too young, that his health has not been the best, that his tactics are not successful, that he has been playing too much—strangely enough—with the old Roosevelt crowd. The Pepper-Ickes group capitalized on this feeling during the fight against Pauley, and drew strength when boss Ed Crump of Memphis, came out with a demand that Hannegan give up one of his two jobs, as postmaster general and democratic national chairman. If Hannegan gives up either, it will be the postmaster generalship because he enjoys the unlimited support of Mr. Truman.

Fall of Ickes Greatest Net Result
His scalp, the democratic party people say, is therefore not likely to be included on the casualty list. As a matter of fact, the stories about his health are said by his friends to relate to the fact that he had some of his teeth pulled recently. In appearance, he looks healthy enough.

The greatest net result then is that the great Ickes fell from his personal hegemony in the cabinet to the job of writing a column for a minor paper, and organizing artists into some kind of a new liberty league. This is the greatest recorded fall since Lucifer—in distance I mean.



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One Guess

The Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE DRAWINGS OF LEONARD DA VINCI, edited with Introduction by A. E. Popham (Reynal & Hitchcock, \$10).

This volume combines in an unexampled manner what the art student needs and the layman will enjoy. Thanks for this excellence must be shared by da Vinci, the phenomenal Florentine genius who epitomizes the Renaissance, and by Popham, deputy keeper of prints and drawings in the British Museum, who has exercised a rare discrimination in selecting the 400 reproductions included in the book.

You may not always agree with his judgment; for instance, it seems questionable to call da Vinci's caricatures the "unpleasant side" of his work. But you will be helped immensely by his classification of the drawings; it is arbitrary, but not unfair, to group them into madonnas, draperies, animals, nudes, machinery, architecture, plants and so on.

There are two great collections of these drawings, in Milan and Windsor, and of course smaller numbers in New York, Paris and elsewhere. The artist used a variety of papers and mediums, such as pen, silver-point, black and red chalk, and he was left-handed. He lived in Florence, Milan, Rome, Venice and in France, near Ambrasse, where he died.

After about 100 pages in which the drawings are studied, there is a brief chronology, a bibliography and a list of the illustrations with information on size, method, material, provenance and references.

You may pore over it by matching text and illustrations, or may delight in the illustrations for themselves alone.

RADIO DRAMA IN ACTION, edited by Erik Barzow (Farrar & Rinehart, \$3).

The cover of this volume announces that 25 plays of a changing world are contained therein. The plays are all of the high-minded type (dubbed "public service") and authored by such people as Norman Corwin, Sandra Michael and Orson Welles and are at the opposite end of the world from the gag comedy and escape dramas that

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followers at Portage that the republican party of Wisconsin "offered us the best opportunity of advancement of progressive principles." He said of the democratic party that it had struck dead center, and was unable to act with sufficient unity to meet its problems, which is clear from the reports of the palsy of the democratic congress.

Thus expires another attempt to found a third party. It prospered for a time in Wisconsin but its leaders could find no "expert market" for its ideas. Less radical than the farmer-labor party which held Minnesota in its grip for a time, it made no affiliation in that direction. Save for endorsement of Roosevelt, Illinois remained straight republican, and so did Iowa and most of the time Michigan. American history is littered with the broken hopes of third parties. The only one that lingers on the scene is the American labor party and that is confined to the state (and chiefly the city) of New York. The socialist and prohibition survive but they are parties of single purpose. Despite the criticism of the old parties, republican and democratic, they remain virtually the only national political vehicles in this country. Voting habits, the difficulties of financing a new political organization and legal complications stand in the way of a rise to power by a new party. The modern technique is to get control of the old party and use its label to carry forward a program even though it violate old party traditions . . . witness the new deal and the democratic party.

Just how will the Wisconsin republicans welcome the returning progressives? They will be pleased to get their voting strength but not too happy over

are anonymously authored to do a mouth-watering sales job for tobacco, soft drinks, breakfast food, etc.

the prospect of sharing offices and rewards with those who have been party rebels. Wisconsin republicans are a tough lot, baked in the hot fires of LaFollette "radicalism" from the days of Senator Bob, pere. Wiley, present junior senator from Wisconsin, is as conservative as Bob Taft. But the Wisconsin progressives have pretty well gentled by this time. The democratic new dealers have left them in the rear, so the progressives and republicans in Wisconsin have little to quarrel about.

The fires of radicalism are burning lower, and Wisconsin progressives, recognizing that fact, are reentering the republican fold. The trends seem to be running in the direction of conservatism. We may need to be on guard lest they swing to genuine reaction.

The Safety Valve LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

HOW TO SAVE FOOD

To the Editor:
Again we are trying to solve a great problem by picayune methods.

A news reporter spends his time making the rounds of restaurants to see if he can get one piece of toast, and attaching great importance to the type of response he gets from a waitress who is hired not only to serve customers, but to keep them satisfied.

Solemnly editors expound on the efficacy of saving a pie crust here, and a jigger of fat there. Ceremoniously restaurant owners are interviewed, and asked to ponder the possibility of barefaced hamburgers and bunless hot dogs. No wonder there is no apparent response to the call to help feed the hungry and the undernourished.

If we really in earnest, direct and effective steps must be taken. Certainly an authoritative agency could wipe all pies of whatever nature, of all restaurant menus for 30 days. With the pies should go all other pastries. Besides saving much flour, fat and sugar, it would be a blessing for all fat men, and thousands of so-called stout women might possibly save themselves the price of a new girdle.

It might be a little tough on the bakers for a while, and some consumers might find it necessary to offer their sweet tooth a stewed prune, but charity without some sacrifice is like tossing one's table linings to the neighbor's dog.

If we are going to stem the tide of starvation and misery, against which millions of women and children are putting their puny strength, let's get on with it in the American way, aggressively, efficiently and in a wholehearted manner.

Jos. L. Prange

Smith Serves on Ship Honor Guard in China

ON THE USS LST 1050—Leslie J. Smith, F1/c, 2395 Front st., Salem, Ore., was part of the honor guard as this ship was inspected recently by Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. Admiral C. M. Cooke, Jr., Lt. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer and other high officials of the United Nations connected with the American-sponsored Chinese training program.

The visitors inspected the ranks of both the American and the Chinese crews, mustered at quarters as the Chinese national ensign fluttered from the main. They made a tour of the lower decks and observed the American-trained Chinese crew as it simulated beaching operations.

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT

George Benson and others vs Pearl F. Thomas and Zena Thomas: Motion to strike.
A. A. Trakan and Rachael Trakan vs Elmer Wood and Ada Wood: Complaint demands possession of a house plus \$780 as alleged unpaid rent.
J. R. Stratford and Leola Stratford vs Dy Foon and others: Defendant W. S. Walton files answer admitting and denying.

E. V. Gwaltney vs Pioneer Trust Co., executor of estate of Margaret A. Bronson: Defendant files motion to make more definite and certain.

Ray Woolworth vs Stephen Clarke and others: Default of defendant filed and decree quieta plaintiff's title to certain real property.

Clarence L. Dunn vs Gertrude Dunn: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment. Married March 22, 1934, at Smith Center, Kan.

PROBATE COURT

Lizzie A. Robertson, estate: Oran Stratton appointed executor and D. W. Eyre, Roy Nelson and Myrtle N. Shelley appointed appraisers.

Laura Alice Jack, estate: Ella McCleary, administratrix, authorized to sell certain real property.
Elvra C. Mortimer, guardian-ship estate: Estate inventoried at \$4071.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Richard A. Nelson, 23, service station operator, and Lillian Norden, 22, cannery worker, both Silvertown.
William L. Young, 73, citrus grower, Fillmore, Cal., and Lorena Helen Thompson, 61, housekeeper, Salem.

Merlin L. Brown, 28, agate

shop, 1710 S. 12th st., and Lavena Perreman, 21, telephone supervisor, both Salem.
Haymond S. Lane, 23, clerk, 1790 D. st., and Eleanor Gebhardt, 24, waitress, 609 N. Front st., both Salem.
Raymond Frey, 23, student, and Verla L. Carter, 24, nurse, both Stayton.
Tandy J. Burton, 29, mechanic, rt. 1, and Mary Alice Hammond, 23, grocery clerk, 645 Marion st., both Salem.

MUNICIPAL COURT
Robert Clark, 752 N. Winter st., no operator's license, fined \$5.
Alameda P. Riggs, 696 Mill st., failure to stop, fined \$2.50.

Neil W. Pyle, 470 25th st., violation of basic rule, \$7.50 bail paid.
Harold R. Schiller, Portland, no operator's license, \$5 bail paid.

George Sennatt, 864 Mill st., failure to stop, \$2.50 bail paid, and violation of basic rule, \$5 bail paid.
Samuel H. Gould, Los Angeles, violation of basic rule, \$7.50 bail paid.

JUSTICE COURT

Robert P. Paulson, illegal purchase of liquor with irregular permit, fined \$25 and sentenced to 10 days in county jail.

Roy Ernest Barker, passing at crest of hill, fined \$2 and costs.
Ike Washington, Salem, drunk and disorderly, fined \$10 and costs.

Salem Service Stations Sign With Local 324

Union shop agreements with 15 of Salem's major tire shops and service station operators was signed Monday by the teamsters' union local 324, Ward Graham, union secretary, announced.

The closing of this agreement brings into the teamsters fold more than 150 members under working conditions and wages which are among the highest paid in these industries on the Pacific coast, Graham said.

The agreements put the service station employees on a 48-hour week at the following rates per hour: service truck drivers, \$1.10 per hour; tire service men, \$1.05 per hour; service station attendants for the first three months, 85 cents per hour; service station attendants for the first three months, 85 cents per hour, next nine months 95 cents per hour, and after one year, \$1.05 per hour. Working service station managers will draw \$1.15 per hour and sales clerks \$1.05 per hour.

Tire vulcanizers and recappers will work a 40-hour week now and working head foreman and head vulcanizer will draw \$1.25 per hour, vulcanizer retreader \$1.20 per hour, vulcanizer helper \$1.05 per hour and beginners for the first three months 90 cents per hour.

5 to 25 Cent Boost

Increases in the earnings of the employees are from five to 25 cents per hour, Graham stated. Additional benefits of the agreements call for vacations, holidays and special overtime benefits and night shift differentials.

Union men and employers collaborated closely in a ten-day period of negotiations and collective bargaining prior to the signing and relations between the groups were "very good throughout," Graham said.

Signers Include

The Salem firms who signed the agreement include Walter H. Zosel Co., Frank Doolittle service station, State Tire Service, B.F. Goodrich Stores, Salem Tire Service, Gil Ward Tire Store, O. K. Tire Shop, Firestone store, Broadway Tire Service, Ray Knight's Shell Service, Budny's Richfield Car Service, Verr's Standard Service, Bowman and Staab Richfield Service, and Gibson and Klein Service Station.

Pre-Camporee Training Meets Ready Scouts

Third in the Cascade council series of boy scout pre-camporee training courses was held at Taylor's Grove, Mehama, Friday and Saturday, when the Marion district patrol leaders conference took place.

Three troops were present at the camp conducted by Harry Mitchell, assistant scout executive, and Vernon Merrick. Jack Gulliford, scoutmaster of troop 43 of Detroit and Idanha; Edward Rogers, scoutmaster of Mehma a troop 48 and Tiny Godell, assistant scoutmaster, and Sam Bridges, scoutmaster of Lyons troop 51 were present with patrol leaders from each troop.

Friday evening was taken up with campfire programs and a night-stalking event, and Saturday was occupied with scoutcraft and training courses climaxed by a court of honor. The conference was held in preparation for the coming camporee for all members of the six Marion district troops scheduled for April 12 and 13 at Berry Forrest Camp near Detroit.

Election Notice Ruling Given

Notices of election, to approve or reject a county road tax levy of \$750,000 in Umatilla county, must specify the roads to be constructed or improved, the amount of money to be expended on each, and the rate of interest, Attorney General George Neuner ruled here Monday.

In another opinion Neuner held that placer claims in Oregon may be located under like circumstances and upon similar proceedings as vein or lode claims. The state department of geology and mineral resources asked for opinion.

Gov. Snell Urges Vet Employment

Governor Earl Snell Monday sent letters to all state departments under the executive offices requesting extra effort in the employment of returning veterans.

"The State of Oregon in vitally concerned with the successful readjustment of the returning veterans," Governor Snell said, "and their employment or reemployment is a vital part of this program."

Governor Snell urged that the state departments do not overlook the possibility of on-the-job training where the veteran may be trained for positions requiring skill and experience.

New Lyons Scout Troop Organized

Organization of the new boy scout troop No. 51 of Lyons was completed Saturday evening at Lyons Faith Rebekah Lodge No. 168, troop sponsors, Harry Mitchell, assistant scout executive, announced Monday.

Sam E. Bridges is the new troop scoutmaster and troop committeemen include Carl Reid, Arthur L. Anderson, Gordon Heineck and Philip Pietrock. The troop will meet every Thursday evening in the Rebekah lodge rooms.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"As chairman of the fact finding board, I find, after a thorough investigation, that the Ace Novelty Co. doesn't make much money—but they do have lots of fun!"

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