

Wyatt Orders Quarter Of New Houses Built to Rent

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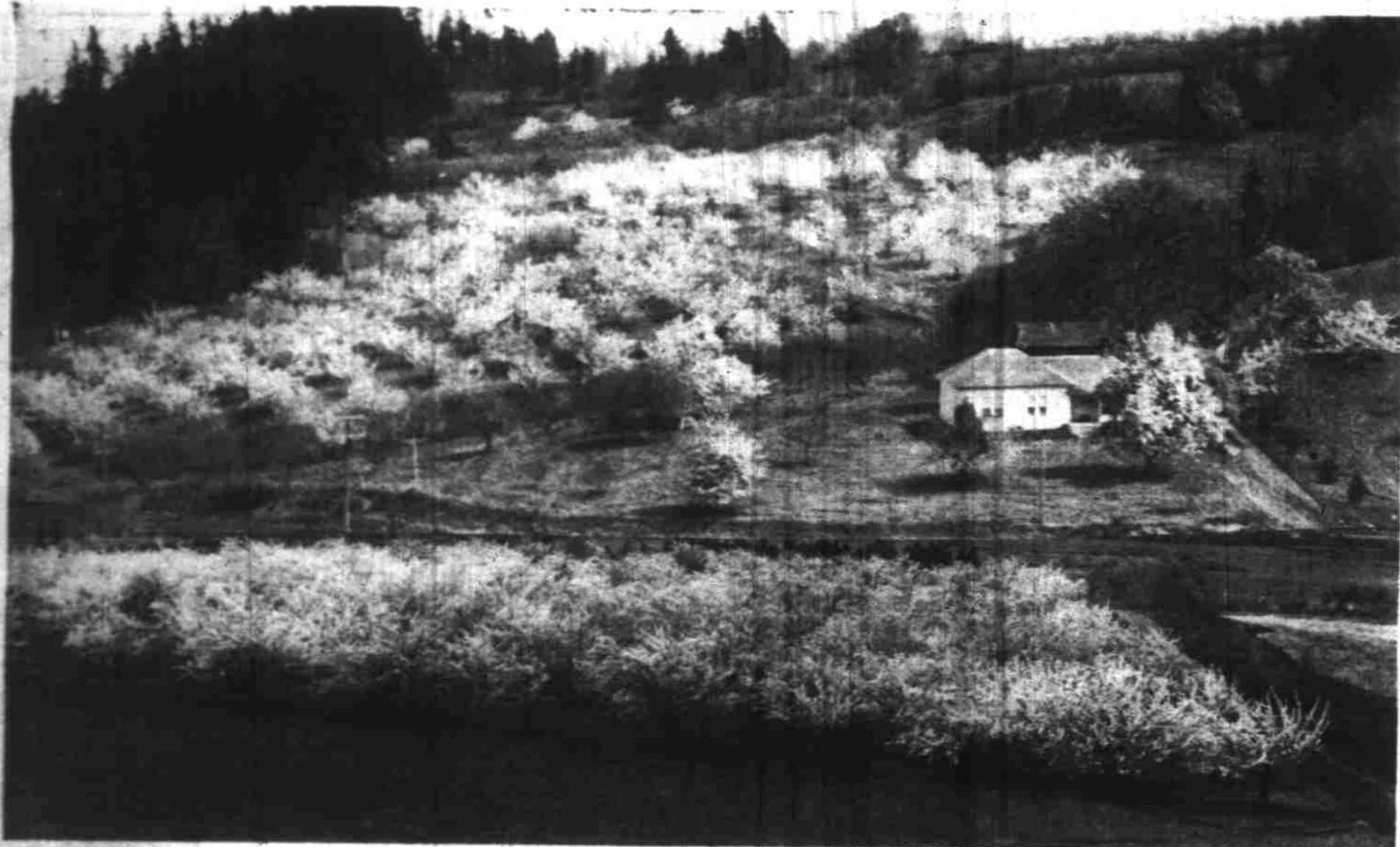
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It's Cherry Blossom time in the valley—and the time for a lot of other blossoms, too. Late rains have left a countryside seldom equalled in verdancy, as hundreds of visitors will find today on the Blossom Day route of the Salem Cherrisians (route on page 2). Statesman Photographer Bill Scott caught these orchards in their full glory last week.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

Today's major interests number three:—first the religious significance of Easter with its story of the resurrection; second, ham and eggs and bunny rabbits; third, apparel, chiefly female apparel. Tomorrow's news may be sure will devote more space and more pictures to the Easter parade on Park avenue than to what was said in the churches. Conventionally, Easter is the day for mildly to emerge radiant in new spring costume from shoes to hat, with particular attention to the millinery. Despite all the shortages and complaints of shortages American women will go to church today well dressed and most of them wearing new things.

When it comes to dress the mere male is cast in shadow by his more conspicuously apparelled mate. Among birds and beasts the male is the one with more style and color. Compare the cock pheasant with his drab consort, for example. With humans the male defers to the female and finds his greatest satisfaction in bedecking her with glowing costume and brilliant jewelry.

There was a time and that not too long ago either, when man took pride in his sartorial elegance. It was stiff and starched, but a badge of distinction nevertheless. We moderns get many a laugh in turning the pages of Godey's Lady's Book, that compendium of fashions of an age now gone. There is similar enjoyment of contrast to be found in the male costume of say the 1880's.

Consider what the well-dressed man would wear if he
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Vet Jobless Claims Falling

GI readjustment allowance payments seem to be dropping off throughout the state and locally, an unemployment compensation commission spokesman reported Saturday.

Civilian compensation claims, however, appear to be increasing slightly, he indicated. For the week ending April 13, in Marion county GI claims totaled 1121, while for the week ending April 6 the total stood at 1128 and for the last week in March at 1290.

Civilian claims during the same periods totaled 1540 for the week ending April 13, 1453 for the week before that and 1386 for the last week in March, the commission figures show.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Federal Grain Cut May Top 25% Ordered

CHICAGO, April 20.—(AP)—Americans may have to cut their consumption of bread and other wheat products even more than the 25 per cent ordered by the government unless a federal bonus inducement brings a rush of stored wheat from the farms, milling sources indicated today.

A survey of the government's program for a 25 per cent slash in flour consumption to combat famine in Europe brought these reactions:

C. D. McKenzie, president of the Miller's National Federation, said unless farmers release their stores of wheat it is "extremely doubtful" sufficient grain would be available at the mills to produce 75 per cent of the flour they turned out last year.

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the journal of the American Medical Association, said the slash in wheat consumption would "do more good than harm" for the average American. Dr. Fishbein said the nutritional value of wheat products was available in other foods and that overeating was an important contributing factor in shortening longevity after middle age.

Oregon Bakers To Cut Loaves

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—(AP) Oregon bakers will cut the standard family size one and a half pound loaf to one pound during the food for famine campaign they announced today.

Frank J. Bastasch, president of the Oregon Bakers' club, said the bakers were confused by the government grain and flour economy order asking a 10 per cent size cut and a state price law requiring loaf sizes in half pound units.

He said bakers would urge buying of only a minimum of bread and pastry and reduce the amount of flour consumed 25 per cent.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Salem	58	44	14
Buena	50	43	05
Portland	59	47	06
San Francisco	61	47	00
Seattle	57	45	37

Willamette river 3.2 ft.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy today, becoming partly cloudy early this evening. Highest temperature today 60 degrees.

Blossom-Enclosed Highways to Play Host to Sightseers

With myriad blossoming trees pointing up a rich valley landscape around Salem and with the expectation of fair weather, highways and country roads leading from Salem in all directions will be crowded this Easter Sunday with thousands of sightseeing motorists.

For today is Salem's spectacular Blossom Day, as well as Easter, and the first such blossom time observance since before the war. Visitors from many western Oregon cities are expected to drive the "blossom routes" to view the gaily hued orchards.

The weather forecast indicates an early cloudiness will lift somewhat throughout the day. No rain is predicted.

Atom Research Said Stalled Since V-J Day

WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The United States federal atomic research program "has been stalled since V-J day," Dr. E. U. Condon, scientific advisor to the special senate committee on atomic energy, said tonight.

Dr. Condon, who is also director of the national bureau of standards, reported that "more than three-fourths of the leading nuclear scientists" who helped develop the atomic bomb "are gone—back to the universities or to private research laboratories."

Dr. Condon made these statements in remarks prepared for a round-table broadcast over NBC. They made up his response to a request for comment on statements by Dr. Harold Urey, an atomic scientist, who has asserted that only "second raters" are left in American atomic laboratories.

Both petitions were signed by residents of the Turner, Aumsville, Marion, Sublimity and Parish Gap districts and will effect market roads 27 and 28.

County Requested To Replace Bridge

The Marion county court Saturday received petitions asking for the replacement of the old covered bridge between Turner and Aumsville and for the re-surfacing and widening of the road from the penitentiary annex through Turner to Aumsville.

Great Britain To Join U.S. in Wheat Saving

Britain announced last night that it would enact wheat-saving measures soon in line with United States action, while Canada and Argentina took steps to increase their food contributions to the world's hungry peoples.

In London, Prime Minister Attlee's office declared that "his majesty's government are ready to play their part" along with the United States in steps to reduce the consumption of wheat.

"They will shortly announce the measures to be taken in this country for economizing wheat consumption," the statement said.

Canada made available an additional 5,000,000 bushels of oats and about 2,500,000 bushels of lower grade wheat for relief of the world food shortage.

Spurred by appeals from President Truman, former President Hoover and their own president-elect, Juan D. Peron, the Argentine government set in motion nationwide machinery for boosting contributions to Europe.

Orders went out closing meat, fish, fowl and fruit markets on Sundays and a drive got under way for rationing supplies.

Oregon Crop Forecast Good

Crop prospects in eastern and central Oregon this year are even more favorable than in the last few bumper seasons, due to heavy precipitation, Charles E. Stricklin, secretary of the state reclamation commission, declared Saturday.

Stricklin said virtually all of the reservoirs are overflowing with nearly three times as much precipitation in some districts when compared with 1945.

"Unless something unforeseen occurs, Oregon farmers should have a prosperous year," Stricklin said.

County Requested \$180,000 Goal of YWCA Campaign

The funds drive for the new YWCA building will begin May 1, with a goal of \$180,000, Mrs. Frank H. Spears, general chairman announced Saturday.

Con Back Following Escape

Ivan Leeper, 22, was back in solitary confinement at the state penitentiary Saturday afternoon, less than 15 hours after he had picked the lock of his cell and climbed over the wall of the prison with the aid of a hand-made rope. He set the time of his escape at 10 p.m. Friday but he was not missed until a guard change at 5:45 a.m. Saturday.

He was sighted by officers in a field in the Macleay-Shaw area about seven miles southeast of Salem and offered no resistance when apprehended by State Policeman Carl McCormick and Guard Capt. Roy Riggs.

Begged Breakfast

Search was directed to that area when Mrs. Dan Miller, Macleay, called prison officials to tell them that a man who she thought was the fugitive had begged for breakfast.

After his capture, Leeper set the time of his escape at 10 p.m. and told officers how he had carved the keys out of three spoons with which he picked the lock on his cell. The rope was made out of his bedding, an old shirt and a towel, according to Deputy Warden Gene Halley.

Warden George Alexander was out of town at the time of the escape.

Leeper went over the wall near a tower on the south wall where a guard was stationed. He was not missed until a checkup at the changing of guard at 5:45 a.m.

Log for Assault

Leeper was received at the prison in April, 1943, to serve a 10-year sentence for assault while armed with a dangerous weapon in Klamath county. He was a trouble maker at the prison, according to Halley, and was serving in solitary confinement for the attempted knifing of a fellow convict.

Byron Dyson, life term, who escaped from the prison April 2 with four others, is still at large, the others having been apprehended.

George Goodrich Resigns to Enter Practice of Law

George R. Goodrich has resigned his appointment as assistant state's attorney general to enter the practice of law in Tillamook, associated with C. W. Barrick, a long-time resident and attorney of that city, it was announced Saturday.

Goodrich became assistant attorney general in 1944 and has since acted as attorney for the state tax commission. He has been especially active in the study of tax exemption statutes in Oregon, cooperating with S. J. Barrick, active secretary of the governor's interim tax study commission in that work.

Mr. and Mrs. Goodrich have purchased a home in Tillamook and will move to that city soon.

City Churches Schedule Multiple Services Today

Thousands of Salem residents will observe the first peace time Easter in five years with church services in dozens of local churches and at sunrise services at 5:30 this morning at nearby Belcrest Memorial park.

Dr. Charles Durden will speak on "The Easter Message" at the sunrise service sponsored by the Salem Ministerial association and directed by Hi-Y and Tri-Y groups.

Solemn high mass at 6:30 a.m. in St. Joseph's will be the first of eight Easter masses to be celebrated in Salem's two Catholic churches this morning. The 11 a.m. mass will be sung and low masses will be celebrated at

Ceilings Sliced For Dwellings

By Sterlin F. Green
WASHINGTON, April 20.—(AP)—The government tonight ordered new, reduced ceiling heights for the bulk of new dwellings and directed that one-fourth of them be built for rental.

The national housing administration order will steer, by priority action, most of the country's residential building materials into homes well under the present \$10,000 sales and \$80 rental limit.

Announced by Housing Expediter Wilson W. Wyatt, the order directs that:

One fourth of the dwellings henceforth authorized in any city must be built for rental; and of these, at least half must rent at or below ceilings which range from \$4 monthly in New Orleans to \$65 in New York.

Half of all homes built to be sold must come below a new price-line which also varies from city to city; \$4500 in New Orleans, for instance, and \$9000 in New York.

It will be the job of federal housing officials over the country to induce builders to undertake the low-cost and rental housing projects. These are disliked by some builders; now they must account for over 60 per cent of authorized dwellings.

The government's whip is the withholding of priorities on scarce lumber, materials and supplies.

Up to \$10,000
Other houses may range in price to the \$10,000 sales and \$80-a-month rental limits already fixed for the veterans' housing program. But Wyatt said that the new "channelling" order will immediately "increase by 50 per cent the homes built under \$6500" in April, May and June.

Veterans who apply to build their own homes will get first preference in the issuance of priorities, the order specifies. Next preference will go to builders who agree to sell or rent under the new dividing line.

The new "dividing line" will establish approximately these sales marks:
Approximately
New York, \$9000; Washington and Chicago, \$7500; Los Angeles and Milwaukee, \$7000; Indianapolis and Kansas City, Mo., \$6500; Denver and Seattle, \$6000; New Orleans, \$4500.

Sample rental dividing lines are approximately:
Providence, Philadelphia and New York, \$65; Chicago and Washington, \$55; Boston and Seattle, \$50; Atlanta, Denver, Los Angeles and New Orleans, \$40.

Spain Inquiry Near Certain

NEW YORK, April 20.—(AP) Australia's proposal for an investigation of Franco Spain by the United Nations security council, appeared tonight to be headed toward almost certain approval when the council resumed discussion of the Spanish question next week.

Strong support of the proposed inquiry was assured when it became apparent that advocates of an immediate worldwide diplomatic break with Spain were linking up behind it.

Myron Woodard Dies at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., April 20.—(AP) Myron C. Woodard, 71, active in the lumber industry here and in Minnesota for 50 years, died at his home here today.

In 1909 he came to Oregon from Tower, Minn., and organized the Silver Falls Timber Company, the Westport Lumber Company and the Nehalem Investment Company. He was a director of the Douglas Fir Export Company and of the First National Bank of Portland.

China Communists Charge U. S. Planes Strafed Red Lines

CHUNGKING, April 20.—(AP)—Chinese communist headquarters charged today that United States aircraft strafed communist troops at Szeepingkai, Manchuria, April 17 and April 19. One airplane shot down contained an American flier, the communists asserted.

A communist spokesman read dispatches published in the new China Daily News.

One, datelined Szeepingkai, said two "American" planes, one large and one small, bearing "Star insignia," flew over Szeepingkai April 17 "as though scouting," and then machine gunned communist lines.

The second report, datelined Yenan, said a single U. S. aircraft strafed the western suburbs of Szeepingkai April 19.

Nationalists to Let China Reds Take Harbin

CHUNGKING, April 20.—(AP)—Chinese nationalists encircling Harbin declared today they intended to seize that north Manchurian metropolis, and the government indicated it would not even try to defend the city.

A government spokesman said the situation in central Manchuria was "very grave" now that communist troops have taken Changchun, the capital, 150 miles southwest of Harbin.

A communist spokesman warned that the encircling troops would seize Harbin when the Russian army pulls out next Thursday "if a status of civil war still prevails in Manchuria."

That would give General Marshall, special U. S. envoy to China, only five more days to work out a truce first between the warring factions.

Marshall was in almost continuous conferences with both government and communist officials.

Camellia Show In Full Swing

Hundreds of camellia, rhododendron and azalea blooms colorfully arrayed attracted about 1500 Salem residents Saturday to the flower show being staged this weekend in the YMCA by the Salem Camellia and Rhododendron society.

It was the society's first public showing of rhododendron and azalea blooms, although public camellia shows have been held before. The public will be admitted again, without charge, from 10 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. today.

9 Counties Show Traffic Toll Drop

Nine Oregon counties reported fewer traffic fatalities in 1945 than in the previous year, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported Saturday. They were Coos, Curry, Douglas, Grant, Hood River, Jefferson, Josephine, Marion and Union.

There were 352 persons killed in traffic accidents in 1945. Of this total 235 were killed in the rural areas, one-fourth of them pedestrians.

Marion County Judge Murphy States Federal Aid Needed to Supplement Assistance Budget

By Conrad Prange
Staff Writer, The Statesman
The \$258,000 proposed public assistance fund to be budgeted for the 1946-47 fiscal year, largest in Marion county's history, will not be large enough unless federal aid is forthcoming, Marion County Judge Grant Murphy said Saturday.

A bill is now pending in congress which provides for federal participation in the counties general assistance fund. The other three phases of the public assistance program—old age assistance, blind assistance and aid to dependent children—are now being aided by the state (30 per cent), federal government (50 per cent) and county (20 per cent).

At present, the judge said, the law provides that the general assistance fund is made by "the state contributing not less than 50 per cent and the county not more than 50 per cent. But the

way it is being administered now, the state pays about 85 per cent of the fund and the county about 15 per cent."

"Public assistance funds are becoming increasingly more burdensome," Judge Murphy stated. During December, 1945, the fund cost the state \$1,153,077 and for January, 1946, the figure rose to \$1,208,575, he said.

Marion county's share of the expenses have increased to an all-time high also, the judge declared. The figures he gave for the amount of money budgeted each year by the county for public assistance were: 1942-43—\$182,800; 1943-44—\$200,400; 1944-45—\$214,000; 1945-46—\$235,000. The amount appropriated for the 1945-46 program is completely spent, he stated.

Breaking down the 1945-46 budget into its four phases of assistance it was shown that \$174,000 went for old age assistance, \$38-

000 for aid to dependent children, \$4140 for blind assistance and \$18,860 for general assistance.

General assistance in the county—which means assistance to those dependents under 65 years of age, while old age assistance applies to those over 65—is on the increase, Judge Murphy said. If the proposed bill is passed it would mean that the county's burden on this one item would be cut in half, he said.

Another snag in adequate budgeting of the assistance fund is seen in the law that requires the county to budget whatever amounts the county public welfare commissions request, with the result that the county must use road revenues to help pay the cost of increased assistance bills.

"Federal aid isn't the final answer to our public assistance problems," Judge Murphy added, "but it will help."