

Marion County 4-H Club Members Bring Floats, Music, Costumes to Salem in 16th Annual Parade



Norbert Wellman, Mt. Angel and Lona Fay Daly, Mill City, Marion county's healthiest boy and girl, lead parade.

Silver Cliff, honorable mention for one room school, carried banner "We Must Feed the World" and pupils in costumes of Polish, Dutch and Chinese depicted hungry people of world. Uncle Sam drew wagon with Oregon food products.

Delbert McLoughlin, as Uncle Sam, drew wagon carrying globe and food which hungry people of world need.



Stanton, (top) honorable mention for 4-room school; Liberty, (bottom) keeps Oregon green by nursing seedlings in baby carriage.



Talbot, (top) two room school, featured its sewing and cooking clubs. Swegle, (bottom) first for four room school, featured its cooking clubs.

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Big 4 Split Over Austria, Ruhr

County's Healthiest 4-H Boy, Girl Lead Parade Of 1000 Club Members

More than 1000 4-H boys and girls from 47 Marion county schools paraded through Salem streets Friday morning with police escort for the 16th annual county spring show parade. Norbert Wellman of Mt. Angel and Lona Fay Daly of Mill City, judged Marion county's healthiest boy and girl, led the parade and carried the colors.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Are you one of the diners-out whose first gesture after being seated at the table is to pick up spoon or fork and wipe it on the napkin or edge of the table cloth? If you are not of the breed, at least you surely have seen them at work. The cutlery seems to be what the golfer would call a mental hazard—the fearful customer feels unsafe unless he first polishes the table silver.

I happen to be not of the tribe. I feel if I entrust myself to the restaurant's food I can safely trust myself to its eating tools. I wonder if the folk who have this habit perform the rite when they are guests in private homes; or at their own homes. And I wonder too at the patience of head waiters or restaurant keepers who never seem to notice the implication of uncleanness in their housekeeping.

Just what does the spoon polisher hope to accomplish by rubbing the cutlery? Is he chasing germs? If so, he ought to know that microscopic germs will survive that treatment. Is he erasing fingerprints? Then why doesn't he do the same with plates and dishes and glasses for they likewise must be handled?

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Animal Crackers



"Gosh, I feel like a new oyster since I had that lump taken out of my side!"

Camp Adair Navy Hospital Closure Scheduled May 31

May 31 has been set as official closing date for U. S. naval hospital Corvallis (Camp Adair) Capt. M. S. Mathis, commanding officer at the installation, announced Friday.

Train Wreck Probe Started, Death Toll 44

NAPERVILLE, Ill., April 26—(AP) Several agencies investigated today a Burlington railroad crash which killed 44 persons here yesterday in the nation's worst postwar rail disaster, and these questions were at the top of their list:

What was the condition of the brakes on the Exposition flyer? When were the brakes applied? And did the comparative light weight of the train reduce its braking power?

Among the dead were two children and 14 women. More than 100 others were injured, at least four critically.

State's Attorney Lee Daniels said the 68 year old engineer of the Exposition flyer, W. W. Blaine of Galesburg, Ill., told him that the high speed and light weight of his train were responsible for the collision.

Blaine, who suffered a skull fracture and cuts, has been charged with manslaughter.

Warren Henry, chief investigator for the Illinois commerce commission, contended that an engineer would have nearly 11,000 lbs. in which to stop his train at the scene of the collision if he had applied his brakes when the yellow automatic signal was visible and if the brakes were in normal condition.

Bus Talk Ends in Deadlock

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26—(AP) A negotiation meeting of Oregon Motor Stages officials, union representatives and mayors of Salem and Eugene ended in a deadlock tonight, with no indication of settling the three-week strike.

The session, attended by a federal conciliation commission, adjourned without announcement of further conferences.

A. L. Schneider, company general manager, said the bus line offered \$1.12½ hourly for drivers on city lines, \$1.37½ for mechanics, and \$1.25 an hour or 5½ cents a mile for over-the-road drivers, whichever they prefer.

He said the rates would be retroactive to last Jan. 1. The company will take part in full arbitration if employees work meanwhile, he added.

Union spokesman Harold Oathes, who said the workers also were willing to arbitrate, listed these union demands: \$1.15 for city drivers, \$1.40 for mechanics, \$1.35 hourly or 5½ cents a mile for over-the-road drivers.

Civil Service Group Accepts Eligibility List

The new civil service eligibility list tabulated this week by Commission Secretary Al Mundt, following policemen's examinations, were certified to and accepted by the local civil service commission Friday.

The nine high ranking men, including three present policemen, will undergo physical examinations at the county health department May 1, Mundt said. Nine vacancies exist in the police department by virtue of temporary wartime appointments.

The commission will set examinations for police sergeants and radiomen in the near future. Police Sgt. S. K. Frieser, although a patrolman under civil service, is the only sergeant not holding his rank under civil service. None of the radiomen are under civil service.

Solons Win Debut 12-4

Salem's Senators got off to a flying start in the revived Western International baseball loop last night, trouncing the Yakima Stars 12 to 4 in the season's opener at Yakima. 4100 fans saw Manager Frisco Edwards' charges score twice in the first frame and four times in the second to salt the game away early.

Pitcher Ed Kowalski on the mound for Salem hurled shut-out ball for seven frames before being pulled at the end when Yakima did its scoring. The Solons collected 12 hits off starter Joe Kralovich and three successors. (Additional details on the sport page.)

Acheson Asks More Drastic Cuts in Grain

WASHINGTON, April 26—(AP) Acting Secretary of State Acheson stepped into the food picture today with a call for much more drastic action to fulfill America's promise of help to the starving abroad.

Asked at a news conference what sort of drastic action might be taken, he said that there was no great mystery about it, that if you wanted to get wheat or flour, what you had to do was to go and take wheat or flour.

His remark was made after discussion had started in other government food quarters as to whether further formal action should be taken to cut home use of bread.

At the agriculture department, officials discounted any possibility of government action to seize grain from farms. They did not rule out entirely, however, the possibility of requisitioning supplies from other channels if other measures should prove inadequate.

New Sugar Stamp Good on May 1

Spare Stamp 49 in family ration books will be made good for five pounds of sugar beginning May 1, 1946, and will expire Aug. 31, 1946, the OPA announced today. Sugar Stamp 39, the last stamp specifically labeled "Sugar," will expire for consumer use on April 30.

Based upon the April 23 report of the combined food board on sugar supply, OPA expects the same consumer ration of five pounds of sugar for each four months can be maintained. If the present ration rate is maintained, the next spare stamp for regular consumer purchases of sugar will be validated Sept. 1, 1946, OPA said.

Army Declares Salem, Albany Men Dead

Portland representatives of 13th naval district Friday announced that the status of two men from this area has been changed from missing in action to dead. They listed the men as follows: James Thompson, jr., AMM 1/c, son of Mrs. Marjorie Lee Pettit, 340 E. Wilson st., Salem; Leonard Eugene Blodgett, S 1/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blodgett, 334 Broadway, Albany.

Ministers Agreed On Italy

By Joseph Dynan
PARIS, April 26—(AP)—The foreign ministers of Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States agreed today on machinery for studying the question of Italian reparations, but failed to achieve accord on the inclusion of the Ruhr and Austrian issues on the peace conference agenda.

In their second session in Luxembourg palace, the ministers took up the disputed phases of the Italian treaty and concurred in the principle that Italy should pay reparations within her ability to pay.

They also agreed on a preamble to the peace treaty holding Italy responsible for the war. The United States, which previously had opposed any reparations from Italy, acceded to Russian demands for some payment.

The United States agreed to Italian reparations, it was reported, also with the proviso that such payment must not put Italy in the position of requiring outside economic aid.

The ministers did not discuss the Austrian and Ruhr questions, evidently because their deputies, who prepare each day's agenda, still were at odds on both issues.

Salem Hospital Asks Raise for Welfare Aid

The state welfare commission in Portland Friday announced that action has been deferred on a request from Salem General hospital that the daily rate for care of welfare patients be increased by 50 cents beginning May 1.

Hospital officials in Salem stated that the request is in line with increased rates here and elsewhere in Oregon, recently necessitated by increased operating costs, and that it had been initiated early this year.

Although it acknowledged that the Marion county welfare commission approved Salem General's request as "justifiable," the state commission said an increase here would create a wave of similar demands from other parts of the state and a resulting sharp increase in welfare costs, AP reported. The commission is asking Salem General to continue at present rates pending a statewide study of hospital rates.

Vatican Radio Raps Conditions In Russian Occupation Zone

LONDON, April 26—(AP)—The Vatican radio, joining Catholic bishops of western Germany in denouncing conditions in the Russian zone of eastern Germany, said tonight that 2000 to 4000 Germans were dying weekly in camps there and that disease, starvation and rape were widespread.

In a broadcast recorded in London, the Vatican radio read a "report" of an unidentified eyewitness of conditions in eastern Germany who said that "the German press is not allowed to mention the extent of the suffering."

Earlier today, official sources at Wiesbaden, Germany, said a pastoral letter by Catholic bishops of western Germany assailing allied occupation policies was withdrawn in the U.S. zone at the request of military government authorities. They said it "incited

Lewis Lays New Demands at Door Of Mine Owners

By the Associated Press
John L. Lewis laid a strike threat and list of contract demands before the nation's anthracite mine operators yesterday as Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach made a new bid for settling the 26 day old strike of 400,000 soft coal miners.

Filing of a 30-day strike notice on behalf of 75,000 hard coal miners was approved by the UMW tri-district scale convention at Hazelton, Pa., along with generalized demands for more pay, a shorter work week and creation of a health and welfare fund.

The demands will be presented to the anthracite operators at a conference scheduled to start in New York May 10. The present contract expires May 31. The hard coal miners currently are paid \$8.39 daily for a seven-hour, five-day work week and time and a half for overtime. They now receive \$54.54 weekly, working six days.

Secretary Schwelienbach said he would call Lewis and the soft coal operators back into joint negotiations early next week.

Independence Residents Hurt In Car Wreck

Three Independence residents were injured Friday night in a two-car collision on highway 51 at the west edge of Independence. They are Mrs. Juanita Myers and her four-year-old daughter Yvonne, Dunckel Apts., and Thomas A. McCoy, 30, of 569 Fourth st.

The injured were hospitalized at Salem General hospital where Mrs. Myers and her child were reported doing as well as could be expected and McCoy was described as not seriously injured. Mrs. Myers incurred multiple lacerations and fractures of the right hand and left leg and her daughter suffered possible internal injuries.

Witnesses told investigating officers that the sedan driven by Mrs. Myers had just turned into the highway from 10th street when it collided with McCoy's coupe which, they said, was on the wrong side of the road.

500 Join Farmers Union Health Association

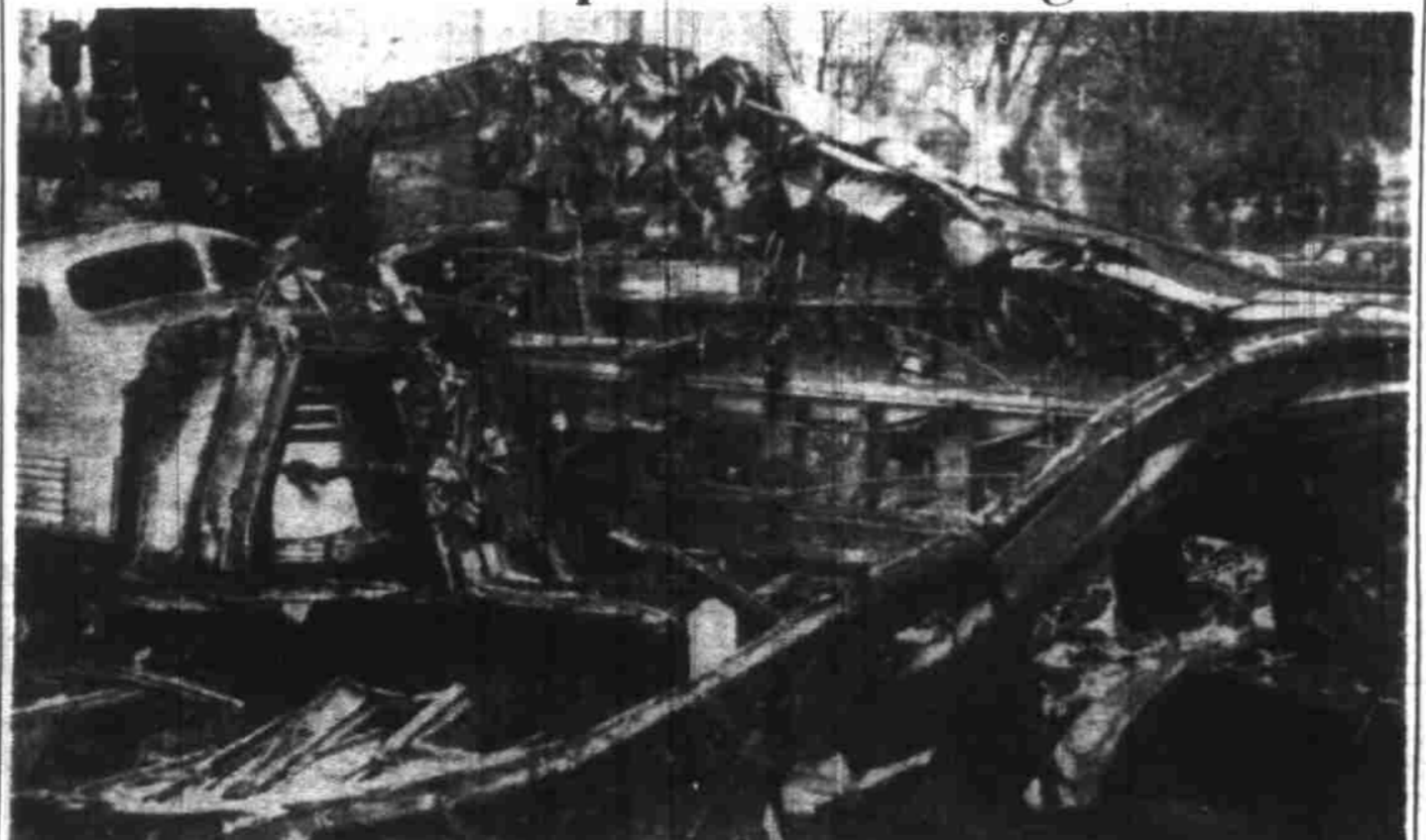
Approximately 500 paid memberships have been received by the Oregon Farmers Union Health Association, which contemplates construction of a \$50,000 community health center here, Director Harley Libby reported Friday.

Site for the health center already has been purchased and actual construction operations will get under way this year.

Legion Magician Has Beer Shortage in Hand

One answer to the question of how to get beer in Salem came up Friday night when the House of Magic entertainers at Leslie Junior high auditorium tapped an empty keg and drew beer for a dozen incredulous spectators from the audience—collar and all. The show is being presented Saturday afternoon and evening under the auspices of Salem Post 136, American Legion.

Crane Separates Wreckage



NAPERVILLE, Ill., April 26—A wrecking crane pulls the locomotive of the Burlington railroad's Exposition Flyer (left) free from the rear car of the road's advance flyer today. The locomotive had telescoped the rear car of the Advance Flyer in a wreck yesterday in which many were killed and injured. (AP Wirephoto to The Oregon Statesman)