

By Charles F. Sprague

All on a bright spring day A. L. Greenwalt, president, and Walter Meacham, secretary, of the Oregon branch of the American Pioneer Trails association set out through southern Oregon to stimulate interest in the marking of the "Applegate Trail" which first was opened as an immigrant route just 100 years ago.

News of the new Modoc uprising provoked the usual response on the opposite side of the Cascades. The Grants Pass Cavemen grabbed their war clubs in defense of the Applegate name and the Medford Mail-Tribune editorialized that "southern route" didn't mean anything, that "southern" was so common it appears even on boxcars, and that "Applegate" should appear on the road-markers.

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Australia U.N. Delegate Quits; Reds Adamant

NEW YORK, April 27-(AP)—Australia's peppery delegate, Lt. Col. William R. Hodgson, announced late today he was withdrawing from the United Nations Security Council because of the illness in Paris of his wife and that his successor at the council table would carry on his policies without any change.

Hodgson, the prime mover for a unanimous solution of the Spanish deadlock in the council and long a proponent of full documentation on every case before the council, said he would leave by plane for Paris Monday morning.

Hodgson will be succeeded by Paul Hasluck, counselor in charge of Australia's permanent mission at the United Nations headquarters.

Roxas Claims Island Victory

MANILA, Sunday, April 28-(AP)—With the counting two-thirds completed, Manuel A. Roxas held a lead of 132,402 votes over incumbent Sergio Osmena in the race for presidency of the Philippines republic, the official tabulation showed at noon today.

Roxas had 1,043,307 votes, Osmena 910,965. Roxas claimed victory and began choosing a cabinet.

TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

CHAMPOEG, April 27-(AP)—The centennial of the 1846 treaty which set the Canada-U. S. frontier will be celebrated here May 8 by the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Would you mind changing places with me, Bessie—I can't stand riding backwards!"

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Spring Marries Fall



HOUSTON, Mo., April 27—Newlyweds W. T. Sutton, 74, and his 16-year-old bride, Vinnie, spend a quiet evening together in the living room of their five-room farm home.

'Flying Wing' Latest AAF Plane, Dwarfs Superfort

LOS ANGELES, April 27-(AP)—The army air forces removed official secrecy today from its flying wing bomber, the XB-35, a radical design which dwarfs the B-29 and has an authorized range about one-fourth greater than the world's distance record.

The bomber was designed and built by Northrop Aircraft, Inc., at Hawthorne, Calif. It is expected to fly in a short time.

The XB-35 is shaped like a colossal bomb, with no fuselage or exposed engine nacelles. Crew, engines, fuel and armament are housed inside the wing. Crew quarters are pressurized.

The plane spans 172 feet and has a center width of 37 feet 6 inches. Although its normal gross load is 162,000 pounds, it is designed to fly with an overload up to 209,000 pounds.

(By comparison, the B-29 superfortress has a wingspan of 141 feet and is 99 feet long. Its normal gross weight is around 135,000 pounds and its overload weight 140,000 pounds.)

The only performance data on the XB-35 which the AAF released was its range or more than 10,000 miles. This compares with the world distance record of 8196 miles set with a B-29 last November.

Jaycees Extend Cancer Drive

Following the lead of other Oregon clubs, the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce has announced the continuation of the American Cancer Society drive beyond their previous deadline of May 1.

With many organizations and sections yet to be contacted, the new termination date for the campaign has been tentatively set at May 15.

Latest tabulation of cancer drive collections totals \$1800 toward their \$5000 county goal.

Suburban Lines To Operate Today

The Suburban Bus lines will run an hourly schedule on both the State street and Chemawa routes, today, D. E. Wyatt, operator, announced last night. Service on the Chemawa run will begin at 8 a.m. and continue until midnight. State street service will commence at 8:30 a.m.

Temperance Paper Revived as Use of Grain in Liquor Rapped

By D. Harold Oliver WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP)—The weekly "Clipsheet" of the Methodist board of temperance, which promoted the cause of prohibition for years but was abandoned in 1933, reappeared today with a declaration that repeal "settled no problem."

U. S. DENIED ICELAND BASES

Special Session Sought

Portland School Board to Ask Snell to Act

PORTLAND, April 27-(AP)—The Portland school board announced today it would formally ask for a special state legislative session to revise a 1937 law to allow an election for a proposed \$1,700,000 school tax levy here.

Director S. Eugene Allen said Grant Anderson, the board's attorney, would file a brief before Tuesday with Governor Snell requesting the action. The supreme court ruled 4 to 2 that under the 1937 measure, the Multnomah county registrar of elections does not have authority to conduct the special election here.

Allen said Governor Snell attended today's star chamber board session but said he would make no decision on the plea until he has studied the board's brief.

Deprived of Election

At an earlier emergency board meeting today, Anderson declared a special session is the only way to solve the school district's financial crisis. The four to two decision of the court... implies that under the 1937 law, the district has no right to call its own election," he reported.

Speculation was rife among state officials here Saturday as to what action Gov. Earl Snell will take in connection with requests for a special legislative session to straighten out the financial tangle in the Portland school district.

Hayden Files Suit Against Rep. Cushman

Quo-warranto proceedings, prepared by District Attorney Miller B. Hayden, were filed Saturday in circuit court attacking the right of Earl H. Hill, Cushman, to serve both as a member of the house of representatives and of the state fish commission concurrently.

A similar suit was filed 10 days ago against Merle Chessman, Astoria, and a third suit will be filed later against W. H. Strayer of Baker, Hayden said. Chessman is serving as state senator and member of the state highway commission, and Strayer is serving as state senator and member of the state board of geology and mineral industries.

Salem May Vote On Annexation

Annexation of several districts to the city of Salem may be decided in a special election July 19, it was indicated Saturday when Alderman James A. Byers, chairman of the committee on annexation, said that date would be recommended to the city council at its May 6 meeting.

Several petitions for annexation to the city have been received by the council in recent months and the engineering work to define accurately the districts has been in progress.

Paralyzed Pilot to Display Prowess

ALBANY, April 27 (Special) Jim Lund, northwest representative of the Aeroeurope company, landed here Friday to pick up Bert Kraber, who is to do demonstration flying in Portland.

Kraber, who has been paralyzed from the waste down since he had an attack of infantile paralysis at 13 years, recently received his private pilot's license. Kraber flies an Aeroeurope plane that does not have the usual foot rudder controls.

He first won fame by building a hand-operated pushmobile which he took to the San Francisco Fair in 1940.

Drivers Promised Good Weather, Roads

Favorable weather and highway conditions are expected for today, although the local weather station states that increasing cloudiness this evening may lead to light rain.

It is expected to be warmer today than yesterday. The state highway engineer reports that the only highway not normal today is the South Santiam, with a short section restricted to one-way traffic.

HANNEGAN INVITED

QUANTICO, Va., April 27-(AP)—President Truman today invited Robert E. Hannegan to join him aboard the Williamsburg tomorrow, stirring speculation that he may decide soon on supreme court and other vacancies which he must fill.

State to Investigate Employed Persons Getting Jobless Pay

By Conrad Prange Staff Writer, The Statesman

A series of investigations of the increasing number of employed persons who continue to draw unemployment compensation is being conducted by the state unemployment compensation commission.

Because of increased unemployment conditions this practice has become quite prevalent throughout the state but especially in the areas of the larger cities, a commission spokesman said Saturday.

In the Salem area the greatest abuse comes from part-time farm laborers, especially in local hop yards, he declared. As agricultural work does not come under the state unemployment compensation laws, it is difficult to check on the offenders.

Local cases of this nature now being investigated will be turned over to the authorities for prosecution, if the facts warrant, the spokesman said.

According to law the commission can disqualify anyone who misrepresents facts from payment benefits for a period of 26 weeks. If it is found that checks actually have been received fraudulently, however, criminal action may be taken.

Employers also share in the responsibility, and if it can be proved that an employer collaborated in the offense in any way he too can be held liable whether he belongs to the compensation system or not, it was stated.

A person may draw compensation and work on the side, provided he does not earn more than \$18 per week. He may earn \$2 per week and still collect, but if he earns more than \$2 per week then that amount is deducted from his weekly check.

Chiang Takes Part in Manchu Negotiations

CHUNGKING, April 27-(AP)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek took a personal hand today in negotiations to end armed conflict in Manchuria, and a communist spokesman said a truce might come by Monday.

The generalissimo hurried back from a flying visit to Chengtu, Szechwan province capital northwest of Chungking, and conferred at once with General Marshall, special U.S. envoy.

Chiang brushed aside his usual procedure of acting through a representative in an obvious effort to reach some sort of agreement to halt the fighting before the capital is moved to Nanking.

Marshall likewise was active throughout the day, meeting at length with Gen. Chou En-Lai, the communist negotiator, and representatives of the democratic league, which is trying to mediate the dispute.

An Echo of the Past Arrives—An Autograph

And here is the coincidence of the week: A young stranger in civilian clothes a few days ago ate dinner at the Hut, a cafe on Chemeketa near Front street. In presenting a \$1-bill in payment he remarked:

"This has writing on it; is it all right?"

The cafe operator, Mrs. Eva Van Vleck, looked at it closely, noticed it was a Hawaiian issue, then said slowly:

"Well, whether it's all right or not, it has my brother's name on it, in his own handwriting. I'll keep it."

The inked name, with three other signatures, was that of Floyd Mulcrone, boss's mate 1/c, son of Mrs. Mary Mulcrone of 872 Highland.

Floyd Mulcrone was drowned in the capsizing of a small motor launch off lonely French Frigate islands northwest of Pearl Harbor last January 6.

Cline Gets 9 to 126 Year Sentence

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27-(AP) Alfred L. Cline, 57, in whose company a series of elderly women died mysteriously, today got the limit of the law, an indeterminate 9-to-126 year sentence — as a convicted forger.

He took it stoically, without visible change of expression on his wide, white face.

Branding him a "one man crime, Inc.," Superior Judge Herbert C. Kaufman decreed Cline should serve separate sentences on each of nine forgery counts.

VETS GET \$100 PLOT OF LAND

BEACHWOOD, N.J., April 27-(AP)—This small community paid tribute to its servicemen tonight by distributing to 80 veterans checks of \$1000 each and plots of land 80 by 100 feet.

MEDICAL SCHOOL FULL PORTLAND, April 27-(AP)—The University of Oregon Medical school's quota of 75 students for fall term is full, Dean David W. E. Baird announced today.

SNOW IN NEW YORK

ALBANY, N. Y., April 27-(AP)—A mid-spring snowfall descended on most of New York state today with drifts piling as high as 18 inches near Syracuse.

Eager Beaver Appreciates Gift

MAYFIELD, Idaho, April 27-(AP)—M. Magnussen noted a beaver constructing a dam between the steep banks of a stream he knew would soon dry up.

In a gesture of kindness, he placed a ladder so the animal could climb out in case he became stranded.

When Magnussen returned the next day he found the beaver had chewed the ladder apart and was using it to continue building the dam.

Toledo Man Hurt in Crash South of Salem

John Edward DeBusk, Toledo, was in very critical condition at Salem Deaconess hospital early Sunday. He incurred a crushed chest and a fractured skull Saturday afternoon when a car in which he was riding collided with another and rolled over an embankment about eight miles south of Salem on highway 99.

Emory Coll, Eugene, driver of the car in which DeBusk was riding, held in the county jail in lieu of \$2000 bail on a charge of reckless driving.

Driver of the other car, Judson West, 472 N. 24th st., was not injured, according to state police.

Motorists Set Speed Record

The average speed of Oregon motorists during the first four months of 1946, as checked by the state highway department, was 51.3 miles an hour, highest in the history of the state, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., reported Saturday.

The previous high average speed was in 1941 when it reached 48.5 miles an hour. Traffic deaths for 1946 are approximately 45 per cent higher than in 1941.

Vet Transit Deal Gains Strength

"A hopeless deadlock" is the way Mayor I. M. Doughton summed up the second Oregon Motor Stages strike conciliation efforts upon his return from the Portland meeting.

It appeared likely that the newly organized Veterans' Transit association will now lease the Salem and Eugene buses from Oregon Motor Stages and open city service in both places, as announced last week.

State Criticized for Decreasing Grant to County Health Office

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy Saturday criticized Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, for picking the present time to cut the state's share in expenses of the local health department from the usual 20 per cent to 15 per cent.

"This is the most inopportune time of any part of the year to have rendered a decision which so vitally affects the program for the entire incoming fiscal year," Judge Murphy stated in a letter to Dr. Erickson.

Many units such as cities and school districts which participate with the Marion county health program have already drawn up their budgets, the judge said. It would be "physically impossible" to go back to these agencies and have them revise their budgets to meet the deficit, he added.

The proposed county budget contains an increase of about \$10,000 over last year, he said. If the state's five per cent depletion, which will amount to about \$3000, goes through, the county will have a load it cannot bear in justice to its other responsibilities.

Dr. Erickson, in his notification of the proposed fund slash, said it was due to curtailment of certain war emergency measure plus extension of health service to the counties needing financial assistance.

American Plans Get Setback

U.S. Deprived of Key Positions in Defense System

By John M. Hightower WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP)—American plans for an elaborate system of off-shore defenses met a sharp reverse tonight when Prime Minister Olafur Thors of Iceland declared his government could not grant the United States air base rights on that strategic island.

A base on Iceland, which is on the direct air route between Washington and Moscow, is one of the key positions of the defense system slowly being developed in cooperation between the state, war and navy departments.

The system is designed both for the security of the United States and to tie in with international security arrangements yet to be completed by the United Nations security council.

Thors, now involved in an Icelandic political campaign, spoke on a broadcast to his island nation tonight after the state department had released earlier in the day a review of its base proposal. This showed that the United States had asked for air base facilities last October, at the same time promising Iceland support for membership in the United Nations which, when necessary, would have access to the proposed base.

Iceland's reply in November virtually ignored the base proposal but indicated a desire to take up the UN membership question.

Since that time the American government has not pressed the base issue with Iceland but neither does it regard the subject as closed, according to the best information available here.

Suburban City Being Built

PORTLAND, April 27-(AP)—A new suburban city of 2000 homes called "Cedar Hills" will be built in the Tualatin valley six miles west of here and will have an ultimate estimated value of \$25,000,000, two Portland firms announced today.

Commonwealth, Inc., and the Equitable Savings and Loan association said construction of the first 50 already is under way. The project will include a shopping area, schools and churches.

The first 50 homes will be in the \$10,000 price bracket and the next 400 in the \$7000-\$8000 range, the companies said. Plans call for 25 miles of hard surfaced streets, a complete sewage system and all public utilities.

Bear Gets Hot Reception in Portland Visit

PORTLAND, Ore., April 27-(AP)—A 300-pound wild bear led a score of police and startled residents on a two and a half hour hide-and-seek game today — and the bear lost.

The black bruin was first spotted lumbering down an East Portland street after dawn this morning. Police were called.

While sleepy folk poked tousled heads onto porches to ask what the fuss was about, the round-up started. The bear vanished behind houses and into lots; reappeared again a block away.

Gene Teague, a neighborhood resident, finally drew a bead on the bear as it blundered through a wooded tract. Then Patrolman R. A. Jensen delivered the final bullet.

Zoo Director Arthur M. Greenhall said the bear had not lived in captivity, and might have escaped from the woods near Estacada. One family in the neighborhood reported their small son had complained he was "chased by a bear" but they put it down to imagination.

Pension Sought for Hospitalized Vets

WASHINGTON, April 27-(AP)—Warren H. Atherton, chairman of the republican Veterans league, today challenged the administration to act on republican measures to restore full pension rights to single veterans while hospitalized.

Atherton said the league "asked whether the new deal will dare to continue to block this legislation and thus continue the miserable pittance of \$20 per month (66 cents a day) to hospitalized veterans without dependents and with service-connected disability."

Oregon Loses No Sleep Over Daylight Saving

Although residents of six eastern states and parts of 19 others lost an hour's sleep last night, when daylight saving time caused clocks to be set ahead an hour, Salem residents had their full sleep. Oregon remains on standard time.

Our Senators WON 6-4

