

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Don Goodie of the state veterans' office took a crack at Salem for failing to handle the problem of veterans' housing. He said the chamber of commerce had failed to establish a city housing information center and that more effort was spent in getting Camp Adair into this area to provide profits for merchants than has been expended to remedy the housing shortage.

If Don feels that way, it's a good thing to get it off his chest. It may jab the community into fresh awareness that may lead to action. I believe, however, that his complaint shows exaggeration. Some months ago the chamber of commerce initiated effort toward getting more housing for veterans. This led to the appointment of a committee by the mayor, and the committee's work is bearing fruit in the housing development in southeast Salem which will provide well over 100 housing units.

As far as new construction is concerned houses are springing up all over. The acute phase of the housing problem will be pretty well solved by fall. Private building is doing the job as fast as the supply of labor and materials will permit.

I certainly do not agree with Goodie's criticism of commercial construction which may deprive builders of house materials. All such construction is now screened by CPA, and non-essential work is not permitted. It certainly is important for veterans to have jobs as well as

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Truman May Seize Farm Machine Plant

By the Associated Press

The U. S. effort service made another conquest yesterday at getting the Allis-Chalmers strike and government seizure of the nation's strikebound farm equipment plants looked as almost a certainty if these efforts fail.

In view of the world need for increased food production, the disputes in the farm equipment industry have become the most critical facing the nation and have been receiving the attention of top government officials. President Truman said his news conference Thursday he would not hesitate to seize the J. I. Case and Allis-Chalmers plants if such action is necessary to get farm machinery production. He added, however, he hoped it wouldn't be necessary.

Vote Sought By PGE in West Salem

Voters' petitions signed by 208 persons were filed with the West Salem city recorder Saturday asking that there be placed on the November ballot a proposal that the Portland General Electric be granted a franchise to replace the one which expired in 1939.

W. M. Hamilton, PGE division manager, said the company, which has been operating in West Salem only by permit, "had no other alternative" because of the "delaying tactics" of the West Salem city council, to place company operations on a sound basis.

PGE said the majority of West Salem citizens were PGE customers. Signatures were declared to have been obtained by PGE employees.

AVC to Drive for Million Members

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—Bidding for 1,000,000 new members, sponsors of the fledgling American Veterans Committee of World War II keynoted their proposed platform, today, on a plan for world government.

The three-pronged program, divided into international, national and war veterans' affairs, will be offered at the first national convention of AVC opening in Des Moines, Ia., next Thursday.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

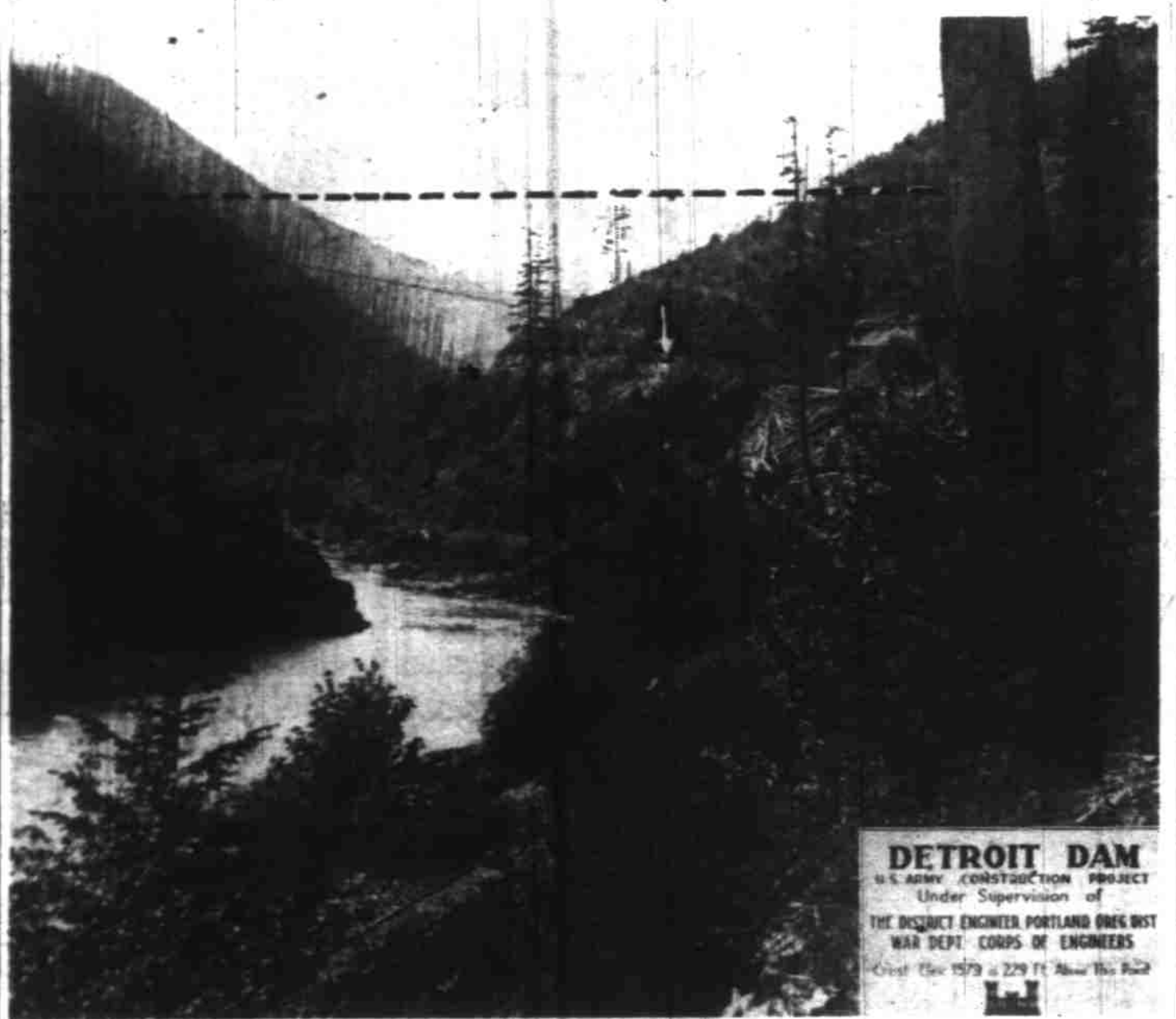


"That's what you get for eating a full sardine can."

18 REPORTED DEAD IN IOWA HOTEL FIRE

(Story in Column 5)

Where Man-Made Barrier Will Harness Water



This photo shows the approximate level of the new Detroit dam to be constructed on the North Santiam river. The arrow points to the sign (enlarged in the inset) which already is in place. It says "Crest elevation 1279 (feet) is 223 ft. above this point." Highway work also is underway, and plans are completed for a colony of 3000 persons connected with the huge project designed to aid in harnessing the waters of the Willamette valley. (Photo for The Statesman by Mike Waldron).

Bride, 79, Puts Hubby, 18, To Work Pulling Weeds

LOUISIA Ky., June 8—(AP)—Pronounced man and wife by the county judge, a 79-year-old grandma and her 18-year-old groom returned today to their home in the isolated back country, and by the bride's admission, to a "honeymoon in the corn field."

The weeds is just takin' us there," Mrs. Mattie Lyons Large Sprouse explained, adding that she and her new husband, Delbert Sprouse, didn't get busy they "wouldn't have any corn."

Delbert, clad in a faded blue denim trousers, a work shirt without tie, and unbuttoned jacket, fidgeted.

The ceremony climaxed a series of difficulties which had beset him since he originally ap-

plied for the marriage license earlier in the week.

There were blood tests, he had to make a second trip to see County Clerk W. H. Moore because he lacked his parents' consent, and a third trip because he didn't have enough money for the license.

But Delbert persisted: The note of permission from his parents, signed by "Charlie and Georgie Sprouse," said:

"We have give Mr. Delbert Lee Sprouse up to be the husband of Mrs. Mattie Large."

Refused again because he lacked the \$5 for the license, Delbert returned over the rugged country road to Gladys and borrowed the license fee from his bride-to-be.

After their marriage, which the three-times-wed bride affirmed by a scarcely audible "I do," the couple left the court house, Mrs. Sprouse in the lead, Delbert tagging along behind.

Senators Say OPA Change to Cost \$8 Billion

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—Four dissenting senators estimated today that revisions in the price control law recommended by a majority of the senate banking committee would cost consumers nearly \$8,000,000,000 the first year. And indirect costs, they contended, would dwarf that figure.

They declared that a year's spiral of inflation could easily result in a 50 per cent general price rise which would cut in half the value of \$145,000,000,000 in wartime savings of individuals and businesses.

In a tart minority report on the price control extension bill, Banking Committee Chairman Wagner (D-NY) and Senators Downey (D-Calif.), Taylor (D-Idaho) and Mitchell (D-Wash.), declared that changes voted by a majority of the 19-member group write a "death sentence for effective price, wage and rent stabilization."

"It is our considered judgment," they said, "that adoption of the bill as reported would be as dangerous to the economic safety of the country as the immediate expiration of the existing laws."

Gun Accident Kills Motorist

SWEET HOME, Ore., June 8—(AP)—Howard G. Hadley, 52 Eugene, was killed this afternoon when a rifle in the tool compartment of his car was discharged accidentally while Hadley was preparing to change a flat tire.

Deputy Coroner John Summers reported.

Summers reported Hadley was driving east toward Bend and had pulled off the highway about 8 miles east of here on the Santiam highway. His body was found by Mrs. Walter Powell, a rural mail carrier, about 3:00 p.m. slumped at the rear of the auto. The rifle was a .32 calibre and was in the compartment, Summers reported.

Food-Processing Plants Swing Into Stride for 1946's Season

The food-processing industry throughout the northwest is gradually gaining momentum for the 1946 season, reports indicated today, and many of the plants already have finished spinach and other early packs. Others now are readying for a start later.

Conditions were variable with the Salem area companies reachable Saturday for comment, but all indicated they were anticipating an urgent need for workers within a few weeks.

Blue Lake Producers has been freezing peas and strawberries, and dehydrating potatoes both for the manufacture of alcohol and for famine relief. The spinach pack is finished. Beans and corn will be handled later.

Hunt Brothers is barreling strawberries for jam. The firm's first major pack will be cherries, expected to start about June 15. Also to be canned are pears, prunes, beets and corn.

Reid Murdoch is preserving strawberries. Cherries are expect-

Navy Reveals New Engine, Flown At Speed Exceeding 1,400 M.P.H.

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—A 1500-mile-an-hour airplane engine, dubbed the "Flying Stovepipe," has been successfully flown, the navy revealed today.

Originally planned to power guided missiles (pilotless flying bombs) the revolutionary ram jet engine has no moving parts, weighs only 70 pounds and looks like a long piece of pipe. But it develops between 2000 and 3000 horsepower—as much as a conventional big bomber engine.

The ram jet engine has been flown only in pilotless experi-

ments and has not yet been installed in an airplane.

The tests have been conducted with the "stovepipe" hurtling through the air on its own, after being boosted to working speed by rockets. Flight speeds, characteristics and technical data were radioed back from the engine in flight to the researchers conducting the experiments through a complicated electronic "telemetering" method.

The Johns Hopkins laboratory which aided in the development said the engine has been "successfully flown at speeds ex-

ceeding 1400 miles per hour."

Developed under the code name "Bumblebee" the engine scoops up air which is compressed by the speed of the jet, mixed with fuel and ignited. The burning gases shooting from the rear end of the pipe develop a terrific thrust.

Because it takes oxygen from the air, unlike the V-2 robot bomb engine which was to carry its own, it could pack a heavier explosive punch or have a longer range, the navy explained.

The main disadvantage of the "stovepipe" is that it works at

high speeds only. Catalytic or auxiliary rockets are used to boost it up to its efficient operating speed.

The navy envisioned ram jets of the future, not as the sole power plant of an airplane, but to take over the high speed range after other methods had pushed the plane to about 500 miles an hour.

Hinting at even more fantastic speeds and power in models still behind the curtain of security, scientists who helped develop the ram jet commented tersely to newsmen, "we're just starting."

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27 Saved By Leaps Into Nets

DUBUQUE, Ia., June 8—(Sunday)—(AP)—Three persons were known dead and Fire Captain Harold Cosgrove estimated at least 15 others perished in a fire which gutted the six story Canfield hotel early this morning.

At least 19 persons were hospitalized with injuries.

The fire had been brought under control and firemen were searching the charred wreckage for bodies of any victims who might have been trapped in the hotel.

None of the dead have been identified.

Cosgrove said that when he arrived at the burning hotel people were at the windows screaming for aid. He reported 27 persons were saved by leaping into nets, and 30 were brought out of the hotel by ladder.

At least three or four persons were killed, Cosgrove said, when they jumped and missed the net.

Grange Kohn, hotel clerk, said 129 guests were registered at the hotel.

AFL Marine Strike Threat Postponed

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Georgia to File Suit to Disband Ku Klux Klan

ATLANTA, June 8—(AP)—State Attorney General Eugene Cook said today Georgia would file a civil suit to dissolve the Ku Klux Klan "within the next few days."

Cook, who was directed by Governor Ellis Arnall to break up the Klan in Georgia, said he was convinced his department had gathered sufficient information to wage a successful fight against the hooded organization.

The general also announced at a press conference that he intended to ask U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark if the department of justice had information which could help the legal fight against the Klan.

Cook stressed that his action against the Klan would be to revoke the Klan's Georgia charter.

12 Disqualified From Jobless Pay Benefits

At least a dozen claimants, including five veterans, living in the Salem area were disqualified this week by the state unemployment compensation commission for failing to report farm earnings while they were drawing benefits, commission officials reported Saturday.

All 12 may be prosecuted, the commission stated. Four of them were claimants who had wage credits in other states—Washington, California and Michigan. The five veterans were cut off by the commission from receiving readjustment allowances and their cases will be turned over to the veterans administration for further action. All five were registered with the Salem office.

"We are making every effort to prevent payments to those with earnings or to others not entitled to benefits under the law," explained Administrator Silas Galster, who added that many other cases were being investigated on reports from employers, local employment offices and the public.

CIO Offered Added Port Time With Pay

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The mediators dropped the proposal to negotiations between east coast ship operators and the committee for maritime unity, which is bargaining for the big CIO National Maritime union and six allied unions.

Neither the men who operate the ships nor those who man them showed any inclination to accept the plan as a complete solution to the issue of working hours—the biggest barrier in the way of an agreement.

They took no official, public stand. And negotiations continued. But union spokesmen said the proposal ignores their fundamental demand, for a cut in the 56-hour week at sea. One said privately the strike would not be called off until there was some modification.

Truman Note Expected to Be Case Bill Veto

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—House leaders alerted members today to be on hand for a special message from President Truman next week, and Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) of the rules committee said he expects it to be a veto of the Case labor disputes bill.

Sabath would not make a flat prediction but said his idea of what is coming is based on a conversation he had with the chief executive.

House Democratic Leader McCormack of Massachusetts told newsmen, however, that he had "no positive knowledge" of what the president will do.

At the White House, Presidential Secretary Charles G. Ross confirmed reports that Mr. Truman would send congress a labor legislation message explaining whatever stand he takes on the Case measure.

Speech School Registration Begins Today

Registration will be conducted at the state school for the deaf today for 156 Oregon youths who are enrolling in the special state-sponsored summer school for children having difficulty in reading and speech and those requiring lip reading.

Dr. V. D. Bain, director of the school which runs from June 10 to August 2, stated Saturday that capacity enrollment has been reached. The faculty numbers 16 specially trained state educational experts and remedial instructors.

Three out of state instructors are Harriet Dunn of the University of Michigan speech department; Mrs. Melba Fickling, president of the California society for the study of speech therapy, and Dr. LaVern Strong, director of elementary education at Pennsylvania State Teachers college.

Pupils will be given an opportunity for expert and intensive training in a busy, wholesome environment designed to encourage social development and maximum progress in the field of their special needs, Dr. Bain stated.

Leprosarium Said Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, June 8—(AP)—Maj. Hans Hornbostel, Bettan hero whose wife developed leprosy while in Japanese prison camp, was back in San Francisco today after escorting his wife to the Carville, La., federal leprosarium. He said they were both shocked to find she would have to live behind a steel wire fence and has lost her right to vote.

"It's the most damnable thing I ever heard of," he said.

"The state of Louisiana is treating these intelligent, good American people like so many criminals or insane."

Baton Rouge, June 8—(AP)—Sen. H. Alva Brumfield has introduced a bill in the state senate which would permit leprosy patients at the U. S. marine hospital to register and vote.

Greek Riots Follow Decree

ATHENS, June 8—(AP)—New disorders were reported in Greece today in the wake of the royalist government's drastic decree providing death sentences for action against the state, and the communists charged in a formal statement that the step could lead "only to civil war."

The ministry of public order, asserting that 198 persons, including 17 gendarmes and three soldiers had been slain in armed attacks since April 1, said roaming bands of communists had created a "desperate" situation in the Edessa district of western Macedonia in new outbreaks.

Fraud Charged In Italian Vote

ROME, June 8—(AP)—A monarchist leader charged today that he had been fraud in the plebiscite in which Italy chose to be a republic, and demanded Allied review of balloting that doomed the reign of King Umberto II.

Monarchist demonstrations, meanwhile, subsided today after causing two deaths and a score of injuries in Naples, and rioting in Rome and Palermo. Federal police said the death toll was only two, and Minister of the Interior Giuseppe Romita declared the entire country was quiet.

Hessian Crown Jewels Found In Railway Station Locker

WASHINGTON, June 8—(AP)—A dime-in-the-slot railway station locker gave up a fortune in Hessian crown jewels, the army revealed today as it wrote a new mystery thriller chapter in the tale of the gems of Kronberg castle.

The army flew to jail near here the colonel, from whom it said it got the locker key that unearthed the greater part of the \$1,600,000 loot, and his Wac captain bride.

The jewels—the army said "practically all" of the gems now have been found—were put on display at the Pentagon army headquarters.

Torn from their regal settings, the diamonds, emeralds and other stones had lain in a plain cardboard box in a locker in the Illinois Central station in Chicago as authorities gave lie detector

What Is Happening To Oregon Poultry?

The inside story of efforts to unravel enough red tape to permit the continued existence of the Northwest's poultry industry is told by Wes Sullivan, news editor of The Oregon Statesman, who draws on the records of Ervin L. Peterson, state director of agriculture, for an authoritative review of a critical situation. The story is on page 6 of YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER today.

Threat to Arrest Petrillo Collapses

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., June 8—(AP)—The threatened arrest of James C. Petrillo, president of the American Federation of Musicians, under the Florida sedition act, collapsed today after hanging over the delegates to the annual convention for a week.

Chester B. McMullen, state's attorney, who said he had been investigating remarks the musicians' chief made Monday, added that after reviewing all evidence he had found "nothing said by Mr. Petrillo was a violation of the criminal laws of Florida."

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Board to Consider Klamath Base Action

ALBANY, June 8—(AP)—The state board of higher education may act Monday on acquisition of the Klamath Falls marine barracks for a college, Chairman Willard L. Marks said today.

The board's monthly meeting will be held in Portland Monday.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	67	47	.00
Portland	70	52	.00
San Francisco	64	50	.01
Chicago	87	72	trace
New York	80	60	.00
Willamette river 1 ft.			

FORECAST (from the U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, tonight; highest temperature 70 degrees.