

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

I notice that a meeting is called for this afternoon at the First Methodist church to consider the matter of getting on the ballot for the fall election the proposition of making Marion county "dry." This is under the familiar plan of local option. Under the law cities or counties may vote to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors within their limits.

Local option was the ladder by which prohibition climbed prior to 1920. Not only did communities vote themselves "dry," but states as well. Oregon and Washington voted in favor of statewide prohibition in 1914. Probably advocates of local prohibition hope to arrive at the same goal by following the same method.

There are certain facts however which they should realize. First, that was in the horse and buggy days, when there were few automobiles and few improved through highways. Shipping was almost entirely by rail. Under the Webb-Kenyon law, which is illegal to ship intoxicating beverages from wet into dry territory. Policing the railroads was comparatively simple so that local option worked with a fair degree of success.

The automobile and the improved highway introduced a radical change in transportation and hence in policing. Every road became a "hole in the dike" and every car or truck a possible illicit conveyor of liquors. The difficulty of barring importation of liquors in the motor age is apparent and was proven during prohibition. With supply assured bootleggers arise to satisfy demand.

A second fact is that the evils of the "open" policy which (Continued on editorial page)

Byrnes' Big 4 Report Slated For Monday

PARIS, July 13 (AP)—Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said today he would report to his nation Monday night on results of the month-long foreign ministers conference in which the United States accepted some compromises on European treaty proposals to avoid a "clash that nobody wants."

Byrnes, last of the three visiting foreign ministers to leave France, flew from Orly field on the presidential plane "The Sacred Cow" at 1:55 p.m. bound for Ireland and Washington. Those accompanying him included U. S. Senators Tom Connally (D-Tex.) and Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.) and their wives. Byrnes told a news conference before leaving that he would press for a new meeting of the foreign ministers of the four powers after the forthcoming European peace conference here July 29 and before the meeting of the United Nations in New York, tentatively set for Sept. 23.

Evans to Head Fair Race Meet

Charles A. Evans, Salem, was named Saturday as presiding judge of the 1946 Oregon state fair racing meet, September 2 to 7. Earl Herrall will act as racing secretary of the six-day meet, which is to be the largest in the history of the state fair.

Evans, for many years a prominent breeder of pacing and trotting horses, plans to include at least one harness race per day in addition to the regular running events.

Purses, though not yet definitely determined, will be substantially increased over the \$11,000 total offered during the past fair in 1941, Manager Leo Spitzbart said.

MRS. WHEATSTONE ELECTED

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13 (AP)—Mrs. Elmer Wheatstone, Lebanon, was elected president of Oregon women's eight and forty at its annual meeting here today. Mrs. Eva Stewart, Lebanon, was appointed secretary.

Animal Crackers

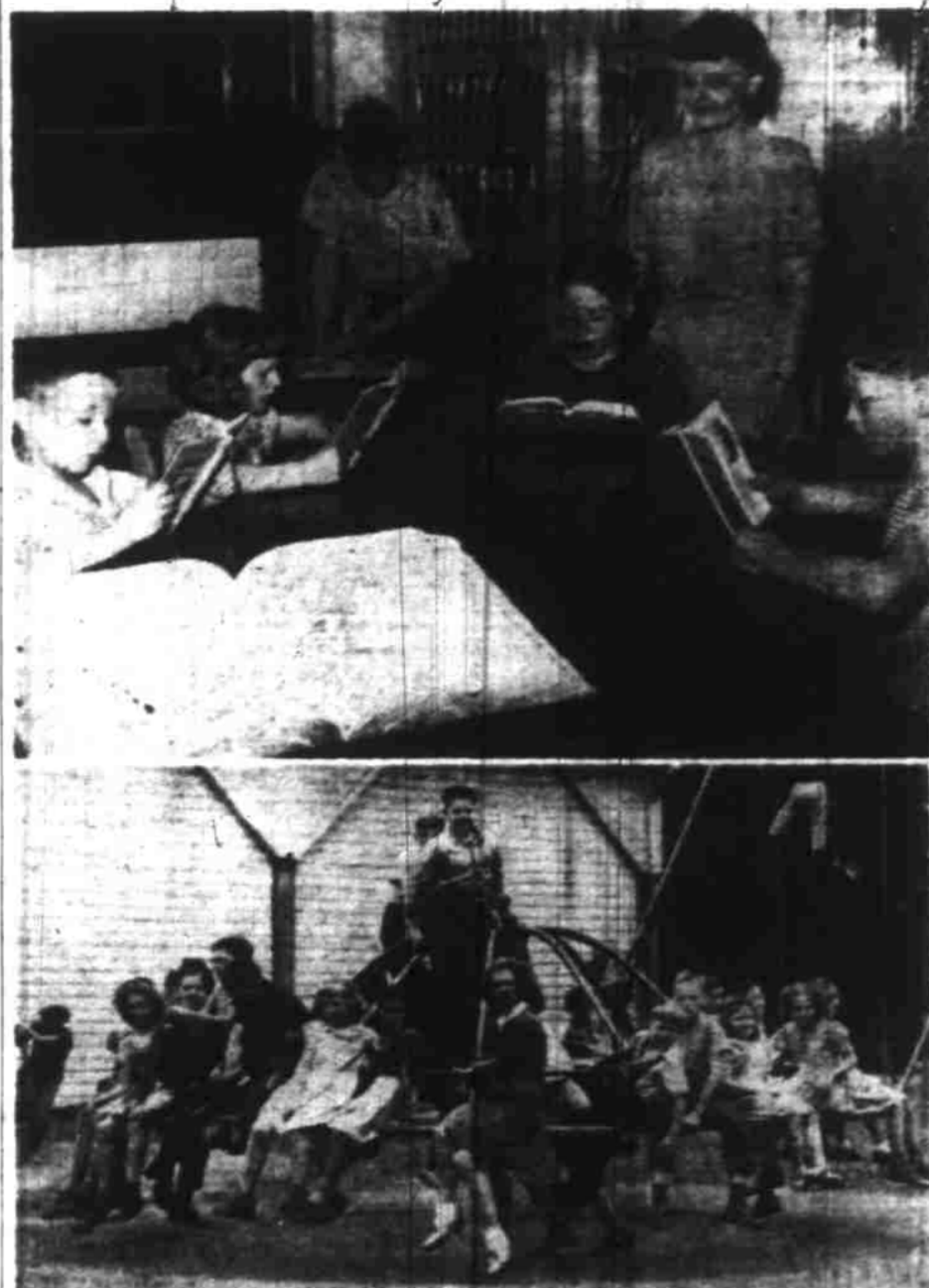
By WARREN GOODRICH



"She's awfully sweet, but such a lousy housekeeper!"

BRITISH LOAN BILL SENT TO TRUMAN

Summertime Students



Five youngsters are pictured here (top) receiving special instruction in reading from Dr. LaVerne Strang at Oregon's unique state-sponsored summer school for children with special reading and speech difficulties now in progress at the state deaf school. The children are (left to right) Larry Sipe, Evelyn Erickson, Bob Daveri, Lynn Jeldness and Alfred Thun. Dr. Strang is director of elementary education at Pennsylvania State Teachers college. At play on the deaf school playground (bottom) are these happy children, all of them pupils in the special state summer school. Recreation is a large part of the school's program. (Statesman photos by Bill Scott.) (Story on page 18.)

Salem's Buying Power Ranks High Per Capita

Salem is shown to be a more prosperous market, with a pent-up spending potential greater than that of most cities in the country, according to sales management's new survey of buying power.

Residents of Salem had a gross income of \$47,782,000 from all sources in 1945, an increase from the \$45,027,000 of 1944, the survey shows. After payment of federal taxes there was left an effective buying income of \$1,200 per capita, which compares favorably with the national figure of \$1,036 per capita.

This was real "spending money" although only 53 per cent of it, on the average, was turned into actual retail sales due to controls and shortages.

Despite restrictions, \$33,530,000 was spent during the year in Salem's stores, according to the statistics, accounting for 45 per cent of the nation's business with only .028 per cent of the national population, stamping it as a strong trading center. The city is also well over its state quota, with its retail business 3.89 per cent of the state total, although it has only 3.02 per cent of Oregon's population.

Courthouse Distress Call Proves False

The distress signal observed atop Marion county courthouse early Saturday morning indicated no serious trouble. Difficulty in raising the flag resulted in its being hoisted upside down atop the pole.

Passers-by saw County Clerk Harlan Judd come out and seek the janitor, then both emerged and snatches of excited conversation were overheard. Within a few minutes, probably as long as it took to get to the vantage point from which it is raised, the flag was observed to come down for a short distance, flying free in the wind with the blue field up. Then when it was down low enough to become untangled, apparently, it started up again, blue field first.

Observers from across the street admitted they have seen the courthouse flag, wrong side up, a number of times and called the clerk's office to notify the proper individual of the mishap.

One onlooker observed: "I always knew the courthouse had lots of trouble but I didn't know it was in real distress."

19 Teen Agers in Fatal Auto Crashes

Nineteen teen age motor vehicle drivers were involved in fatal accidents resulting in the deaths of 25 persons in Oregon during the first five months of this year, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., said Saturday. In 13 cases high speed was blamed for the accidents.

Underwater A-Bomb Explosion Expected to Blast Lagoon Dry

ABOARD U.S.S. MOUNT McKinley, July 13 (AP)—Scientists expect strong magic to be conjured by the atomic bomb when it is touched off beneath the waters of Bikini lagoon July 25 (July 24, U.S. time).

Throwing five to 15 million tons of water in solid or spray as high as 25,000 feet; Creating an enormous bubble growing at a fantastic rate which, upon bursting will form a tremendous waterspout and leave momentarily a great cavity in the water.

Crunching the hulls of some ships, overwhelming others with waves towering more than 100 feet which will race out from the base of the waterspout.

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House Delays OPA Bill

Decision Held Until Tuesday

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—With strong republican backing, a drive got under way today in the House to send a revised price control bill to President Truman exactly as the senate passed it early this morning.

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Senator Taft (R-Ohio) said today the senate's action today was a notice to President Truman that congress does not like the "outrageous methods of the OPA."

The Ohio senator said in a statement that he interpreted the senate's action today as meaning "that if the president refuses to improve the outrageous methods of the OPA, then there is no choice but to remove from control those products in which the OPA has made the most miserable failure."

He said he intended to investigate further but believed that the state's home rule law provided cities with such power, the Associated Press reported.

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Children Hurt In 3-Car Crash

Alonzo Winkleback, 593 Morgan ave., was booked in city jail Saturday night on a charge of being drunk on a public highway, following an accident at Center and Brey streets in which his car hit two parked cars, police reported.

Robert Winkleback, his 11-year-old son, was taken home after being treated at Salem General hospital for cuts on the right eye that required stitches. Wanda, his 13-year-old daughter, who was also riding in the car, was treated at the scene by the first aid car for minor bruises but was hospitalized.

Damages to the three cars was not extensive, police officers said.

New Machine To Smash Atom

BERKELEY, Calif., July 13 (AP)—The atom may spring some surprises on scientists a few months hence when it will be subjected to mighty disintegrating powers from new machines now in the making. Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer told a meeting of physicists today.

These machines will smite the atomic nucleus with forces up to the hundreds of millions of volts, perhaps eventually reaching one billion volts. The greatest man-made force thus far applied to them is around 100 million volts.

What will happen when these much greater energies are used cannot be predicted with any certainty, Dr. Oppenheimer said.

Howard Hughes Said Improving

LOS ANGELES, July 13 (AP)—Howard Hughes rallied today in his fight to survive shattering crash injuries, and his physicians commented: "we are amazed at his recuperative powers."

His condition has been critical since he was injured in the pile-up of a fast new photo-reconnaissance plane last Sunday, and on Thursday night took a turn for the worse.

Forecast (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Partly cloudy today, light scattered showers in afternoon. Highest 75 degrees.

Solons Object To May's Conditions

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—In a gloves-off exchange, the senate investigating committee concluded today that Rep. May (D-Ky.) is "unable to explain or contradict" evidence linking him with munitions makers and the house military chairman in reply challenged the general "conduct of your hearings."

Rent Control in Oregon Cities Held Possible

Oregon municipalities may set up "reasonable" rent control regulations if an actual emergency can be shown to exist, was the tentative opinion expressed Saturday in Roseburg, by George Neuner, state attorney general.

He said he intended to investigate further but believed that the state's home rule law provided cities with such power, the Associated Press reported.

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Negro Voters Disqualified, Inquiry Slated

ATLANTA, July 13 (AP)—The federal courts and the justice department moved today to consider the mass purging of Negroes from the voting lists in politically embroiled Georgia.

Hundreds of Negroes registered for the first time to vote in the July 17 democratic primary in the actual election — have been disqualified. The purging in some counties is still under way.

The latest unofficial figures show that 134,351 Negroes have registered to vote for the first time in Georgia. This compares with a white registration of 1,017,036. Whites outnumber Negroes 3 to 1 in Georgia.

Federal Judge Frank M. Scarlett at Brunswick ordered a halt to wholesale disenfranchisement of Negroes in Atkinson county in south Georgia. Registrars of three other south Georgia counties were ordered to appear for a hearing Monday.

Revival of Bow, Arrow Sought

PORTLAND, Ore., July 13 (AP)—A half dozen Yakima Indian chiefs today called upon "the big four white fathers" to outlaw all weapons of war except the bow and arrow.

The pronouncement called for "universal abolition of the 'thunder stone' (Yakima translation for atom bomb) warning that unless man changes his ways World war III would begin three snows from now in the month of the planter's moon."

The warning came from Chief Job Charlie, William Yallup, Jim Looney, Thomas Yallup, Henry Thompson and Nip Strongheart.

Grants Pass Paper Cuts to 5 Days

GRANTS PASS, Ore., July 13 (AP)—The Grants Pass Daily Courier announced today it would cut publication to five days a week and suspend street sales to meet an acute shortage of newsprint.

The newspaper said it had only enough paper stocked for 40 days and manufacturers had refused more newsprint until Oct. 1.

County Logging, Sawmills Working Full Blast, All Available Woodsmen in Area Employed

Logging and sawmill operations are working at full capacity in Marion county, the United States employment service reported in its monthly report for June. All available qualified men in the area are employed. At the end of June 44 unfilled orders for mill and woods workers were on hand.

Still expanding is the building industry in the Salem area. For new construction and alteration \$192,046.64 were issued. Developments in housing construction outside the city limits are not included in these figures. Much of the building construction has been held up by the difficulty in securing plumbing, electrical and other materials, it was reported.

The Statesman's Inquiring... Reporter...

Today's question — "What has the abolition of the OPA meant to you as the shopper of your household?"

(Statesman inquiring reporters questioned women as they entered or left food markets of varying price ranges in downtown Salem and in one large residential shopping district the past week and these are the answers.)

Mrs. Alfred Mundt, 1415 Saginaw st.: "Meal, butter, even vegetables and canned goods have gone up. Personally, I'd like to see the OPA in force again. It's getting pretty costly to buy the necessities of life."

Mrs. Ted Jelderks, 325 Lancaster st.: "I haven't noticed much change; oh, butter and things like that. But so far it hasn't made much difference to me; maybe we can tell better a bit later. Just how prices are going to react."

Mrs. Austin Barrow, 642 Edgewater st., West Salem: "Prices are rising very fast. There are only two of us, my husband and I, in our family, but I notice a real change. If prices continue to go up wages simply can't keep up with them."

Mrs. Don Poulade, 2535 Lee st.: "Perhaps it means that our money is worth more now. Did you see me looking at the meat counter? Some of it seems pretty high, but I think we will eat what we can afford and if everyone else does that the prices will level off."

Mrs. D. C. Vaughan, 1100 Chermekela st.: "Prices seem to me to have gone up very fast in a good many lines. Of course, it's disturbing right now. Do you think it necessary to quote me? I'm just one shopper."

Mrs. Curtis Cross, 443 N. Front st.: "The American people should be put on their honor not to buy more than they need until the situation is in hand and not to sell at inflated prices. Take butter, now, it's really 7 cents under what we were paying under OPA only we didn't count in the subsidy."

Mrs. W. W. Schabel, 375 S. 16th st.: "Looking at it from the outside it seems bad — prices are up and it does cost more to live. But maybe on the inside the change is the best thing that could have happened to us I honestly don't know too much about it."

Mrs. A. Ruhle, 752 N. Winter st.: "Well, I've noticed no marked change—oh, bread has gone up a cent but that had been approved by the OPA. So far my budget seems to cover things without noticeable change."

Measure Approved By House

83,750 Million Fund Intended to Rehabilitate Ally

WASHINGTON, July 13 (AP)—Congress gave final approval today to a \$3,750,000,000 loan to Great Britain, sending the legislation to President Truman by a house vote of 219 to 135.

The senate already had authorized the huge fund intended to rehabilitate England's war-damaged international trade.

In closing debate, proponents shouted that the decision on aid for the wartime ally would determine whether the world will turn to Washington or Moscow for leadership.

Russia loomed large in the long and bitter house arguments, which ended with Speaker Rayburn (D-Tex.) appealing for approval of the credit lest England and western Europe "be pushed into an ideology I despise."

Sixty-one republicans joined 157 democrats and one minor party member in voting for ratification of the loan urged by President Truman. Opposed were 32 democrats, 122 republicans and one minor party member.

Final congressional approval occurred after the house had been busy for 219 to 135 in effort to ratify a British "loan," "merchandise," collateral, beyond that government's pledge to pay.

Likewise, the house rejected all amendments seeking possession in return for the loan of British island bases now held by the United States on 99-year lease.

Rep. Dirksen (R-Ill.), author of the collateral amendment, suggested that as consideration for the credit Britain might put up its middle east oil resources, its wool, gold mines, insurance companies and "other security of a merchantable nature."

Moving swiftly toward the final vote, the house also: 1. Shouted down an amendment by Rep. Bender (R-Ohio) to reduce the loan to \$1,250,000,000.

2. By a 180 to 19 vote, knocked down a motion by Rep. Celler (D-NY) to kill the ratification legislation.

3. Rejected by voice vote an amendment by Rep. Mundt (R-SD) that would have required Britain to pay the same interest rates as are stipulated by the export-import bank.

Trade Proposal Defeated 4. On a 154 to 99 vote, defeated a proposal by Rep. Reed (R-NY) that after England gets the first \$1,000,000,000 she could get no more unless at the end of one year she advised the United States that Britain had ended "all discriminatory trade practices."

5. Downed by voice vote an amendment by Rep. Woodruff (R-Mich.) proposing that no payments be made unless Britain turned over to the United States for the duration of the loan such of its Atlantic and Pacific areas as the president deems useful to America's defense.

6. Also rejected by voice vote a proposal by Rep. Coker (R-NY) that as a loan condition Britain sell to the United States for \$1,000,000 the Atlantic island areas now leased by the United States as military bases.

State Auto List Hits New High

OREGON'S motor vehicle registration of 441,000 set a new high record at the end of June this year, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., reported Saturday. This year's registration is 8 per cent above last year's and 2 per cent higher than 1941.

Patriotic Society to Discuss Holidays

Plans for possible observances of the anniversary of V-J day August 14 and Armistice Day November 11 will be discussed Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. when the Marion county federated patriotic society meets in the chamber of commerce rooms.

Council President Paul Hendricks Saturday urged that each of the 26 member organizations be represented at the session.

PASSES ACCOUNTANT TEST

John L. Nelson, Salem, was one of only 28 of 81 applicants who passed the May examination for certified public accountant, the state board of accountancy announced in Portland, according to the Associated Press.

Our Senators WON 8-6 LOST 5-6