

'Vets' Village,' Ready for Occupants Tuesday



Sunday motorists will with difficulty find the new Salem veterans' colony, first cottages of which will be ready of occupancy Tuesday. Driving down South 14th street to Cross street, one may follow Cross street to 16th street for a view of the still-unfinished village above which eventually will house 172 families. Workers on the project have suggested that motorists do not attempt to follow the work roads through the village; reaching it will be hard enough on automobile springs. Joe Hopkins, manager of the Salem veterans' colony (left) has the task of sorting the hundreds of pleading letters which come in from veterans seeking housing. He does not judge, merely divides them into "with one or more children," "with one child," "couples," and "single," and then presents them to a committee which must determine who is most in need.—Statesman Photos by Bill Scott. (Story on page 12).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Over a quarter century has passed since the 19th amendment banning restriction of suffrage on account of sex was adopted. Most people have assumed that this victory terminated the battle for "equal rights," but that is not so. Less dramatic, but none the less tense, has been the struggle for a constitutional amendment establishing absolute equality before the law for the two sexes. This amendment got to a vote in the senate Friday for the first time. The result was 38 for to 35 against, so the amendment failed for lack of a two-thirds vote.

Strongest opposition to this amendment comes from women themselves. Led by the League of Women Voters and the American Association of University Women, the opponents point out that such an amendment would immediately nullify all special protective and beneficial laws in behalf of women and girls. These include laws and regulations covering hours and conditions for women in industry, laws protecting interests of wives and widows.

Other women's organizations, like the Business and Professions Women, are strong supporters of the amendment. They think that all special legislation binds women to an inferior status which they want to shed. They think they want to stand on an equal basis to society and under the law.

Such is the division of opinion; and one may easily appreciate the predicament of the all-male senate when it came to considering and voting on this measure. With one group of women lobbying one way and another group in the opposite direction, the senator, with the gallantry traditional to his sex, doubtless found it hard to pick and choose. I am quite sure that the supporters of the amendment would be greatly shocked if some recalcitrant senators took them at their word and applied the equal rights doctrine as he would on objectionable male lobbyists and told them to "go to hell."

After all it is difficult to defy the facts of life whether based on biology or ancient custom. You can't even by constitutional amendment erase the fundamental of "women and children first" when a ship is sinking.

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Idanha Youth Struck by Car, Dies Instantly

DETROIT, July 20—Larry Collins, 11, Idanha, was killed when he was struck by a car reportedly occupied by Calvin Cannon, also of Idanha.

Collins and a friend Billy Peterson, Idanha, who was reportedly also hit but not injured seriously, were returning from a boy scout camping trip on Boulder creek near here. They were walking toward home when hit about a mile from this city.

The dead boy is the son of Bud Collins, who operates the grocery in Idanha, about six miles east of here.

20 Die in Army Bomber Crash

PANAMA, Panama, July 20—(AP) Twenty crewmen aboard two U.S. army flying fortresses were believed to have been killed today when the planes collided near Coiba island, off the Pacific coast of Panama, and plunged into the sea.

An army announcement said that First Lt. Elmer Drolshagen circled the scene for three hours without sighting any survivors. Later three unidentified bodies were recovered.

The army said the collision occurred when the bombers swept down to investigate what appeared to be a life raft floating on the water.

Silverton Man Said Suicide

SILVERTON, July 20—Fred Gearhart, 43, operator of a local upholstery shop, shot himself between the eyes tonight with a .22 calibre rifle, deputy sheriffs said.

Mrs. Sylvia Gearhart, his wife who was in a living room adjoining the shop heard the shot but said that Gearhart was dead by the time she reached him. Other survivors included four children, Loraine, 12; Sylvia Belle, 10; Roy, 7, and Fred, 9. Funeral arrangements are being made by the Ekman funeral home.

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Probers Order Coffee Check File Produced

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—The senate war investigating committee ordered the justice department today to deliver its files on a \$2500 check described by Rep. John M. Coffee (D-Wash.) as a "campaign contribution"—an explanation bluntly termed by Senator Brewster (R-Me.) a "belated alibi."

The senator said that Paul A. Olson, former secretary to the Washington legislator, probably will be asked to testify also.

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Police Out to Get Speeders

Speeders beware! Salem police are under strict instructions to pick up all motorists exceeding 30 miles per hour on the city's main streets, and all motorists with loud enough mufflers to create annoyance in the city.

Vet Receives Hot Tip on Rail Cars, Locomotives

B. L. (Buck) Bailey, 341 N. High street, veteran now employed at the Moore Bicycle shop, 237 N. High st., recently inquired of the war assets administration what equipment they had available for recreational transportation. His reply Saturday from the W.A.A. listed 54 railroad flat cars with parts missing on some and several locomotives.

Captured Marines Said Released

MUKDEN, July 20—(AP)—Unconfirmed and unofficial reports said today seven marines who were captured by Chinese on July 13 had been released.

Government quarters have laid the kidnapping to communist guerrillas, but marine headquarters at Tientsin have merely called them "armed Chinese."

Our Senators

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MERCURY HITS 105 IN SALEM OPA BILL DEADLOCK BROKEN

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Conferees Agree On Revival

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—Senate-house conferees agreed tonight on compromise legislation to revive OPA until next June 30, with a complex formula for handling price controls for various food items.

In agreeing on the bill, Senate Democratic Leader Barkley said the conferees voted to restore federal rent controls without changes. Previously the senate had voted to eliminate federal controls where states had entered this field, but the conferees struck this out. Barkley said this would be done with major food items which the senate had proposed to remove entirely from price controls.

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Standards set up for the decontrol board would let it restore controls if:

The price of a food item has risen so much since the ceiling price in effect June 30, plus the amount per unit of any subsidy paid prior to June 30.

The commodity concerned is scarce and reconrol is "practically unenforceable."

The public interest will be served by such reconrol.

The compromise version of the bill will go first to the house and then to the senate for consideration.

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WU Law Dean Chosen; Knight To Head School

Two changes in the Willamette university faculty were announced Saturday. Col. Seward P. Reese, former faculty member at Syracuse university and lately judge advocate in the army air forces, has been named as dean of the law school.

Prof. John L. Knight, assistant to the president has been named to the post of chancellor of the Nebraska Wesleyan university, Lincoln, Neb., the Associated Press reports.

Col. Reese who was recently released after serving 4½ years in the air forces, has been in the office of the chief attorney of the veterans administration.

Professor Knight, who has been at Willamette since 1943, and assistant to the president since February of this year is at present a guest lecturer at Denver university. School of Theology. William praised the work of his 31-year-old assistant. He said he has no successor in mind. (Additional details on Page 2.)

Radio News Oked For A-Bomb Tests

ABOARD THE USS MT. McKinley, Sunday, July 21, (AP)—Navy Captain K. M. Gentry, communications officer of the crossroads task force said today there would be no shutdowns of news and radio circuits during a next Thursday's (Wednesday U. S. time) underwater atomic bomb test.

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Increase In Bread Price Due

An increase in Salem's bread prices was predicted last night by G. W. Hillman, manager of the Cherry City Baking company. He said that an expected rise in Portland bakers' prices, reported by the Associated Press, would probably be reflected locally as Salem bakers usually meet Portland prices.

Ernest Smith of the Smith Baking company said that rising flour costs, the result of the end of OPA subsidies, would necessitate increased prices for bread.

Bread prices in Portland would be increased three cents a standard family loaf by next week, Ranson Meinke, attorney for the Portland bakers' union, stated after the union had accepted a new wage offer of a flat 15 per cent increase yesterday.

Meinke said an increased labor cost of about 20 per cent and an increase in cost of flour and other ingredients would force the high cost. Dean Bryson of the bakers' union said the new contract permits reopening of negotiations if the department of labor cost of living index rises five points.

One pound loaves, which are now most the daily bake, would be 13 cents a loaf, a two cent increase, and the 1½ pound loaves would be three cents higher, Meinke stated.

Lewis Griffith Dies; Rites at 10:30 Monday

Lewis D. Griffith, 50, clerk of the state land board here for 10 years, died in a Salem hospital Saturday after a two months' illness. Griffith was born near Salem April 12, 1896, the son of the late Dr. John Griffith and Kate Dairymple Griffith, and attended Salem schools and Oregon State college.

After leaving college he was employed by the Charles K. Spaulding Logging company here until 1931. The next year he was employed by the state land board as examiner.

Griffith was a veteran of the first world war and was married to Ila Spaulding, daughter of the late Senator Charles K. Spaulding and Mrs. Lora O. Spaulding, Sept. 14, 1922.

Besides the widow, he is survived by two children—Lorah Kate Copenhaven and John Spaulding Griffith. He also leaves his mother, Mrs. Kate D. Griffith, Salem, and two brothers, Wallace Griffith, Marion, Ala., and Dr. John J. Griffith, Salem dentist.

Deceased was a member of the Presbyterian church, Capital post American Legion, Kiwanis club, chamber of commerce and Phi Delta Theta.

Funeral services will be from the Rigdon mortuary at 10:30 a. m. Tuesday, with concluding services at Mt. Crest Abbey mausoleum.

CHINA PEACE HOPE LOST NANKING, July 20—(AP)—Failure of the prolonged American efforts to bring peace to China was conceded privately by diplomatic and other qualified sources tonight, although Dr. John Leighton Stuart, new U. S. ambassador, declared hope still existed for resuming negotiations.

Some committee recommendations may be made then or at the next regular council meeting August 5 by the special annexation committee made up of councilmen and citizens, which has functioned since the first of the nine areas petitioned for annexation a year ago. Alderman James A. Byers is chairman of the committee.

County Assessor Roscoe Shelton Saturday had not yet determined if the newly annexed areas will be placed on the 1946-47 tax roll as part of the city. Ordinarily the tax roll would have been completed by this time of year but due to certain unavoidable delays, computing of the roll was late this summer, Shelton said.

Northwest Heat Records Fall, 115 Tops at Medford

Eggs could have been fried on just about every inland street in the northwest Saturday, and the prospects early this morning were that Sunday wouldn't bring too much change. But probably a little—for the better, the weatherman said.

Deaths and heat prostrations were recorded at widespread points; extreme caution was urged in the tinder-dry woods; beach-bound cars already were taxing highways almost to a maximum.

It was 105 degrees shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon in

Salem — Three degrees higher than Friday and within three degrees of the all-time record set five years ago last Monday. But Salem was almost cool compared with Medford where 115 degrees smashed all previous marks.

Roseburg registered 109, Eugene and Arlington 105, Portland (downtown) 103, Pendleton 101. But the sun wasn't partial — it streamed heat into Washington state, too, where North Dales posted 109, Walla Walla 103, Yakima and LaCrosse 102, Ellensburg 101, Hoquiam 100, Spokane 98, Seattle 90, Bellingham 86. Boise recorded 100.

Two persons were treated for heat prostration in Salem, little Donna Whitley of 1785 Sagnaw st. and an unidentified woman who was overcome at 1230 State

Death Blamed on Heat The Portland coroner blamed heat for the death of Valentine Emery Raney, 55, while he was working at an auto wrecking yard. Two prostrations were listed.

The worst one heat prostration in Spokane. Logging operations on the west side of the Cascades were halted Saturday when the humidity continued below 30 per cent, Neil Rogers, state forester, declared. The fire on the Smith river burn near Sautsburg, Douglas county, was under control with no new fires reported, Rogers added. It destroyed an estimated 6,000,000 feet of timber. Rogers said fire conditions were fairly satisfactory. Many forest closures were predicted.

In Portland, steel girders of a Willamette river bridge expanded so much in the heat that the bridge draw could not be opened until fireboats sprayed them with water to contract the metal.

In Salem, youngsters—and some oldsters, too—continued to swarm the local swimming pools until it appeared there was hardly enough water to go around.

Soda fountains and other dispensaries of cold drinks did land office business throughout Saturday, and people on downtown streets went about their business in shirtsleeves or less.

Pacific Fruit and Produce company reported three carloads of watermelons sold in two days. Demand for water in the city was about double of normal, according to Carl Guenther, water commission manager, who gave assurance, however, that plenty of water was available even if pressure goes down in some localities occasionally. Through the meter in one day went 12,000,000 gallons of water, as compared with the 5 or 6 million gallons recorded as an average.

To cool off, it might be said now that temperatures at Tillamook and Brookings on the coast Saturday went to but 80 and 65 degrees, respectively.

Bill Modifies GI Insurance

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—House acceptance of senate amendments sent to the White House today legislation liberalizing war-service insurance for GI's and veterans.

The legislation is designed to give government service insurance for the same features as commercial policies. It permits lump sum payments, ends restrictions on the naming of beneficiaries, adds total disability coverage, and provides a flexible system of conversion from military to civilian-type insurance.

Military Men Blamed for Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, July 20—(AP)—A majority of the congressional Pearl Harbor committee, laying solely to military men the failure which contributed to the 1941 disaster, declared today that the late President Roosevelt and his cabinet "discharged their responsibility with distinction, ability and foresight."

That finding in an eight-month report—signed by two republican house members—brought a sharp dissent, however, from republican Senators Ferguson (Mich.) and Brewster (Maine) of the 10-member committee.

In a separate report, they asserted that Mr. Roosevelt "was responsible for the failure to enforce continuous, efficient and appropriate cooperation" in Washington "in evaluating information and dispatching clear and positive orders to the Hawaiian commanders."

The majority reported that "The committee has found no evidence to support the charges, made before and during the hearings, that the president, the secretary of state, the secretary of war, or the secretary of navy tricked, provoked, incited,ajoiled, or coerced Japan into attacking this nation in order that a declaration of war might be more easily obtained from congress."

Ferguson and Brewster declared: "The failure to perform the responsibilities indispensably essential to the defense of Pearl Harbor rests upon the following civil and military authorities: "Franklin D. Roosevelt—president of the United States and commander in chief of the army and navy."

"Henry L. Stimson—secretary of war." "Frank Knox—secretary of the navy." "George C. Marshall—general, chief of staff of the army."

"Harold R. Stark—admiral, chief of naval operations." "Leonard T. Gerow—major general, and chief staff of war plans division." (Additional Details on Page 3)

Loses Bet, Takes Over Son's Route

SEATTLE, July 20—(AP)—Ernest Martin lost a bet and now he's delivering newspapers while son Ronald, 13, vacations on grandfather's ranch in Wyoming.

Discovered carrying the Times from door to door, Martin, 40, said he bet Ronald the boy couldn't handle his route three months without a complaint. He placed a paper carefully inside a screen door and added: "I lost, as you can plainly see."

Animal Crackers



By WARREN GOODRICH