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## "Outrageous"

"Outrageous"—the aside uttered by Senator Vandenberg at the Lillenthal hearing on Monday over a long diatribe against the appointee, posed by his implacable foe, Senator McKellar—pretty well sums up the whole hearing. The way McKellar, a non-member, was permitted to hound the witness, the extravagance of the charges hurled at him, the lack of any supporting evidence offend the ordinary citizen's sense of fair play. And the way de-hard republicans have joined the pack snapping at Lillenthal's heels reflects on both their intelligence and their political sense.

The specific charges such as communism failed to hold, so the republican opposition indulges in generalities which betray their own weakness. One can understand the reaction of one like Senator Wherry of Nebraska, to whom any one related to the new deal is poison; but Senator Taft is a man of greater intellect and discretion who should know that an inquisition such as has been held over Lillenthal damages the persecutors more than the persecuted. It is absurd for Taft to allege that there are better men available for the job of chairman of the atomic energy control commission because he knows that he is not president, yet. The appointing power rests with Harry Truman.

There is report from Washington that behind the scenes the power and oil interests are fomenting the fight on Lillenthal, fearing him because he brought the Tennessee valley electric distribution systems under public ownership. But the law already passed gives government a monopoly of the production of energy from atomic fission, and licensing of private use will have to be done according to law and regulation. There are four or five other members of the commission, the majority of whom are republicans. At this range the fight on Lillenthal appears more of personal feuding and a hangover of anti-new deal bitterness.

The very intemperance of the denunciation has created a great reaction over the country. This may well save the situation and prevent the republican majority from crucifying itself in crucifying Lillenthal whose devotion to public service has been thoroughly tested and proved.

## Phone Strike Threat

Telephone workers have been organizing and the several unions they formed have been coalescing into a National Federation of Telephone Workers claiming 197,000 workers in 36 states. The union is taking a strike vote and undoubtedly the workers will give the officers power to call a strike. This does not mean a strike will occur, but it is a weapon which the negotiating committee will freely brandish at the conference table.

The telephone system is, next to the postoffice, the most vital communications system we have. Its closure would be paralyzing to the whole country, endangering health and safety and doing great damage to business. It is the kind of strike one describes as "unthinkable" until it really happens.

That kind of weapon makes collective bargaining in the case of a utility like this quite one-sided. The operating companies do not dare order a lockout which is the ordinary counter-weapon of force the employer has. As a public utility it must exert every effort to maintain service uninterrupted.

If the unions demands are exorbitant, the company managers are virtually forced to make concessions beyond the limit of what they regard as reasonable in order to avert a strike. Collective bargaining sounds well in theory, but it is not in practice as satisfactory and fair to all parties concerned—workers, employers, the consuming public—as the theory implies. In this instance the only hope the great public has is that representatives of both labor and management will feel their prime responsibility to the public and compromise their differences so no strike will be called. And we have faith that they will.

## Ambassador to London

President Truman made a good choice in Lewis W. Douglas for ambassador to Great Britain to succeed the late Mr. Gardner who died suddenly a few hours before his boat was due to sail. Douglas is a native of Arizona, served as congressman, was budget director under Roosevelt for a time (too conservative on money-spending to be happy in that situation) and for a number of years past has been president of the Mutual Life Insurance company of New York, one of the largest financial institutions in the country.

He is a man of broad experience in politics, business and civic affairs. The position in London is one of very great importance and Douglas seems specially qualified for the post by training and by his sympathies and interests.

## Trail's End

Tuesday was "trail's end" for Dr. George E. Lewis, Salem dentist and lover of the out-of-doors. Diligent in his profession, devoted to his family and loyal to the organizations he was identified with his passing leaves no little void. Having hiked with him on trails long and short (first in 1929) this writer mourns the passing of a fine comrade who always carried his share of the pack and found spiritual renewal in the woods and mountains.

We don't take HB 403 to change the dates for the state fair very seriously. True, the present use of the first week of September crowded Clackamas county fair out of that week, which has been a sore point with Representative Chindgren ever since. But since a later date might run up a deficit for the state fair that might call for state financial assistance for the institution it seems very unlikely the legislature will order a date change. Chindgren's bill is the echo of an old battle that will not succeed at this late date.

Russia suffers from a lag in coal production, which causes slowdowns in industrial recovery. The people in the cities never have had ample fuel for heat and for hot water. War's damages threw production behind. Even with the power of the state there is a limit to the "forcing" of labor. Like Britain and other countries, Russia has a long road to go for recovery.

Barbara Hutton is to marry again, having snagged a Russian prince. Maybe she visited one of her dime stores in Europe and found him at the cheap jewelry counter. If he costs her as much as the Danish count she once had he will prove no bargain.

Two men died when they descended into a well to continue digging, succumbing to gas they breathed. It's an old rule of safety to lower a candle into a well to see if the air is good before descending.

## Silverton PTA Plans For Annual Hobby Show

SILVERTON — Parent-Teacher association Thursday night will make plans for the annual PTA hobby show March 21. Mrs. Martin Hanson will be chairman, Mrs. Ole Heland is PTA president, Helvie Silver will be in charge of a musical program Thursday. This will be the first opportunity of the PTA to view the junior high school since it was re-instated in the local school system last autumn. Charles Bailey, principal, will address the group and will introduce junior high school teachers.

Lyons—Fire destroyed the Kenneth Knight residence early February 24. The house was not completely destroyed but only a few of its contents were saved. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were given a miscellaneous shower Thursday at the Rebekah hall with a good attendance.

## George Lewis, Salem Dentist, Dies Tuesday

Dr. George E. Lewis, 51, of 1180 N. Winter st., resident of Salem most of his life and a practicing dentist here for the past 24 years, died yesterday at a local hospital. He had been in ill health for the past two years and became seriously ill about three weeks ago.

He was born at Newport, Ore., Dec. 21, 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra J. Lewis. He came to the Salem vicinity with his parents when a small child and 25 years ago moved to Salem. He attended grade school in the Auburn district and graduated from Willamette university and later the Portland dental college.

He was married to Margaret Miller, who survives him, on Dec. 25, 1923, in Portland. Dr. Lewis was a member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of the First Methodist church and active in Boy Scout work. Other organizations to which he belonged are the Chemeketa, Salem Geological society, three orders of the Masonic lodge, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Surviving in addition to the widow are two daughters, Florence Lewis and Barbara Lewis, Salem; three brothers, John Lewis, Eugene; Ira Lewis, Yacoma, Wash.; and Minor Lewis, Salem, and three sisters, Mrs. Ada Fox, Fresno, Calif.; Mrs. Ina Shurtz, Menlo Park, Calif.; and Mrs. Jessie Wintermute, Tacoma, Wash.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Clough-Barrick chapel with the Rev. Joseph Adams officiating. Ritualistic services will be given by Marion post 661, VFW, and interment is to be in the Belcrest Memorial park. The bier will be open to friends until 12 noon Thursday, and the family has asked that no flowers be sent.

## Scout Circus Plans Start

Harry Michelsen, assistant scout executive, has transferred most of his work from the Albany district to Salem to give full time to planning the third annual Salem Lions club-sponsored Boy Scout circus.

The circus will be held April 12 and arrangements for the use of the fairgrounds horse show barn have been completed, Michelsen said Tuesday. Members of the Lions club are helping in planning and directing the circus, with Joe Land chairman and E. Burr Miller expediter of the committee.

## Vet Staff Adds Portland Woman

Frances Irene Kerr, Portland, former member of the Waves, has been appointed service officer in the state department of veterans' affairs. Director George E. Sandy announced Tuesday. She will devote most of her time to counseling and assisting women veterans.

Miss Kerr had been employed as a case worker for the state public welfare commission in Portland since 1942, excepting for the period that she was in military service. She graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in sociology.

## Courthouse Fund Totals \$203,573

The county courthouse construction fund now totals \$203,573, according to the February monthly report of Marion County Treasurer S. J. Butler Tuesday.

Other main fund balances in the report include \$385,930 in the general fund, \$475,760 general fund fund, \$24,144 fair fund, \$12,477 county school fund, and \$136,296 old age pension fund.

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## GRIN AND BEAR IT



—And the Red Cross is ever ready—what with Nature, atomic bombs, and Congress in session, who knows what disasters may occur?—

## Public Records

### JUSTICE COURT

Gilbert Sneed, route 7, no operator's license, \$2.50 fine suspended upon payment of court costs.

Edmond A. Weigel, charged with assault and battery, trial continued for six months, released on bond.

Alfred Fox, 1540 State st., charged with assault and battery, continued for plea March 5; posted \$100 bail.

### MUNICIPAL COURT

Gail Walter Gardner, 1105 Edgewater st., failed to stop at intersection, posted \$2.50.

Billy Duane Coorse, route 4, Salem, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

Albert W. Krebs, 1080 Cascade dr., violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

William G. O'Connell, Portland, charged with driving while intoxicated, released on posting \$250 bail.

Otto W. Werner, route 7, Salem, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

Elmo C. Lake, San Francisco, violation of basic rule, posted \$5 bail.

### CIRCUIT COURT

Archie C. Shaw and Helen L. Shaw vs. H. G. King and Estella J. King: Answer filed by defendants.

Ruby Buschkowsky vs Gilbert E. Buschkowsky: Suit for divorce charging desertion; married July 1, 1935, at Woodburn.

### PROBATE COURT

Anna Buchheit estate: Return of sale of real property filed.

Julia Slater Falden estate: Final decree.

Anthony L. Senske estate: Order for additional bond.

Edward W. Crosson estate: Order closing estate.

Florence G. Ross estate: Order setting April 8 for final account.

Ernest Todd estate: Order for sale of personal property.

Ferdinand Keil guardianship estate: Order allowing and approving fifth annual account of guardian.

### MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Jack W. Groves, 24, sales clerk, and Doris Buchanan, 23, housewife, both of Salem.

Patrick J. Daley, 24, radio operator, Lewistown, Ida, and Maxine M. McMinds, 18, waitress, Mill City.

## Linn County Sheriff's Posse Is Organized

ALBANY — Organization of the Linn County Sheriff's mounted posse was completed at a meeting Wednesday. Twenty-one men signed and the posse will function under the general leadership of Sheriff Mike Southard, assisted by Jason Johnson, as captain, Arthur Herrold first lieutenant, James Winfrey and George Fisher, second lieutenants, and Everett Wilkinson secretary. The charter is still open and 29 more men may be signed up.

Each man must provide himself with a riding horse and equipment, and transportation for himself and horse.

The purposes of the organization is to "the perpetuation of the customs, traditions and the pageantry of the early days of Oregon." The group will be available at any time to assist the sheriff in hunting missing persons and in other emergencies. Meetings will be held in the court house first Wednesdays of each month.

## Jefferson Women Will Entertain Federation

JEFFERSON — Marguerite Looney reviewed the book, "Animal Farm" at the Womens club and Mrs. J. G. Fontaine reported books ordered for the library.

Marion County Federation of Women's clubs will meet April 18 in the Christian church here and the Womens club will serve the luncheon. Mrs. D. H. Looney told of her recent trip to California and of clubs visited. Hostesses were Mrs. C. M. Smith, Mrs. Guy Aupperle and Mrs. William Brown.

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## Alumina Plant Production in Salem Noted

Fertilizer manufactured at the Salem alumina plant is worth \$20 a sack when spread on grass land, and as high as \$40 a sack when spread on certain row crops, Arch Metzger, business manager of the company, told Kiwanis club members Tuesday.

In a few days the plant will turn out its millionth sack of this fertilizer, Metzger said. It takes one bag to the acre to increase production, the increase varying with the kind of crop grown, the speaker said.

The story of how the much-discussed alumina plant, one of four backed by the government as insurance against the submarine threat to the white metals supply, changed from the original intention to a fertilizer factory was told by Metzger.

When the cost of imported stock crosses the production cost curve of native clay, the possibilities of the local plant as an alumina plant will be revived, Metzger said, and admitted the time element was uncertain but is frequently estimated at eight to 10 years.

## Zerzan Named By Phi Deltis

Charles Zerzan, Salem, was elected president of Phi Delta Theta fraternity at Willamette university Monday night, to succeed Dave Putnam, Salem.

Others elected were Bob Donovan, Oregon City, reporter; Howard Arnet, Jennings Lodge, alumni secretary; Joe Law, Salem, historian; Lloyd Heimstoh, San Francisco, recording secretary; Orville Sparrow, Salem, treasurer; Bill Faminow, Lundbeck, Alberta, Can., librarian; Jim Ralband, Brooks, chorister; Charles Mills, Salem, chaplain, and Larry McMill, Portland, warden.

Initiated into the fraternity at the Legion hall Sunday night were Kay Huntington, Jerry Mulkey, Robert Voigt, Robert Hill, R. J. Chance, Charles Patterson, John Slanichick, Cecil Johnson, James Ragland, Ray Atkinson, Travis Cross and Dale McClellan.

## Chambers to Boost Valley

A plan to encourage industrial locations in the Pacific Northwest was discussed Tuesday by a meeting of Willamette valley chambers of commerce and business leaders at the local chamber of commerce.

Representatives from Eugene, Albany, Corvallis, McMinnville and Salem and Portland met with Ray B. LaDoo, Portland geologist. The plan is to advertise this area's locations and supplies of minerals, chemicals and other resources to interested industries.

It is proposed to employ a man to represent the cooperative enterprise in the east to industrialists there and also to hire a geologist to remain in the northwest to compile studies of existing information here.

## Births

WIRT — To Mr. and Mrs. Roland M. Wirt, 655 McNary st., West Salem, a son, Tuesday, March 4, at the Salem General hospital.

GOODHEART — To Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Goodheart, 1743 Nebraska st., a son, Tuesday, March 4, at the Salem General hospital.

DUFOUR — To Mr. and Mrs. Gerald W. Dufour, Independence, a daughter, Tuesday, March 4, at the Salem General hospital.

ADDISON — To Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Addison, 860 N. Church st., a son, Tuesday, March 4, at the Salem General hospital.

WILLIAMS — To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Williams, Stayton, a daughter, Tuesday, March 4, at the Salem Deaconess hospital.

## Valley Obituaries

LEBANON — Monday, March 3 funeral services were held for William Duane Drew, farmer of the Sandridge neighborhood who died at his home February 26. Born in Kenniwick, Wash. in 1903, he lived in Portland 15 years before moving here in 1943. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery. Survivors are the widow, Meryl Rose Drew; his mother, Mrs. Minnie Drew of Idaho; two sisters and a brother.

George Albert Miller — ALBANY, March 4—George Albert Miller, 81, seriously injured on February 8, when hit by an automobile, died March 2 in the Albany General hospital. Funeral services will be held from Fisher Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, burial in Riverside. Born at Beaver Dam, Ariz. Oct. 16, 1865, he was said to have been the first white child born in that state. As a small child he moved with his parents to St. George, Utah; moved to Soda Springs, Idaho, in 1887, and in 1909 with his family moved to Gooding, Idaho. He came to Albany in 1943.

While in Idaho, he served as sheriff of Bear Lake county for two terms and as justice of the peace for two terms. He was a member of Latter Day Saints church.

On Dec. 4, 1889 he married Julia V. Glauner at Soda Springs, Ida., who survives and the following children: W. H. Miller of Hagerman, Ida., Earl and Frank Miller of Halvay, Wayman E. of Albany, Mrs. Fay Macy of Portland, Mrs. Clara Gardner of Los Angeles; George of St. Louis; also one brother, Albert Miller of St. George, Utah, 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.



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## School News

By Donna Carr

Leslie Junior High — The Leslie junior high A and B bands and orchestra, under the direction of Raymond Carl, will present their annual evening program Friday night in the school auditorium. The program will be presented as a "television broadcast" and will include a number of special solos and group numbers as well as the full band and orchestra. The proceeds from the affair will go into the band uniform fund.

Wally Carson, Larry Paulus, Dorothy Swigart, Patty Harp, Roselle Howland and Lawrence They are the new students serving on the ground patrol at Leslie.

The Girls' league at Leslie has scheduled a vaudeville show to be presented to the student body as a pay assembly on March 17. The proceeds from the show will help equip the Girls' league rest room and to pay for the annual Mothers' day tea.

The eighth grade dramatics class, under the direction of Miss Eleanor Roberts, presented the play, "Tribble Night" Tuesday at Leslie. In the cast were Betty Anderson, Robert Bruce, Mary Young, Eileen Anderson and Wanda Valdez. Room 206 also presented a mystery play, "The Horror Walks," with Dorothy Pederson, Frank Vitaris, Bob Blivens, Marilyn Hall, Marlene Kennedy, Bernard Baker and Frank Taylor in the cast. Room 109 presented for its noon program a comparison of a modern classroom and an old-fashioned one. Nadine Gilman and Margie Little acted as the two teachers. The scripts were written by students Margie Little and Donna Gronquist.

Tryouts are now being conducted to pick the leading singers in the annual Leslie opera to be presented during music week.

## High Court Backs Ordinance Against Sidewalk Coaxing

The state supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Arthur D. Hay, upheld the constitutionality of a Portland city ordinance prohibiting the solicitation or enticing of any pedestrian into a store room or other room or place.

The proceeding involved Lena Stephens, fortune teller, who was fined \$25.

The state supreme court mandate in the case of Roy Moore, under penitentiary sentence for larceny in a store at Brownsville, was ordered held up pending an appeal by Moore to the United States supreme court.

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