

7 Districts to Join Salem Schools



By Charles F. Stroup

Prof. Harold J. Laski, British socialist, has an article in a recent issue of The Nation on "Russia—Why Does It Act That Way?"

His answer is that Russia acts its way partly because of the way the USA is acting. But still he is critical of the USSR foreign policy and the attitude of its diplomats.

38 Per Cent Of Red Cross Quota Counted

Marion county's 1947 Red Cross campaign for funds was more than 38 per cent complete at the first report made Tuesday at the Kiwanis club meeting in the Marion hotel.

Fred Starrett, 1947 campaign chairman, totaled the returns from division chairmen at \$17,565.27. The county quota is \$49,000.

Mrs. Custer Ross, chairman of the residential division, reported that more than 300 women workers had a total of \$67,127.71, against a quota of \$6200.

Phil Schnell, rural chairman, reported Aumsville and Mehama had gone over the top, and the rural division as a whole had \$22,322 of its quota of \$17,500.

Other divisions reported as follows: Automotive, \$1113; contractors, \$315; general, \$375; governmental, \$1041.80; education, \$541; industrial, \$1799; mercantile, \$1873; professional, \$1142 and utilities, \$330.75.

Strikes Loom at Valley Area Plants

PORTLAND, March 11—(AP)—The Portland plant of the Northwest Poultry & Dairy Products Company was picketed today and AFL officials said the company's McMinnville plant would be struck tomorrow.

Later, plants at Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg and Redmond will be picketed, said S. W. Barker, secretary of the AFL Egg and Poultry Workers union. He accused the company of violating contract terms. The company denied this.

Animal Crackers



"Helicopters got me worried."

Merger Rejected In 8 Areas

By Marguerite Gleeson

School consolidation was approved in seven of the 17 districts considering merger with Salem district 24 at the election held Tuesday. Approving merger with Salem were West Salem, Middle Grove, Swegle, Auburn, Rickey, Pringle and Liberty.

Zena and Lincoln in Polk county also voted to consolidate but will be prevented by the fact that they remain non-adjacent to Salem.

Rejecting the merger were Keizer, Hayesville and Salem Heights in Marion county and Eola, Popcorn, Mountain View, Brush College and Spring Valley in Polk county. Salem approved consolidation by a vote of 95 to 40.

Reconsideration Possible. District in which consolidation has been voted may petition the boundary board for a reconsideration within 10 days after the election. Any district which did not approve consolidation may petition for an election under the same conditions as any other district, it is stated by Agnes Booth, Marion county school superintendent, who received reports from the school clerks in her office last night.

When the boundary board canvasses the vote and announces the consolidation has been approved, all those districts declared to be a part of district 24 are from then on in that district, under the Oregon school law. The Salem school board will be the only school board in the district and all pupils within the enlarged district will be attending Salem schools, grade, junior or senior high school, as the case may be.

It has been indicated that school buildings in all areas voting consolidation will be retained by district 24 and that as plans are enlarged, housing conditions in the district will be relieved by taking junior high school pupils to one of Salem's junior high schools. It has also been indicated that a junior high school will probably be built in West Salem to take care of the increased school population in the not too distant future.

Salem Heights Vote Surprise. The negative vote by Keizer and Hayesville was not unexpected but the very close vote in Salem Heights was a surprise to many who had the district in mind would vote heavily against consolidation.

West Salem has been an unknown quantity on the Marion side of the river, despite the insistence of those in West Salem, "Oregon's fastest growing industrial town," who predicted the outcome with considerable accuracy.

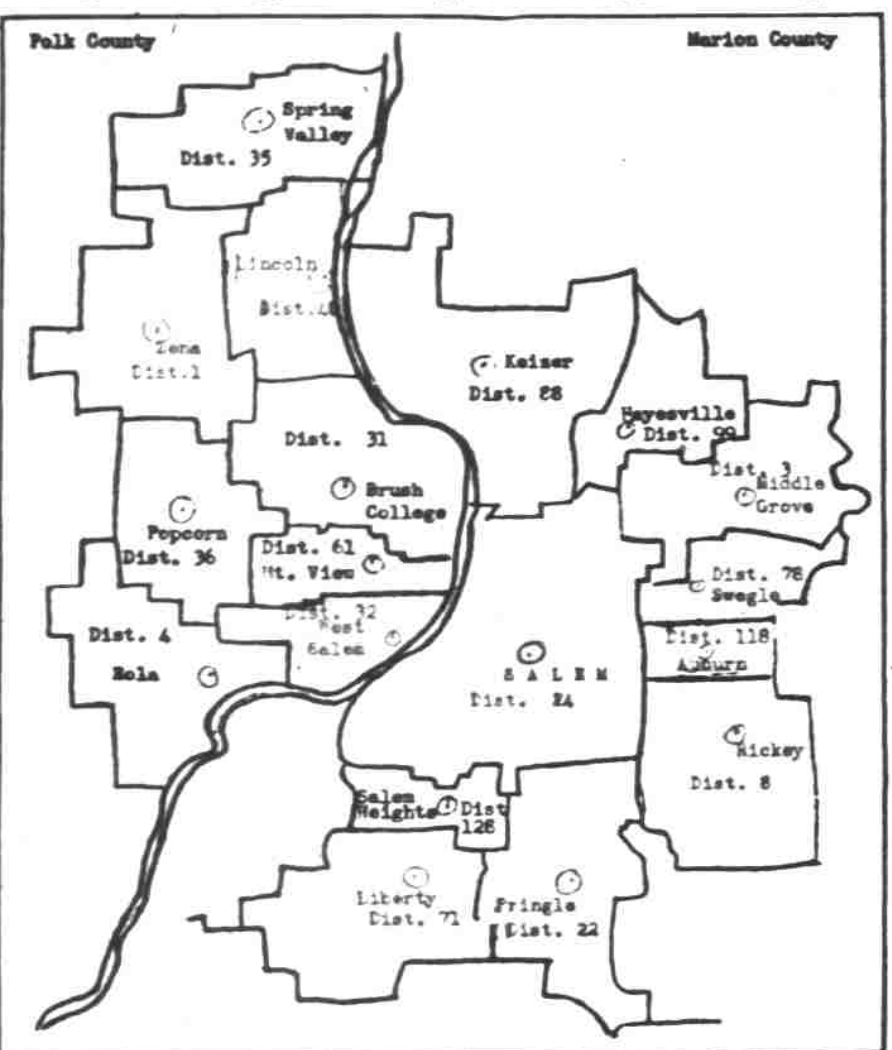
Most of West Salem high school students who are attending public schools are in Salem high school now, the only difference will be that they will be in their own district, where before consolidation the Polk county non-high school district paid their tuition.

Salem School Board Has Problems. While the seven school boards were voted out of office Tuesday, the Salem school board now has the problem of housing, teaching and paying the bills. But at least it has some idea of its problem and can begin to make plans. Members of the board are Mrs. David Wright, chairman; Roy Harland, vice chairman; Don Young, the Rev. George Swift and Harry Scott.

The vote by districts was as follows: Salem, 95 yes, 40 no; Middle Grove, 35 yes, 17 no; Rickey, 85 yes, 15 no; Pringle, 30 yes, 16 no; Liberty, 44 yes, 31 no; Swegle, 30 yes, 24 no; Keizer, 23 yes, 209 no; Hayesville, 37 yes, 96 no; Auburn, 41 yes, 5 no; Salem Heights, 38 yes, 38 no; Zena, 18 yes, 2 no; Eola, 3 yes, 42 no; Brush College, 6 yes, 47 no; West Salem, 79 yes, 48 no; Spring Valley, 7 yes, 19 no; Popcorn, 3 yes, 21 no; Lincoln, 29 yes, 12 no; Mountain View, 14 yes, 20 no.

KLAUS AT SEASIDE

SEASIDE, Ore., March 11—(AP)—Pacific northwest ice cream manufacturers opened their annual three-day convention today with an address by Frederick Klaus, Salem, association president.



Salem's approximate school census (ages 4 to 20) of 8000 was augmented today by another 1872 from seven districts which voted Tuesday to join Salem district 24. In the above map, the names printed in red show those which went on record for the merger, those printed in black voted it down.

WU Trustees Approve Dorm Construction Plan

Immediate construction of a men's dormitory was approved by the trustees of Willamette university meeting in Portland Tuesday, contingent on suitable financing.

According to bids opened last week the cost will run near to \$700,000. Additional funds will be solicited and a loan negotiated for the remainder. The building committee was instructed to proceed subject to the approval of the executive committee.

The dormitory will provide living quarters for 264 men, with separate wings for four fraternities and the central section for independent students. If construction begins promptly it is hoped to have the building ready by the second semester next year.

Other business transacted at the meeting were the election of Robert Fenix, present business manager, as financial vice president and business manager; of Jerry Lillie as athletic director and assistant professor of physical education; of Walter Erickson, present athletic director, to his former position of director of admissions. (For Lillie story see sports page).

The present faculty was re-elected for the ensuing year, and where vacancies occur the president and chairman of the faculty committee were authorized to engage new members. The salary schedule of the faculty will be moved up for next year, with the regular salary for full professors fixed at \$3700.

Fenix has been business manager of the university since 1943. He came to Willamette from the College of the Pacific, Stockton, Calif., where he did his undergraduate work and later served on the faculty and in the business office. He did additional graduate work in business administration and investments at California universities and Harvard.

Rain Forecast as Two Rivers Rise

More rain was predicted by the weather bureau tonight and tomorrow, after 3.63 inches fell during the first 10 days of March, and the Willamette river reached a 12-foot crest at Harrisburg yesterday and was expected to reach a 12 1/2 foot crest here by tonight.

R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer advised chains in the Santiam pass in Tuesday's road report, after seven inches of new snow fell there Monday night. State police reported last night that no water had been reported over roads either at Harrisburg or at Jefferson where the Willamette and Santiam rivers had touched flood stages yesterday.

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June Vote Likely on Sales Tax

By Wendell Webb

Oregon will vote on a retail sales tax for the sixth time, probably late in June, if final legislative approval is given revised bill introduced by the house committee on assessment and taxation Tuesday.

The committee voted 7 to 4 to set a special election November 18, but indications were last night the date would be set ahead. The bill provides that the 3 per cent tax would be effective 90 days

after the referendum approval, and would exempt food except meals served in public eating places.

Tax Exemptions Upped. A companion bill introduced Tuesday would raise income tax exemptions from \$750 to \$1500 for single persons and \$1500 to \$2500 for married persons, provided the sales tax bill is approved.

Half of the estimated \$24,000,000 annual sales tax revenue would be divided equally between cities, counties and schools. It was estimated most of the revenue would offset property and income taxes.

The tax bills Tuesday hardly caused a ripple in the flood of controversial measures already set to come up for final action in the house, which spent all Tuesday morning wrangling about measures to liberalize requirements for liquor licenses (passed 46 to 10) and to repeal statutes providing for the recovery of double the amounts lost in gambling (defeated 55 to 3).

The senate, meanwhile, passed and sent to the house a long list of other bills increasing the pay of top state executives and unclassified employees.

Regulations Relaxed. The house liquor measure, if approved by the senate, would allow any 50-member unit of a veterans' organization, or a group of veterans, to obtain a club license, provided the national organization is five years old, without meeting the requirement of having served meals for two years previously.

The vote of the gambling bill came after its sponsor, Rep. Joe Wilson, first argued for its passage and then futilely demanded it be returned to committee so a better one could be brought out. Originally it had provided merely that sums recovered, under the law, should be paid in full, and indemnity, be given to schools.

Other measures passed by the house included its own bill increasing state industrial accident benefits up to 50 per cent; boosting the board of health from 8 to 11 members, and letting fairs raise revenue accumulation for construction and senior proposals augmenting the state apprenticeship council and allowing school districts to incur debt up to 10 per cent (instead of 5) of their assessed valuation.

Major off-floor actions Tuesday included abandonment of a proposed 1-cent-a-gallon gasoline tax increase by a sub-group of the house committee on assessment and taxation.

Milk Control Spurred. Another avenue of introduction was closed to the milk control bill Tuesday when the senate agriculture committee refused to sponsor the measure. The bill, which would reduce the price of milk in stores, has the backing of the Portland Federated Women's Clubs.

A light senate calendar today included one of its own bills to purchase land for an additional entrance to the state fairgrounds and a house proposal, held over from Tuesday, asking congress for the Chemawa Indian school should the institution be released by the U. S.

Russia Recalls Chief Point to Absence Of Chiang



Nikolai V. Novikov

WASHINGTON, March 11—(AP)—Russian Ambassador Nikolai V. Novikov has been recalled to Moscow for consultations and will fly from New York Thursday.

Notice of the trip was delivered to the state department yesterday in a note from the embassy.

No details were given in the communication beyond the fact that the journey is for consultations and that the embassy will be left in charge of S. K. Tsarapkin, newly assigned minister-counselor as charge d'affaires during Novikov's absence.

American diplomatic officials said they could only presume that the ambassador was being called to Moscow to lend his advice in connection with the foreign ministers' conference in the Soviet capital. They presumed, however, that he will return.

MOSCOW, March 11—(AP)—Secretary of State George C. Marshall won his first diplomatic triumph in the foreign ministers' council tonight when the United States, Britain and France put up a solid front and blocked a Russian proposal to place the complex China question on the agenda.

A conference official said the three western representatives, opposing suggestion by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, insisted that China must be present if Chinese affairs were discussed in the council, and Molotov finally withdrew his proposal.

The four foreign ministers then split wide open when they tackled the first and least controversial problem of Germany, the question of demilitarization, informants disclosed.

Molotov hurried a broadside of accusations that the west was opposing suggestion by Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, insisted that China must be present if Chinese affairs were discussed in the council, and Molotov finally withdrew his proposal.

Ernest Bevin, British foreign secretary, answered Molotov bluntly that the charges were "unjustified." Bevin then let loose a diplomatic bombshell of his own, saying that while the ministers were on the subject of demilitarization "it might be useful" to know the number of prisoners of war held outside Germany, an informant said.

Russia never has revealed how many prisoners of war she is holding in her "homeland," a spokesman questioned on this subject have been reported.

Truman to State Policy in Speech On Radio Today

WASHINGTON, March 11—(AP)—President Truman will address a joint session of congress tomorrow—and the nation—in a policy statement which may set far-reaching new standards for American diplomacy around the world.

The issue is: What the United States should do to stem the tide of communism abroad.

The president's speech, starting at 10 a. m. (PST) will be broadcast by the major networks and also televised. Described in advance by Sen. Vandenberg (R-Mich) as transcending party politics in importance, the chief executive's talk is expected to center chiefly on the situation in Greece and the near east.

Officials Plan Bill to Outlaw Communists

WASHINGTON, March 11—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwellenbach and Chairman Hartley (R-NJ) of the house labor committee agreed today that the communist party in America should be outlawed.

Hartley told reporters he will introduce a bill to do so.

Schwellenbach, in the witness chair, asked: "Why should we recognize the communist party in the United States? Why should they be able to elect people to public office, and, theoretically, elect members of congress?"

"I think communists should be excluded from any type of public activity, including the right to run for office, to sit in chambers of commerce or to hold office in trade unions.

"They have advocated the overthrow of our government and they should not be allowed to have any part in government."

The secretary related that communists defeated him when he ran for governor of Washington and tried to beat me for the senate. He said: "I learned enough about communism then to last me a life time."

Sea Searched For Navigator

NEW YORK, March 11—(AP)—Transatlantic airlines using Constellation planes moved swiftly to prevent possible recurrence of the tragedy which took the life of a Trans-world airline navigator in a four-mile plunge into icy north Atlantic waters.

George Hart, of Sag Harbor, N. Y., the navigator victim of one of the strangest accidents in aviation history, was thrown from the plane last night apparently by combined suction of the outside air and pressure from inside the plane after the astrodome broke and tore loose from the ship.

Two Slayings Investigated In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, March 11—(AP)—Nearly nude bodies of two women, both victims of violent deaths, were found today, bringing to four the number of unsolved feminine slayings here since Jan. 15.

One was identified by police as Evelyn Winters, 42, divorced wife of Sidney Justin, head of a film studio's legal department, where she was formerly employed.

The other was unidentified. Estler police said they thought they twice had established her identity, but in both cases the supposed victims subsequently were found alive.

A railroad worker who gave his name as George Frankly Wickliffe, 28, of Joplin, Mo., found the body of Miss Winters. He was booked on suspicion of murder but police expressed belief that he had no connection with Miss Winters' death.

The body of today's other victim had been strangled with electric wire, was found by Japanese field workers on a river bank in nearby Norwalk. The red-haired woman's face was cut and badly swollen. Officers found signs of a struggle.

British Station Raided; 2 Die

JERUSALEM, Wednesday, March 12—(AP)—Two British soldiers were killed and two wounded early today when an armed band attacked the headquarters of Brig. Edmund Davies, military governor of Jewish districts under martial law in Jerusalem, with mortars and machine guns.

An official announcement said the headquarters was badly damaged.

First intimation of the attack was a series of heavy explosions which were heard throughout the city at 4:18 a. m. (9:18 PST Tuesday).

Davies said the attackers blasted a hole in a 15-foot stone wall an dthen placed explosives against a building in which royal pay corpsmen were sleeping.

Merger Path Cleared by Bill

A technicality barring the merger of West Salem and Salem was removed Tuesday with passage by the senate of a house bill which makes the Willamette river legally the common boundary between the two cities.

Court Ruling Jeopardizes Welfare Fund

The possible loss of \$16,000,000 in federal aid was added Tuesday to the state welfare problem occasioned by Monday's supreme court decision that counties are not required to meet the maximum estimate of the public welfare commission.

The federal security agency has indicated it will withhold federal grants for old age assistance aid to the blind and dependent children unless a uniform state standard is established.

Gov. Earl Snell will meet with legislative leaders soon to determine future action. The legislature could resolve the problem by setting a definite mandatory property tax rate to cover welfare costs or by letting the state assume the counties' share of the estimated \$16,000,000 state deficit for this biennium.

Both the increase in property tax and the proposed welfare law met strong opposition in the present legislature.

Filbert Industry Sees Threat in ITO

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11—(AP)—Opposition to the proposed charter for the United Nations' international trade organization (ITO) on the grounds it would eliminate protective tariffs was expressed by agricultural organizations before a state department hearing here today.

Briefs filed by the Northwest Nut Growers, representing growers in Oregon and Washington, and by the walnut control board of California, opposed the charter in its present form, saying it would threaten the filbert industry.

Pope Sees Hope for Peace If Nations Limit Sovereignty

By Charles H. Gupitll and John P. McKnight

VATICAN CITY, March 11—(AP)—Pope Pius XII, completing the eighth year of reign in a tempestuous world, told the Associated Press today he was hopeful the world would achieve a just and lasting peace but the price might be agreements which would curtail to some degree the sovereign rights of nations.

Receiving two Associated Press correspondents in a private audience he commented that positive, constructive ideas have not as yet entered the building of peace, but he expressed the hope that the United Nations organization might be placed in a position effectively to guarantee the security of all.

He did not conceal his preoccupation when the current Moscow conference and the difficulties facing it were mentioned. He nodded assent that the beginning of the conference did not augur well for solid achievements.

Despite the indefatigable diligence and determined efforts made by certain statesmen and some progress for the moment along one or another particular line, the pope said the events of the last year do not add up to a marked improvement in the world's outlook for a just and lasting peace.

MOSCOW, March 11—(AP)—Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov (left) of Russia and Secretary of State George C. Marshall (right) of the U. S. sit with their aides around the conference table at the opening of the four-power conference of foreign ministers at Moscow. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Moscow)