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## Boundaries for Germany

At Moscow the conference has shifted from discussion of reparations to boundaries. There again the conferees bump into the agreements of Yalta and Potsdam. To western nations the assent by President Roosevelt and Britain to the revamping of Poland creates one of the biggest problems for the peace. They assented to Russia's absorption of eastern Poland and then to Russia's plan of compensating Poland by transfer of territory from eastern Germany. At Potsdam the American delegation gave tentative agreement to pushing Poland's boundary to the Oder river and Byrnes assented to an exchange of populations. Following this the German population was shipped from the region over into the remainder of Germany, and the Poles moved in.

Now when Secretary Marshall brings up the matter of Poland's western boundary Russia protests and asserts the transfer of population makes the deal closed. The tragedy is that the severance of eastern Germany from the Reich makes doubly difficult the restoration of Germany. For that portion was a breadbasket for the rest of Germany which was more heavily industrialized. Lacking that source of provisioning the people of the western nations have to ship in food to keep them alive.

A writer in the current Saturday Evening Post asserts that this situation must be corrected if Germany is to recover economic self-sufficiency. He suspects the Russian motive in promoting the deal because it makes the Poles, in his judgment, dependent on Russia for defense against a revived Germany anxious to recover its lost provinces, a theory which seems quite logical.

Due to Russia's position, and Poland's, it seems improbable that the conference will succeed in making any change in this boundary. In the west, however, Britain and the United States have assented to the inclusion of the Saar in France. Molotov has not committed Russia, and his veto might block this settlement. The future of the Ruhr is still unsettled. France wants it detached from Germany; Russia wants it governed by a four-power commission; the United States wants it to remain as part of Germany though stripped of its war-potential as far as possible.

History shows how victors in war fall apart when boundaries are being drawn. And this history is in process of repetition. There will be no early and no enthusiastic agreement on the territory to be embraced in the new Germany. Last of all will the Germans approve. Thus seeds will be sown which may yield the bitter fruit of fresh warfare.

## Big Lumber Order

The placing of an order for 175 million board feet of lumber with mills in the Coos Bay area draws attention to the fact that Coos Bay is now the largest lumber-exporting port in the world. Columbia river, Puget Sound, Gray's Harbor, Willapa Harbor ports must yield the palm (or the Douglas fir) to Coos Bay. This is because lumber milling has moved southward. Timber in western Washington has been largely cut off except that in government ownership. Northeastern Oregon is pretty well stripped of forests. The loggers with axe and saw are working on the great stands in southwest Oregon. Lane county has more mills and produces more timber than any other county in the country. Coos Bay is the chief shipping point for export lumber.

The purchase reported is for the account of the British government which is buying agent for domestic reconstruction. Britain is buying lumber over the world wherever it can be found in order to provide materials for rebuilding of cities and towns blasted in the war's blitz. Canada is a principal supplier, but the United States is shipping great quantities to the British isles too.

This foreign and other domestic business should keep the lumber regions of Oregon busy for an indefinite time. Coos Bay will be a busy port. Railroad, movement of lumber and logs will be heavy. But an order for 175 million board feet of lumber carries its own warning. The speeding up of cutting means earlier exhaustion of virgin timber. It ought to be followed with speeding up in reforesting cutover lands. This generation likes the business harvesting the timber provides—the employment, the profits, the tax revenues; but old timber is an exhaustible resource. Unless steps are taken to provide some replacement industry or fresh crops of trees the economy will go bump when the saws sing the requiem of the last forest.

## Fire Chief Is Busy

Fire Chief Roble is going at his new job as though he means business which is what Salem people are interested in. He has introduced training work for firemen, has taken men to study building interiors so they may know better how to fight particular fires, and has done inspection work on institutions like the state hospital. In the latter case he recommends numerous alterations intended to insure a greater degree of safety for inmates. Such thoroughness should be welcomed, because we do not want here a repetition of the bad fire at Stellacom hospital a few weeks ago.

In this work Roble will have the full support of property owners, homeowners and ordinary citizens, for the menace of fire is universally recognized. It not only destroys property but endangers life—we get too many stories in the papers of loss of life, often of children, when a house caught fire. This menace too is growing, as statistics of losses compiled by insurance companies prove. The way to combat it is to do a better job of building construction, enforce good habits of occupancy, and maintain a strong, well-equipped fire department. Fire Chief Roble is on his way to provide the city with an able fire department; and by his prodding property owners and tenants may be stirred to greater activity in preventing fires.

Only 31 votes were mustered against David E. Lillenthal's confirmation by the senate. This result was long foreseen. The prolongation of the fight was a senseless brake on public business, serving merely to ventilate McKellar's grudge and give republican party leaders in the senate a chance to stumble. In three and a half months of sitting not one major piece of legislation has been enacted into law by the congress. Thus far it rates as a do-nothing session, and doing that badly.

In Hobart, Oklahoma, grocers overcame the telephone silence by calling on customers and taking orders, then delivering them. That was the custom in days before the telephone. The grocer or his clerk made the early morning rounds of his regular customers and took their orders. He knew and recited the fresh groceries he would have on sale for the day. Came the telephone and the grocer's order-taker moved indoors to become a phone-jumper.

A market report says the shirt supply is on the upgrade—interesting news, with father's day just around the second corner. Now when the price hits the downgrade, life with father will again be bearable.

The senate committee on foreign affairs voted 13 to 0 to approve Truman's program of aid to Greece and Turkey. Senator Vandenberg made a speech in the senate endorsing the plan. We have an idea his talk was preceded by hard gulping.

# IT SEEMS TO ME

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their places decorously. The great conductor, Emil Oberhoffer, strode to the podium; and the concert began. What the numbers were I do not recall, but I can never forget the emotional exaltation that came from hearing a real symphony orchestra. Nowadays children sort of grow up on symphony orchestra music, if they listen much to the radio, and few get the thrill of a first experience, as I did. But there must be many whose book of memory is becoming yellowed like mine, who have vivid recollections of an orchestra "first night."

The present conductor of Minneapolis Symphony is Dimitri Mitropoulos, who has won great fame for himself and for his orchestra. A native of Athens, Greece and a graduate of its conservatory, Mitropoulos has been in America since 1936 and the regular conductor of Minneapolis Symphony since 1937. Recently he was featured in "Life" magazine.

But I'd like to say a word about Emil Oberhoffer, the real founder of this orchestra. He was a native of Munich, studied violin and organ under his father, came to America, became conductor of the Apollo club in St. Paul in 1897. In 1901 he became conductor of the Philharmonic club in Minneapolis and then undertook the establishment of a permanent orchestra. Minneapolis Symphony gave its first performance in 1903 and he remained its conductor until 1922. In 1933 he died in San Diego.

A tall figure, his personal appearance was commanding, and the direction of his orchestra exacting. No poseur, he was eminently satisfying as a conductor, both to audiences, the orchestra and his patrons. Oberhoffer was more than a great musician; he was a leader who developed Minneapolis Symphony into a great musical organization, and then took it and its grand music to the music-hungry folk of the corn-hog belt. It is on the foundation he laid that the present orchestra flourishes.

This is written before the concert which I plan to attend. I shall leave a review to our regular music critic, for I know my mind will go wandering back to a May festival of over 40 years ago... and to Emil Oberhoffer... and to horn-players putting on their dickeres... and swarthy violinists fiddling madly and incoherently to get fingers limber and senses in the mood for performance... and to music that filled all the cups of my soul, a long time ago.

## Public Records

**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Mitchell Morrow, 3785 State st., carrying a concealed weapon, fined \$50; charged with driving while intoxicated, pleaded no guilty, released on \$250 bail and trial set for 1:30 p. m., April 17.

Arkley Saxer Diehl, 1900 Oak st., charged with blocking traffic, posted \$5 bail.

**JUSTICE COURT**  
Willie Biley Pierce, 75 Fairhaven ave., charged with driving while intoxicated, continued for plea to April 11, held in lieu of \$374 bail.

Kenneth Charles Howe, Brooks, angling for trout in a closed season, fined \$25 and costs.

Allison L. Howe, 240 Lee st., angling for trout in a closed season, found innocent.

Irvin Kasper, Silverton, angling for trout in a closed season, fined \$25 and costs.

Benjamin Brown, 1325 1/2 Ferry st., no angling license and angling for trout in a closed season, \$25 fine suspended on payment of costs for no angling license, and fined \$25 and costs for angling for trout.

## CIRCUIT COURT

Virginia Lorraine Ohlsen vs. Robert Perry Ohlsen: Suit for divorce charging cruel and inhuman treatment asks for restoration of maiden name of Virginia Lorraine Cupp. Married May 2, 1945, at Vancouver, Wash.

Emma Marie Kirby vs. Frank E. Kirby: Decree of divorce confirms property settlement.

A. W. Morris vs. Charles L. Morrow: Default judgment in favor of plaintiff issued.

Wankle Paine company vs. Rich L. Reimann and others: Suit to recover \$1407 plus interest as payment for goods allegedly sold to defendants.

G. R. Hemmelman vs. Ed Kattek and Roy Wallace: Suit for \$400 damages allegedly arising out of an auto accident December 13, 1946, on highway 99E, two miles south of Salem, in which defendants are charged with negligent driving.

Della Janet Nelson vs. Alf E. Nelson: Plaintiff files supplemental complaint.

Lena M. Hildebrandt vs. William F. Hildebrandt: Amended complaint filed.

Hazel D. Simms vs. Erroll J. Simms: Plaintiff files reply admitting and denying.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Robert E. Boyer, 34, rancher, Turner, and Bernice Marie Schaffer, 33, clerk, Salem.

Alfred Detwyler, 26, farmer, and Helen Loretta Kuenzi, 20, domestic, both of Silverton.

## PROBATE COURT

Florella E. Phillips estate: Order authorizes sale of personal property by Andrew Phillips Silver, administrator.

Hettie E. Fry estate: Final decree.

Joan Barnes and Suzanne Barnes guardianship estate: Account of Esther B. Downs, guardian, approved.

W. L. Grant estate: Order for sale of personal property by Pioneer Trust company, executor.

James G. Theodorian guardian-

## GRIN AND BEAR IT



"In the interests of harmony, gentlemen, we must ignore petty differences and unite to dodge these vital issues!"

## Draft Boards to Finish Work by End of Month

Back in 'civvies' this week following authority received Tuesday, Col. Elmer V. Wooton, state selective service director, said he expected that all Oregon draft boards will complete their work this month.

The Marion county local boards will probably complete and submit their records to the state depository within two weeks. The Curry county board informed Wooton they would be finished last night.

Wooton and Lt. Col. Carlton E. Spencer, assistant director, lost no time in dispatching uniforms to the moth balls, but Lt. Louis B. Austin, personnel and employment officer, was not so well situated, when the unexpected order came. He expects to buy enough civilian clothing to tide him over until his remaining clothes arrive from his home in Nebraska.

## Night Classes' Rolls to Close

With registrations closing next week, total enrollment in five Oregon state system of higher education extension courses remains at 90, with a possible three to be added. This is the second class week.

The classes will continue through June 4. The enrollment includes 17 in psychology, 19 in character education with a possible two more, 13 in current affairs with a possible one more, 15 in Spanish and a total of 26 in upper and lower division art.

In the public school night classes for adults, idle all of Easter week, enrollment remains at about 400. George Porter, director, said yesterday. The classes will resume next week and continue for eight weeks.

## The Safety Valve LETTERS FROM STATESMAN READERS

### LEGISLATOR APPRAISES SESSION

To the Editor: There is much that can be said of the legislative session which has just ended at Salem. Some of it is good and some is bad. Never have I seen a finer group of legislators, most of them persons of intelligence and good character, honest and hard working. During the entire session I did not see a single member of the house under the influence of liquor while in the house chamber. That is more than can be said of some previous sessions.

The back-stage and lobbyist organizations, however, seemed to be running true to form, and they got results. Gambling legislation seemed to have a green light at all times. The same group that fought the present old-age assistance program and its liberalization were almost solidly lined up in favor of the sales tax, community property law and other legislation in the interests of the comparatively small group of Oregon's wealthy citizens who apparently are bent on shifting their just share of the tax burdens on to the shoulders of those of our citizens who are least able to pay. There are three rays of hope for the common people—the possibility of the governor's veto, a supreme court decision against such laws, or finally the vote of a majority of the state's citizens, when the initiative or referendum is invoked to place such measures on the ballot. The same group, to a large extent, were the ones who played Santa Claus to the already well paid public officials in the higher brackets, handing out millions of dollars of state money, over the protests of a few of us who tried to stop such raids on the public treasury. There is much to be told.

JOSEPH E. HARVEY PORTLAND

### SHIP ESTATE: Order approves annual report and account of Pioneer Trust company, guardian.

Evelyn Lewis estate: Myrtle Rogers appointed administratrix and Guy N. Hickok, S. G. Dempsey and R. B. Hynd appointed appraisers

## By Lichty Lions Hear

### Dr. Steiner Talk on Peace

Individuals must be as willing to pay the price of peace as they are willing to pay the price of war, Dr. Richard Steiner of Portland's First Unitarian church declared before Salem Lions club Thursday noon in the Marion hotel.

Decrying the "hate-fomentors" and others who write of a third great war as inevitable, Dr. Steiner called for a fresh approach to world peace based on "a broader application of democracy in the religious sense."

He stressed the religious sense of democracy over the political sense, stating the latter often breaks down because of over-emphasis of self-determination principles to the detriment of an understanding that other peoples and other nations, too, are seeking democracy.

The Lions club also heard an Army week talk by M. Sgt. Paul Layden of the Salem army recruiting office, who noted the army's dependence on public cooperation in its share of maintaining national security.

## Five Fined For Gambling

Five local men were fined in city court Thursday after their arrest at 3 a. m. the same morning by Salem police on gambling charges. Police confiscated \$62 "game" money, cards, chips and a table in their raid at 1945 Oxford st.

Peter L. Wiens, banker for the game, was fined \$250 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence. Four others fined \$100 each are Warren Keith Paynter, 19, of 791 S. 13th st.; Raymond Sidney Cherry, 21, of route 2, Salem; Stanley M. Zeeb, 19, of 2327 S. Commercial st., and Francis B. Southwick, 20, of 1179 Marion st. All were released upon payment of fine except Paynter, who was committed to jail after he failed to pay the \$100.

## Stock Market Edges Upward

NEW YORK, April 10—(AP)—For the first time in seven sessions the overall stock market average edged upward today although losers were plentiful and dealings sluggish. Transfers of 680,000 shares compared with 850,000 Wednesday.

Timid professional bidding was attributed partly to the thought that the list was due for a technical comeback. Hopes for ending of the telephone strike and the return of coal miners to work served as a bolstering factor. The president's comments on prices and wages provided little bullish fuel.

The Associated Press 60-stock composite was up .1 of a point at 63.8, first forward since April 1. The rail average was unchanged. While that for the utilities slipped to a new 1947 low.

## Wheat Holds Strong

CHICAGO, April 10—(AP)—Strength in May wheat was again a feature in grain dealings on the board of trade today. Other wheat deliveries weakened. Corn was easier but oats held steady.

Buying of the May bread cereal delivery reflected higher cash markets.

Wheat stocks on farms on April 1 totaled 139,855,000 bushels against 198,481,000 a year ago. The agriculture department reported after the market had closed.

Wheat closed 2 1/2¢ lower to 1 1/4¢ higher, May \$2.56 1/2-2.57, corn was 1/4 to 1 cent lower, May \$1.78 1/4-1/2, and oats unchanged to 3/4¢ higher, May 88 1/4-3/4.

Selling of deferred wheat futures reflected good crop prospects.

## Wiscarson to Judge Contest

Vernon L. Wiscarson, instrumental music supervisor of the Salem public schools, will serve today and Saturday as a judge of the Northwest-Oregon district music contests at Estacada. About 1,200 students are entered. David Petrasso, music director of Estacada, is chairman.

Wiscarson will judge all woodwind and percussion solos today, and bands and orchestras Saturday, with John Stehn of the University of Oregon and Leon Handlike of Portland. Winners in this contest are eligible to enter the regional finals in Ellensburg, Wash., May 9-10.

## KNIGHTS TO DANCE

Knights of Columbus will hold an Easter dance at 8 p. m. tonight for members and wives at the K. of C. hall.



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**CHOIR BROADCAST SET**  
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**From where I sit... by Joe Marsh**  
**And That Ain't Hay —Or Is It?**

I guess all of us secretly hanker from time to time, for the good old days and the good old-fashioned pleasures. Leastways, Buddy Richards done a thriving business reviving the old-time hayride.  
With a team of horses, and a stout straw-bedded rack, Buddy can take as many as thirty adults—at fifty cents a head!  
Two or three times a week they start from Town Hall, and go out along the river; stop for a friendly glass of beer at Shoreline Taverns; and come home by way of Pound Ridge... nine miles in all.  
Not very exciting, you might say. But from where I sit it's not excitement that we need these days—but those simple country pleasures that are part and parcel of America—the old-fashioned hayride, with its song and jollity; the horseshoe games; the friendly glass of beer; and the good companionship that they engender.  
**Joe Marsh**  
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