

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles H. Simpson

I want to report a trip taken with the Chemekets Sunday to the top of Cedar Butte in the middle of the coast range and in the center of the famous Tillamook burn, not by any report on personal doings but to describe the country traversed.

The party, numbering 22, left by auto early in the morning, going by way of Wallace road, Hope, Lafayette, Carlton, Yamhill and Forest Grove to the Wilson river highway and then on this road to where Jordan creek enters Wilson river, well below the divide. The route, well below Wallace to Forest Grove and on up Gales creek is one of the most beautiful in Oregon. The road follows the foot of the Polk-Yamhill ridge of hills until they run out, and then crosses the valley to find the gap leading into the Tualatin valley. All along the way, going with splendid farms, improved with attractive farmsteads. Attractive homes, doorways bright with flowers, prove not only the prosperity of the country but the interest the farm-owners take in beautifying their surroundings.

The towns, too, are flourishing. Take Carlton, set in a fine farming district, and close enough to the coast mountains still to maintain a thriving lumber industry, it is almost a picture-book town, with trim cottages and neat yards, nothing down-at-heel, an atmosphere of healthy contentment.

What a contrast, though, when one leaves Glenwood and quivers leaves the green for the desert of the burn! It is not treeless, but the trees are

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## Board Decrees 5 Zones, Rural School Taxing

Ninety-five Marion county school districts outside of Salem and Silverton districts were divided into five zones Monday by the district boundary board in accordance with the county rural school board bill voted by the people in the last general election.

The rural school district law, passed by the state legislature recently, became effective yesterday. The law embraces all territory within the county except first class districts, Salem and Silverton.

A member from each of the five zones will be elected to serve on the rural district board at the annual school meeting June 16. Nominations for the board, to be filed with Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent, by May 14, are to be made by petition and signed by not less than 25 voters residing in the candidate's zone. Mrs. Booth said yesterday.

Each nominee must file acceptance of nomination with the county superintendent by June 1, she said. A candidate must be a qualified voter on a school district tax levy. Members will be reimbursed only for traveling and other expenses.

According to the new law, after Jan. 1, 1948, all powers and duties vested in a school district (other than first class districts) to levy taxes will be transferred to the rural school district board. The board will examine and audit budgets of the districts and will have power to reject, increase or reduce any item or amount in the budget. All budgets will be consolidated, a levy determined and a uniform tax rate made applicable in all districts.

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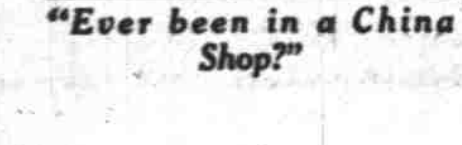
## Filing Closes Today, Taxes

Hundreds of state income taxpayers visited the Salem office of the state tax commission Monday to seek assistance in preparing their 1947 returns based on 1946 incomes.

Both Salem and Portland offices remained open until 9 p. m. Monday and will be open until midnight today, the deadline for filing this year's returns. Income tax returns sent by mail and post-marked prior to midnight Tuesday will be accepted without penalty.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Ever been in a China Shop?"

# Speeding 'Bombshell' Battles Heavy Winds Near Alaska

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## May Gain New York By Noon

NEW YORK, April 15 (Tuesday)—(AP)—Frank Lamb, director of the round-the-world record flight attempt by Milton Reynolds, said early today the plane had message that it was encountering strong headwinds on the Tokyo-Alaska leg of the trip.

Lamb said his information came from civil aeronautics administration's messages received directly from the "Bombshell" Reynolds' plane.

Lamb said the plane message that it was flying at an altitude of 19,000 feet, "making 235 miles per hour, slowed by strong headwinds."

The plane message that it expected to reach Anchorage, Alaska, at 3:23 a. m. PST.

**May Reach Goal at Noon**  
Lamb said Reynolds' latest message estimated the plane's New York arrival time at 12 noon Pacific standard time.

**YOKOTA ARMY AIRDROME**  
Japan, Tuesday, April 15 (AP)—The record-seeking around-the-world plane of manufacturer Milton Reynolds took off at 9:24 a. m. today (4:24 p. m. Monday, PST) for Anchorage, Alaska—a 3000-mile flight which Reynolds expected to make in 11 hours.

Reynolds reached Yokota earlier this morning, 47 hours and 47 minutes out of New York.

**Repair Need Ignored**  
Army ground crew, striving to set a servicing speed record, immediately began refueling the converted A-26 attack bomber in preparation for a fast takeoff. Servicemen here reported a small leak on a scavenger oil line in one of the plane's two engines, but the fliers proceeded without repairs.

Reynolds, Chicago manufacturer, said he himself intended to take over the controls of his plane "from here in."

The plane has been piloted by William Odum of Roslyn, N.Y., with Reynolds navigating. The only other person along is Flight Engineer Carroll Saltee of Dallas.

**Reynolds Still Confident**  
"We will make it to New York in 65 hours," Reynolds declared as he stepped onto the Japanese soil.

"That is still below the record." The present record of 81 hours, 14 minutes, was set in 1938 by Howard Hughes.

Asked if he had experienced any trouble since leaving India, Reynolds replied, "We ran out of oxygen. Odum was a little delirious."

This apparently was over the Burma hump between India and China, as new oxygen containers were placed aboard during the Shanghai stop.

At Tokyo, army briefing officers prepared to alternative routes on the basis of war department directives specifying the distances by which American aircraft must avoid Russian territory.

**Coal Output Near Normal After Stop**

PITTSBURGH, April 14 (AP)—Coal poured from the tipples of the nation's soft coal mines today at almost normal production rates for the first time in two weeks today as a safety shutdown by AFL-United Mine Workers ended.

The coal mines administration, in Washington, said production in the nation's soft coal mines today approached normal, with 1,883,216 tons expected from mines east of the Mississippi during the day.

The agency said the district east of the Mississippi, producers of most of the bituminous coal, reported 3,969 mines, employing 289,278 men, in operation.

Still idle in those districts, the agency said, are 308 mines, normally employing 46,863 men and producing 32,372 tons a day.

## Weather

|               | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem         | 82   | 45   | .00     |
| Portland      | 82   | 50   | .00     |
| San Francisco | 82   | 50   | .00     |
| Chicago       | 67   | 45   | .07     |
| New York      | 51   | 31   | .07     |

Willamette river 4.8 feet  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today and tonight with slightly lower daytime temperatures. Highest today 80. Lowest tonight 48.

## Congress Decries Wallace

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—A congressional demand for criminal prosecution of Henry A. Wallace mingled today with fresh denunciations of his speech-making feat in an American measure and concluded, in the words of Rep. Thomas (R-N.J.), its chairman:

"It covers Henry Wallace just as you'd cover a person with a cloak."

Wallace has been making speeches abroad assailing Truman's foreign policy, notably the \$400,000,000 program to bolster Greece and Turkey against communism.

**Connally Joins Assault**  
Senator Connally (Tex.) ranking democrat on the foreign relations committee, joined in the Wallace assault during the day.

He issued a statement terming Wallace's actions "regrettable" and saying that "Mr. Wallace is not helping his country nor is he helping himself by his present course of conduct." Connally contended that "the proper place" for the former vice president to issue his criticism "is here at home."

**Wallace Defends Speeches**  
LONDON, April 14 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace replied defiantly tonight to congressional criticism of his speeches here against President Truman's foreign policy.

Wallace said that "only if a state of war existed could I be accused of giving aid to an enemy in expressing my point of view."

He said that it was his intention to "go on speaking out for peace wherever men will listen to me until the end of my days." Wallace said that his speeches and the American criticism had brought him only three cablegrams from the United States, all urging him to continue his campaign. He said they came from Greenwich, Minn., Seattle, Wash., and Washington, D. C., but did not name the senders.

## Senate Group Eases Labor Curbing Bill

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Waving away objections of Senator Taft (R-Ohio), its chairman, the senate labor committee today softened somewhat the provisions of its omnibus labor bill.

In the house, however, a strike-curbing, union-regulating bill with more penalties in it comes up for debate tomorrow and Speaker Martin (R-Mass.) predicted its passage by more than enough margin to override any veto by President Truman.

The senate group voted down, 8 to 5, a provision of its original draft which would have imposed specific penalties on jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, as the house bill does. Instead it decided to make these unfair labor practices "the national labor relations board could tell a union to stop them, and go to court for an injunction if the union disobeyed."

Also knocked out, 7 to 6, was a ban on health and welfare funds administered solely by unions.

On both these votes a group of democrats and republicans, including Sen. Morse (R-Ore.), overruled a minority headed by Taft.

## Censors Still In Soviet Plan

MOSCOW, April 14 (AP)—Prime Minister Stalin told Harold E. Stassen that some American news correspondents have "an ill mood" toward Russia, and that "it will be difficult in our country to dispense with censorship," the former Minnesota governor disclosed today.

Stassen, a candidate for the republican presidential nomination in the United States, said that Stalin remarked in the course of a conversation on censorship and newspapers that the Russians "do not see any big difference between the republicans and the democrats."

## Oregon Liquor Sale Down, First Quarter

PORTLAND, April 14 (AP)—A slight decline in the sale of liquor in the first quarter of this year was reported today by the state liquor commission.

Administrator William Hammond said sales were \$8,953,548 compared with \$9,032,651 for the first quarter last year. Money from 1947 permits also dropped from \$312,382 to \$250,092.

# U. S. Proposes New Phone Plan; Union, G. M. Agree on Wage Rise

## Says Thanks



Fire Chief W. P. Roble who, after six weeks at the head of Salem's fire department, expressed his pleasure at the citywide cooperation he has been receiving in local fire protection measures.

## Salem Firemen To Get Tests, New Uniforms

New standardized station clothes as well as formal uniforms are in the immediate offing for all four Salem fire stations, Chief W. P. Roble made known Monday in reviewing plans for department he took over six weeks ago.

The new chief also disclosed that written examinations already have been given all drivers and assistants in regard to the location of all hydrants in the city, and that within the next two weeks every member of the department will be required to pass tests regarding the exact location of all short streets (one-way, circular and drives) so no time will be lost in reaching conflagrations by the closest way.

Roble said he was gratified at the cooperation he had received from everyone—the city itself, the chamber of commerce, the department heads and every member of the staff, since he came to Salem from Spokane.

He added that he had received several queries regarding the order, effective yesterday, that no open fires should be started without a permit personally obtained at one of the four stations.

"The order does not pertain to outdoor fireplaces or enclosed incinerators if they are properly screened to prevent spreading of sparks," Roble said.

Applications now are being received for nine existing fire department vacancies. The list is to close Thursday, and examinations for new firemen will be given April 25.

## HUGE LINER AGROUND

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Tuesday, April 15 (AP)—Tugs failed to budge the Queen Elizabeth, which ran aground at the entrance to Southampton harbor last night, but officials said they expected the world's largest liner to lift herself free on the rising tide today.

## 1937 Busy at Setting Records In Salem Weather, Says Review

Ten years ago this month a record April rainfall of 7.68 inches was recorded by local weather observers, three months after an all-time high day's snowfall of 25 full inches fell on February 1. A record precipitation for June was noted that year at 4.61 inches, and in November, 1937, an official U. S. weather bureau was established in Salem.

"The department of commerce must have figured Salem needed one after all those records," Weatherman Gilbert L. Starnes commented yesterday as he announced publication for the first time here of an annual meteorological summary, covering 1946 weather in Salem and accompanied by comparative data based on records of the past 53 years.

A limited quantity of the neat, close-figured eight-page bulletin is on hand for distribution to persons who really need them. Starnes explained. Starnes supervised compilation of the report and the printing was done in the Portland printing office for the U. S. weather bureau.

## May Set Industry Pattern

DETROIT, April 14 (AP)—General Motors Corp. and officers of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (CIO) announced a wage agreement today that may set the pattern for the nation's entire automotive industry with its more than 500,000 hourly-rated workers.

The agreement affecting about 30,000 employees of four GM accessories divisions provides for a 15 cents an hour wage increase. Of this 11½ cents an hour would be paid in the form of direct wage advances and the remainder would go to cover the cost of six paid holidays and other economic items.

Covered by the agreement, effective for one year from today if approved by the union membership, are workers of General Motors, Frigidaire, Delco Products, Packard Electric and Delco Appliance divisions.

As this agreement was announced General Motors awaited action by the United Automobile Workers (CIO) on an offer of 10 cents an hour increase for approximately 265,000 hourly-paid workers in the corporation's other plants throughout the country.

The latter proposal, if accepted, would be an "interim" increase, effective until next August.

The UAW-CIO has demanded increases of 23½ cents an hour for all production workers employed by General Motors, Chrysler and Ford. Currently GM hourly rated workers receive an average of \$1.31; Chrysler \$1.33, and Ford \$1.39.

The UAW-CIO also filed a 30-day notice of intent to strike against Chrysler Corp. A strike notice has been filed by the Foreman's association of America (unaffiliated), against the Ford Motor Co.

## Forest Blaze Held in Polk

DALLAS, April 14 (AP)—Polk county's first forest fire of the 1947 season was under control today, Morris Slack of the Polk-Benton Fire Protective association staff, said.

The fire, thought to be caused by carelessness of smokers, spread over a fern and reproductive land area of 300 acres in the Crooked creek section north and west of Grand Ronde. Ten men from fire association headquarters were sent to extinguish the blaze, fire officials said here.

## Independence Sewage Plant Aided by FWA

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Drawings and specifications for a sanitary sewerage system extension and sewage treatment plant at Independence, Ore., were announced today by a \$4,900 allotment from the federal works agency.

The plant is expected to cost \$130,500. The advances must be repaid when building starts.

## It'll Be Cooler Today; 13-Year Record Topped

Salem is due for slightly cooler weather today than Monday, when the hottest April day since April 20, 1934, raised the mercury to 85 degrees here, the McNary field U. S. weather station reports.

Traffic policemen observed that the warm weekend brought out large numbers of motorists — so many, they said, that the closely driven cars actually were unable to violate as many traffic regulations as usually expected.

A thermometer placed on the sunny side of Commercial street at Ferry climbed to an unofficial 106 degrees at about 4 p. m. Monday.

Medford registered the state's high temperature of 92. Salem's 85 and Portland's 84 degrees were both tops for those cities for the year. Other high marks were Roseburg 88, Bend 83, Newport 82, Pendleton, Tillamook and Eugene 81.

Warm weather brought the possibility of a halt in logging operations. Weather forecasters said relative humidity might drop to a point between 35 and 25 per cent and woods operations cease when humidity drops to 20 per cent.

Only one fire, a 300-acre blaze in scrub timber near Hebo, was reported.

Meanwhile Silver Creek falls attracted several hundred "picnickers" and hikers and people who just like to admire the scenery. The lodge, built shortly before the war, is not yet open.

## Storage Room, Coal Supplies Seen by Byrd

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—Rear adm. Richard E. Byrd, returning from the navy's antarctic expedition, said today that long-range planes and dynamic ice breakers have cracked the great white south polar continent wide open for exploration and within 25 years men may be tapping its resources.

"There's an awful lot of coal down there," he said, in an interview.

Byrd also envisaged exploiting the vast ice cap as a natural refrigerator for the storage of surplus crops in bumper years.

"Surplus food could be stowed away in the polar ice as insurance against lean production years. I'm pretty sure it would keep perfectly. Time stops for such things down there."

Returning with about 700 healthy but hungry-for-home men aboard the expedition flagship Mount Olympus, Byrd also said he had never "officially" requested the government to claim the territory in the south polar regions.

He said the area is not strategically important and it is up to the state department to make any claims "for the enormous amount of area discovered up to this time."

## Court Limits Vet Job Right

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The supreme court put a one-year limit today on any draft act protection that would give a re-employed veteran seniority advantage over non-veterans.

The 7-2 ruling was limited to that one point. The court majority declined to pass upon a contention that all protection granted to a drafted by the job security section of the selective service law expires 12 months after he returns to civilian life.

The case came up from Cincinnati, where Lawrence Whirls won a district court ruling that his seniority rights as an employee of the Trailmobile company extended past the 12 months. The court of appeals also had upheld that view.

The CIO United Auto Workers joined the company in opposition to Whirls.

## Milk Price Plan Told at Hearing

PORTLAND, April 14 (AP)—Adjustments of Oregon's milk price schedule will be based on 1946 cost audits supplied the milk control board, State Agriculture Director E. L. Peterson told a milk hearing group today.

Peterson said increases in labor costs subsequent to audits of that year would be added at the time of the decision and that any new audits could not be ready for months.

## Answers Ordered At 5 p. m.

## Soviet to Talk On 11 Billions Of Lend Lease

WASHINGTON, April 14 (AP)—The government advanced a new arbitration plan late tonight to try to settle the telephone strike by Thursday night.

Both the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the National Federation of Telephone Workers, independent, have until 5 p. m. E. S. T., Tuesday afternoon to reply to the idea.

The new arbitration plan was put forth by Secretary of Labor Schwelbach in a surprise conference of top officials of both the A. T. & T. and the union.

**End Not Immediate**  
Schwelbach said he was impelled to offer the arbitration proposal in an effort to end the eight-day-old walkout because he had "lived in mortal fear" that someone in dire need of aid might suffer because "the telephone was not available."

If both company and union agree, the 340,000 striking telephone workers would not be called back to work at once. Forty-eight hours would be allowed for resumption of negotiations on certain issues.

C. F. Craig, vice president in charge of personnel for the A. T. & T. left immediately for New York with the proposal.

Joseph A. Belne, president of the Telephone Workers Federation, has been maintaining his base of operations here during the strike.

**Division of Issues Set**  
There was no immediate inkling of what the reaction might be on either side in the controversy. But the union advanced a scheduled 11 a. m. policy meeting for Tuesday morning by two hours and said it would try to have a reply by the deadline.

President Truman had kept clear of any direct intervention in the situation.

Schwelbach proposed that wages, reclassification of towns, the length of time required to progress from minimum to maximum pay rates, vacations, leaves of absence from union officials, retroactivity of wage increases, and any remaining issues all should be submitted to an arbitration board of five persons selected by the parties.

Such issues as union security, pensions, job definitions and the host of local issues would be negotiated in the 48-hour period beginning at 5 p. m., Tuesday.

The basic issue in the strike has been the union's demand for a \$12 a week increase.

## Russia Blocks 'Disarm' Plan

MOSCOW, April 14 (AP)—The United States asked the council of foreign ministers tonight to appoint a committee to negotiate a four-power act on German demilitarization, but Russia immediately proposed amendments which would virtually rewrite the American draft of such a treaty.

France and Britain both endorsed the American plan, put forward by Secretary of State Marshall, for the appointment of plenipotentiaries to write the treaty along lines of the 40-year pact, recommended last year by Marshall's predecessor, James F. Byrnes.

Molotov said that any four-power treaty should include, besides demilitarization, such points as denazification, four-power control of the industrial Ruhr, and destruction of cartels.

## Eagle Scouts Honored at Council Circus



New Eagle scouts pictured above received their badges at the Saturday night Boy Scout Circus at the fairgrounds, with Mayor R. L. Elfron presiding. They are (left to right) Seth Forquer and Ray Scovell, both of Sweet Home troop 21; Dan Ashton, Sweet Home troop 63; Richard Wyatt and Gary Romine, both of Salem troop 1, and Sam Sutzman of the Oregon school for the deaf, shown receiving his badge from Thomas Ulmer, scoutmaster of Deaf School Troop 14. In background is Howard Higby, troop 1 scoutmaster. (Statesman photo by Don Dill, staff photographer.) (Story on page 4.)