

Solons Win Baseball Opener 4 to 2

4,335 Witness 1947 Premiere

The 1947 Western International league baseball season, dodging a few raindrops, was ushered into town last night as a record opening-night crowd of 4,335 watched the Salem Senators down Vancouver, 4 to 2, at Waters park. The Senators, playing a snappy brand of baseball under their new manager Jack Wilson, yielded a run to Vancouver in the first inning, but scored four themselves in the fourth and fifth innings to salt down the inaugural.

Lefthander Kenny Wyatt, now a native of Polk county hurled the opening victory and allowed five hits. He started off shakily in the first by giving three of the five hits and one of the Cap runs then, but settled down to pitch brilliant ball. Wyatt fanned eight.

The second game of the four-game series will be played tonight, starting at eight o'clock. A Sunday doubleheader, starting at 1:30 p. m. will complete the opening series.

(Additional details and pictures on today's sports page.)



It was "Play Ball" at Waters Park last night as the Salem Senators opened their 1947 season with a 4 to 2 victory over the Vancouver Caplanos before a record opening-night crowd of 4335. Opening action in the first game of the campaign is depicted above by Senator shortstop and leadoff man Henry Bartolomei who is shown fouling off a pitched ball by Vancouver's Bob Snyder. The catcher in the photo is Vancouver Manager Bill Brenner and the umpire Hughie Day. Bartolomei later grounded out, third to first. (Statesman photo by Don Dill, staff photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stroup

By authority of the legislature and by provision of a state appropriation of \$620,000, a new educational institution is in process of being born. It will be a vocational training school at the former Klamath marine barracks.

The state appropriation is less than half of the budget. The total is \$1,540,000 for the biennium. The remaining \$920,000 will come principally from fees and tuition charged.

Then there will be a large investment in machinery. The plant itself is well supplied with tools and facilities. In addition, the administration will be able to transfer from the pool of equipment left over from war production training classes. Then war surplus will provide another reservoir of equipment. These acquisitions will cost the state little or nothing.

It is estimated that the enrollment will reach 1500 students within five or six years. An executive, faculty and administrative staff will be employed.

How will this institution be run? The governing body is the state board of education (not the board of higher education) composed of the governor, secretary of state, superintendent of public instruction, and one person each representing employers, employees, agriculture, and home interests.

The actual supervision will fall on the vocational education division of the department of education, O. I. Paulson, director. The division has had experience in running the Eugene vocational school and (continued on editorial page)

Building Bid At Woodburn Near Estimate

Low bid of \$171,744 for construction of a segregation cottage at the Woodburn state training school brought expressions of surprise and satisfaction from the state board of control Friday.

Submitted by W. C. Smith, Inc., Portland, on the project which had been estimated to cost \$170,000, it was one of the few bids opened recently that was not considerably in excess of the board's estimate.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

"Boy, I sure wish I could change into some old clothes!"

"Sidewalk superintendents" watched initial installations of Salem parking meters Friday and some drivers tried them out, although police enforcement of meter use will not begin until Monday. In center picture, meter is being placed on a standard by Robert Foote of the Michael-Artis Bronze Co. which made them, with Police Chief Frank Minto (center) and Traffic Officer Leland Weaver looking on. In left picture, Mrs. E. L. Fisher of McMinnville and at right, Floyd McClellan of Ratcliff drive, both shown inserting coins. (Statesman photos by Don Dill, staff photographer.)

Parking Meters in Operation

Salem's first 450 parking meters are now ready for nickels and pennies, after installation Friday on downtown streets. Police will not begin checking meters, however, until Monday morning, City Manager J. L. Franzen stated.

Enforcement of parking meter regulation will begin for the remainder (763) of the meters as soon as they arrive and are installed, Franzen said. The first shipment arrived Thursday and was installed Friday by Robert Foote, of the Michael-Artis Bronze company, meter manufacturer, and Salem Policemen Leland Weaver and Ellsworth "Hap" Hewitt.

Surveying for Posts

Posts for all but 200 of the 1163 meters already have been inserted in Salem sidewalks by the Warren Northwest company, with city engineer's aides surveying in order to mark the exact spot where each post must be placed.

The manufacturer's representative Friday predicted that the remaining meters will arrive here by April 24 and that installation will be completed before the deadline, midnight April 25. Each day's delay of complete installation after the final date set by the city council upon reinstatement of the once-cancelled contract will cost the meter company a penalty of 25 cents per day per meter.

Trying Out Meters

Nearly every meter installed showed the red "violation" sign Friday evening, signifying that money had been inserted in the proper slot and that the allotted parking time had expired. Apparently, people are just curious, as numerous pedestrians were seen to place money in the meters and turn the handle.

Meters permit parking at the rate of one cent for 12 minutes, two cents for 24 minutes, three cents for 36 minutes, four cents for 48 minutes and a nickel for a full hour.

Beginning Monday, payment in meters is required from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. daily except Sundays and holidays.

Austria Treaty Plan in Shreds

MOSCOW, April 18 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov ripped to shreds tonight an American proposed compromise on defining German assets in Austria and U. S. Secretary of State Marshall charged Molotov with trying to transform Austria into a "puppet" state under "foreign control."

The soviet reject of the American compromise on the key issue of defining what assets the Russians can take for reparations apparently doomed all chances of completing an Austrian pact at the present conference of foreign ministers.

Kaiser Still Eyes Swan Island Plant

PORTLAND, Ore., April 18 (AP)—The Kaiser Company, reported yesterday to be planning to withdraw from its last holding here, may continue in the Portland industrial field after all.

15 FLIERS DIE IN CRASH

KHARTOUM, April 18 (AP)—The RAF reported tonight that 15 fliers were found dead today in the wreckage of a South African air force plane at El Shigeig in the desert 60 miles southwest of here. Twelve of the victims were South African air force pilots.

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Texas Disaster Toll Continues Steady Climb

TEXAS CITY, TEX., April 18 (AP)—The list of known dead in this week's waterfront disaster climbed past 500 names tonight as the ceaseless hunt for additional victims of explosion and flame went on by the light of burning oil tanks and powerful searchlight.

The Red Cross issued a known-dead list tonight containing 549 names. However, some authorities insisted that the list contained duplications. A check by the Houston Post and the Associated Press, eliminating seeming duplications, reduced the total to 542.

Asbestos-clad workers who entered the still burning plastics plant of the Monsanto Chemical company today for the first time to remove the dead from the huge explosion and fire-wrecked building halted their work when darkness fell. Previous reports that workers had been found alive in the Monsanto plant were unconfirmed.

Three oil tanks still burned sullenly today and there were a number of small fires, all laying a smoke pall to deepen the gloom.

GOP Leaders Clash on Policy

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Two republican leaders, Senators Vandenberg (Mich) and Wherry (Neb.), clashed today over the Greece-Turkey aid program with Wherry saying that he is "not going to be intimidated."

Some sharp exchanges took place as Wherry, the republican whip, and Senator Hawkes (R-NJ) contended the plan might mean war.

Vandenberg, president of the senate and chairman of the foreign relations committee, said he believes the program is the "road to peace," but added that this "is no criticism" of Hawkes or Wherry if they hold opposite views.

UAW Rejects '15 Cent' Raise

DETROIT, April 18 (AP)—General Motors corporation today asked the CIO United Auto Workers to accept an 11 1/2 cent hourly wage increase plus pay for six annual holidays, an offer union leaders immediately termed unsatisfactory.

Police Guard in Peoria Bars Robeson from Hall

PEORIA, Ill., April 18 (AP)—Paul Robeson, Negro singer who was denied use of a Peoria city hall assembly room after his scheduled concert was cancelled, tonight limited his appearance here to a news conference in the home of a Negro labor leader.

While 50 policemen under orders from the mayor stood guard at the city hall, Robeson told newsmen that Peoria "goes on record as being taken over by the fascist element."

The singer said his experience here had confirmed his "intention to spend at least the next two years in an active fight against intolerance as it manifests itself in politics."

The singer said yesterday he received "some threats of violence" if he appeared, but declared he was "not easily frightened."

Robeson's concert here was cancelled and the city council Tuesday formally disapproved of the appearance of "propagandists for Un-American ideology," aiming at Robeson.

The action developed after Robeson was named by the house committee on Un-American activities as one of a group of persons "invariably found supporting the communist party."

Rep. Norman Of Washington Dies at Capitol

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Rep. Fred Norman, 67, (R-Wash) was found dead in his bed this morning, a victim of heart disease as he slept.

He had participated yesterday in house debate on labor legislation, and retired early at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Curtis with whom he lived.

His body was sent back to his home in Raymond, accompanied tonight by a delegation of members of congress. Survivors include a daughter, Evelyn Norman, and son, Howard Norman.

U. N. Rejects Red Plea for Voice in Loan

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 18 (AP)—The security council tonight rejected Russia's demand for United Nations supervision over American aid to Greece.

Poland alone supported the Soviet union in the first U. N. test vote of President Truman's \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish aid program, which still awaits approval by congress.

Britain was the only veto-empowered nation balloting against the proposal but actually did not invoke the veto since the Soviet measure fell five votes short of the seven necessary for passage.

The United States joined four other nations in abstaining despite the insistence of Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko that the American "take a definite stand."

Ford Empire to Stay in Family

DETROIT, April 18 (AP)—Control of the vast industrial empire Henry Ford built out of what once were termed "a lot of crazy ideas" will remain in the Ford family.

Mr. Ford's will, disclosed today, leaves all his voting stock in the Ford Motor Co., in equal shares, to his four grandchildren.

The extent of the great wealth Mr. Ford amassed was not disclosed, but Mr. Ford's personal fortune has been estimated as much as \$500,000,000.

To the Ford foundation, a charitable institution organized shortly before the will was drafted Feb. 3, 1936, Mr. Ford left all his non-voting stock in the Ford company as well as all his real estate holdings other than the home, "Fairlane," which along with Mr. Ford's personal effects, were left to the widow, Mrs. Clara J. Ford.

Churchill Terms Henry Wallace Crypto Communist

LONDON, April 18 (AP)—Winston Churchill sharply attacked Henry A. Wallace in a public speech today, classing him as a "crypto communist" and declaring he was trying "to separate Great Britain from the United States and to weave her into a vast system of communist intrigue which radiates from Moscow."

Irate AFL Urges Federal Seizure Of Western Union

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—Assailing Western Union for "inefficiency and incompetence," the AFL today asked the government to take over the telegraph lines in advance of a strike set for May 4.

Striking telephone workers, at the same time, completed plans to lay their case officially before President Truman and congress as their walkout passed the 12th day without sign of settlement.

The AFL acted for its commercial telegraphers union representing 50,000 Western Union workers throughout the country outside of New York. It asked that the government operate the telegraph system as part of the postal service or permit the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. to operate it.

The plea was made in a brief filed with the federal communications commission in connection with proceedings in which Western Union seeks permission to reduce local services in the interest of economy.

The union brief asserted that the proposed reductions would leave local handling of telegrams in some cases in the hands of "garage keepers, purveyors of hot dogs, druggists, real estate agents and even, with all solemnity, morticians."

"A perusal of the record leaves one with the definite conviction that the Western Union Telegraph company wishes to get out of the telegraph business—and as quickly as possible," the brief said.

Porritt Slayer Gets Life Term

HILLSBORO, Ore., April 18 (AP)—Albert Jack Green, 16, accused of shooting a man to rob him of \$12, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder today and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Originally indicted on a first degree murder charge, Green entered court today to hear District Attorney G. Russell Morgan move to change the charge to second degree murder.

The victim in the shooting was Ralph Porritt, Vancouver music salesman and father of four, who was slain as he sat in his parked car on the Tigard-Aurora road February 7.

Both the senate and house appropriations committees have refused to authorize administrative expenses to carry out the contracts made during the war.

Wallace Urges Swedes Act as U. S. - Red Buffer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 18 (AP)—Former Vice President Henry A. Wallace urged Scandinavians today to act as a "moderating force" between what he termed the imperialism of both Russia and the United States.

Wallace told a gathering of 1,000 Swedes they were in a key position to serve the cause of peace.

Beauford Jester, is fully prepared to meet needs in the disaster area. Contrary to practice prior to the war, officials said, funds from the annual drive will not need to be supplemented by special campaigns.

The office also will send wires of inquiry regarding relatives in the disaster areas. Several have already been transmitted from the Salem area.

The Red Cross has appropriated \$250,000 for use in the Texas City area, and has already sent there 6,000 pints of blood plasma and 1,000 pints of whole blood, as well as anti-tetanus serum and gas gangrene anti-toxin.

Following numerous individual offers to send aid to the blast and tornado victims in Texas and Oklahoma, Marion county chapter of American Red Cross was advised Friday that it may accept donations, of money only, for such relief.

Justice George Rossman, chapter chairman, emphasized that no solicitations will be made. All banks in the county have agreed to accept contributions, as well as the ARC office, 211 McGilchrist building.

Authorization was received from the Pacific area manager in a wire which stated that the organization placed in charge of relief work at Texas City by Gov.

ST. LOUIS, April 18 (AP)—Warren S. Miller, general manager of the Southwestern Bell Telephone company here, said today approximately 250 long distance telephone circuits were cut with hacksaws last night and early today at three places northeast and south of Fort Worth, Tex. "Some of the lines that were severed were being used at the time to carry emergency messages between fire-and-explosion ravaged Texas City and other points," Miller said.

TO LIFT RESTRICTIONS WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—The army will lift its present one-week restrictions on the mailing of parcels to army personnel overseas May 1.

PLANE, CREW OF 9, MISSING LONDON, April 18 (AP)—The Royal Air Force reported tonight that a Halifax aircraft with a crew of nine was missing on a meteorological flight from its base in Northern Ireland.

DET. JOYCE SUCUMBES PORTLAND, April 18 (AP)—Dr. Thomas M. Joyce, 62, head of the department of surgery at the University of Oregon medical school, died today at the Multnomah county hospital following a heart attack.

When prosecuted as law-breakers, they would ask the courts to the supreme court if necessary—to kill those provisions.

So far, the house has passed the Hartley bill, with its sweeping curbs on strikes and unions. Next Wednesday the senate begins debating its measure.

Judging by the past, this means that unions would simply ignore those provisions they believe to be unconstitutional.

The corporation described its overall offer as "the equivalent of an increase of 15 cents an hour."

Terms were identical with those accepted Monday by the CIO United Electrical Workers, which has 30,000 members in General Motors plants.

In Pittsburgh, President Walter P. Reuther of the UAW-CIO said the offer "is not satisfactory but negotiations will be resumed in Detroit Monday."

Teamsters Strike Looms in Portland PORTLAND, April 18 (AP)—The possibility of a teamsters strike in Portland increased today as the AFL union turned down two proposals by the U. S. conciliation service.

The conciliators proposed a wage increase of 10 cents an hour and establishment of a 40-hour week. The teamsters had asked an increase of \$1.50 daily, later scaling it down to \$1.10. The union previously voted a strike if negotiations fail.

When the order will affect rental areas in 23 states and is one of the biggest decontrol steps yet taken by the OPA rental division.

A total of 648 areas are under control. Officials declined to give out the new list at this time.

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP)—OPA officials said tonight that rent controls will be abolished late this month in portions of 40 areas scattered throughout the nation, but emphasized that the move is not the forerunner of any general rent decontrol action.

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AAUW ELECTS OFFICERS DALLAS, April 18 (AP)—Dr. Althea Kratz Hottel, Dean of Women at the University of Pennsylvania, was elected president of the American Association of University Women today at the biennial convention and Seattle was chosen for the next meeting in 1949.

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