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Projects Require Completion

The northwest isn't alone in its fight for adequate appropriations to permit orderly construction of its irrigation and power projects. The whole west is aroused to its vital needs for similar development. In California for instance the great Central Valley project is threatened with slowdown if the appropriation cuts in the committee bill are allowed to stand. The great Friant-Kern canal is not half completed. The Delta-Mendota canal is in the same state, and the Tracy pumping plant is not yet built. These are parts of the project to provide more water for the San Joaquin valley. In the Sacramento valley the Keswick dam below the Shasta is not finished, and the five-place power plant at Shasta dam needs three more generators to complete it.

The San Francisco Chronicle drives home the point that until these installations are completed the government cannot recoup on its investment; nor can farmers benefit in the measure intended until the jobs are done. From the standpoint of the federal treasury it therefore is wise to complete the project to make it productive, also to stimulate new industry and expand agriculture which will return more in tax dollars to the federal treasury.

The narrow-minded congressmen who are throttling down appropriations to the interior department claim there is still money appropriated which can be expended. True, but appropriations must be continuous to permit completion. These are not one-year or two-year jobs. They require continuing investment over a long term of years. The war and the temporary freeze on spending have held up construction to the country's detriment. Now construction should be accelerated to catch up not only with schedules but with needs and demands. National interest as well as regional justifies the expenditure.

'Empire Builders'

Robert Ormond Case, Portland author, has published in book form the script of a radio continuity he prepared for KOIN a few years ago. It dealt with the history of the Oregon country, using individuals to dramatize that history. The title of the book is "The Empire Builders"—rather trite for a book which otherwise shows real imagination.

The effort is successfully made to portray history in the mood of the period in which events occurred and in the language of the principals. The dialogue is the author's own "filling" and at times his imagination strains at the episodes, but the stories have a readability beyond that of the ordinary radio script.

As a matter of fact the book might well be made supplementary reading in school courses on Oregon or northwest history. For just as much of the history which adults recall of Greece and Rome and colonial America came out of story books, students who read these narratives will get a good introduction to Oregon history. In the pages of this book live again the men and women who blazed the trails and laid foundations of a commonwealth on the shores of the Pacific. They take speaking parts in the radio drama. Many of the episodes are the result of dredging in less familiar soil, not the reworking of material already exhausted of "color."

The series won for Case a special Peabody award in 1944 for its type of radio program. It merits preserving in print, as now is done—and a little more original than the one chosen. Many of the "empire builders" had cricks in their backs.

Frowning on Fish Derbies

The opening of the fishing season makes it appropriate to comment on the action of the Oregon Wildlife Federation district convention at The Dalles in expressing disapproval of fishing derbies. Presumably what was frowning at was the advertised and promoted competition staged by cities or communities, like the salmon derby at Astoria, and similar events elsewhere. Probably no criticism was intended for the sporting goods store which offers a fishing rod for the biggest trout caught in a season.

These derbies are wasteful of fish; and so is an event like the Newport crab festival when the city on Yaquina bay feeds all comers crab caught by its fishermen. The take of crab for such a crowd runs into hundreds and hundreds, with inevitable waste of crabmeat. Just what good purpose is served by gourmandizing we do not know.

Our natural resources like fish and game are exhaustible. This applies to offshore fisheries as well as those in inland waters. The derbies draw many for a holiday, for whom the fishing is just a stunt, a thrill—neither fishing for food nor fishing for fun. Some other form of entertainment should be devised to draw the crowds, even though renters of boats and vendors of fishing tackle should lose some patronage by cancelling the fish derbies.

Phone Company Asks Rate Increase

As was intimated in this paper some weeks ago the telephone company has filed application for a rate increase with the state public utilities commissioner. It evidently expects some increase in expenses when the present strike is settled, which on top of previous increases in expenses will justify a rate boost, the first locally since 1921.

The phone company is one concern which is embarrassed by its business expansion. It has had to pour tens of millions of dollars into its plant to keep up with demand for service and to improve the quality of its service. Both Pacific and American Tel. and Tel. have borrowed huge sums to finance expansion. Because of the stability of the companies they have obtained money at low rates of interest; but their earnings have not gone up accordingly because expenses have risen faster than income.

The public utilities commissioner will have to review the application, hold hearings and make his decision. The public doesn't relish an increase in its telephone bills, but can well understand that the telephone industry is not immune to an elemental rule of business bookkeeping, namely that it must show some earnings to stay in business and meet demands for service.

In the last Saturday Evening Post Duncan Hines lists some good eating places. Only Oregon places mentioned are Pilot Butte Inn, Bend, featuring Pacific ocean seafood, and Columbia Gorge hotel, Hood River, featuring "Calumet" river salmon. Both are good eating places, though not particularly for the items mentioned. The "Calumet", it may be noted, is a sluggish waste-filled stream near Chicago, which never saw a salmon. "Columbia" was the name intended.

The management of Hollywood Bowl has denied its use to Henry Wallace for speech-making. How silly. Wallace's speech will not contaminate the precincts or cause much of a ripple in the political breeze because his views are already well advertised. Portland's city council shows more sense in letting him speak at the auditorium. We'll be surprised if the place is filled.

It was newspaper habit to identify Mrs. Evalyn Walsh McLean as owner of the Hope diamond and to hang to the diamond the legend of ill luck. Now that she is dead reporters are watching to see its disposition. The "ill luck" is a silly myth. Every family has its deaths and tragedies. Mrs. McLean had her share of good fortune as well as ill.

Gunmen Stage 'Raid,' Escape With \$10,000

FREEWATER, April 28 (AP)—Four gunmen tied up 40 patrons of what Police Chief George Hays said was a gambling club near here and escaped early yesterday with approximately \$10,000 in cash and jewelry.

Hays said patrons told him this story: The gunmen entered the club, an old house about three miles from town, about 11 p. m. Saturday, broke up a crap game, tied everyone up and robbed them of money and jewelry.

Then they waited outside for more patrons to arrive. They stayed there five hours, tying up the new customers on arrival.

Finally the club operators arrived and the gunmen forced them to open a safe, from which they took \$2500 in cash. From one operator they also took what he said was an \$1800 diamond ring.

They checked the ropes on their victims, let air from one tire on each parked automobile and went away.

Hays said he had no description of the gunmen. Each time a victim tried to look at one of the hoodlums he was tapped over the head with a revolver and told to keep his eyes elsewhere, Hays said.

TWO LEAVE OST

Two boys who escaped from Oregon state training school at Woodburn Sunday are Harold Alden Hayes and Joseph Thomas Hardy, both 15, officials there reported to city and state police.

A meeting at 8 o'clock tonight has been called by Townsend Victory club 17, in Deaconess hall on Oak street west of Salem Deaconess hospital.

Obituary

CADY
At Pasadena, California, April 2, Hattie E. Busick Cady, formerly of Salem and a late resident of Pasadena. Mother of Edwin Busick with U.S. army in Germany. She was a member of Church chapter No. 37, O.E.S., Willamette shrine No. 2, W.S. of J. Hanna Rose center No. 8, O. of A. and Rebekah lodge, Salem No. 1. Announcement of services will be made later by the W. T. Rigdon company.

SHORTELL
Tom Shortell, late resident of Salem, in this city, April 24. Brother of Katherine Shortell of New York. Announcements later by W. T. Rigdon company.

EVANS
Louis Evans, 84, at the residence, 2648 Lee st., Friday, April 25. Survived by his wife, Lulu M. Evans of Salem; four daughters, Mrs. S. J. Bice of Salem, Mrs. Forrest Wilson of Portland, Mrs. Marie Spiering of Albany, Ore., two sisters in Germany. Services will be held at the Howell-Edwards chapel Wednesday, April 26, at 1:30 p. m., under the direction of the Howell-Edwards chapel. Concluding services at Lincoln Memorial park in Portland.

MILBRETT
Gustav Carl Milbrett, 81, at the residence, route 8, box 267, Salem, Friday, April 25. Survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. Hillway, Eugene; Mrs. George Onnen, Salem; four sons, William of New London, Otto of Buffalo, Lake, Waukegan, Minn.; Arthur, Milbrett of Madison Lake, Minn.; and one sister, Mrs. Marie Spiering of Albany, Ore. Services will be held at the Howell-Edwards chapel Wednesday, April 26, at 1:30 p. m., under the direction of the Howell-Edwards chapel. Concluding services at Lincoln Memorial park in Portland.

KLOSTERMAN
Minette E. Klosterman, at the residence, route 8, box 330, Salem, Friday, April 25. Survived by her husband, Robert Klosterman of Salem; sister of Russell Sabor, Minneapolis; Sam Sabor of Los Angeles and Chawncay Sabor of Phoenix, Ariz.; niece of Marchilda Hohn of St. Louis, Mo. Services will be held Tuesday, April 26, at 3 p. m., at the W. T. Rigdon chapel, with interment at Belcrest Memorial park. The Rev. Walter Frederick will officiate.

DAVIS
Estelle F. Davis, 70, wife of Merritt Davis, at her home, 746 N. Capitol st., Saturday, April 26. Survived by her husband, two daughters, Ida Smith of Portland and Myrtle Orr of Salem; a brother, Sherman Heckman of Salem; and a number of nieces and nephews. Services will be held at the Howell-Edwards chapel Tuesday, April 26, at 1 p. m., with the Rev. F. B. Culbertson of Portland officiating. Interment in Belcrest Memorial park. Ritualistic services under the auspices of Salem Rebekah lodge No. 1.

DeSART
Schuyler T. DeSart, late resident of 680 Locust st., at a local hospital April 25. Survived by six sisters, Mrs. Fathema Morris of Florence, Mrs. Anna Brooks of Everett, Wash., Mrs. Maude Pooler of Pratum, Mrs. Elizabeth Turner of Raymond, Wash., Mrs. Marie McAllister of Portland and Mrs. Echo Brown; a brother, Ralph DeSart of Salem. Services will be Thursday, May 1, at 1:30 p. m., at the Clough-Barrick chapel, with interment at IOOF cemetery.

McDOWELL
Orest C. McDowell, late resident of 171 S. Commercial st., Sunday, April 27, at the veterans hospital in Portland, at the age of 89 years. Survived by his mother, Mrs. Sarah McDowell of Salem, a son, Oren McDowell of Long Beach, Calif., Ralph and Clay McDowell of Salem. Member of the Salem Elks lodge, the Eagles and VFW. Private services will be Wednesday, April 28, at the Clough-Barrick chapel, with interment at Belcrest Memorial park.

SAMAIN
Mrs. Katie Samain, at her home at 321 Fairview, Sunday, April 27. Survived by her husband, Charles O. Samain of Salem; a niece, Alma Huber of St. Paul, Minn.; and two nephews, Wayne Huber of New Mexico and Roy Huber of Lyons, Oregon. Announcement of services later by Clough-Barrick company.

GRAHAM
In this city April 27, Minnie Theodora Graham, late resident of 461 S. High st., at the age of 84 years; mother of Mrs. Leona Johnson of Salem and grandmother of Julia Graham Johnson of Chicago. Funeral services will be held Wednesday, April 30, at 3 p. m., in the W. T. Rigdon chapel with concluding services at Hubbard cemetery. Dr. Joseph M. Adams will officiate.

HAVERSON
Rosamond Jane Haverson, late resident of 620 N. 20th st., at a local hospital, Monday, April 28, at the age of 80 years; survived by seven children, Ernest F. Haverson and Mrs. Beatrice Welch, both of Portland, Mrs. Edith Strang, Rosa J. Hammer, Mary O'Brien and Walter Haverson, all of Salem, and Mrs. Louise Miles of Fresno, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Services will be held at the Howell-Edwards chapel Thursday, May 1, at 1:30 p. m., with concluding services in the Bethany cemetery at Silverton.

GRIN AND BEAR IT



"The folks want me to stay in one night of the week—I think it's unfair of them to monopolize so much of a girl's time!"

Public Records

PROBATE COURT

Lucy A. Gilbert estate: Final order.

CIRCUIT COURT

Erroll Wilson and Dorthean Wilson vs. Ella Blair and others: Decree quieting title to real property in favor of plaintiffs.

H. C. Murphy and others vs. Reimann Furniture Manufacturing Co. and others: Suit to collect on \$25,000 promissory note allegedly owed plaintiffs.

Fred Larsen vs. Mabel Larsen: Suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Patricia J. Coleman vs. George M. Coleman: Order of default.

Helena Marie Taylor vs. Bruce Edgar Taylor: Order of default.

Bernice L. Hille vs. Bert G. Hille: Defendant files motion to make complaint more definite and certain.

Mae H. Smith vs. Theodore E. Smith: Decree of divorce restores plaintiff's former name of Mae H. Bolton, and affirms property settlement.

Marion Bright vs. Robert S. Bright: Order of default.

MUNICIPAL COURT

J. R. Keyes, Bend, charged with reckless driving, liquor involved, posted \$100 bail.

Thomas H. Bethell, Monmouth, driving without lights, posted \$5 bail.

Melvin R. Case, box 80, Adams ave., violation of anti-noise ordinance, posted \$5 bail.

William Hecht, Albany, violation of anti-noise ordinance, no sounding device, fined \$5 on each charge.

William L. Bouffleur, route 4, Salem, violation of anti-noise ordinance, fined \$5 bail.

Paul Bennett, 328 Rural ave., violation of basic rule, fined \$7.50.

Leland W. Spriggs, Detroit, assault and battery, posted \$20 bail.

John Forbes Galt, Corvallis, charged with reckless driving, posted \$50 bail.

Carmen Clark, 2469 W. Nob Hill st., reckless driving, fined \$50.

Ruth G. Paulsen, Corvallis, running red light, posted \$20 bail.

Ralph L. VanBieroom, 1955 Broadway st., violation of basic rule, fined \$25.

Max Spencer, 1972 N. Capitol st., shooting fireworks in business zone, fined \$5.

Ellen Walker, transient, charged with disorderly conduct, posted \$75 bail.

Pascual M. Ramos, Salem, charged with disorderly conduct, posted \$50 bail.

Calvin C. Lehman, Beaverton, violation of basic rule, posted \$10 bail.

J. J. Kuschnick, Salem, illegal reverse turn, posted \$250 bail.

William Diamond, disorderly conduct, fined \$25.

W. B. Spence, route 2, Salem, failure to stop, posted \$20 bail.

Hazel L. Millington, Portland, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Russell A. Mohney, 28, welder, and Marie Maxine Duncan, 23, telephone operator, both of Salem.

Gall W. Gardner, 22, butcher, West Salem, and Joe Ann Libby, 20, clerk, route 3, Salem.

Raymond J. Sherman, 24, truck driver, Aurora, and Helen F. Bartosz, 22, clerk, Salem.

Glenn E. Staats, 20, apprentice stereotyper, and Mable M. Cupp, 17, waitress, both of Salem.

Kenneth William Anderson, 25, farmer, Salem, and Nadine Elsie King.

By Lichty

First Aiders Busy; Schools Provide Cases

Salem's first aid crew answered six calls in and near the city Monday. School days' mishaps were reflected in the reports.

Vernon Paul's wrist required about 10 stitches at noon after he tried to stop a swinging door at Salem high school, where he is a student, and found that the door continued its course, his hand going through the glass, first aid men report. He was taken to a doctor.

Other afternoon cases attended by Bush school pupil Marilyn Harr's arm was broken for the second time in about two months in an accident at the school. Shortly after noon, Elaine Van Tassel, another Bush student, injured her ankle in a fall at school and was taken to a physician after being given first aid.

Lydia Wooten, 631 S. Commercial st., incurred a broken left shoulder in the Liberty district at about 9 p. m. and was taken to Salem General hospital for X-rays.

Other afternoon cases attended were Herb Harrison, 935 Jefferson st., who cut a finger off with an axe, and Elmer Stutz of Portland, who incurred a broken ankle when he fell while working at the state fairgrounds.

Schools View Film of Camps

Washington and McKinley elementary schools were shown a full-length camp film Monday in connection with this week's local observance of national camping week.

John Gardner, boys' work secretary at the YMCA, is in charge of showing the movie to all of Salem's grade schools. Accompanying him Monday were Mrs. Leon Lasser, representing the Girl Scouts; Mrs. Esther Little, YWCA director, and Lyle Leighton, Boy Scout executive.

On the schedule for the film are Grant school this morning and Richmond this afternoon; Highland and Englewood, Wednesday afternoon, and Bush and Garfield, Friday afternoon.

Wreck Hurts Grid Start, Hood River

HOOD RIVER, April 28 (AP)—John Bannister, 17, of Hood River, was in hospital today with concussion, the result of an automobile accident in which two others were hurt.

The automobile crashed into a parked truck at 3 a. m. Sunday. Police said it was driven by Arthur W. Gratiot, Portland, who pleaded guilty to a drunken driving charge today.

Bannister was an outstanding tackle on the 1946 Hood River high school football team.

By Lichty

27-Year Employee Enters Retirement

E. M. McKee, employed with the Valley Packing company here for more than 27 years and secretary of the firm for the past 20, retired to his 120-acre farm southeast of Salem near the Cottage farm this week.

He is succeeded by A. R. Tarter, newly elected secretary who has been with the Valley pack for 20 years, the company revealed. McKee is prominent in local Masonic circles and is a past master of Pacific lodge 50.

Angler Drowns In Hood River; Body Found

HOOD RIVER, April 28 (AP)—Three violent deaths were reported here today, one of them a trout fisherman.

A man believed to be Frank Leland Johnson, 23, of Hood River, slipped while fishing in Hood river and was swept away. The body was recovered.

An unidentified body was taken from the Columbia river two miles west of Lyle, Wash. Oscar F. Gardner, White Salmon funeral director, said it had been in the water about a year. The sex could not be determined immediately.

Edward M. Hawkins, jr., 39, of Bingen, was fatally injured in a sawmill accident at Bingen.

Mrs. Haverson Dies at Home

Rosamond Jane Haverson, 80, an Oregon resident since 1912, died Monday at her home, 630 N. 20th st. Funeral services will be at 1:30 Thursday afternoon at the Howell-Edwards chapel, with concluding services at Bethany cemetery, Silverton.

Born in Knox, Ill., March 24, 1867, Mrs. Haverson was married to James Haverson in South Dakota in 1889. They moved to Howell Prairie 25 years ago. Her husband died in 1925 and she moved to Salem a few years ago.

Surviving are seven children, Beatrice Welch and Ernest F. Haverson, both of Portland; Edith Strang, Rosa J. Hammer, Mary O'Brien and Walter Haverson, all of Salem and Louise Miles of Fresno, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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