

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sroog

Last night the Marion County Public Health association celebrated its 25th anniversary. It has been indeed a quarter century of effort and of accomplishment.

The big boost to county health work came in 1924 when Marion county was selected as one of four counties in the nation for organized health work.

The public health association, an unofficial body, helped in organizing this health work and then the Commonwealth Fund withdrew its support.

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Caravan to Tour Damsites in Valley Area

A 221-mile inspection tour of the sites of 16 proposed flood control dam projects for Oregon's Willamette valley will be conducted May 17-18 by Col. O. E. Walsh, district army engineer.

Included in the caravan of 10 or more automobiles will be Salem Chamber of Commerce representatives. Tentatively scheduled to represent the chamber are President Keith Brown, Manager Clay Cochran, Carl Hogg and Loyal Warner.

The week-end tour leaving Salem at 8 a. m. Saturday, May 17, will include a dinner given by Eugene Chamber of Commerce and a stopover in Eugene Saturday night.

Cornett to Head Emergency Board

Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, president of the Oregon senate, Thursday was elected chairman of the state emergency board when it convened at the statehouse.

Rep. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg, was named secretary. Others present at the first meeting since the 1947 legislature closed were: Sen. Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; Dean H. Walker, Independence, chairman of the senate ways and means committee; and Representatives John Hall, Portland, speaker of the house; F. H. Dammusch, Roseburg, chairman of the house ways and means committee; and Jack Greenwood, Wemme.

Animal Crackers



"I wish you'd stop treating me like I was poison."

Action to Hinge on Fund Cut

Chemawa Indian school will cease operation on May 24 unless last-minute congressional action restores Indian bureau budget cuts in legislation which has already passed the house and is now before the senate.

This word was received Thursday by Superintendent M. W. Evans of the Chemawa school from the U. S. Indian commissioner's office in Chicago.

Evans said last night his school, only non-reservation Indian school in the Pacific northwest, represents an annual government appropriation of approximately \$250,000. It has 440 students and a staff of 70, Evans stated.

Because of the imminent closure, Chemawa's commencement exercises have been moved up from May 16 to Monday. Evans explained that this is necessary because the annual return of students to their homes, accomplished in small group movements, usually requires two or three weeks.

Evans received no definite word of which other schools are to be closed by the budget cut, but said he understood unofficially that many non-reservation schools in California, New Mexico and Oklahoma would likewise be closed.

The superintendent said that the 32 regular civil service appointees on his staff would be placed on annual leave on May 24, all with an uncertain future. Some might be eventually reassigned to school or similar civil service openings, others would lose their jobs, Evans predicted.

Employment of 38 war service appointees, who are not under civil service, will be terminated on May 24, under the orders Evans has received.

Several of the regular civil service staff members would remain on duty May 24 to maintain the plant and look after the livestock, pending disposition of Chemawa facilities, Evans said.

The department of interior budget, which contains appropriations for Indian affairs, was reduced nearly 50 per cent by the house of representatives recently, and is at the present time awaiting action in the senate, where a fight to restore a portion of the house cuts is expected.

President 63 And Optimistic

WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP)—Firm optimism that lasting peace will be attained was expressed by President Truman today—but he noted that it still is by no means accomplished and declared he will press for passage of universal military training before congress adjourns in mid-summer.

It was the 63rd birthday of the smiling, fit-looking chief executive, and the second anniversary of V-E day. He is still optimistic that he will get a peace that will be lasting, and that the United Nations will be able to carry out the provisions of its charter.

On another question, Mr. Truman revealed that Myron L. Taylor, his diplomatic mission to the Vatican would be ended when peace has been consummated. However, he said that has by no means been brought about.

One-time American errand boy, Selfridge introduced a "merchandise" method of merchandising to an ultra-conservative Briton. His early competitors snubbed him as a "vulgar American tradesman" but Selfridge's Ltd., became one of London's biggest department stores.

London Workers To Return to Work

LONDON, May 8-(AP)—The strike of employees of the city of London ended tonight, much to the relief of thousands of Londoners who began holding their noses at the first warm breeze two days ago.

During the 10-day strike garbage had piled high in the streets, fish heads and scales accumulated at Billingsgate fish market, and even the dead had to wait for gravediggers.

Snack Shack to Open At Silver Creek Park

The Snack Shack at Silver Creek falls park will open Saturday and will remain open daily from noon to 8 p. m., Ralph Nohlgren, of Nohlgrens Inc., Salem restaurant operator, said Thursday.

The shop will sell sandwiches, coffee and picnic supplies. The main Silver Creek lodge opening is being delayed pending completion of kitchen and dormitory facilities, but the operators hope to open it soon.

State Buildings Given Go-Ahead

\$2,500,000 in Hospital Bids Okehed

Three construction projects at Oregon state hospital, aggregating a cost of nearly \$2,500,000, were set for the immediate future Thursday by the state emergency board and the board of control.

In joint session the boards accepted low bids on a 300-patient treatment hospital, a 340-patient custodial building and a tunnel under Center street to connect various hospital buildings. Construction is to begin within a few weeks.

Board members indicated that the high building costs—all bids were over state estimates—are justified by present overcrowding and fire hazards in hospital buildings.

Salvage Seekers Find Camp Adair Easy Mark

By Don Dill Staff Writer, The Statesman (Pictures on Page 6)

CAMP ADAIR, May 8.—Ghosts wander through the empty buildings and sprawling grounds of this once busy camp, their sleep disturbed by the bang of hammers, the rip of crowbars and whine of saws as wreckers tear down the olive drab barracks, chapels, mess halls and miscellaneous buildings.

Training ground of men now famous in history will in a few months again be quiet pasture and farm lands. Four wrecking companies besides private individuals are busily ripping down the installations of the camp and the materials are being speedily trucked away to furnish the needs of supply-hungry home builders and contractors.

The need is great for the lumber, windows, doors, plumbing and electrical goods coming out of the dismantled camp, and wrecking crews are hard put to keep up with the demand.

Persons building their own homes or utility buildings are finding the salvage operations of Camp Adair a boon since windows and doors can be purchased complete with sills, sashes and hinges. Screens to fit are also available. Furnaces, most too large for the average home, come with blowers and air pipes. Hard-to-get wash basins are also being eagerly seized by home makers. Toilets also are available, but a special pressure tank is required for their use.

More than 500 men are employed by the wrecking contractors, and modern tools such as skill-saws, cranes, lifting forks are employed. Even with the large crew and equipment the wrecking operations will not be completed until next fall, according to the contractors.

Greek, Turk Loan Advances

WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP)—The house voted today, 127 to 37, today an attempt to kill President Truman's \$400,000,000 program to aid Greece and Turkey against communism, and likewise defeated two moves to give the United Nations a greater voice in it.

It hot and heavy fighting late in the day, Rep. Bender (R-Ohio) moved to strike out the "enacting clause" of the bill, which already has passed the senate. This was a parliamentary attempt to kill the measure. A voice vote was taken and Bender's motion was swamped.

Water System Title Donated to Salem

Title to a water system for the 11 homes in Larsen addition, on Silverton road, near Duncan avenue, has been given to the city free of charge, C. E. Guenther, water department manager, stated Thursday.

Some new additions to Salem are asking the city to pay for privately owned systems installed by the residents prior to annexation, Guenther said.

Plan Calls for Three Junior High Schools to Absorb Students from Consolidated Area

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman All 7th, 8th and 9th grade pupils of new communities in recently expanded school district 24 would attend one of three Salem and West Salem junior high schools next year, under tentative plans made public on Thursday by Superintendent Frank B. Bennett.

District plans call for enlargement of present West Salem junior high school facilities in order to accommodate in that school, besides the West Salem 7th and 8th graders now in attendance there, all 9th grade pupils from Polk county areas recently consolidated with the Salem school district. Heretofore West Salem

Reds Ask Romania For Flour

WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP)—A Russian demand of famine-stricken Romania for 400 carloads of white flour was disclosed today in a state department announcement which noted that the United States has been pouring emergency food supplies into the Balkan country.

The flour, which the Romanians advised they were about to deliver, is to help feed the estimated 250,000 red army occupation troops remaining in Romania, a former axis satellite.

Thus its transfer technically does not violate Romania's pledge not to export any food supplies while receiving aid from the United States. This government plans no formal protest, officials said.

But Michael J. McDermott, state department press officer, noted that the Russian demand was in "sharp contrast with the efforts we are making to alleviate the dire situation" in Romania.

Solon Pleads Innocent to 'Intent to Kill'

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 8-(AP)—State Rep. Jimmie Scott pleaded innocent to his arraignment today on a charge of assault with intent to kill State Sen. Tom Anglin on the floor of the legislature.

Anglin, 64, a fellow townsman of the 35-year-old freshman representative, suffered a bullet wound in the hip.

Scott said he had fired after the older man had "threatened to kill me if I didn't get out of his way." Anglin said he believed the shooting stemmed from a divorce obtained by Scott's wife and handled by Anglin's law firm.

Anglin's condition was not considered serious. Scott stonily avoided his former wife, who has resumed use of her maiden name to Irene Tucker, as Justice of the Peace Everett Crismore remanded him to jail in default of \$5,000 bond and set preliminary hearing for May 23.

The shooting occurred in the senate chamber just before that body convened yesterday.

China Reds Get U.S. Equipment

WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP)—The state department said it has been informed that certain military lend-lease equipment being used by the Chinese nationalists has gotten into communist hands.

A spokesman said the department has no estimate of the amount that was lost.

The official noted that Chinese nationalists have suffered some reverses in recent weeks and lost some equipment of American manufacture.

United States military lend-lease to China both before and after V-J day amounted to about \$1,565,000,000.

Weather

Table with columns: Max., Min., Precip. for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McVay field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with few scattered showers. Highest temperature today 60. Lowest tonight 40. Agricultural outlook: Poor dusting weather and only fair spraying conditions today, clearing Saturday and weather becoming favorable for all farming beginning Sunday.

Phone Pact Fails to Disperse Pickets; Labor Curbs Voted

Welfare Fund Ban Passes

WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP)—With the republican leadership back in the saddle, the senate wrote a new toughening amendment into its labor bill today, 48 to 40.

The amendment has three provisions. It would outlaw: Health and welfare funds financed by employers and controlled by unions; what Senator Taft (R-Ohio) described as attempts by union representatives to "shake down" or extort money from employers; and the involuntary checkoff, by which unions prevail on companies to deduct union dues from all workers' pay envelopes regardless of the wishes of individual workers.

Led by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), proponents of the amendment turned the tables on Senators Lyles (R-N.Y.) and Morse (R-Ore.), who yesterday played a big part in killing a Taft-supported proposal to curb industry-wide collective bargaining.

Both Lyles and Morse assailed the ban on health and welfare funds administered solely by unions. Taft defended it, saying that such funds could become "racketeering."

Fourteen republicans—seven of them freshman senators—joined 26 democrats in voting against the amendment. For it were 33 GOP senators and 15 southern democrats.

Senator Ball (R-Minn.), who sponsored the amendment along with Senators Byrd (D-Va.), Smith (R-N.J.) and George (D-Ga.), told the senate that when a union is in complete control of a welfare fund, "the union and its leadership will always come first in its administration and employees will come second."

The provision banning the involuntary checkoff system of collecting union dues escaped the sharp criticism levelled at the welfare fund action. So did provisions prohibiting extortion or union attempt to "shake down" employers.

Under the amendment, employees could deduct union dues from wages only if workers gave written consent.

U.S., Britain, China 'Beg Off' Palestine Inquiry Board

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 8-(AP)—The big western powers and China tried to beg off late today from serving on a proposed United Nations Palestine inquiry commission. They were in complete disagreement with Soviet Russia on the role the great powers should play in U. N. attempts to solve the problems of the holy land.

The U. S., China and Britain declared they did not believe the inquiry committee should include the five great powers because of the varied interests involved, while Russia stated in unequivocal terms that the committee should be made up of the five great powers plus six other nations by geographical distribution.

To Die Today



NEW IBERIA, La., May 8—Willie Francis, 18, who survived a trip to the Louisiana electric chair May 3, 1946, only to retrace his steps for another try tomorrow.

Negro to Make Second Trip to Electric Chair

NEW IBERIA, La., May 8-(AP)—Willie Francis sat calmly in his cell here tonight, showing no alarm over a second trip to the electric chair tomorrow, and unaware that his fate had been debated even today in the nation's highest court.

The 18-year-old negro had not been told that two petitions in his behalf had been filed this morning in the United States supreme court—and rejected early this afternoon, less than 24 hours before the scheduled end of his life tomorrow noon.

Willie's only expressed concern was a repetition of the hope that he'd be able to act "like a man" tomorrow, when he plays the final scene in one of the strangest dramas of American legal history. Tomorrow Willie will be taken to St. Martinville, to sit in the same portable electric chair from which he walked away on May 3, 1946, when a loose connection caused the current to enter the ground instead of his body.

That is the penalty demanded by the state of Louisiana for the killing of Andrew Thomas, a white druggist of St. Martinville, in a holdup which netted about four dollars and a watch.

Woodburn Pool Work to Begin

WOODBURN, May 8 — Mayor Elmer Mattson will turn the first spadeful of soil for the new city swimming pool in Settlemeier Memorial park at 9 a. m. Friday.

Leland J. Plank is the contractor for the pool on a bid of \$25,000. An ordinance is to be drawn for bonds to pay the cost at \$2,500 a year over a 10-year period.

Masonic Rites Today At E. M. Croisan Funeral

Salem lodge 4, A. F. & A. M., will open ritualistic services at 1:15 p. m. today at the Clough-Barrick chapel for Edward M. Croisan. A member of the lodge for 69 years, he had been the oldest living member of the organization.

Dr. Joseph Adams will officiate at 1:30 p. m., funeral services and interment will follow at City View cemetery. Dr. Croisan died in a Salem hospital Tuesday.

\$4 Wage Hike Offer On Coast

NEW YORK, May 8-(AP)—The strike of 26,000 long distance telephone workers throughout the country officially ends at 6 a. m. local time tomorrow but resumption of full service faces delay wherever picket lines are maintained by 250,000 other telephone union members still on strike.

The executive board of the American Union of Telephone Workers, which represents the long distance operators, tonight ratified an agreement reached in Washington early today between negotiators for the union and the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

But John J. Moran, president of the union, said the A. T. & T. was pledged to honor picket lines set up by other striking unions affiliated with the National Federation of Telephone Workers.

Moran said the back-to-work movement "may not result in a substantial return as long as other disputes exist in the industry."

However, the long lines strike has been a key part of the nationwide walkout and it was believed that its settlement might set the pattern for a speedy end to other phases of the telephone tieup.

Moran said the A. T. & T. membership must ratify the board's action "but that can come at any time later, as the executive board is empowered to call off the strike."

SAN FRANCISCO, May 8-(AP)—A new wage offer by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company briefly buoyed hopes for a quick end to the telephone strike in the five western states today but union negotiators said the company's "discrimination against striking employees" remained an obstacle to peace.

The company offered weekly wage increases averaging \$4.04, which the union said constituted a basis for negotiating a settlement, but today's conference was adjourned until tomorrow with several points still in dispute.

Daniel Johnston, representative of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, said negotiations would be stalemated until the P. T. & T. backs down on what he called "its refusal to reinstate striking employees."

Scio Population Increases 25%

The town of Scio shows a 25 per cent population gain since the 1940 federal census, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., disclosed Thursday upon completion of a state census in four Oregon communities. Scio's population totalled 438, as against 351 in 1940.

Other recent census figures, compiled by the state at the request of the communities, show Rockaway with a population of 952, compared with 616 in 1940; Myrtle Point 1,613, compared with 1,296, and Gold Hill up to 638 population from 536.

Iris Day Set for Silverton Sunday

SILVERTON, May 8 — More than 175 varieties of iris will be on display Sunday at the Cooley Gardens in Silverton when this city's first Iris Day will be observed.

Rated high among the new introductions are three hybrids of Dr. R. E. Kleinsorge at Silverton, nationally-known iris hybridizer. These are Rose Splendor, San Antonio and General Patton.

Our Senators Lost 4-1

TOUR FOR MARGARET NEW YORK, May 8-(AP)—Margaret Truman, daughter of the president, will begin her first concert tour as a singer with an appearance May 20 in Pittsburgh, her teacher said today