



By Charles A. Squire

Eyes of political observers all over the country will turn now to Washington's third congressional district where a by-election will be held June 7th by Fred Norman, republican.

The district reaches from the Columbia river to Thurston county on Puget Sound. Once it was solidly republican -- Albert Johnson, Hoquiam publisher, represented it for years.

Wallace Labels Probing Solons 'Bigot Group'

HOLLYWOOD, May 19 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace, former secretary of commerce tonight called the Thomas Congressional committee investigating un-American activities a "group of bigots"

Wallace again struck at what he calls the "bi-partisan bloc" in the government, contending that while it has a place in wartime, it has no place in peace.

Portlander Elected By Colored Women

BILLINGS, Mont., May 19 (AP)—Mrs. Pollyanna Reed of Portland, Ore., was re-elected president of the northwest region of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc., at the organization's regional convention here today.

GUARD UNIONS RULED

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—The supreme court today upheld unionization of industrial plant guards in the same labor organizations that represent production workers.

Animal Crackers



"Catch me doing that... yesterday somebody put a worm in my mouth."

Beatrice W. Sackett Rites At Coos Bay, Here Today

A native of Salem who was long active in public life, Mrs. Beatrice Walton Sackett died Saturday in a Coos Bay hospital at the age of 48.

She was the wife of Sheldon F. Sackett, publisher of newspapers in Coos Bay, Vancouver, Wash., Seattle and Portland, and formerly managing editor and part owner of The Statesman.

Mrs. Sackett's death, following a long illness, was ascribed to cancer. She has been a member of the state board of higher education since 1934.

Surviving, besides her husband, are two children, Marcia Anne, 12, and John Walton, 9; her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Walton, 1177 Center street, Salem, and two brothers, William S. Walton, Salem banker, and Brig. Gen. Leo Walton, commanding general of the U. S. army air corps at Orlando, Florida.

Fritz Named Head Of State Reserve Officers' Group

Lt. Col. Chester Fritz, Salem, is president of the Oregon chapter of the Reserve Officers' association as a result of an election at the association's state convention in Corvallis Saturday.

Major Reginald Williams of Salem was appointed secretary by Colonel Fritz. A group of delegates of the Marion county chapter, led by President Harlan Judd, attended the convention.

Colonel Fritz, a veteran of over five years with the air forces during the war, succeeds Col. Kern Crandall, Portland. He is head of the motor fuel tax division in the secretary of state's office.

Record Wages Seen for State

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—Payroll even higher than the wartime boom year of 1944 was predicted for Oregon by the state unemployment compensation commission today.

Oregon's payroll for the first quarter of this year was estimated by the commission at nearly \$200,000,000—the largest of any similar period since records were begun in 1936.

Reports from 1,030 employers in nearly every trade and industry said they planned to hire more help by fall.

Retail Distributors Elect Vandeneys

EUGENE, Ore., May 19 (AP)—The Oregon Retail Distributors' institute today re-elected Peter C. Cosovich of Astoria president as 375 businessmen gathered for the 8th annual conference.

ITALY ASKS TO JOIN LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 19

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 19 (AP)—Italy presented a formal petition today for membership in the United Nations. The first application from a major Axis partner in the recent war was handed to Secretary-General Trygve Lie by Alberto Tarchiani, Italian ambassador to Washington.

PINSON JURY CHOSEN

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 19 (AP)—A jury of seven men and five women were selected today for the trial of John Omar Pinson in the shooting here of State Policeman Delmond E. Rondeau.

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

Truman's Mother 'Better'

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 19 (AP)—President Truman's 94-year-old mother, gravely ill at her home here, was reported slightly better late tonight as the chief executive sought a night's sleep in nearby Kansas City.

He had abandoned all plans for an immediate return to the White House in Washington and government business requiring his attention was being sent out by special courier plane.

President Truman's Secretary Charles G. Ross, after a talk with Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, the president's personal physician, at 10:30 p. m. (EST), told reporters Mrs. Martha E. Truman was "somewhat better" after seeing Margaret, the president's daughter, who flew in earlier in the day.

Ross said the elder Mrs. Truman's temperature at that time was 98.4, virtually normal. Her pulse was regular and her tired heart was acting "fairly regularly," he added.

No attempt was made, however, to underemphasize Mrs. Truman's extremely grave condition after the president spent another long and anxious day at his mother's bedside.

The thin, courageous little woman maintained a cheerful manner. Meanwhile, Margaret Truman joined her father at her grandmother's modest frame bungalow here. She had become alarmed in Pittsburgh over reports on the elder Mrs. Truman's condition and cancelled concerts there and in Cleveland.

Because she expressed a desire for it, Mrs. Truman was served a pork chop at lunch and was able to eat part of it. A protein mixture was all she ate for dinner.

Indian School Closing Said 'Scare' Move

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Rep. John Phillips (R-Calif.) charged today that the interior department's Indian office is "instigating a scare" campaign by threatening to close Indian schools in various parts of the country because of a cut in its funds by the house.

The house reduced a proposed \$11,805,000 appropriation for Indian schools to \$8,000,000.

Phillips told a senate subcommittee that a notice has been sent to an Indian school in his district that it will be closed May 24 because of the house action. He asserted the date was the usual closing time for the school and said the interior department was using the incident to bring pressure on congress.

He asked the committee to increase the amount allowed the bureau by the house.

2 Feared Dead As Boat Found

PORTLAND, May 19 (AP)—An empty parked car and an overturned motor boat with its throttle wide open led police today to believe two Portland men had drowned in the Willamette river.

James W. Belhique, 38, and Albert E. Kadoun, about 60, left to go fishing Sunday morning and that afternoon an upset 14-foot motorboat was found drifting near Sauvie's island. A car the men were believed to have used was found near the river.

BOMBHELL STILL FAST

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—William P. Odum, who piloted the Reynolds Bombshell to a new round-the-world mark last month, zoomed the plane here from Minneapolis today in two hours, 55 minutes and 40 seconds, which he claimed as an unofficial record.

The converted A-26 bomber averaged 362 miles an hour.

KILLINGS TERRIFY INDIA

LAHORE, India, May 19 (AP)—Thousands of terrified persons continued today to pour out of Lahore, capital of the Punjab, as frenzied communal rioting claimed more than 12 lives in the 15th day of the current outbreak.

CRASH KILLS FIVE

WINDSOR, Ont., May 19 (AP)—Five persons were reported killed tonight when a twin-engine army C-45 plane crashed and burned in a field near here during a driving rainstorm.

Atomic Monopoly 'Illusion,' Says Red Minister Gromyko

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Bannister Slides Still Enjoyable For 100-Year-Old

SCRANTON, Pa., May 19 (AP)—Just to prove you're only as old as you feel an 80-year-old Miss Florence E. Dolph shed her 364-day-a-year dignity today to slide down the bannister at her home on her 100th birthday.

Miss Dolph completed her once-a-year ride decked out in a Tom Breneman orchid which came to her from California with the compliments and best wishes of the radio master of ceremonies.

W. Salem Budgets \$65,400

WEST SALEM, May 19—Deficit in the amount of \$5,000 resulting from water difficulties of the summer of 1946 and an item of \$3,000 to start installation of water meters for the more than 27 per cent of water users now on flat rate, helped to boost the 1947-48 budget adopted here tonight.

Of the total budget of \$65,400 adopted, \$34,620 is offset by estimated receipts, and of the \$30,780 to be raised by taxation, \$13,433 is within the 6 per cent limitation.

The budget board elected Phil Kerber chairman and O. C. Brown secretary. The budget of \$58,900 submitted by city councilmen was raised by the budget board. The increases included \$500 automobile expense; \$3,000 increase in emergency fund; and \$3,000 added to the water department allowance for installation of meters.

Flat rates vary from \$1.20 to \$1.60 monthly and Mayor Musgrave told of numerous requests that he investigate instances of water running day and night "which, if nothing else, lowered pressure."

Estimated receipts of \$39,620 were reduced to \$34,620 when Al Lamb, city auditor, advised June 30, year end, would see a deficit of an estimated \$5,000, which he said was the result of the purchase of the Bouffier well and other extra expense incident to the water shortage of last summer.

Question of raising salaries was brought up, but members seemed agreed any raise should be "across the board" since otherwise it would result in apparent discrimination. No salary raises were included in the budget as adopted.

Members of the budget board present were Mayor Walter Musgrave, Councilmen A. F. Goffrier, W. C. Heise, Chester Douglas, Ray Stevens and Earl Burk, and Jack Watson, Verne L. Axelson, R. C. Forster, O. C. Brown, Phil Kerber and Bob Cover, Donald Kuhn, councilman, was absent.

Salem Greets Sport-Pilots

Salem played host Sunday to more than 200 sportsmen-pilots who flew their planes onto Salem airport from several Oregon cities in the early morning.

A breakfast party at the Salem Chamber of Commerce gave the visitors opportunity to get better acquainted with Salem and to trade experiences. Later many of the fliers toured the state capital.

Wesley Stewart headed the Salem chamber's reception committee and arranged the party.

Recognized at the breakfast were Wallace Timm, who flew from Seattle, for coming the greatest distance; to E. R. Lage of Hood River, a state representative, as only flying legislator present to P. E. Brockway of Gresham, 66, as oldest pilot. Stunt Pilot N. R. Ralston of Hillsboro performed flying tricks above Salem airport as the last of 198 planes arrived.

Police Declare War on Speed

Warning that accidents must be reduced and Salem's streets made safer, Chief of Police Frank A. Minto stated Monday that "I'm giving orders to arrest everybody who goes 30 miles an hour in Salem in a 25-mile zone."

He said he would give pedestrians the right-of-way.

The chief pointed out that an additional five miles per hour over the speed limit was being allowed, to compensate for error in motorists' speedometers.

A special effort will also be made to nab violators of pedestrians' rights-of-way, Chief Minto declared, as many accidents are caused by such violations.

Cigaret Import Ban Stirs Berlin 'Mart'

BERLIN, May 19 (AP)—The United States' ban on the private importation of American cigarettes into Germany caused a stir tonight in Berlin where, said Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor, these importations have reached a total of 6,000,000 cigarettes a month.

Many Berliners predicted black market prices of "smokes" immediately would skyrocket.

Suspicion Declared Result

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Pickets Return As Talks Stall On W. Electric

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Negotiators failed again tonight to end the last big dispute blocking nationwide peace in the telephone industry and the talks were recessed until 9 a. m., E. S. T., tomorrow.

Conciliators said three issues remained to be determined between the Western Electric company and a union representing 20,000 installation workers, the Association of Communication's Equipment Workers.

As a result of this dispute, picket lines were reassembled around major telephone exchanges across the nation today, curtailing service again in some areas.

In New York workers were reported passing through the ACEW picket lines and this was the case also in Portland, Ore.

No Salem picketing appeared in store Monday night to local members of the Association of Communication's Equipment Workers.

The few Salem members are "standing by" or working elsewhere than the local telephone plant, while the ACEW strike against the Western Electric Co. continued. In Oregon ACEW was continuing picketing in Portland and Eugene. The ACEW men here are employed by Western Electric but do their work in connection with telephone company operations.

Future Slash In Tax Backed

WASHINGTON, May 19 (AP)—Secretary of the Treasury Snyder told congress today "a period of tax reduction is approaching," indicating that the administration, which has opposed tax slashing now, will approve a later easing of the tax load, possibly in 1948.

However, President Truman's chief fiscal spokesman gave no hint whether the executive intends to veto the Republican-backed \$4,000,000,000 current income tax cut now pending in congress.

Neither did he make specific recommendations for tax reductions in the future. He increased the house ways and means committee decision to "modernize" the federal tax structure, as the tax-framing group opened hearings on means of "streamlining" tax statutes for the first time in 20 years. This legislation, distinct from the current tax bill, will be written next year.

Western Air Gets Route to Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., May 19 (AP)—Western Airlines will start scheduled airline service between San Francisco and Portland and Seattle within 60 to 90 days, the Portland Chamber of Commerce was advised today.

The airline was granted a permanent operation certificate today by the civil aeronautics board at Washington, D. C.

Garage and Warehouse Building Given Okeh

Construction for two Salem business projects was given approval Monday by the federal housing expediter's Portland office.

Approved for Herrall-Owens Co. was its application to erect a new \$48,000 garage and auto display rooms in the 800 block of North Liberty street. Also approved was E. L. Smith's application to build a \$6,000 warehouse at 1420 S. 22nd st.

Our Senators

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