

Move Starts to Add 10 Million to Social Security List

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	84	46	.00
Portland	80	47	.00
San Francisco	70	48	.00
Chicago	50	47	.33
New York	53	33	.25

Willamette river -1.8 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today and tonight. Highest today 80-85, lowest 45-50. Except for high winds in late afternoon and early evening, weather favorable for dusting and spraying during the next 24 hours.

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Zone Switch for Trading Center Wins Board Nod

By Winston H. Taylor
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Two major zone changes, involving two blocks at Capitol and Center streets for a \$1,500,000 retail development and a block at Myrtle and Locust streets for a warehouse, gained the recommendation of the city planning and zoning commission Tuesday night. They are to appear tonight before the city council, which may schedule public hearings on the changes.



By Charles S. Sprague

After the first world war the work of the American Red Cross in Marion county languished for a time. The wartime pressures were off, the normal reaction of weariness set in. To effect a re-organization Mr. Justice Rossman was elected chairman in 1928. He assumed the responsibility as well as the honor that went with the title and threw into the task a full measure of his fine intelligence, energy and sound judgment. So conspicuous was his success that his reelection from year to year became automatic.

Last night, however, Judge Rossman relinquished the title and the duty of leading the county chapter of the Red Cross. He had guided the organization through the trying days of the depression, had watched over its expansion in preparation for the late war and had overseen its manifold activities when the Red Cross was mobilized for war. So he felt he had earned "honorable discharge" and the chapter reluctantly acceded to his wish. The annual chapter dinner last night was in marked degree a testimonial to him of community regard for his service to and through the Red Cross.

It has been the duty of the chairman to recruit leaders for such undertakings as the annual or special drives for funds—and this has been done so well that Marion county always has attained its full quota. The chairman also presides at meetings of the board—and in this the judge has been unusually conscientious. You may count on the fingers of one hand all the board meetings he has missed in his 19 years as chairman.

We recall being in a company one evening a few months ago where

Attorney to Discuss Community Property

Will H. Masters, Portland attorney and president of the Pacific Abstract Co. will discuss the effects and ramifications of the new Oregon community property law at a special dinner meeting of the Salem Board of Realtors tonight at 6:30 o'clock in the Marion hotel.

The evening meeting was scheduled in place of the board's regular Friday noon luncheon. Because of the interest in the new law, the meeting will be open to the public.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"...Been following me for days... he's a member of Alcoholics Anonymous."

Heat May Cut Berry Harvest

Unless the weather moistens a little more, valley strawberry growers face a short three- to four-week harvest season this year, the farm labor office estimated Tuesday.

The picking season last year lasted about five weeks. Because of current early season dryness most yards, except those under irrigation and those in the Silverton hills area, are yielding a stunted crop. Some sources place the estimated yield at 30 per cent less than last year.

First picking in all Salem area patches is under way, with the Silverton hills yards expected to begin Thursday or Friday of this week. Mrs. Gladys Turnbull, farm labor assistant, reported on Monday and Tuesday the office sent out nearly 500 workers in addition to drive-outs. The office anticipates the peak of the harvest to come between Thursday of this week and Tuesday or Wednesday of next.

Need Adults Now
Because it appears certain that schools will not let out in time for the children to assist in the harvest, major need now is adults willing to drive out to the smaller yards near Salem, Mrs. Turnbull said. Particular help is needed in North Howell strawberry yards and Monitor district gooseberry patches.

Mrs. Turnbull reported that a recent canvass of schools showed pupils eager again this year to work in crop harvests. Last Saturday a platoon of 84 picked over two tons of strawberries. In answer to some requests that schools, especially several rural ones, let the children out to pick strawberries, Mrs. Agnes Booth, Marion county school superintendent, informed the farm labor office that authority for such action lay entirely with the school district boards.

Orders for Workers
In addition to current crop picking, the farm office also has on hand several orders from mint growers in the Jefferson area for workers.

Young Convict Escapes Crew

More than a dozen police officers were searching sections of Salem early today for Harry William Detillon, who escaped about 2 p. m. Tuesday from a state penitentiary garden work crew. He was reportedly seen during the next few hours in the 600 block Statesman street and at Olinger athletic field on North 14th street.

Later he was also sought in the vicinity of the state hospital. City and state police joined penitentiary guards in the hunt for the 21-year-old Detillon, who had only about 60 days to serve of a four-year sentence for burglary. He was committed from Marion county Feb. 14, 1944, and paroled* from Dec. 17, 1945, to Feb. 8, 1946.

Police said Detillon is 6 feet tall, weighs 162 pounds, has brown eyes and brown curly hair.

20 YEARS AGO TODAY
PARIS, May 20-(AP)—Just 20 years ago on May 21 Charles A. Lindbergh set "The Spirit of St. Louis" down at Le Bourget airfield on the outskirts of Paris.

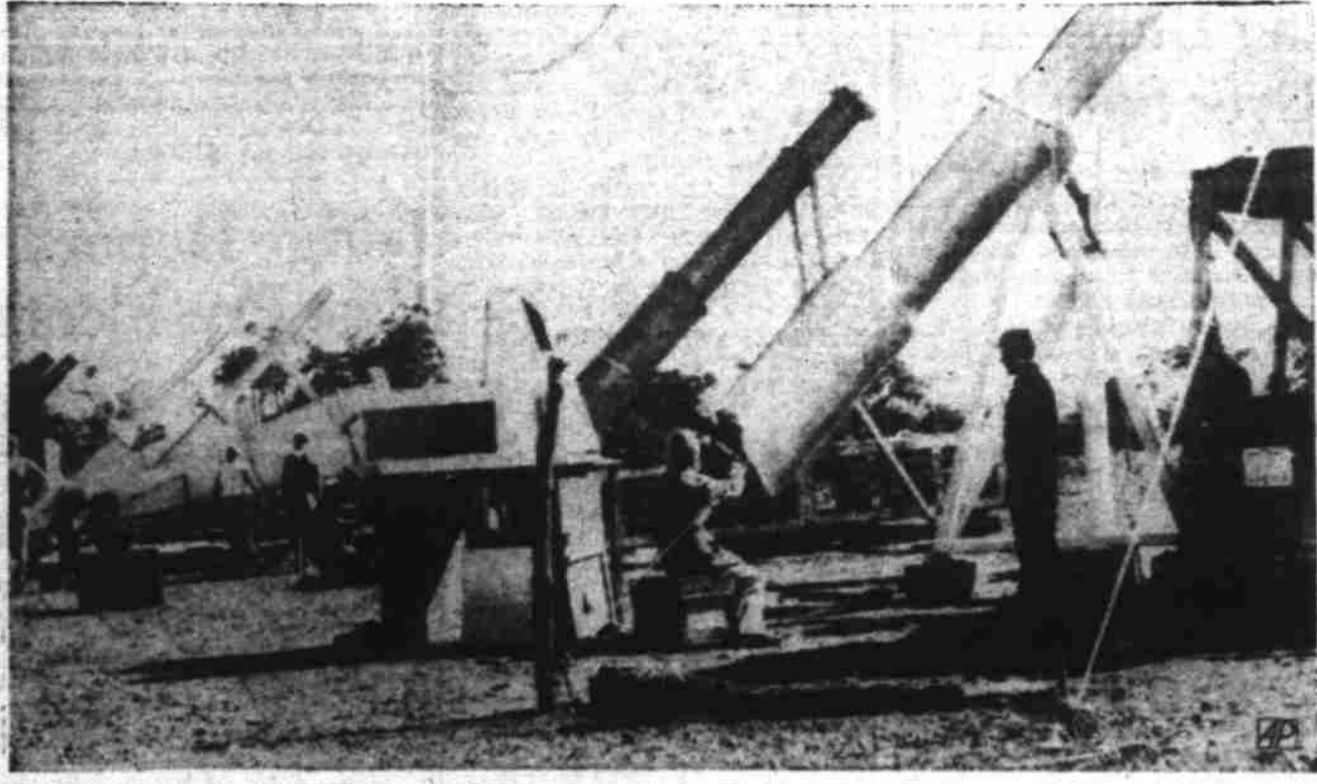
Red Cross Testimonial Dinner Honors Chief Justice Rossman

Newcomers, even the new minister, were always looked over, thought about, in the light of "what can we get them to do for the Red Cross," Chief Justice George Rossman admitted Tuesday night as he acknowledged tributes of more than 150 of these workers and staff members who met to give testimony of their deep regard for the Oregon jurist retiring after 19 years as chairman of the Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross.

The testimonial dinner was held in connection with the annual chapter meeting at which Rorli Henry J. Berkowitz of Portland paid tribute to all agencies "such as the Red Cross which unite men in helping to bear with human evils" and closed with the hope that nations may "stop hating each other and hate war."

The Rev. Alcuin Heibel, active Marion county Red Cross worker while pastor at Mt. Angel, paid tribute to the retiring chairman in "behalf of Marion county out-

Telescope Battery Aims at Eclipse



BOCAIUVA, Brazil, May 20.—Telescopic cameras of the U. S. army air forces - National Geographic Society expedition - prepare to record today's eclipse of the sun. Camera at right took star photographs that will serve as a check on the Einstein theory of relativity. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Scientists Get Clear View of Solar Eclipse

BOCAIUVA, Brazil, May 20-(AP)—Clear weather gave a party of United States scientists an unobstructed view today of nature's most spectacular celestial show—the total eclipse of the sun.

The path of the total eclipse, which was not visible in the northern hemisphere, cut a 100-mile swath across the South American continent.

First Mother Stages Rally

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 20-(AP)—President Truman's gravely ill mother put on another one of her surprising rallies tonight.

Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, the president's personal physician, reported at 9:30 p. m. (EST) that 94-year-old Mrs. Martha E. Truman "was feeling better than she had in the last three or four days."

The surprising announcement came after the president himself had said earlier his mother was "weaker" and sorrowfully added she "didn't have a very good day."

OSC to Get Adair Land, Along with Unexploded Shells

WASHINGTON, May 20-(AP)—The war assets administration will give 6,200 acres of Camp Adair land to Oregon State college for training and research, Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) said today.

The land is to be sold, nominally, to the Oregon State board of higher education for \$150,000, and then the WAA will give the board a 100 per cent discount.

The board is to acknowledge that it understands much of the land is "substantially" hazardous from "explosive contamination" and is to post the land with notices of the danger of unexploded artillery shells.

TO SURVEY WORLD NEEDS
WASHINGTON, May 20-(AP)—Secretary of State Marshall disclosed today the administration has put off decisions on further foreign aid programs, such as the \$400,000,000 Greek-Turkish measure, until it completes a global survey of postwar needs.

RESURFACING HIGHWAY
UNION HILL, May 20 — The state highway from Silver Creek Falls toward Salem is being resurfaced this week. State road crews are getting the road ready for re-rolling.

2,000 Eligible for Retirement July 1 Under State Law

Approximately 1000 state workers will become eligible for retirement on July 1 this year, a tabulation completed Tuesday by Jerry Saylor, executive secretary of the state retirement board, disclosed.

Saylor estimated that an additional 600 school employees and 400 men and women working for various political subdivisions of the state also will reach retirement age. The law provides that those of retirement age shall be removed from the state payroll by December 31.

Protests May Force Pinball Bill onto Shelf

Probability that the pending city "pinball ordinance" will be indefinitely tabled at tonight's city council meeting was expressed in official city circles Tuesday.

The ordinance bill proposing that the city license non-gambling amusement devices was greeted with protests from several Salem religious and other organizations after its introduction by five of the seven city aldermen two weeks ago.

Besides official letters of protest and petitions against the pending legislation, numerous calls have been received by sponsoring aldermen in protest of the bill, The Statesman learned Tuesday.

It was considered likely that in the face of the strong opposition the bill will be shelved before its scheduled final reading at the final reading at the council meeting in the chamber of commerce floral room tonight.

Curly's Dairy Expansion Due

A complete new milk processing plant for Curly's dairy, at the site of the present dairy at 645 Hood st., is in prospect, it was disclosed Tuesday when the Portland office of the federal housing expediter received a building application from Proprietor Hans O. Hostetter.

The new dairy building would represent a construction investment of nearly \$60,000, according to the application.

The expediter's office in Portland Tuesday granted permission for the state to build its \$650,000 ward building at the state hospital, according to Associated Press.

Fate of Chemawa Orphans Uncertain

All but 60 of Chemawa Indian school's 440 students have been returned to their homes or reservations, following early closing of the school year precipitated by orders from the Indian bureau that federal budget cutting apparently will close the local school permanently. The 60 remaining were among 100 orphans who ordinarily would have remained at Chemawa for the summer, and plans for them are not yet completed, M. W. Evans, school superintendent, said Tuesday.

\$2,322,000 Detroit Road Contract Let

PORTLAND, May 20-(AP)—A \$2,322,000 contract for re-locating a portion of the North Santiam highway as a preliminary to construction of the Detroit dam went today to Kuckenberg Construction Company, Portland.

The road will be rebuilt above the level of the lake to be formed by the dam. It will be the section of the highway between Detroit and Niagara, and will serve as an access route to the dam during construction.

W. H. Lynch, public roads administration division engineer, said the corps of engineers and the state would finance the work with the PRA handling the contract.

Chiang Talks, Students Riot

NANKING, May 20-(AP)—Chiang Kai-shek, beset with new demands for peace, new student troubles and new military setbacks, declared the government is ready to end China's civil war "if the communists will show their sincerity by deeds."

As Chiang addressed the people's political council, a solely advisory body holding its final session, 6,000 defiant, striking students demonstrated outside. They sought futilely to present to the council their demands for increased food allowances—many are partially government-supported; 15 percent of the national budget for education, and immediate cessation of the civil war.

Betty Grable Mother Again

HOLLYWOOD, May 20-(AP)—A baby girl was born today to Betty Grable, wife of trumpeter Harry James.

The child, named Jessica James, was born by caesarean section, and Dr. George S. Harris reported both the blonde film star and baby were doing well. Jessica weighed six pounds 14 ounces. It was the second daughter for Miss Grable and James. Victoria Elizabeth was born in March, 1944.

Elfstrom Eyes State Retirement For Firemen as Economy Move

To learn the possibilities of reducing city expenses and of putting firemen on retirement plan equitable with other city employees, Mayor R. L. Elfstrom has ordered a study to determine if firemen can be placed under the state retirement law, he said Tuesday.

Whether the firemen can voluntarily abandon their present retirement plan, approved by the electorate three years ago, or whether it must again be voted on, is the object of City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz's study.

Benefits to the firemen and effects on them and the city, if they should be placed under the state law, are to be learned by Treasurer Paul H. Hauser, who is to confer in Portland with Jerry

Lowering Humidity Forecast

Salem's warm and record-dry May, which attained an 84 degree temperature Tuesday, is predicted to continue today. Possible lowered humidity, especially in the area south of Salem, may force logging operation to close because of fire danger, the weather bureau warned.

Tuesday's weather was not unseasonal and had been topped by 87 degrees on April 27, the weather station at McNary field reported. Top temperatures of 80 to 85 degrees are forecast today.

State Temperature:
Thermometers hit 92 in Medford, 80 in Portland, 83 in Eugene and Roseburg, 88 in Pendleton, 79 in Baker, 84 in Bend, 82 in Klamath Falls.

On the coast, North Bend reported a high of 66 but Brookings, further south, had a high of 66. But the dryness for the first 20 days of May is a new record. Only .03 inch of rain has fallen here this month, breaking the .04 inch mark established for the same period in 1920. Normal expectation for the period is 1.5 inches. No precipitation is now indicated until light showers near the end of the week.

Threatens Crops
The bureau said normal precipitation in April added considerable ground moisture and prevented serious consequences to crops until the past week, but that the continued dryness now threatens some crops.

Relative humidity as low as 30 per cent, at which point logging operations suspend, are expected between Salem and Roseburg, with lower humidity farther south.

Memorial from Truman Lauds Lt. J. W. Creech

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Creech, 180 S. 14th st., have received a memorial signed by President Truman in recognition of the service rendered by their son, Lt. John W. Creech, who lost his life in the crash of an army plane in Ethiopia several weeks ago.

Accompanying it was a ribbon and army commendation issued for meritorious service and signed by Robert Patterson, secretary of war. The citation reads:

"First Lieutenant John W. Creech performed meritorious service from September, 1946, to March, 1947. He served as sole liaison officer for the procurement, transportation and distribution of technical equipment from surplus stocks, liquidating military units, for Foreign Liquidation Commission and the United States. Under extremely difficult procurement conditions and with almost non-existent logistical procedures he made possible the distribution of thousands of pounds of urgently required equipment over an estimated 25,000 miles of air-motor convoy and sea transport routes in Asia Minor."

Definite decision on a proposal to establish a 40-hour 5-day work week for state employees probably will be announced by the state civil service commission later this week, officials declared Tuesday. The commission said its decision had been deferred for clarification of certain legal questions.

Ruling on 40-Hour For State Expected Soon

Members of three Salem Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and their women's auxiliaries are preparing for their 26th annual poppy sale Friday and Saturday in downtown Salem.

A corps of some 60 women will handle the street sales of 11,000 of the paper flowers which annually are sold to raise funds in support of the VFW national home for orphaned children of veterans and for hospitalization of disabled veterans.

Headquarters for the sale will be in Kay's dress shop, 460 State st. Sponsors are Marion, Meadowlark and Beaver Navy posts and their auxiliaries.

Tax Rate 'Freeze' Proposed

WASHINGTON, May 20-(AP)—A strong movement developed on Capitol Hill tonight to put 10,000,000 additional persons under the social security program and to prevent the old age insurance tax from rising beyond its present level of 1 per cent on workers and 1 per cent on employers.

In another tax field, the senate brought up for consideration a bill to cut individual income taxes by \$4,000,000,000 a year. Actual debate on this was delayed until tomorrow, however.

Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), chairman of the house ways and means committee, said his group probably will vote to bring 10,000,000 self-employed persons under the old age and survivors insurance features of social security. He did not say how this would be done. They are not on payrolls.

Favor 2-Year Freeze
Also, he said a majority favors a two-year freeze of the social security tax.

If carried through, this would prevent an automatic jump January 1 to 2.5 per cent against employer payrolls and employee wages, and would save taxpayers over \$2,000,000,000 a year.

Chairman Millikin (R-Colo.) of the finance committee won the senate's unanimous consent to take up the income tax legislation. Debate postponed.

Actual debate, however, was put off until tomorrow. At that time, Senator George (D-Ga.) has announced he will make a motion to postpone action until June 10 in order to give congress a look at all the appropriation bills for next year.

Paving on New 99E Strip to Start June 15

Plans for paving the new Pacific highway section south of Salem and contracts for two Salmon river highway improvements were disclosed Tuesday by state highway department officials.

The highway department said the nine-mile Pacific highway improvement to eliminate curves between Jefferson and Albany is ready for start of paving about June 15. It is expected to be open to travel in October.

Stevenson Construction Co. of Salem Tuesday was awarded a contract for grading and paving three-quarters mile of the Fort Hill part of Salmon river highway. Its bid price was \$46,341.

The state highway commission also awarded a contract to Lindstrom Brothers, Portland, for building a 272-foot concrete bridge over the South Yamhill river near Valley Junction. The firm was low among six bidders with a bid of \$60,880.

ACEW Vote To Accept Pact

All members of the Association of Communications Equipment Workers in Oregon will be back at work at 8 a. m. today with Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., George Kertson of the Salem local, said Tuesday night upon his return from a union meeting in Portland. A ratification vote on the contract approved by the national bargaining committee will be taken later.

Salem members participated in the strike with other National Federation of Telephone Workers, but have not picketed the local exchange since that stoppage ended.

Vet Groups to Sell Poppies

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Our Senators

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