

# IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Spang

I suppose we might say "The king is dead; long live the king." Neither one is a king, though there were days when a person sitting on top of a half billion dollars of other people's money was called an "economic royalist."

What I am referring to is the resignation of E. B. MacNaughton as president of the First National bank of Portland to take the less arduous post of chairman of the board, and the election of Frank N. Belgrano, jr., of Oakland, Cal., as his successor. Since financially speaking Oregon is pretty much divided into two parts of which the First National bank of Portland is one, a change in the chief executive of the system is an event of more than passing notice.

The growth of the First National since MacNaughton became president in 1932 has been phenomenal. The legalization of branch banking and the economic recovery with its peak of war-induced inflation account for much of the growth; but MacNaughton has been an aggressive leader and his dynamism helped greatly in pushing the bank to its present position. MacNaughton is a man whose leadership reaches outside the walls of the countinghouse. He has exerted great influence in the molding of thought in Oregon. Not only has he been identified with many organizations working in

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By Dorothy Reed  
Independent Correspondent  
The Statesman

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## Cricket Fight Now 'Mop-up'

ORDNANCE, Ore., May 26 (AP) — The Mormon crickets which threatened last week to overrun this region's wheat fields and farms were yesterday by thousands tonight, victims of a new poison. The battle against the insect plague was in the "mop-up" stage, reported Assistant County Agent Leroy Fuller.

The plane which spread chlordane — the new poison — last weekend was withdrawn today. Trucks continued laying poison bait.

Seagulls rejoined the battle today, too, moving into Umatilla county for the first time.

## Landlord Sued

PORTLAND, May 26 (AP) — J. L. Hendricks, Salem, was sued for treble damages by the office of the housing expediter today in a charge of failing to refund money to a tenant after an order decreasing rents.

Weather

City	Max.	Min.	Pre.
Salem	62	37	90
Portland	62	37	90
San Francisco	64	55	92
Chicago	64	48	96
New York	74	58	90

Willamette river 2 feet.  
FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem: Partly cloudy today with possible one or two light showers. Highest temperature to 58. Lowest tonight 47. Weather will be favorable for dusting and spraying.

## Animal Crackers



# Cool Breezes Arrive Here; Showers Expected

## Increased Budget Approved

By Robert E. Gangware  
City Editor, The Statesman

City Manager J. L. Franzen's 1947-48 city budget estimate calling for a \$470,000 tax levy and total expenditures of \$1,090,000 won the approval of the Salem budget committee Monday night.

Only an increase in revenue estimates to allow for the coming year's delinquent taxes and minor revisions in the treasurer, manager and health department budgets were made by the aldermen and city members at their meeting in city hall.

The annual Salem taxpayers' meeting on the budget was fixed for 8 p.m. Monday, June 23, to coincide with the regular council meeting that night (sessions having been changed to the second and fourth Mondays at last week's council meeting).

**Salary Boosts Granted**

Generally reflected by the new budget are salary increases of \$10 to \$25 per month, increased operating costs and a revitalized program for street improvements and other engineering functions.

Franzen's estimate of receipts in the amount of \$1,093,902 was upped by \$32,000 when committeemen placed higher revenue estimates on parking meters (now expected to bring \$45,000 in the year), fines and forfeitures (now \$72,000) and state gasoline tax receipts (now \$135,000). All increases were based on Franzen's assurance that original estimates were intentionally low to allow for contingencies.

**Health Budget Cut**

At the same time, the budget committee's revised expenditures pared \$1190 from Franzen's estimate of \$1,090,430. The difference between the new receipts and expense totals approximates \$37,000 as a cushion item in anticipation of taxes which will be due but not paid in the next year.

The \$1,090,000 expense total, which excludes the water department budget (compared with \$1,032,000 budgeted expense of last year).

Health department estimates, which Franzen said he had recommended as drafted by Dr. W. J. Stone, city and county health officer, and that of the health department, were cut by \$1810 and divided so that \$3800 for salary and expenses of the city nuisance officer stands in a separate fund exclusively administered by the city. A \$2805 item for restaurant inspector's pay was eliminated, leaving the separate health budget of \$12,631 (not including the nuisance officer's \$3800), as compared with the requested \$18,241.

**Treasurer Boost Doubled**

The city manager's budget for his own office was increased by \$300 to a new total of \$11,143, the added item being for the manager's expenses. Although Franzen drives his own car, he had asked no expense to cover it, Mayor R. L. Elftstrom explained.

Another small addition was made when the committee added \$300 to the city treasurer's salary as advised by Franzen, the total rising from \$3600 to \$3730. Committeemen after some argument over what some called the treasurer's disproportionately small raise, doubled Franzen's suggested increase of \$10 a month over the present \$290.

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## Unified Arming of Hemisphere To Meet 'Developments' Asked

### Cherry Princess Selections

Princesses for the court of Salem's Cherry festival July 17-18-19 include recently named Bernice Blanchette (left), representing St. Paul Union High school, and Ruthanne Nelson (right) of Dallas high school. Others named so far include Donna Marie Traylor of Independence (story below) and Mary Margaret Helset of Woodburn.

## Independence Names Titian For Royalty

Latest entry for Salem's Cherry festival queen is Donna Marie Traylor, Independence high school senior and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold W. Traylor, 388 Seventh st., Independence.

First auburn-haired entrant, Princess Donna has brown eyes, weighs 135 pounds and stands 5 feet 7 inches. She is completing a college preparatory course and intends to enter Oregon College of Education at Monmouth next fall.

Chosen by schoolmates, Princess Donna has been active in many school projects. She has been yell leader, song queen, assistant editor of the school paper and a member of the girls' league, Pop club, Journalism club and Girls' Athletic association.

She is a native of Wisington Spring, S. D., and has lived in Independence 11 years. She has older twin sisters, Mary and Margaret, 20.

Selection of Princess Donna for the Cherry festival court follows closely the selection of Ruthanne Nelson by Dallas high school students.

Princess Ruthanne, native of Britton, Neb., and resident of Dallas four years, is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Nelson, route 1, Dallas. She is a light brunette with gray-green eyes, weighs 136 pounds and is 5 feet 3 inches tall.

She has been editor of the school yearbook, president of F.H.A. school drum majorette, and member of Tri-Y, G.A.A., 4-H Rose club, Victory corps, school drill team, the student council. She expects to enter Oregon State college next fall.

She has two younger sisters, Luelle, 16, and Marjorie, 11.

**McKIBBON HOUSE BURNS**

CENTRAL HOWELL, May 26 — Ray McKibbon's home was burned to the ground here this afternoon by a blaze which started from a brush fire which he had built behind the house. No fire department was at the scene but passers-by helped salvage some of the furniture, which had only recently been purchased.

## Mrs. Truman Shows Rally

GRANDVIEW, Mo., May 26 (AP) — An alighting rally by President Truman's mother was reported tonight in high official White House quarters.

Sources close to the president, unquoteable by name, said that the 94-year-old Mrs. Martha E. Truman's tenacious hold on life was as surprising to them as it was to the president.

Officially, Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, the president's personal physician, reported that Mrs. Truman has "held the gains she made during the day."

## Loss in Rainfall, Gain in People Cause Water Shortage in 2 Areas

Speaking of droughts (and who doesn't?), the record-dry spring and a startling gain in population have contrived to give the Salem Heights and Central water districts a bad time this month.

For the last several days, telephoned complaints indicated Monday, the two districts haven't had enough water in the afternoon to wet a whistle, let alone a lawn or a tub of clothes, despite the fact that they are obtaining four times as much water as a year ago.

And what's worse, it appears no one can do anything about it immediately except Jupiter Pluvius himself. Several hundred families are affected.

**West Salem Faces Well**

In the meantime, West Salem so far had escaped the serious shortage which kept most of the populace lined up at the community pump a year ago, and with the new connection to the Salem supply due to be completed this week the water-worries of the Polk county city appeared at end.

The story regarding the current shortage in the south Salem area appears to be this:

The Vista Heights district was formed first a considerable time prior to the war. It originally had 125 meter connections and water supply was ample. The supply was obtained from the city of Salem.

**'Chain' Group Formed**

Then the Salem Heights district was formed nearby, and when the war interrupted the acquisition of necessary materials the district made a deal to get water from Vista Heights instead of extending its lines to the Salem main.

Later, the Central water district was formed and procures its supply from Salem Heights.

The present picture, therefore, shows 450 to 500 meter connections served by Vista Heights, and even a doubled pumping capacity (400 gallons a minute) effected 10 days ago can't keep up with the demand.

W. A. Barkus, head of the Vista Heights district, said Monday: "Everything seems to have outgrown itself. We had plenty of water when Salem Heights asked us for a supply when the war came on. Now we've double the pumping capacity and still we haven't enough. We leave Salem Heights on the main all night (pumps are running 24 hours a day), and as much as possible in the daytime. But there just isn't enough to leave them on all the time. We've got to keep our own district supplied."

**Shortages Still Stylic**

H. W. Fasching, head of the Salem Heights district, said he realized that Vista Heights was giving his district four times the water it received a year ago, and that there seemed little chance of remedying the present situation until Salem Heights could obtain sufficient pipe to form its own connection with the Salem district.

Fasching also said subscribers in his district were being asked to irrigate their lawns and gardens only in the morning, in order to conserve the available supply.

A meeting of the Salem Heights district is scheduled next week to determine what other steps should be taken, if any.

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## HCL Hits All-time Peak During April In Portland Area

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 (AP) — The Portland area cost of living index rose to an all-time high during April, the U. S. bureau of labor statistics reported today.

The index rose to 201.4 per cent above the 1935-39 averages for food and purchases necessary for the average moderate income family. The index climbed 1.7 per cent above March.

Food costs rose 33 per cent above the same month a year ago. Bread rose 8 per cent, eggs 9 per cent, potatoes 15 per cent. Dairy products, with butter contributing the major share, dropped 4 per cent.

## Truman Urges Men, Materiel Standardizing

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP) — President Truman asked congress today to hasten a program of American defense from Cape Horn to the arctic in view of "world developments."

He appealed for broad authority to supply arms to all Latin American nations and Canada, train the men of their armies and navies, and bring their equipment into standardization with that of the United States.

The program is identical with a bill approved last session by the house foreign affairs committee at the president's recommendation but which failed of passage.

Mr. Truman wrote that "world development during the year," which he refrained from specifying, "give still greater importance to this legislation" now.

Meanwhile the army and air forces have scheduled new arctic maneuvers for this summer and the navy is pushing a program of converting submarines and other warships for operations in ice-filled waters.

Under the requested legislation, the United States could transfer surplus army and navy equipment to the other nations "on such terms as the president shall find satisfactory."

Nations receiving equipment would be required to pay the cost of any new materials manufactured specifically for them.

## Four Children Shot to Death In Michigan

LIMLAY CITY, Mich., May 26 (AP) — Four children were shot to death while picking flowers near their farm home late today and a state-wide alert was put out for a 16-year-old neighbor boy.

Dead were Stanley Smith, 14, and his three sisters—Barbara, 16, Gladys, 13, and Janet, 2.

All were shot in the head, Barbara three times and the others once. Although the older girl's clothes had been disheveled, two physicians who examined her body said she had not been raped.

Their bodies were found by an older sister, Ella Mae, 19, who left the supper table to search for them.

Lapeer County Sheriff Leslie Mathews and state police said they were seeking Oliver Terpenning, jr., who they said was with the four children when last seen alive.

Persons living in the area grabbed their guns and started scouring the area after hearing reports of the slayings.

Prosecutor Kenneth Smith, who also joined the investigation, said he had learned that young Terpenning considered Barbara "his girl friend." The boy was sought only for questioning, he said, and no charges were placed against him.

Mathews said the Terpenning boy returned to his home a short time before the shootings were discovered and left hurriedly in his father's car. The auto was found several hours later in Port Huron, some 45 miles away, he added.

## Waters, Roads Take 9 Lives Over Oregon

The week end's violent death toll — increased by the heat that sent hordes of swimmers to lakes and beaches — stood at nine in Oregon today.

Two Klamath Falls residents—Harold Hadley, 36, and Leonard Callier, 50 — were reported missing after a fishing trip on Odell lake. Their empty boat washed ashore.

An attempt to rescue his two sons from the McKenzie river cost the life of Fred Leon Bowden, 36. Creswell. An uncle saved the boys, but could not reach Bowden.

Near Baker, a baby, Michael John Counts, tumbled into an irrigation ditch on his father's ranch, and Thomas Gordon Wonch, Huntington, died from head injuries suffered when he dove into shallow water at Burnt River.

James Hoskins, 71, tumbled from a dock and was caught on a submerged wire in Coos Bay.

Margaret Whitties, 18, Eugene, was killed in a crash of her motorcycle and an automobile near Vida. A two-car collision north of Mt. Angel fatally injured Herbert D. Huff, 72, Portland. Edward T. Erickson, 30, Washougal, Wash., died in a Baker hospital after a horse crashed through the roof of a car on top of him. The horse was struck by the car and thrown into the air.

## Another Sugar Coupon Valid For Use Today

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP) — More sugar for American tables was promised by the agriculture department today.

A third 1947 sugar-rationing stamp, good for ten pounds, will be allotted "not later" than August 1, the department announced.

As a further concession, the department said that spare stamp No. 12 in consumer ration books may be used immediately instead of June 1 as announced two weeks ago. This stamp, good for 10 pounds, originally was intended to become valid July 1.

## Jersey Exhibitor Dies in Ring; Award Winners Made Known

By Lillie L. Madsen  
Farm Editor, The Statesman

Death of Clinton Bates, while in the showing Monday afternoon at the Marion County Jersey Cattle club show at the state fairgrounds, saddened the show spectators. As herd manager at the Woodburn training school, he was showing cattle from that place when he was stricken.

A brother, Floyd Bates, president of the club, was in charge of the show ceremonies, which were taken over immediately by O. C. Welsh secretary, Ben Newell, assistant county agent; Jim Bishop, 4-H club leader, and Ted Hobart, fieldman for Ladd & Bush bank.

Rich Lee Majesty, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Riches of Turner, sired both the grand and junior champion females of the show. The grand champion, which had placed first in three-year-olds and later won senior champion ribbon, was Rich Lee Quickstep, owned by the Riches. The junior champion was a five-months-old heifer, placing first in the junior heifer class, owned by Lewis Judson of Salem.

O. C. Welsh and H. L. Nelson, partners, won the grand champion on their aged bull, Lemonation Double Aim, also winner at the 1946 spring show. Bob Barnes of Silverton won the junior champion ribbon on his Standard Star Noble, first place winner in senior yearling division.

A Future Farmers showman-ship contest was won by Bob Barnes, Don Basset of Salem placed second; Loren Newkirk, Turner, third, and Allen Dahl, Silverton, fourth. A special prize, a rotary tattoo outfit, given by the Franklin Serum company, went to Floyd Bailey of Jefferson, judged best exhibitor of the show.

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## Picker Demand Continues

With the berries lying soft and cooked on the vines, the Salem area strawberry harvest stands in the need of prayer, rain, and above all, pickers.

"Berries at hot weather ripened so fast that picker demand ran far ahead of the available supply. Mrs. Gladys Turnbull, farm labor assistant, said Monday. She gave as an example one farmer with a 30-acre patch and only two pickers.

If rain does come, she said, grower opinion is that it would help the crop, though ripe berries would have to be harvested immediately or spoil. The berry crop's peak will be reached in the valley this week, she predicted, and later in the Silverton hills area which began picking over the weekend.

A total of 187 men, women and youths were placed in strawberry fields by the farm labor office Monday morning. At least 200 more could have been used, Mrs. Turnbull said. Of 31 farmers who sought pickers at the office Monday morning, four drove away empty trucks, two growers got one picker each and four got three pickers each.

Monday afternoon 10 growers placed new orders with the office for pickers. A particular need right now, Mrs. Turnbull said, is for drive-outs, although trucks are at the office every morning at 8 o'clock. Some Silverton hills patches offer cabins for families.

The early and prolonged dry weather also has speeded up the worker demand in hop yards. A worker demand in the Mt. Angel area informed the office his yard was growing so fast "it was getting out of control." Gooseberry pickers are also in urgent demand at the office.

## Wallace Urges Canal Become International

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 (AP) — Henry A. Wallace tonight proposed internationalization of the Panama canal and other strategic areas which he said were vital to world peace.

The former vice president said control of certain areas "by one country tends to break up peace" and listed as examples the Suez canal, the Dardanelles and the Panama canal.

American farmers were urged to demand return of the AAA local committee system of agriculture program administration.

An assembly of 3,000 paid to hear him and applauded his references to a program he advocates as necessary to American prosperity. He said reduced prices, higher wages where possible, loaning of money to boost European and Asiatic standards of living, disarmament and world control of atomic energy were vital to prosperity and peace.

## Gen. Carlson In Hospital

PORTLAND, Ore., May 26 (AP) — Brig. Gen. Evans F. Carlson, famed wartime leader of Carlson's marine raiders, was brought to the Emmanuel hospital here tonight under oxygen after suffering a heart attack at his home near Mount Hood.

The hospital reported his condition was serious and that he is being kept under oxygen at the hospital.

## CIO Invites Phone Unions

WASHINGTON, May 26 (AP) — The CIO set out today to sign up all the telephone workers on the heels of a move for affiliation by a union of long distance operators.

The strike-grogy National Federation of Telephone Workers, which thus found itself in a struggle for survival, countered with plans to speed its change-over into a strong national union to be called the Communications Workers of America.

## How's Your Driving Record? Racer to Give Safety Award

In an effort to emphasize need for care on the highways and to combat the appalling number of traffic accidents, The Oregon Statesman, in conjunction with the Union Oil company has arranged a safe driving contest to start in the Salem area today.

Purpose of the contest is to discover the driver who has traveled the greatest number of miles in the longest period of time without having received a traffic citation or having been in an accident. The winner of the contest shall be given the Triton Safety Merit award.

An entrant in the contest should write a letter to the Safety Award Editor of The Oregon Statesman outlining his record of safe driving.

The presentation of the award will be made by Earl Cooper, voted racing driver, who will arrive here the latter part of next week heading a caravan on the 30,000 mile Royal Triton demonstration run.

## Humidity Rise Aids Forests

Cooler temperatures and possibly some light showers were forecast by weathermen Monday to ease the third week of drought. It was raining in southern Oregon late Monday night. One or two light showers might be the deathly fate of the Salem region today, according to the McNary field U. S. weather station.

The weather bureau forecast scattered thunderstorms, particularly in the mountains, for Tuesday, but the heavy rainfall needed in the region's wheat and fruit crops was not expected. An electric storm--but no rain--struck the central Oregon wheat belt Monday.

While peas and cherries ripened ahead of time and forced growers to send out hurry calls for farmhands, the U. S. crop reporting service at Portland said rain was urgently needed for many crops. In western Umatilla county, wheatmen predicted a harvest only half of normal.

As temperatures dropped in Salem, rising humidity made things more comfortable here and in the forest areas. As the forestry department described, open, exposed areas as "powder kegs," they added that "green timber is still damp enough to prevent fires from running."

Through most of Oregon, humidity climbed above the 30 per cent danger mark. Monday's humidity in Salem was 72 per cent, compared with a local 50 on Sunday.

Roseburg's 93 degrees was Oregon's highest temperature, with 86 at Salem and 81 at Medford.

## L,225 Prepare For Graduation At 3 Schools

By Donna Carr  
Salem City School Correspondent

Twelve hundred twenty five students in Salem's three secondary schools are busily preparing for graduation and promotion exercises, 625 of them high school seniors who are to graduate in exercises in the school auditorium on the evening of June 5.

The other 600 are ninth graders in the two junior high schools, 373 at Parrish and 227 at Leslie, who will move to the high school next fall after promotion exercises on June 6.

Dr. Dan Poling, jr., assistant dean of men at Oregon State college, will deliver the commencement address to the high school class, largest in Salem high history. Supt. Frank B. Bennett will present diplomas. The graduates will wear the traditional caps and gowns. Admittance will be by invitation only. Dinner, Assembly Planned.

The Rev. Seth Huntington of the First Congregational church will deliver the baccalaureate address in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. Sunday. The public is invited.

The farewell assembly is slated for June 2, and the class dinner will be June 4. Chairman Marion Sparks has announced the theme for the dinner as "Over the Rainbow." Senior class advisors are Ann Boenjtje, Marion Davis and Irene Hollenbeck.

The Rev. Chester Hamblin of First Presbyterian church will give invocation and benediction for Parrish junior high's promotion exercises in the high school auditorium at 10 a.m. Friday, June 6. Parents and friends of the school are invited.

Two members of the class will speak, Mary Campbell taking as her topic "Those First Years" and Kent Myers talking on "Looking Ahead." They were selected by a vote of the class. The ninth grade chorus will provide music. Superintendent Bennett will present the American Legion citizenship awards, and Principal Carl Aschenbrenner will give promotion certificates.

**Leslie Program Ready**

The Rev. Seth Huntington will deliver the address and Principal Joy Hills will present the promotion certificates to members of the Leslie ninth grade class at 1:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, in the Leslie auditorium.

Dorothy Pederson, highest in scholarship in the class, will speak, and Edna Marie Hill, outstanding in music activities, will play the piano. Numerous awards, including the American Legion citizenship medals will be presented by Miss Hills. The public is invited.

## Laborites Favor Peacetime Draft

MARGATE, England, May 26 (AP) — Britain's ruling labor party rebuffed pro-communist elements within its ranks today and backed up its government leaders by a four-to-one margin in a vote favoring peacetime conscription to bolster the nation's foreign policy.

The big unions—Transport and General Workers, largest labor organization in the world, and the National Union of Mine Workers—led the fight in favor of the government's peacetime draft bill, which already has been passed by the house of commons.