

Cherry Fete Queen Selection Tonight

Princesses Await Ruling



One of these 11 Salem Cherry festival princesses will become queen of the festival tonight when official judging is made in a program starting at 8 o'clock in the Salem senior high school auditorium. The girls, each representing a high school in the Salem area, are (left to right) Dorothy Thompson, Silverton; Martha DuRette, Ger-

vale; Mary Ann Schmidt, Mt. Angel; Bernice Blanchette, St. Paul; Loraine Poindexter, Salem; Beverly Ann Zumwalt, Perrydale; Donna Marie Traylor, Independence; Mary Marguerite Helsel, Woodburn; Margaret Jean Thompson, Monmouth; Ruthanne Nelson, Dallas, and Ruth Elaine Beard, Falls City.

Admittance to Program by Festival Button

Queen of the 1947 Salem Cherry festival, one of 11 girls chosen by Marion and Polk county high school student bodies, will be selected tonight to rule over the July 17-18-19 celebration. The program, at Salem senior high school, is to begin at 8 o'clock.

Although tonight's affair is the first for which the now-available cherry festival lapel buttons gain admittance, the festival board has decided for all school boys and girls, including high school youths, will be admitted without buttons.

Music during the queen selection program will be provided by the Salem high school band, combined with high school musicians in the summer playground band program, under the direction of Vernon Wisecarver.

For members of the royal court, this event brings closer the three days when they will be faced with a "no dates" requirement. They will, however, be given tickets for boy friend, or friends, for the queen's ball on the second night, and will be able to dance that evening.

Requirements Listed
Judging tonight will be 40 per cent on poise, 40 per cent on appearance and 20 per cent on a speech, according to Mrs. Arthur Weddle, queen selection chairman. To place the girls on an equal footing as possible, all will wear new chiffon formal dresses provided by the festival association, some in gold, some in blue and some in pink.

The student body presidents will draw for order of seating on the stage for order of appearance. To each president will go two minutes for the honor of introducing his school's princess. Each girl then has two minutes to speak.

The choice is to be made by five anonymous judges, all residing outside the Marion-Polk area, according to officials.

Candidates Listed
The candidates for the top festival honor are Mary Marguerite Helsel of Woodburn, Bernice Blanchette of St. Paul, Donna Marie Traylor of Independence, Ruthanne Nelson of Dallas, Martha DuRette of Gervais, Margaret Jeanne Thompson of Monmouth, Dorothy Thompson of Silverton, Ruth Elaine Beard of Falls City, Beverly Ann Zumwalt of Perrydale, Mary Ann Schmidt of Mt. Angel and Loraine Poindexter of Salem.

When the festival gets underway the queen and princesses will have a second costume, for street wear, for which they will be fitted earlier this week. These are of wool material—long green and white striped jackets, white skirts, white beanies and brown and white spectator shoes.

The royalty are to spend each festival night at their own homes or with relatives in Salem. From these homes they will be brought each morning by a Cherrian and his wife to the chaperone. After festivities in the evening, unless the girl's parents are present, a Cherrian couple will take her to her residence.

Tonight's program requires a festival button for admission. The buttons, which will be sold at the door for one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children, are the sole means of admission to this and all later festival events.

Settlement of Oakland Transit Strike Near

OAKLAND, Calif., June 26-(AP)—Probable settlement tomorrow of the key system transit strike which has paralyzed public transportation more than two weeks for 500,000 daily riders in the East Bay was disclosed tonight. It was expected the system would resume service Monday.

Henry Mann of the AFL unions said the company had made an offer which the union would recommend at a meeting tomorrow that the membership accept.

Our Senators

Won 15-9



By Charles A. Squire

The battle for control of the Columbia river is raging on several fronts. At Walla Walla this week rival interests collided in a hearing before the federal inter-agency commission. In Washington a congressional committee heard Kinsey M. Robinson, president of Washington Water Power Co. call for a new organization to market Columbia river power. In congress Representative Walter Horan of Wenatchee introduced a bill to establish a Columbia basin interstate commission with authority over planning, development and operation of Columbia river projects. This great artery which served as a highway for Lewis and Clark in 1805 and for the boats of furtrappers, traders and settlers is wooed now by rival groups anxious to employ it to further their interests.

At Walla Walla red men and whites argued over how the waters of the river are to be employed for man's benefit. Commercial and sports fishermen and the Indians with fishing rights on the river made a plea for protection of the salmon runs and construction of no new dams below Foster creek just below Grand Coulee. Representatives of Bonneville Power administration and others interested in development of the river for power urged a continuing program of building dams to meet the steadily growing demand for electric energy. Those interested in river navigation supported the program of early building of dams to insure abundant water for movement of boats on the Columbia and Snake rivers. Irrigationists want their demand for water given priority.

The Walla Walla hearing will not be decisive. The inter-agency commission

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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



... and now we will all rise and sing 'How Firm a Foundation.'

'Flying Discs' Sighted at Salem, Eugene, Oklahoma, Kansas, etc.

A Salem woman Thursday added her story to the many that come from all over the country about sighting unexplainable silver discs high in the sky. Mrs. Dennis Howell, who lives at the Veterans Housing colony in southeastern Salem, reports she saw a bright, shiny object tumbling along in the sky between 3 and 5 p. m. Tuesday. She said she thought no more about the sight until reading of the nine silver discs which Boise, Ida., Pilot Kenneth Arnold said he observed over the Cascade range Wednesday.

Mrs. Howell said she saw only one silvery object, traveling very high, traveling steadily at a moderate rate of speed.

By the Associated Press

Conjectures multiplied today as widely separated areas reported apparent confirmation of incredibly fast disc-like objects flashing through the sky—but skeptics remained.

Observations Reported

Following yesterday's report at Pendleton, Ore., by Kenneth

Arnold of Boise, Idaho, that he had seen nine saucer-shaped shiny objects dipping and skimming through the sky between Mount Rainier and Mount Adams in Washington state at an estimated 1200 miles an hour, came these observations today: Byron Savage, Oklahoma City businessman pilot, said that five or six weeks ago he observed from his front lawn a flat disc-like object hurtling through the sky at tremendous speed. He said he told his wife and a few pilot friends, then said no more until he heard of Arnold's report.

At Kansas City, W. I. Davenport, a carpenter, said that yesterday he, too, saw nine speeding objects, moving west high in the sky. They were going fast and he could not make out their shape, he said.

A Bremerton, Wash., housewife—west across the Cascade mountains from where Arnold saw his objects—said that twice in the past 10 days she had seen "platter-like" light-reflecting objects. "I thought surely noth-

ing could travel so fast," Mrs. Elma Shingler said.

Another Bremerton woman, Mrs. Howard K. Wheeler, reported tonight she had seen three similar objects in the sky a week ago Tuesday. Her husband called from the house by his wife arrived in time to see one of the objects, he reported.

At Eugene, Ore., E. H. Sprinkle said he nearly got a picture of them a week ago Wednesday when he took his \$3.50 camera to a local butte to test it. Enlargement prints from his film showed seven dots in apparent formation against a clear sky.

Against these supporting observations, skeptics sought explanations. Capt. Al Smith, United Airlines pilot on the Seattle run, said he thought Arnold saw reflections of his instrument panel and Dr. J. Hugh Pruett, University of Oregon meteorologist, said that "persistent vision," often noted after looking at bright objects such as the sun, could have kept such reflections before him after they had passed.

10 Enter Race For Mt. Angel Festival Queen

MT. ANGEL, June 26 — Ten pretty misses were entered tonight at the "Candidates Dance," in the Mt. Angel auditorium for the title of queen or princess of the Oregon Flax festival, to be held here Aug. 8, 9 and 10. Joe Berchold was master of ceremonies and introduced nine of the girls. A tenth was unable to attend. Additional candidates will be announced later.

Three Mt. Angel entrants are Jeannette Hoffer, entered by P. N. Smith Furniture store and William Bean of the Hotel Fountain; Lola Travis, by Mt. Angel Bakery and Wilde Electrical Appliances; Monica Duda, route 1, box 18, Schmidt's Red and White store and the Marion County Farmers Union Oil Co.

Mary Ellen Cain of 1185 N. Commercial st., Salem, was sponsored by Millers Department store.

Marion county aspirants to the position of queen include Carlene Benz of Gervais, sponsored by the Gervais business men and Arlene Zuber, route 2, box 12B, Woodburn, entered by the Birds Eye-Snyder company. Ruth David of Silverton, sponsored by Georges Tavern, is an entrant but was unable to attend the dance and introduction.

Contestants from outside Marion county are Alyce Allison of Portland, sponsored by Jack and Jills Elations; Esther Ballard, route 2, Canby, by Rufus Kraxberger, sr., and Kay Sieber, by the Molalla Flax association.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	68	58	.10
Portland	68	58	.12
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Chicago	88	80	.00
New York	82	60	trace

Willamette river 1.8 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with occasional light rain showers. Highest temperature today 70. Lowest tonight 53. Showers and wind will be too light to interfere with farm work.

Molotov Flies to Paris for Europe Aid Conference

PARIS, June 26.—(AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, accompanied by three planeloads of aides, flew into Paris today to determine individually whether they will close, depending upon perishable stocks on hand then, others in the representative retailers' group agreed to make it a weekend by closing the day between Independence day and Sunday, according to Chairman Mal E. Rudd of the retail trade bureau.

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Threaten Godless People with Bomb, Chaplain Advises

PORTLAND, June 26-(AP)—The American Legion's Oregon department was told today by its chaplain that "the only way to deal with godless people is to threaten them with the atomic bomb."

The Rev. Georges M. Bailey, Pendleton, made the statement after several references to Russia. He also told the 1,000 delegates to the 29th state Legion convention that they should work against racial and class hatred in this country.

Salem delegates invited the Legion to hold a future convention in the capital city.

U. S. Membership in Refugee Group Assured

WASHINGTON, June 26-(AP)—Legislation sealing United States membership in the international refugee organization—and authorizing a \$73,500,000 contribution toward care of Europe's 900,000 displaced persons—was approved by the house and sent back to the senate for minor changes today.

City Stores to Close July 5

A general store closing for Saturday, July 5, was voted by Salem retail business men Thursday.

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100 mph Wind Pummels Kansas

WICHITA, Kas., June 26-(AP)—Terrific winds which reached a velocity estimated at 100 miles an hour and hail the size of baseballs cut a swath six miles wide and 25 miles long in the Viola-Clearwater-Conways Springs area from Wednesday evening to Thursday morning. Estimates of loss to crops, livestock and property ranged as high as \$1,500,000. Wheat over the entire area was beaten into the ground, Julian Zimmerman, owner and publisher of the Clearwater News, reported.

CHINA MONEY SOARS

SHANGHAI, June 26-(AP)—Chinese currency plummeted to \$3,000 to one U. S. dollar on the Shanghai black market today, less than one per cent of what it was worth when Japan surrendered.

BRUCE R. BAXTER FUND
A Bruce R. Baxter memorial scholarship fund will be established at Willamette university by the Travel Study club of Salem, it was announced Thursday by President G. Robert Smith.

'Miss Salem' or 'Miss America?'



Miss Yvonne Gardener (right), first entrant in the Salem "Miss America" contest, sponsored by American Legion posts with endorsement of the chamber of commerce, is shown studying a pamphlet about Seaside, where the statewide finals will be held to choose the Oregon emissary to Atlantic City for the national judging. Next to her is Mayor E. L. Elfstrom and at the left is Mal E. Rudd, president of the Retail Merchants Association—whose partner in the picture, by the way, need cause no blushes. "She" is a mannikin decked out to publicize the contest. Entries close Monday. (Story on page 2.)

Pledges Labor Act Support

House Balks as Senate Changes, Re-Votes Wool Bill

WASHINGTON, June 26-(AP)—President Truman today vetoed a wool price support bill authorizing new curbs on foreign wool imports but agreed to approve one without that feature.

The senate immediately passed one by voice vote that met his specifications and sent it to the house. That meant no attempt would be made to override the veto.

But the house, which had put the import restrictions into the original bill, could refuse to go along with the president and the senate and add the curbs to the new legislation. House republican leaders did not disclose their plans immediately, but they assailed the president's stand.

'Tragic Mistake'
Mr. Truman held that the provisions for import barriers will be "a tragic mistake" just now when this country is seeking international agreement for freer world trade. He wrote that the action "would be a blow to our leadership in world affairs" and would be interpreted abroad as a step on the "road to economic isolationism."

WASHINGTON, June 26-(AP)—President Truman called upon labor and management today to comply with the Taft-Hartley labor act and promised to administer it as fairly and efficiently as he could.

And with over half of John L. Lewis' coal miners idle, causing steel mills and railroads to lay off workers, the president said that Attorney General Clark is looking into the situation.

Floods Center in Des Moines

DES MOINES, June 26-(AP)—Flood waters of two major streams merged at record levels today at their junction near the heart of this capital city of 170,000 and left 1800 homeless and two given up for dead.

Along with the devastation elsewhere in Iowa and in parts of Nebraska, Missouri and Illinois the growing toll of midwestern flood refugees soared to a total estimated by Red Cross area headquarters in St. Louis at 40,000—highest since 1937. In Des Moines several residential areas totaling 63 blocks were inundated up to a depth of eight feet by the angry waters of the Des Moines and Raccoon rivers.

SEWER FUND OKED

MT. ANGEL—A telegram from U.S. Senator Guy Cordon informed Mayor Jacob Berchold that the federal works agency approved Oregon projects 25-P-56 in amount of \$3300 for advance planning on sewer facilities for the city of Mt. Angel.

Ambulance First Vehicle To Cross Aurora Bridge

Drama was instilled into the second day of bridge moving on the Pudding river at Aurora Thursday when an ambulance from Roseburg with a patient for a Portland hospital was rushed across the new span by obliging workers.

The new bridge will be ready for traffic about 11 a. m. tomorrow after being anchored in place and the approach filled with black-top.

Moving of the old and new bridges was completed by late afternoon, but the new span was still on its rollers and a drop of over a foot between the bridge and the north approach had to be crossed over planks by the ambulance.

All went well until the driver hit the pavement and started off in a burst of speed. His rear bumper hooked a cable and with a jolt the ambulance was stopped, but not in time to prevent tearing the bumper off the 1947 Pontiac ambulance. Bridge workers quickly wired up the bumper temporarily, and ambulance, driver, nurse and patient were again on their way to Portland, the first to cross the new span.

Smith to Head School Board

Sylvester Smith, St. Paul, is the first chairman of the new Marion county rural school district board, following an election here Monday among the five newly-elected directors.

Fred Schwab, Mt. Angel, was voted vice chairman. The five also drew lots to determine their tenure of office on the board. Results show that Smith will hold his directorship for one year, Schwab and Eugene Finley, Looney Butte, two years, and Walter H. Bell, Stayton, and Herman Rehfus, Keizer, three years.

Meeting dates as chosen by the board Thursday are to be the fourth Monday of September and November, 1947, and of January, March and June of 1948. The board met in the offices of Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent.

Eagles, Auxiliaries Stage Drill Team, Ritual Contests at State Convention



The Coos Bay Eagles auxiliary drill team, one among 25 colorful units which will perform at Sweetland field here today for honors in the drill team and drum and bugle corps competition at the 32nd annual state convention of the FOE in progress here. (Statesman photo by Don Dill, staff photographer.)

The 32nd annual Eagles convention registered some 1,300 members and visitors Thursday and expects that many additional today, Emory P. Sanders, in charge of registration, reports.

Nomination of officers for both the Eagles and auxiliary groups and competitions at the army and at Willamette university's Sweetland field will hold the spotlight today. Officers will be elected Saturday.

Though no housing difficulties have yet occurred, they are expected, Sanders said and persons who have rooms to rent are asked to call telephone number 4637.

Reedport Eagles delegation will arrive at the Salem airport at 8:45 a.m. today by special plane flown by William Snyder, China-Burma-India war veteran, with special catch of lower Umpqua salmon and crabs for presentation at airport to Gov. Earl Snell and state Eagle officials presiding over convention.

Preliminary competition in the ritual team contests were held by the men in the chamber of commerce and in the American Legion hall by the auxiliary members Thursday. Final competition will be completed today.

Twenty-five drill teams and drum and bugle corps will vie in final competition today at Sweetland field.

About 75 "Wings" (Eagles auxiliary members) attended a banquet at the Marion hotel Thursday night.