

'Baby X' and Mother Reunited



Mary Jane Meddlin, known as "Baby X" is reunited with her mother, Mrs. Lucille Meddlin, 22, of Selma, Ore., at a Yreka hospital. The child has been in the hospital since she was found badly beaten June 16. Mrs. Meddlin and her male companion, Hugh Gilreath, were taken to Yreka on charges of assault with intent to commit murder on Mary Jane. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman).

Farming Labor Requests Rise

Salem farm labor office did its biggest business in a month when it sent 86 men into Salem area harvest fields Monday.

Majority of the workers went into nearby caneberry patches which have been pushed into increased activity by the recent sunshine. The office also has listed several other grower orders for

pickers who have their own transportation. Other workers are being used for the hay harvest, bean hoeing and onion weeding. Picking of beans is not expected to begin until late in July, the office said.

Agency Securing Surplus Property For Institutions

Donable surplus property valued at more than \$2,000,000 has been obtained by the state educational agency for surplus property and turned over to educational institutions of the state, Roy T. Todd, executive secretary, announced Monday. Todd said he had received many other orders which were being filled as rapidly as possible. Other war surplus property for state activities, with a value of more than \$100,000, has been obtained by the agency since January 1. This property is purchased by the agency with cash discounts ranging from 40 to 95 per cent. The state educational agency for surplus property was created by the 1947 legislature with a revolving fund of \$165,000.

Gary Replaces Joseph Felton

John Gary of Oregon City succeeded Joseph B. Felton of Salem as president of the Oregon Republican club at its executive committee meeting Sunday in Portland. Ray Smith of Portland was selected as state convention chairman.

The committee accepted the resignation of Felton, who next Monday becomes a district judge as a result of recent legislative action changing the status of the Salem justice court and placing it on non-partisan basis. Clubmen decided to hold their autumn convention in Gearhart and empowered the executive committee to set the time and other details.

Harry Shute Dies, Portland

Harry Albert Shute, father of Albert Shute, 2175 N. Liberty st., and former Salem resident for three years, died Monday in a Portland hospital at the age of 71. He was a native of Illinois and had been in the contracting business in Vancouver, Wash., 40 years before living in Portland and Salem in recent years. During the recent war he was a building inspector for the U. S. army engineers.

The Rev. Willard Hall, former pastor of Knight Memorial Congregational church here, will conduct funeral services at 1 p. m. Wednesday at the Vancouver funeral chapel, Vancouver, Wash. Interment will be in Park Hill cemetery, Vancouver. Surviving are two sons, Albert of Salem and Lawrence Shute, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Marcia Hall, The Dalles; five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Coe, Hood River, and Mrs. Lillian Smith, Sheridan.

Dinner to Honor Former YM Leader

A special dinner party is to be held at the Salem YMCA Wednesday at 6:30 p. m. to honor Marion (Gus) Moore, former local YM boys' work director, now a visitor here after seven years absence from the city. Among Moore's friends appointed to the dinner committee Monday night were George Arbuckle, Steve Anderson, Douglas Chambers, Richard Chambers, Tom Boen, Jr., William Shinn and Bob Smith. Friends of Moore who wish to attend the dinner are to make reservations at the YM before noon Wednesday.

Methodists Plan July 4 Program

Many members of the Methodist church in Salem and elsewhere will attend the July 4 celebration at Barview Methodist camp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the first Independence day address delivered in Portland on July 4, 1847. On the program, starting at 10:30 a. m., from Salem will be Dr. Roy A. Fedje, who will preside at the celebration. The address will be given by Dr. William Wallace Youngson, president of the Conference Historical society.

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New Rural School Board Starts Work



Shown above are members of the new Marion county rural school board as they held their organizational meeting last week with county officials. Left to right they are Fred Schwab, Mount Angel, zone 4; Sylvester Smith, St. Paul, zone 1, who became chairman; Eugene Finlay, Jefferson, zone 3; Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superintendent; Herman Rehbus, Keizer, zone 2; Walter H. Bell, Stayton, zone 5; and County Judge Grant Murphy. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Flagg Attends Phone Hearing

Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg and two of his staff members, Chief Accountant J. L. Kennedy and Attorney E. E. Laird are in Seattle attending a hearing on the application of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for increased rates in Washington state. Flagg said the company's case has been completed in both Washington and California with the Oregon hearing slated to start here July 7.

In Oregon the company is asking for an increase of approximately \$2,300,000 and in Washington in excess of \$6,000,000. The California utilities commission recently granted an emergency increase of \$10,000,000, handled as a surcharge on all bills, and the company is seeking an additional amount of \$20,000,000 annually.

No Hotel Price Change Expected

No change in Salem hotel rates is expected to result from the passage of modified rent control legislation in Washington, Monday, according to W. W. Chadwick, operator of the Marion and Senator hotels here and president of the Oregon Hotel association. Chadwick said that nearly every Salem hotel room is rented on a transient basis, and that only in Portland do some hotels have a high number of permanent guests. Associated Press reported that Portland hotel owners indicated they would adopt a straight transient rate, abolishing special rates for permanent guests, as the demand from transients continues heavy.

Lone Bid Received On Prison Steel

The Gilmore Steel and Supply Company, Portland, submitted the only bid for reinforcing steel at \$4.75 per 100 pounds, F.O.B., San Francisco, for use in construction of the proposed new wall at the state penitentiary here. The total bid was \$33,000. State officials said the work of extending the wall to include 19 acres will start as soon as materials are available. Prison inmates will do most of the work.

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Orla Combs, 56, Dies in Coos Bay

Funeral services for Orla Starr Combs, 56, 350 Division st., who died in Coos Bay on Sunday, will be in McMinnville Wednesday at 10 a. m. at Macy's funeral home.

Combs is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beverly Beall, Coos Bay, and one granddaughter. He had lived in Salem for the past five years, working for the Oregon Pulp and Paper company. Prior to coming to Salem he had lived in McMinnville.

Wheat Price Support Set

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—The agriculture department announced today that it will offer growers price supporting loans on 1947 crop wheat at rates averaging \$1.83 a bushel nationally. That is about 15 cents less than the average price now being received for wheat sold in regular market channels.

The rates and purchase prices by markets included: No. 1 soft white or western white—at Portland, Ore., \$1.98.

3-Cent Letter Rate to Stay

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP)—Legislation continuing indefinitely the present three-cent rate on local and non-local deliveries of first class mail (letters) was signed today by President Truman. The rate would have dropped to two cents after midnight tonight without the new legislation. The legislation was passed by the senate earlier today after plans for an over-all upward revision of rates on other classes of mail had been dropped.

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Railways Gain Pullman Firm

WILMINGTON, Del., June 30 (AP)—The nation's sleeping car facilities today passed into the hands of 57 railroads.

In a brief ceremony, three railroad officials turned over checks totaling \$40,202,482 to L. S. Taylor, vice-president of Pullman, Inc., which thus divested itself of the Pullman company, its sleeping car subsidiary.

Seven years of litigation in the government's anti-trust action

Pullman, Inc., resulted in a court order requiring Pullman to sell either the Pullman company or its car-making subsidiary. After another court battle, the buying group of railroads was accepted as the purchaser.

Before today, the railroads had bought Pullman's entire fleet of parlor cars and some 600 light-weight sleepers for about \$31,995,000. The purchase of the company's capital stock of 781,350 shares completed the transaction.

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