



Polk county opened its centennial in rapid-fire style Friday with the children's parade shortly after noon. Upper right shows Queen Sybil Barrows of Monmouth and her court, with part of the parade in the foreground. Youngsters at upper left are Skip (left) and Sandy Jones, who led the parade. Just below the parade leaders are Stanley Cook, 3, and Lynda Cook, son and daughter of the Lynn Cooks of Dallas. Below the queen's court picture are Keith Miles, Jr., 2, and Myra Miles, 5, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Miles of Dallas, and their dog "Snowball." The Buena Vista scouts and leaders pictured include Gilbert Jimerfield, Harry Lawson, Reed Breerton, Ted Culbertson, Ronnie Prusett, Carson Culbertson, Ross Culbertson, David Lawson, Frank Bersin, Bill Prusett, Harry Lawson, Jr., Francis Lawson and Raymond Robertson. On the horse is Wayne Bond of Monmouth. Left to right with the oxcart are David Smith, Don Triplett, with Geraldine and Elna Triplett, dressed as a pioneer couple. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Squire

The state tax commission reports a surplus of revenues in its income tax division for the last fiscal year of \$14,585,333 in addition to the "cushion" or reserve fund of \$5,000,000. This is the remainder after absorbing costs of state government chargeable as property taxes, the basic state school support fund of around \$3,000,000 and taking up for the first time the county school fund of over \$3,000,000. Collections on income and corporate excise taxes amounted to \$30,894,233, or 35 per cent in excess of the amount for the previous year.

The fact that collections have increased and a sizable surplus accumulated makes more difficult the job of supporters of a sales tax to prove need of more state revenue. Of course the truth is that proceeds of income and excise taxes are sacred to reduction of property taxes and not available for general spending.

While Oregonians will be pleased at these evidences of continued prosperity and of state solvency they should not be limited to their knowledge of the contents of the tax commission report to the financial figures. Attention should be called to the commission's report on how it has outgrown its quarters in the state office building. The commissioners say lack of adequate working space has become "extremely critical." Until provisions are made in the very near future for added space it will become "hopelessly impossible" for the income tax division to complete its audits of returns before the statute of limitations bars.

MONEY VOTED FOR ARMY

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—Congress voted finally today to give the army \$5,482,530,000 to run it during the year that began July 1. First the house, then the senate, by voice votes approved the compromise figure for the war department.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



Polk County Centennial Grand Parade Set Today

DALLAS, July 25—Polk county men, women and children will be host to visitors from all parts of Oregon and the northwest Saturday, when garbed in their grandparent's hoop skirts and old-fashioned pantaloons, or at least reasonable facsimiles of the garb of 1847, they meet here in the county seat to observe the completion of the first 100 years of their existence as a county in the state of Oregon.

Upwards of 8,000 or 10,000 persons were here today for the initial log-rolling and log-bucking contests and saw the children's parade, forerunner of the centennial parade which will start at 10:30 Saturday morning. Six bands will be in the line of march including the Dallas city and high school bands, also bands from Salem, Albany, Newberg and Tigard.

Cherrians to March
Salem Cherrians with Cherry festival Queen Martha DuRette, several sheriff's posses including the famed Tillamook posse will be in the parade which will comprise 10 divisions. Between 20 and 30 commercial floats are expected to be entered besides many and varied old style automobiles ranging from the modern to the Locomobile of 1901.

Finals in the log rolling and bucking contests will be held later in Dallas city park. Visitors will have many things to see, or they may wait for the parade to start, or later as they choose their entertainment. Windows of the stores along the main streets feature heirlooms of the owner or those loaned by residents from various parts of the county.

Old-Time Displays
Pictures of persons connected with the history of the county, equipment, utensils and wearing apparel of the 1847 vintage are shown in almost every business house display window. (Additional details and parade winners on page 4.)

June Traffic Toll Sets All-Time High

Traffic accidents claimed 39 lives in Oregon last month to set an all-time high for June fatalities, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell announced here Friday.

The new toll tops the death score for June of last year by 11 or two higher than the previous peak in 1940.

Sharply reversing the sudden decrease in May, the June figure brings up the total to 195 at the mid-May mark of 1947, trailing deaths for the same period last year by 1919.

WEATHER

Locality	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	76	55	.83
Portland	72	55	.82
San Francisco	85	55	.60
Chicago	88	60	.00
New York	88	67	.00

Willamette river -2.4 feet.
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today and tonight with scattered light rain showers. Highest temperature today 76; lowest 53. Weather unfavorable for all farming with exception of afternoon winds which may prevent dusting.

Future GIs' Aid Rights Severed

May, Garssons Draw Jail Terms

Hubby Pleads for Lie Detector Test To Prove Fidelity

DETROIT, Mich., July 25—(AP) Deputy Chief of Detectives John O. Whitman, a married man himself, picked up the telephone today and heard an excited male voice ask:

"Can I take a lie detector test? My wife says she'll believe I'm not running around with other women if I prove it on the detector."

Whitman, fearful of an avalanche of similar requests from harassed Detroit husbands, referred the unidentified caller to a lie detector expert in Chicago. "In Chicago?" repeated the voice in relieved tones. "I'll call him right away."

3 Bandits Take \$36,000 from Portland Store

PORTLAND, July 25—(AP)—Three calm, nattily-dressed bandits, who took time to joke with a girl elevator operator, robbed a department store of \$36,000 today without being noticed by hundreds of shoppers.

The trio walked through the afternoon shopping crowd at Lipman Wolfe & Co. to an empty elevator and—gun point—ordered the 24-year-old operator, Phyllis Smith, to take them to the ninth floor.

At the ninth floor, two stepped out. One held a gun on Otto Koenke, cashier, ordering him to the floor, while the other scooped \$2,000 cash from a drawer and picked up the afternoon money bag deposit. The total was \$36,000 in checks and \$10,000 in cash.

The third man remained in the elevator, telling the girl operator, jocularly, "an awful thing, isn't it?"

Carrying the money, the group commanded Miss Smith to take them to the basement and then "go back to the 9th floor and keep quiet." She saw them separate and head toward different basement exits. The men held handkerchiefs to their faces. Police Capt. Eugene Ferguson said he thought the robbery was planned by the same gang which robbed the Olds & King department store of \$117,000 in checks and \$304 in cash June 2.

Democrats Bar Fraud Inquiry

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—Senator Kem (R-Mo) blocked by democrats in his attempt to get a senate inquiry of the Kansas City election case, challenged the Truman administration tonight to raise "this un-American iron curtain" and bare the facts.

Kem took to the radio with his accusations. As he had in the senate, he said the democrats filibustered against his proposal to investigate Attorney General Tom Clark's handling of a federal inquiry into alleged vote frauds. The case involves a 1946 democratic congressional primary in which President Truman took a direct interest. Republicans conceded Kem's proposal will not reach a vote before congress quits tomorrow.

Lewis Visits Mine Disaster Scene

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., July 25—(AP)—John L. Lewis, AFL United Mine Workers' president, made an unheralded visit today to this southern Illinois town where 27 coal diggers perished in a mine disaster officially ascribed to a gas explosion.

Lewis' brother Howard, is underground superintendent at the mine.

McNary, Dorena Dam Funds Included in Bill

WASHINGTON, July 26—(Saturday)—(AP)—A senate-house conference committee early today agreed on a \$507,000,000 appropriation for flood control, hydroelectric, navigation and other non-military activities of the war department. Included were:

McNary dam, \$4,500,000, and Dorena river, \$3,750,000.

Official Blames Standard Oil, GM, GE for Problem in Germany

NEW YORK, July 25—(AP)—James S. Mark, recently-resigned chief of the decentralization branch of American military government in Germany, said today "special interest groups" were trying "to push our government into a position of having to oppose communism by sponsoring, in one form or another, monopoly of economic control in Germany."

Arriving by plane today, Martin said he resigned to try to make clear to the American people, congress and others that there is a possibility of an alternative to permitting the re-creation of a powerful, monopolist-

locally-controlled Germany. "Asked to name the 'special interest groups,'" Martin said the Standard Oil company was the largest. He also named General Electric company, General Motors corp. and the International Telephone and Telegraph corporation.

Standard Oil declined comment on Martin's statements and the other firms could not be reached immediately for comment.

Martin said these and other groups had "queered our relations with Russia and are now well on the way to doing the same with France."

8 Month To 2 Year Sentence

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP) Andrew J. May, former chairman of the house military committee, and the munitions-making Garsson brothers were sentenced to from eight months to two years in federal prison on war bribe charges today despite their fervent pleas that they never handled a dishonest dime.

The Garssons, Henry and Murray, were convicted of giving—and May of receiving—\$53,634.07 in bribes.

This money was forked over, the government charged, in return for pressure brought to bear by May on the war department and other agencies to help the Garssons' wartime munitions combine.

As a democratic congressman from Kentucky for 16 years until his defeat last year, the 72-year-old May was a power in congress on all matters affecting the military.

"I never did a thing in congress that today vexes my conscience," said May in his plea for mercy today. "I'm not guilty."

The defendants' lawyers appealed immediately, and each of the three was let out on a \$2,000 bond until the appeal is settled.

The maximum penalty could have been six years in jail plus a \$30,000 fine.

School Fund Distribution Stated Sept. 15

Distribution of \$8,000,000 of the \$18,000,000 basic school support fund, approved by the voters at the last general election, will be made September 15, the state education department announced Friday.

The remaining half of the fund will be distributed on March 15, 1948.

A staff to administer the fund is being organized with Clifford E. Robinson, former Albany school superintendent, serving as director. In cases where schools fail to maintain the standard required by the educational department they will become ineligible to receive any part of the fund.

A. Harvey Wright has been selected as superintendent of transportation and will direct the work of reimbursing school districts for transportation, estimated at \$1,250,000 annually.

Florence Beardsley will serve as director of elementary schools. She is now a member of the state education department staff.

Dow V. Walker, DAV Leader Dies

PORTLAND, July 25—(AP)—Dow V. Walker, 61, past national commander of the Disabled American veterans, died today at the veterans administration hospital here. He had been hospitalized the past week with a heart ailment.

He was Oregon commander of the DAV and northwest district committeeman before his election as national commander in 1945.

Single-Track Mind on Double-Track Railroad

PORTLAND, Ore., July 25—(AP)—Thomas O. Miley, 63, was hurrying to his work at a restaurant today, following the Union Pacific railroad tracks. He heard an engine behind him, looked and saw it was on the same track. He stepped over a parallel set of tracks—and was hit.

"I was just plain stupid," Miley said, nursing nothing worse than bruises. "I should have noticed there was a switch at the same place I changed tracks."

Commercial Drivers to Win Watches for Safety

Outstanding road performance will net a \$100 wrist watch for Oregon's safest and most courteous commercial driver each month beginning in August, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell was advised Friday. The award will be made by the Oregon Motor Transport association.

Any Oregon commercial driver, whether operating for himself or a concern, is eligible for the prize.

Climbers Abandon Search for Marines

LONGMIRE, Mt. Rainier National Park, July 25—(AP)—Search for the bodies of the 32 marines aboard a transport which crashed into a rocky face of Mount Rainier more than seven months ago was abandoned late today, 34 hours after discovery of the first definite evidence of the plane's fate.

Hazardous mountain conditions caused a searching party to quit after having failed for the second straight day to find any trace of the bodies.

Insurance Firm to Build Sears Store

Changes of Ownership in Area Filed

Twenty-five deeds were filed with the Marion county recorder Friday to transfer property in two blocks near Capitol and Center streets, where a business center is to be erected, to Pacific Mutual Life Insurance company of Los Angeles.

Further plans for the project, for which a zone change was recently obtained, are not known by Grabenhorst Bros., Salem realtors who handled the property transactions, but representatives of the new owners are expected to reveal the immediate future of the area soon.

R. T. Tustin, jr., of Salinas, Calif., represented the insurance company in the purchase and in leasing space in the center to such firms as Sears-Robuck company. Other chain, as well as local, businesses are to be included in the buildings, which will front Capitol street between Center and Union streets, with off-street parking in the rear.

A statement issued Friday by Borden Wood, Portland, attorney for the insurance company, said:

"After study of the economic background of Salem, Pacific Mutual Life insurance company is desirous of allying itself with the future of Salem by increasing its investments in that city."

Sellers of the property, the deed filings showed, are:

Between Union and Marion—Antone Helt; Johanna Westley; Regina Weston; F. A. Domogalla; Edward Domogalla; Joseph Domogalla; Salem Masonic temple; Gertrude S. Young; estate of Roy Nash; W. J. and Mary Davis; Charles O'Brien and wife; T. G. and Lucile M. Shaw; P. L. Frazier; estate of J. W. Bolin; Charles S. Seacat; Mathias and Regina Felten; Ralph W. and Mary E. Southwick.

Between Marion and Center—Charles O'Brien and wife, two parcels; Frank D. Martin and wife; Parish of St. Paul's church; Huckstein estate; by Mrs. Blandina Kenny and Mrs. Blandina Davis; J. M. Bauer; Olive and Raymond Boehmke; Delbert L. McDonough; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Hensley; Florence E. Irwin; Glenn W. Rolofson and wife; W. S. Walton and others.

Officers View Armory Sites

Two sites, offered by the state for the proposed \$125,937 naval reserve armory here were inspected Thursday by Lt. Cmdr. J. K. Jackson of the public works department, 13th naval district.

Returning to Seattle, he will confer with Capt. A. D. Ayrault, 13th naval district director of reserves, who had previously inspected the two sites, one located just south of the state forestry building and the other north of the Salem Rod and Gun club behind Waters field.

The commander, accompanied by Lt. Cmdr. D. N. Morey, commander of the naval reserve in the Portland area, prepared lease descriptions of the two properties.

The armory has been recommended to Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal by a navy bureau.

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Senate Adds to Bonneville Funds

WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP)—A supplemental fund of nearly two million dollars to construct three Bonneville power administration transmission lines in Oregon was voted by the senate today.

The measure, which now goes to the house, would allot \$961,300 cash and \$366,000 in contract authorizations for an Eugene-Reedsport line; \$144,400 cash and \$422,600 contract for Detroit-Eugene; and \$78,000 cash for Reedsport-Coos Bay.

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Aerial Warfare Conducted High on County Courthouse

The spoils are sweet, but it's still war to the death for a swarm of bees who have been collecting honey in a courthouse cornice for the past couple of years and their attackers, reportedly a motley lot of bees, yellowjackets and wasps.

The fight started when honey, hoarded in the cornice between second and third floors on the east side of the building, began melting in the summer sunshine and running in rivulets to the ground. County Recorder Herman Lanke, one of the officials closely following developments, said the resident swarm attempted to save its store and was attacked by the invaders, also attempting to get the quick supply of honey.

Bodies of the opposing forces litter the ledges and sidewalk below the battlefield.

Military Unity Bill Sent to Truman

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This was indicated by the state public welfare commission today, when it listed \$43 in October, \$44 in November, and \$45 in December as tentative estimates. Old age pensioners would again receive clothing, medical and personal allowances which are now eliminated.

Whether payments can actually come up to the estimates depends upon the number of pensioners at that time. The commission hopes to cut the rolls by forcing children able to care for aged parents to do so.

175 War Acts End; 100 Left

By Sterling F. Green
WASHINGTON, July 25—(AP) The war and emergency ended tonight for 175 pieces of wartime legislation but another 100 extraordinary powers remain on the books.

President Truman signed senate joint resolution 123 and thereby barred new army and navy recruits from loans, jobless pay, educational aid and other GI bill of rights benefits. They continue, however, for those already eligible for them.

A thick sheet of other laws under which the nation has lived through war and reconversion became dead letters at once, or will expire in periods of one, two or more years.

Repealed laws were: The wartime suspension of anti-trust prosecutions. The power to declare new farm products entitled to federal price support, as eggs, milk and poultry now are.

Repealed one year hence are: The authority to arm merchant vessels. The authority to keep army and navy officers in temporary grades.

Allowed to lapse, but staying on the statute books in case of future war or emergency, are the laws authorizing the transfer of the coast guard to the navy. The placing of mandatory orders for munitions. The death penalty for desertion.

To Continue Studies
"It is not possible at this time to provide for terminating all war and emergency powers," Mr. Truman's statement said. But he added that he was instructing Attorney General Clark to completed studies looking to the end of the remaining war powers.

Begin Named To Legion Post

Willard F. Begin, 289 Fisher rd., first lieutenant with the 79th infantry division during the war and founder of the Oregon Legion, was appointed executive secretary for Capital Post 5, American Legion, Friday night at the Legion hall.

Begin will succeed H. C. (Dick) Saffield on August 1, when Saffield will take over full-time duties as Marion county veterans' service officer, with offices in the state library building.

His tentative office hours at the Legion hall beginning August 1 will be from 1 to 5:30 and 7 to 9 p. m. daily, officials announced Friday night.

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Our Senators

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Clatsop	6-0
Wheeler	2-1