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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"  
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## Balkan Bloc

Russia has finally succeeded in consolidating a Balkan bloc. Military power and prestige have brought all the South Slav states within the Russian orbit, and some peoples who are not Slavic in racial origin. The Pan-Slav effort which began in the time of the Tsars has finally gained success. Hungary (partly Slavs), Bulgaria, Romania (non-Slavic), Yugoslavia are clearly within the zone of Russian dominion. Albania is too, though hardly a Balkan power; and farther north are Czechoslovakia and Poland, both bowing to Moscow's will. Greece and Turkey alone in the south maintain a real independence.

Through the unity of communist control a Balkan bloc is in process of being welded. High officials of the several states have been visiting back and forth professing their community of interest. They are busy making treaties among themselves and with Russia. Exchange of goods is promised and professions of enduring friendship uttered.

The consolidation will prove political rather than economic. These are largely peasant countries which have depended on Germany, Italy, Austria, France, Britain and the Low Countries for manufactured goods. They haven't the machinery or the skills to do the work themselves. Nor can Russia be of much help in that respect. Russia has not yet been able to satisfy its domestic demand for consumer goods. So much energy and material have been devoted to heavy industry that Russians are in a state of chronic want and were so before the war gave their industry a heavy setback.

But these satellite countries were accustomed to a higher level of living. How long will their people be satisfied with a Russian alliance which produces no goods? And how valuable will be a political or military alliance with peoples who are unhappy? The techniques of the police state will probably be invoked to extinguish opposition or threat of opposition. "Trials" are already starting in some of these countries with party opponents as defendants. This will be a test whether communism can extend itself and maintain itself by force, though the test will not be determining because the peoples of most of these countries have been subjected to some form of dictatorship. It was by no means as ruthless as Russia's, giving tolerance to political opposition; but still not comparable to countries of western Europe. We shall see how successfully communism functions in these peasant countries, for they are its first experiment outside the USSR.

## Retirement and Unification

The Corvallis Gazette-Times condemns the enforcement of retirement on faculty and employees of the state college who have reached the age of 65, calls it a "silly regulation," and says "from any angle the thing looks screwy." There is of course strong resentment because of the enforced retirement of men and women who still have vigor of mind and body and able to render competent service in the field of education. But it seems a strange distortion of logic to use this application of the retirement law which the board of higher education did uniformly to all units of the system into a partisan wrangle as though the state college was being picked on, and into a rehearsal of doubt as to the virtue of board unification.

The G-T notes on the latter point that "Irritants are constantly appearing to stimulate suspicion and distrust," and proceeds to cite or create a few:

Was it purely accidental that the chancellor was located in Eugene, in a mansion far more pretentious and costly to operate than any home occupied by any other state official? Was it a matter of chance that the chancellor was brought from the same institution, the University of Iowa, as the president of the university? And that both have offices in the same building? And did fickle fortune guide university authorities to the same place for a dean of the school of education and a professor of English?

Is it outside the realm of reason that a closely associated group like this should understand each other and should work harmoniously in the accomplishment of desired ends?

Such whining is not in the forthright style of Editor Ingalls and we wonder if he has not opened his column to an unsigned contribution. The "Iowa invasion" should be of much greater concern to Eugene than to Corvallis. And just what does all this have to do with retirement of OSC profs at age 65? The author of the editorial suffers from lack of a sense of humor. He needs such a solvent to wash away his irritations and his fears, for they are trivia. The system is functioning successfully, a pretty good ash-crust is forming over the fires of ancient feuds, the people of the state have a friendly attitude toward the system and toward its various units. The G-T murmur of discontent is just an echo from a past now pretty much dead.

## Danger of Empty Log Flats

An accident near Sherwood when a car crashed into a train of log trucks resulted in death of one young man and injury of three others. The driver reported he did not see the flat log cars until his car was almost on them—it was 11 o'clock at night.

Such an accident is not surprising. A train of empty log cars is hard to see, day or night. We have observed this in Salem where such trains go through both on 12th street and Front street. Trains of empty flats also go out on the Geer branch crossing the highway at grade just beyond the penitentiary. They are a real danger and the wonder is that more accidents like that at Sherwood have not occurred.

We do not know the remedy; but clearly the burden is put on the car driver to watch carefully, especially where he knows the road crosses a railroad track. We can't abolish log trains or trains of empty log trucks, but we do not want them to become a cause of injury and of death as at Sherwood.

Several cities and counties report lowered millage rates for property taxes. This is made possible by increased cuts from state highway funds and by diversion of state income taxes to take up the county school levy. Multnomah county has an increase due to special levies for welfare voted by the county and for schools by the Portland school district. Marion county probably will not show much change, the savings in the county school tax being sufficient to offset the extra levy of \$200,000 for a new courthouse.

Queen Victoria's husband was Prince Albert, known as the prince consort. Aside from being husband to the queen and father of her children his claim to fame is the style of coat he wore—the "Prince Albert." What style, we wonder, if any, will Philip Mountbatten, prospective prince consort to Elizabeth, bear presumptive to the throne, set?

More steaks are promised for fall by the bureau of agricultural economics. Yes, but who will stake us to steaks?

The reason the 1948 license plates will have red numerals may be that it is so easy for people to "see-red."

# SEEMS TO ME

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and the season seems to stand still. Soon high fog will shut out the morning sun and the evening twilight will shorten. Maple leaves will turn yellow and drop and the foliage of the field oaks will show brown. In the high mountains the vine maple will flame with crimson and coolness will gather in the canyons. Soon the winds will freshen and whisper in the high firs, soft winds, moist winds. Nature will hoist these signals of a change of season.

For the year must complete its circle. The arc of summer must bend into the bow of autumn. Even now when time seems at rest, the earth is keeping on schedule. Before long vines will wither, and the bracken turn dull brown, and soon after that winter will be flapping in our faces.

## Kiwanians Go To Victoria

A party of six Salem Kiwanis club members will leave Monday for Victoria, B.C., where on Tuesday noon they will be guests of the Victoria club. Also invited as part of the annual visitation is the Olympia, Wash., Kiwanis club. The Salem party, expecting to return Wednesday, consists of Elmer Berg, Russell Pratt, Philip Schnell, Ronald Hudkins, the Rev. Charles Durden and Fred Klaus and guests.

In 1948 Salem will be host to the Victoria and Olympia clubs. Olympia was host last year.

## State Forest Area At 476,032 Acres

The total area of state forests under jurisdiction of the state forestry department as of July 1 has been placed at 476,032 acres, Marvin Helland, in charge of the land records of the department, announced here Saturday. This includes 401,582 acres which are owned outright by the state forestry department and 74,450 acres included in the Elliott state forest, which is owned by the state land board but administered by the state forestry department.

## Idanha Residents Are Hosts to Many Guests

IDANHA—Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur T. Chesnut went to Redmond on business this week. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Davis, Bonnie Jean and Betty Jo of Salem visited the A. G. Gates Tuesday and returned to Salem by way of Sisters and the McKenzie highway. Mr. and Mrs. E. Noyes Whitten shopped in Portland this week. Charles Sears and L. Sears visited the Gwyn Gates and also at Detroit and Breitenbach. He was enroute to Corpus Christi, Texas, where he will continue flight training. He plans to go by way of John Day, Boise and Salt Lake. Charlie is spending the summer with his mother Mrs. LeRoy Graf at Marcola and return to University of Oregon fall term.

## Public Records

**PROBATE COURT**  
Beatrice Grant, estate: Sept. 18 set for hearing on final account.  
Helen McIlwain estate: September 8 set for hearing on final account.  
Robert Johnson estate: September 15 set for hearing on final account.  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Verdanna vs Margaret Gilbert: Default order entered.  
Narcisse LaRau and others vs Mark Gill and others: quiet title.  
Olive M. Beardsley vs George A. Mills and Salem Title Co.: Defendants title company files answer admitting and denying.  
The Scip Mill and Elevator Co. vs Harry F. and Virginia L. Fretz: Default order entered, and judgment awards plaintiff total of \$2,209.  
John C. Tibbits vs Walter S. Frederick: Case dismissed.  
Fannie A. Tibbits vs Walter S. Frederick: Case dismissed.  
Joseph Bohall vs Bertha Bohall: Order of default.  
**MUNICIPAL COURT**  
Low Faust, 286 N. Commercial st., charged with selling beer to a minor, posted \$100 bail.  
Arnold Braumberger, 100 Chimesketa st., contributing to the delinquency of a minor, fined \$50.  
Clarence V. Verry, Brooks, no muffler, posted \$5 bail.  
Rodney Harris Ault, Salem route 6, failure to dim head lights, posted \$2.50 bail.  
Wittred E. Morrow, 125 Highway ave., destruction of city property, reckless driving, no operator's license and operating vehicle with void license plates, fined \$70.  
James H. Foreman, 135 Highway ave., operating vehicle with void license plates, fined \$25.  
Richard Earl Gallagher, 1816 N. Commercial st., charged with reckless driving, posted \$50 bail.  
Grover C. Stittner, Mapleton, violation of basic rule, posted \$7.50 bail.  
**MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Evelyn Clippell, 19, clerk, Lyons, and Gordon E. Turnidge, 21, farmer, Jefferson.  
Ferdinand Weston, 38, cabinet maker, and Melba L. White, 36, waitress, both of Salem.  
Harry C. Aston, Jr., dry cleaning, and Patricia L. Mammach, 17, clerk, both of Salem.  
Edward Cronkite, retired, Portland, and Elizabeth Elley, saleslady, 788 Kingwood dr., Salem.  
Elmer Holloway, 3, wood dealer, and Lola A. Carper, 61, cook, both of Salem.  
Delbert Daniel Fleming, 27, operator, and Mary Sue Webb, 21, telephone company, both of Salem.  
**DISTRICT COURT**  
Alma Duwaine Bosworth, route 2, failure to stop at a stop light, fined \$10 and costs.  
Joseph M. Teal, Jr., route 7, no operator's license, fined \$10 and costs.  
Charles E. Weston, farm labor camp, no operator's license, fined \$3 and costs.  
Norman George Brown, route 2, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, waived preliminary hearing and held to answer to the grand jury; held in lieu of \$1,000 bail.  
Raymond Leroy Langland, route 2, no operator's license, fined \$5 and costs.  
Eddie C. Bailey, 298 Bradley dr., no operator's license, fined \$3 and costs.  
John Richard Nordal, route 2, no operator's license, \$25 fine suspended on payment of costs.

## GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"It's the first time I've understood anything about foreign affairs—They say there's an acute shortage of American dollars!"

## Local Briefs

**LOG HAULING PERMITTED**  
County road log hauling permits were issued by Marion county court Saturday to Charles W. Fantz and to DeSantis and Fantz Logging Co., both of Silverton; Maurice Dorgan, Jr., Scotta Mills; and to Francis W. Pope, Stayton.

**LEE LEAVES**  
John Lee, Salem, is one of 67 delegates to the third annual Pacific regional Christian youth conference at Lake Tahoe, Nev. He left for Nevada from Portland Saturday morning.

**DISEASES HIT LOW**  
Communicable disease in Marion county reached a new low last week when the county health department listed, among others, two cases of mumps, two of syphilis, and one each of chicken pox, dysentery, malaria, hepatitis and gonorrhoea.

**TOWNSENDITES TO MEET**  
Townsend club 2 will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Marion county courthouse.

**POST 136 MEETS**  
American Legion post 136 will discuss post participation in a booth at the state fair this fall at its Tuesday night meeting in Legion hall. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. and will be followed by refreshments.

**LEGION CUTS MEET**  
Following its usual summer program, American Legion post 9 will meet only once in August—on the 18th. No meeting will be held Monday night.

**NELSON ELECTED**  
C. S. Nelson, retiring president of the Salem Barbershop Quartet society, was elected to the board of directors at a Pacific Northwest district meeting in Portland last week. The local group will install officers at its regular meeting in the Marion hotel at 7:30 o'clock Monday.

## Indiana Trip Is Completed

AUMSVILLE — Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wright, son George and Mrs. Joe Nicholson returned from their trip to Indiana Tuesday. The Mrs. Marion Keith home was the setting for a party in honor of the fifth birthday of Sharon Bradley Wednesday. Mrs. Ardis Bradley was hostess.

Present were Donnell Keith, Thomas Slater, Jeff, Kitty and Dennis Murray, Toni Holford, Mike Whiles, Loretta and Jack Gillespie, and Carl and Sharon Bradley. Mrs. Frank Perlow and daughter, Jackie Lynn returned from the Salem Deaconess hospital Wednesday and are staying with Mrs. Perlow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wright.

## Mehama Picnic Planned For Sunday, August 17

STAYTON — Annual Mehama picnic will be held at the school grounds in Mehama, Sunday August 17. Special morning service at the church at 9:30 o'clock will be followed by a no-host picnic dinner in the grove at noon. Coffee will be furnished. A short program will be held in the school at 2 p.m. Frank Selles is president; Lila (Terrell) Dophina, vice president; Lulu Beringer, secretary; and Luther Stout, treasurer.

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## North Howell Couple End Canadian Trip

NORTH HOWELL — Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Coomler have returned from a two weeks trip to British Columbia and other western Canadian points.

Mrs. A. T. Cline is spending this week with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Downey of Stayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Downey of Spokane were recent visitors with relatives here and in nearby towns.

Deep sea fishermen at Depoe Bay Thursday were Tom Bump and his sons-in-law, Joe-Price of Santa Ana, Calif., and Jim Howard of Silverton.

Mr. and Mrs. Price and their infant son, Bobby, have been guests at the Bump home for several weeks.

## Flax Festival Parade Judges Are Announced

MT. ANGEL—The Flax Festival committee announced Friday that the judges for the grand parade at 2 p. m. Saturday, August 9, would be Tommy Luke of Portland, Dave Goldman, editor and publisher of the Portland Statesman, and C. E. Eastman of Silverton.

Ted Lacy, parade chairman reports a fine array of entries lining up in bands, floats and marching units.

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