

## Taxi Drivers to Fight for Street Stands

### SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

You have an electric clock on your mantel or in your kitchen or on your bedside table. You depend on it for accurate time. But do you know just how your electric clock measures time? It doesn't "measure" time at all, as do clocks with pendulums or watches with springs and balance wheels. Electric clocks are run by motors which keep in exact step with the generators which drive them. The hands on your clock move in exact tune with the huge electric generators at Grand Coulee which operate on 60 cycles per minute.

But what keeps the generators on exact schedule? You know that sometimes your lights suddenly get dim — that is when an unusual load is put on the system; and sometimes they get brighter than usual — that is when an unusual load is taken off the system. Governors at the generators by regulating the intake of water into the turbines regulate the amount of power that is produced. But these sudden surges or releases of power demand make the governors and hence the generators "wobble" a bit on their schedule. This makes all the electric clocks wobble too, so there has to be a way of rectifying these erratic power impulses.

The way this correction of error is made at Grand Coulee is described in a government circular as follows:

"In order that the generators, and consequently the electric clocks in the area served, will turn at the right rate, the Grand Coulee power plant is provided with a master clock which is compared with naval observatory time four times each day by means of short-wave radio.

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## Boxcar Lack Plagues Mills

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—The railroad car shortage has popped up in the northwest again, and the West Coast Lumbermen's association today expressed fear it might grow acute enough to close some sawmills.

K. C. Bitchelder, the association's traffic manager, said he would appeal personally to the ICC and ODT in Washington for more cars to handle lumber shipments.

A heavy wheat crop, coal movement, and large industrial shipments are siphoning off the boxcar supply, Bitchelder said. He estimated that Oregon lumber shippers now have only 40 per cent the normal number of cars.

## Scientists Feed Seasoned Meatballs to Goldfish

SEAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6 (AP)—Meatballs heavily seasoned with paprika are being fed to goldfish at the California academy of sciences in an effort to prevent them from fading.

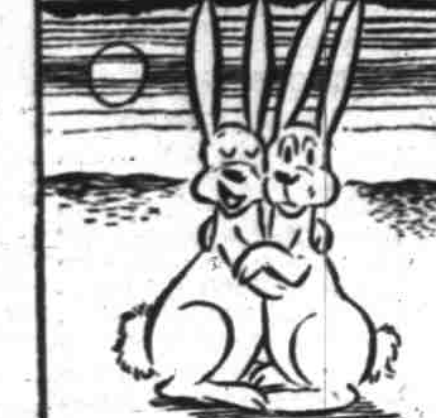
Paprika is a good source of vitamin A, which is associated with yellow coloring.

## Beer Concession at State Fair Rejected

State fair officials announced Wednesday that a concession offer of \$5,000 for the sale of beer on the fairgrounds during the 1947 state fair starting September 1 had been rejected. Alcoholic beverages have not been sold at the state fair since 1915.

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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"...and there'll be just me two forever and ever."

## Petitions, Injunction Possible

By Robert E. Gangware  
City Editor, The Statesman

Salem's taxi firm operators Wednesday painted a dark picture of their business future as they negotiated for private off-street taxi stand locations and probed for loopholes or counteraction against the city council order abolishing cab stands on city streets August 23.

Likeliest developments in the taxi owners' fight to retain their street stands appeared Wednesday as:

(1) Possible injunction proceedings against the city.

(2) Petition to the council for reduction in the present \$50 per taxi annual license fee.

(3) Petition to council for higher schedule of rates to help compensate for lost business.

**Ponder Problem**

Taxi operators said their plight is how to continue their service to the public and thereby sustain their businesses, after they are forced to vacate the five taxi stands now located on city streets — at the High street entrance to the Greyhound bus station and on State street near the busy High street intersection.

Proprietors of the four Salem and one West Salem concerns who hold licenses to operate, in all, 24 taxicabs in Salem have received within the past few days letters from City Manager J. L. Franzen notifying them of the council order that taxi stands on the street are abolished "on and after" August 23.

**Received Complaints**

The city council on June 23 ordered taxis "off the streets" within 60 days, after the sponsor of the action, Alderman R. O. Lewis, and other councilmen said they had received complaints of traffic congestion, noisy conversation and an altercation at downtown taxi stands.

Taxi operators have expressed the fear that the council order and the city's taxicab ordinance might be construed to mean that taxis cannot park anywhere on city streets — even in spaces at parking meters — after the city-marked taxi stands are abolished. The city manager, however, stated Wednesday that he sees no objection to taxis occupying any parking space found available, provided city parking limits there are observed.

**Scarcity of Parking Space**

In support of their opposition to the city move, taxi men point to the scarcity of off-street parking space in the downtown area where most non-telephone taxi fares emanate. The taxi companies are negotiating for space at the few downtown service stations which they consider about the only possible locations. The off-street area used to park Greyhound buses at the High street station already is overcrowded.

Operators, particularly those with only a few cabs, feared that loss of business under the off-street order would amount to up to 50 per cent of present business. The smaller firms rely heavily on "street business" from passers-by, rather than telephone business.

**Predict Public Protests**

Taxi men predict the public "won't stand for it" when taxis actually quit the long-familiar downtown stands August 23 and that persons entering Salem at the bus station will be especially inconvenienced.

Some drivers are looking for support of their Teamsters union, but a spokesman for the local to which the Salem drivers belong said Wednesday the matter is not under consideration by the union.

Although 66 taxi driver licenses are now in effect in the city, that number includes relief drivers and some who have since left the driving business. The 24 cab licenses include 11 held by Salem Taxi Service, 6 by Capitol Cab, 4 by Valley, 2 by DeLuxe and one by Shorty's.

## U.S. Rejects Red Atom Control Plan

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 6 (AP)—The United States rejected today as "inadequate" and "wholly unacceptable" Soviet Russia's proposal for an international control commission for atomic energy.

Australia, Canada, Belgium and China quickly expressed approval of the United States views voiced by Frederick H. Osborn, United States deputy on the atomic commission.

Osborn said the Russian plan added up to "continued control of atomic energy along national lines plus a form of limited inspection."

## Attlee Paints Hard Future for British

### Less Food, Gas, Timber Promised

LONDON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Prime Minister Attlee disclosed today that Britain's borrowed dollars were running out at the rate of \$3,240,000,000 a year and laid down a program of military retrenchment, spartan hardship, "limited" labor controls and "some sacrifice" of personal liberty as the price this country must pay to survive.

The labor prime minister spoke in sombre tones to a packed house of commons while outside the houses of parliament and No. 10 Downing street unsmiling crowds, like those gathered in the crisis days before the war, waited to hear what new sacrifices would be demanded in Britain's economic plight.

Most of the little man's worst fears were fulfilled.

**Less Hollywood Movies**

He said there would be less food, less gasoline, less timber for new houses, less goods in the stores, perhaps fewer Hollywood movies, longer hours of work.

He announced that U. S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall has agreed to high level negotiations on "the whole of the implications" of the fast-disappearing American loan of \$3,750,000,000 — which Britain had expected would last until 1950 but which Attlee said will be gone before the end of this year.

**Seek Easing of Loan Provisions**

In these negotiations Britain will seek in particular the easing of the convertibility provision, which became effective July 15, obliging her to pay dollars to any nation demanding them instead of British sterling for current trade. Britain also will seek an easing of the non-discrimination clause which prevents her from cutting down purchases in the United States in order to increase them in non-dollar countries.

A man or woman leaving a job will be required by law to find another job in an industry classed as essential to the recovery program. The powerful trades union congress gave qualified approval to the plan in a statement issued while Attlee spoke.

## State Permits City's Use of Sewer Line

The state board of control Wednesday approved a request by Salem city officials that the new Broadway housing project sewer be permitted to connect with the state fairgrounds sewer temporarily until the city's interceptor line is completed.

Appearing before the board were City Manager J. L. Franzen, Mayor Robert L. Eilstrom, City Engineer J. H. Davis and Assistant Engineer M. W. Ash.

The project, being developed by F. I. Bressler and company, will make the required connections to the sewer itself, but maintenance of the state sewer line will be taken over by the city of Salem from the point of connection to the Willamette river, according to the agreement reached Wednesday. Though the new addition is not a part of the city as yet, it is expected to be annexed at the fall election.

Two eight-inch connections will be made to the state sewer line, which now serves the state school for the deaf and the state fairgrounds. It was pointed out at the public hearing that the only alternative to installing such temporary connections, would be to construct septic tanks at the project.

## Shorter Hospital Work Week Stalled

Board of control members announced Wednesday afternoon that action to reduce the working hours of certain employees at the Oregon state hospital from 44 to 40 hours a week would be delayed pending further investigation.

In order to reduce the working hours of these employees it would be necessary to ask the state emergency board for an emergency appropriation of \$45,000 for the remainder of the current biennium, officials said.

## Vets Colony Ends First Successful Year in Salem as Haven to Homeless

By Conrad Franze  
Staff Writer, The Statesman

During the initial year of its operation the Salem veterans' housing colony on Cross street has more than paid for itself financially and in aiding veterans and in aiding veterans' families.

Current population of the 172 rental units hovers around 500 adults and children. Hopkins said he has a waiting list of about 200 names with applications coming in daily. Most of those seeking housing in the project are local veterans, Hopkins said, while a few come from out-of-state.

Turnover averages only about nine units per month, he said.

"The housing situation appears to be as desperate for a larger portion of local veterans' families, as it was a year ago," Hopkins said. "With the easing of rent controls, many veterans are being evicted, or cannot meet increased rent prices."

## Blast Hits Heart of Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 6 (AP)—An explosion and fire in an underground electric conduit terrified downtown passersby, disrupted the business district's power service, and slightly injured three women today.

The blast, apparently due to a short circuit under the heart of the city, sent eleven manhole covers flying into the air, some in pieces. Several pedestrians fell flat. The rest dashed for cover. Flames spurted from the manholes. Theatres went black. Store elevators halted. Two radio stations temporarily went off the air.

Firemen, hampered by thick, acrid smoke pouring from the manholes, battled from the street for more than an hour before workers were able to descend to the underground substation. Pacific Power and Light company, which reported three circuits broken, said workers might have to work through the night before all power could be restored.

Mrs. A. Crossatti and her daughter, Joyce, 15, who were standing directly over the site of the blast, were treated at police emergency hospital for minor burns. Joyce's hair was singed.

The only other injured person was Genevieve Lucas, who cut her hand as a shop window shattered. Pacific Power and Light company said the exact cause was still a matter of speculation. "The best guess," a spokesman said, "is an electrical failure in one of the heavy duty cables."

## Independence Bridge Plans Due in Month

The possibility loomed Wednesday that plans for the \$640,000 Marion-Polk county bridge over the Willamette river at Independence may be completed within a month.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy while conferring with state highway engineers on the project, was informed that acquisition of right-of-way land by the county is not complete. Land on an island over which the bridge will pass is owned by the Paulus Brothers company of Salem, with which the county court has been negotiating.

Land on which the traffic "cloverleaf" control will be built at the west end of the bridge belongs to the Cooper estate which has its administratrix in California.

According to a map of the bridge, which the county now has, the 2,128-foot structure will be constructed of steel girders resting on eight concrete piers. It is to be a "truss" type bridge.

## Marshall Cancels Hungary Credit

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Denouncing the recent Hungarian government upset as a communist coup, Secretary of State Marshall today disclosed cancellation of a \$7,000,000 credit promised Hungary.

Marshall told a news conference one of the main reasons the United States shut off the credit for Hungary was because numerous government officials in which it has confidence have fled into exile.

The export-import bank decided to cancel the credit, which was to have been used to buy American cotton, five days ago.

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During the past year Hopkins estimated that about 100 babies were born to families in the colony. "Many families expecting babies have sought admittance into the colony because they were evicted by landlords allergic to children," Hopkins said.

Veterans living at the project include all walks of life and the project has established a record for having law-abiding citizens, Hopkins avers. City police were called only once during the year and that in connection with a traffic violation.

The colony is operated on a contract between the Salem housing authority and the federal public housing authority. The project will continue until the president declares the end of the national housing emergency. It must be closed within two years from that announcement, which Hopkins does not foresee for several years.

## Hughes, Brewster Trade 'Did', 'Didn't' Accusations On TWA Merger 'Bribe'

### Flax Queen



MT. ANGEL, Aug. 6 — Jeanette Hoffer, Mt. Angel, who Wednesday night was proclaimed queen-elect of the Mt. Angel flax festival to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

## Jeanette Hoffer To Rule Fete At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 6—Jeanette Hoffer, 19, daughter of Mrs. Teresa Hoffer, Mt. Angel, was proclaimed queen-elect of Flax-Queen here tonight, to rule over the Flax Festival August 8, 9 and 10. Lora Travis, Mt. Angel, was chosen crown princess and princesses in the royal court, named after votes were counted by John T. Bauman, official accountant, are Monica Duda, Mt. Angel, Arlene Zuber, Woodburn and Chuck Brokke, Silverton.

Queen Jeanette will be crowned by King Bing William C. Fryer, Jr., of the Salem Cherrians, Friday night at ceremonies at the entrance of St. Mary's school.

The queen-elect is a blue-eyed brunette, a graduate of Mt. Angel academy and normal school and has lived in Mt. Angel since she was 4 years old. She was born in Hubbard. Her hobbies include swimming and dancing and playing the Hawaiian steel guitar. She was sponsored as queen candidate by William Bean, owner of the Hotel Fountain and the P. N. Smith Furniture company, both of Mt. Angel.

Preceding the announcement of winners tonight at the reviewing stand on the north side of the city hall, all the queen candidates, including Carlene Rentz, Gervais, Kay Sievers, Molalla, Esther Boland, Canby and Alyce Allison, Portland, were introduced by master of ceremonies, Joe Beichtold. An amateur talent show was also staged between 8 and 10 p.m.

## Plane Dives Into Chimney

EVERETT, Mass., Aug. 7 (AP)—Three persons, two men and a woman, were killed early today when their small cub plane crashed into a chimney on the huge Beacon Oil company farm and then dived into the wide vent.

Their bodies were discovered at the bottom of the 25-foot stack burned beyond recognition. Portions of the craft were stuck in the chimney. Police said company officials reported the plane's wings were sheared when it hit the vent and that parts of it tumbled down the chimney along with the victims.

## Norblad Urges Quick High Court Test of New Laws

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—A change in supreme court procedure to permit quick decision on whether important new laws are constitutional was proposed today by Rep. Norblad (R-Ore).

The Oregon representative said he would introduce a bill authorizing the supreme court, when requested by a two-thirds vote of congress, to rule directly on a law's constitutionality. At present the supreme court must wait for such cases to be appealed from lower courts.

"This process often results in a delay of a year or two," Norblad pointed out. "A good example is the Taft-Hartley labor bill—we may not learn its legality for many months."

## Pendleton Dusted as Malaria Mosquitoes Seen

PENDLETON, Aug. 6 (AP)—A city-hired plane flew over Pendleton at house-top level today, dusting 1,650 pounds of DDT in an attempt to eliminate mosquitoes and other pests. Umattila County Sanitarian George Amundson said anopheles mosquitoes—the species which transmits malaria — had been found in this area.

## '200 to 500' Questions Ready for Solon Today

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6 (AP)—Millionaire Howard Hughes and Senator Brewster (R-Me) put under oath today a charge and denial that the senator offered to call off a warplane contract investigation if Hughes would merge Trans World Airline with Pan American Airways.

They gave their squarely contradictory testimony at a tense hearing of a senate war investigating committee.

Hughes accused the committee of applying "the screws" to him. Brewster said attempts had been made to "trap" him into preventing a full investigation of Hughes' contracts with the government.

The senator told of two talks he had with Hughes raised the matter first, and insisted he never made a proposition to halt the hearings.

Hughes controls TWA. Brewster, chairman of the investigating committee, has denied any connection with Pan American.

Under investigation by the subcommittee are \$40,000,000 of war-time plane contracts the government gave Hughes and industrialist Henry J. Kaiser.

**Specific Charges Made**

Hughes said "I charge specifically" that at a luncheon in the Brewster suite in the Mayflower hotel here last February:

"The senator in so many words told me that the hearings need not go on if I agreed to merge the TWA Airline with Pan American and to go along with the bill for a single overseas airline."

After he refused to go through with a merger, he said, he interpreted the timing of the subsequent dispatch of committee investigator Francis Flanagan to the west coast as putting on "the screws."

Brewster flatly said it wasn't so that he ever offered to halt the inquiry now in progress — "I can assure you that I never did."

**Sounds Like Hollywood**

On Hughes' declaration that he offered to cancel the hearings in exchange for the merger, the senator said he "never did" that the proposition "sounds more like Hollywood than it does Washington."

Hughes and Brewster alternated on the witness stand in a marble caucus room crammed with the window sills with spectators. And just before the subcommittee chairman, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), stopped the show for the day, Hughes said he wants to fire "200 to 500" questions at Brewster. The hearings resume tomorrow morning.

**No Cross Examination**

Ferguson had announced that Hughes and Brewster would have equal privileges but that neither would be accorded the right of cross examination. If they want to ask questions, he said, it must be done through committee members.

The dramatic contradictions followed a sparring match between Hughes and the subcommittee chairman, Senator Ferguson (R-Mich.), over whether the lanky bachelor from Houston and Hollywood would testify at once and on what.

They finally agreed to skip for the time being what Ferguson called the main issue — the investigation of contracts for a 200-ton flying cargo boat and the F-11 reconnaissance plane — to get into the Hughes-Brewster dispute.

## Terms to Forbid County to Re-sell Labor Camp Soon

County Judge Grant Murphy and Guy Hickok, chairman for a group of business men, processors and growers, conferred Wednesday on advice received by Marion county court from the Salem farm labor camp management that the county must hold the 125-acre tract at the old Salem army camp for three years before disposing of it to private interests.

This stipulation has been placed in the deed by the government transferring the property to the county for the appraisal price of \$11,185. However, a waiver to this restriction might be negotiated after the land changes hands, Murphy was informed.

Salem Agricultural Housing, Inc., which Hickok represents, plans to continue the camp for the benefit of the fruit and vegetable industries in this vicinity by purchasing the property through the county, which has first priority for its purchase from the government.

**45 DIE IN INDIA RIOTING**

NEW DELHI, Thursday, Aug. 7 (AP)—At least 45 persons were reported killed and hundreds injured in Hindu-Muslim fighting in the Punjab. Sixteen villages were raided in 24 hours in the Amritsar district.

**STATE BIRTH RATE HIGH**

PORTLAND, Aug. 6 (AP)—A record high of 35,097 babies were born in Oregon during the year ended June 30, the state board of health said today.

**TYPHOON DUE IN TOKYO**

TOKYO, Thursday, Aug. 7 (AP)—Nine ships of the British and American fleets put to sea today to ride out a typhoon which is expected to strike the Tokyo-Yokohama area this afternoon.

## Board Accepts Over-Estimate Hospital Bid

A \$966,489 bid for construction work to expand the Eastern Oregon State hospital at Pendleton was approved Wednesday by the state board of control. Emergency board consent to award of the contract will be necessary as part of the cost will be borne by the state building fund.

McCormack Construction Co. of Pendleton entered the low of three bids, which compares with a \$700,000 estimated cost for the work of building a new reception and treatment center. Superintendent Donald Wair of the Pendleton institution said the hospital is now over capacity.

Commenting on the bid, State Treasurer Leslie Scott asserted "It is time the state departed from its previous stingy attitude toward its mental institutions," after he, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell and Architect Leslie Howell, who drew the plans, agreed that building prices would continue at a high level for several years.

Board members said they would meet with the emergency board today to discuss the Pendleton firm's bid and to again consider bids for three new buildings at Fairview home — recently rejected as too high.

## County Jobless Pay Far Above State Average

Unemployment compensation benefits paid in Marion county last month were 78 per cent higher than in July of 1946, while over the rest of the state, the amount paid in July was 34 per cent below that of a year ago, according to the state unemployment compensation commission Wednesday.

A slump in cannery employment, GI students on vacation and an influx of workers into this area recently, are the main causes of the local jump in benefit payments, a commission spokesman said.

Totals of \$34,419 in civilian benefits and \$27,161 in veterans' readjustment allowance were paid in July in Marion county, as compared with \$22,113 civilian compensation and \$12,532 veterans' allowance in June.

July's payments bring the county total for the first seven months of 1947 up to \$393,859 for civilians — a three per cent drop from the same period last year. Over the state the drop was 66 per cent. The \$327,660 paid out to veterans so far this year is 27 per cent below the amount for the same period in 1946, the commission said.

During the third week of July, of the 627 claims paid, 408 represented former cannery workers. During the same period last year, only 203 claims were paid and of these only 81 were cannery workers, the commission said.

## Dallas Man Faces Store Theft Charge

INDEPENDENCE, Aug. 6 (AP)—A man identified as Miles Roy Rymal, route 2, Dallas, was charged today with the robbery of jewelry from the Dee Taylor drug store here.

Police Chief Ray Howard said most of the missing watches, rings and bracelets were recovered from Rymal's automobile, Tony Neufeldt, Polk county sheriff's deputy, said he arrested Rymal as he drove on the Salem-Dallas highway.

Howard said Rymal denied any knowledge of the theft.

### Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	46	.00
Portland	78	53	.00
San Francisco	61	44	.00
Chicago	101	73	.00

Willamette river — 3 feet.  
FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Cloudy to partly cloudy today and tonight. Little change in temperature with highest today near 80; lowest 53. Favorable weather for all farm activities throughout the day.

## Our Senators

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