

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., challenged the scope of authority of the state emergency board at its meeting Thursday to consider approval of bids for public buildings. Under the terms of the law creating a state building fund, approval of the board of control and the emergency board is necessary before contracts may be let. In the matter of new construction for Fairview home the board of control approved a program, and the state emergency board turned it down, stating however that it would approve a program under certain conditions. Secretary Farrell asserted that the emergency board had authority under the law to approve or disapprove, but not to make recommendations or tell the board how to operate its institutions.

I think Farrell is correct in his contention. But I am willing to go farther and question whether the board has any authority under the constitution. This board is a creation of the legislature and composed of legislators. It was set up in 1912 to administer the emergency fund and say when it could be drawn on to supplement appropriations. Later the legislature gave it veto powers over certain building appropriations. I seriously doubt if the legislature can project its authority into the administrative realm in this way.

Section 1, Article 1 of the state constitution says:

"The powers of the government shall be divided into three separate departments - the legislative, the executive, and the judicial; and no person charged with official duties under one of these departments shall exercise any of the functions of..."

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Snell Disavows Senate Hopes; Cordon Silent

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Senator Guy Cordon arrived by train today from Washington and declined to say whether he planned to run for another senate term.

Governor Earl Snell, however, had a comment on the matter. The Oregon Journal said the governor told the newspaper that "I am not a candidate for the United States senate. . . I think it would be a great loss to the state if Cordon were to decline to offer his services for another term in the senate."

The Journal had questioned the governor about persistent rumors that he would run for Cordon's senate seat.

Cordon expressed this summary of the just concluded congress: 1. Congress did a "good"—not a perfect—job. 2. The Taft-Hartley bill is workable. 3. His tilt with Rep. Stockman about Bonneville appropriations is a "closed incident."

Fees of County Constables, Justices Set

Salaries for five Marion county justices of the peace and six constables is prescribed in a county court issued Friday, effective as of August 1.

The judge at Jefferson will draw \$125 monthly, at Breitenbush \$90, Mt. Angel \$75, Stayton \$125 and Woodburn \$180. Salary of the Stayton judge is fixed by legislative act at \$175.

The constable at Jefferson will be paid \$15 monthly, at Breitenbush \$25, Mt. Angel \$10, Stayton \$20, Woodburn \$50 and Silverton \$75.

Basis used by the court for determining the justices' remuneration was the average monthly fee collection by each court during the first six months of 1947, plus 20 per cent, according to County Judge Grant Murphy. For constables, the decision was arbitrary, since the officers have retained their collections and submitted no records, said Murphy. Henceforth, both officials must remit all fees collected to the county.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"No, Junior, they're not really going to kill the umpire."

Doll Contest Entrant



Judy Hartwell, age 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hartwell, 883 Bellevue st., was one of the contestants in the city playboys' annual "Doll Day" Friday on seven neighborhood playfields. Neither the duck nor teddy bear which Judy has here won prizes, but another one of her dolls took first prize in the best-dressed division at Bush school playground. The contest attracted over 1,500 entries on the seven grounds. (Statesman photo by Wes Sullivan.) (Story on page 4.)

3,000 Attend Fete Opening At Mt. Angel

MT. ANGEL, Aug. 8 (AP)—A smiling sovereign of Flaxaria, Queen Jeannette Hoffer of Mt. Angel, opened the ninth annual Oregon Flax festival tonight before a crowd of nearly 3,000 townspeople and visitors.

In the outdoor ceremonial opening Queen Jeannette, appearing in a white satin gown and carrying a sheaf of brilliant red gladioli, was crowned by King Bing Williams, C. Dyer, jr., of Salem's Cherrians, against a background of dark blue velvet covering the entrance to St. Mary's auditorium and making the arched portico atop the stairs a dias for the queen.

The queen was escorted to her throne by Cherrian O. A. Olson and was followed by her court including Crown Princess Lola Travis, Mt. Angel, in blue brocade organza, escorted by Cherrian Paul Hale; pink marquisette-gowned Princesses Chuckle Brokke of Silverton, Arlene Zuber of Woodburn and Monica Duda of Mt. Angel, escorted, respectively, by Cherrians Frank Doerfler, Don Doerfler and John Meyers; Shirley Walker, the 1946 queen, escorted by Past King Bing Williams; Chadwick, Cherrian Mrs. R. O. Appleby, ring and crown bearers Delores Schmidt and Jimmy Berchtold, Louis Schwab, festival vice president, presented the queen's ring.

Entertainment which followed included selections by the Guardsmen, a Silverton male quartet; solo by Bernard Smith accompanied by Felix Schultz; presentation of the scepter by Queen Shirley to Queen Jeannette; song by Mrs. Frank Mollenbier; presentation of the keys of the city by Mayor Jacob Berchtold; a band number dedicated to the queen; acceptance speech of Queen Jeannette; talk by President Francis Schmidt of the Business Men's club; song by Ambrose Smith; talk by Jim Anderson, chairman of the Flax Festival committee, and grand march to St. Mary's gymnasium where the queen and King Bing opened the coronation dance.

After a few dances the court was accompanied to the queen's ball in the auditorium by official festival escorts - Queen Jeannette by Frank Grosjacques; Crown Princess Lola, Jim Wellman; Princess Monica, Jack Schutz; Princess Arlene, Don Shepherd, and Princess Chuckle, Don Heggie.

Main events of Saturday's program are conducted tours starting at 10 a. m.; grand parade at 2:30 p. m., followed by speaking program; sports program at 4 p. m.; outdoor show at 8 p. m., followed by presentation of festival car and other prizes, and a street dance.

ALBANIANS RAID GREECE

ATHENS, Aug. 8 (AP)—The Greek army announced today an Albanian force had crossed the border in a raid near Ioannina, the capital of Epirus.

Stevenson to Make Plea on Shooting Charge Today; Snyder Still 'Critical'

Charged with assault with intent to kill, Fremont Russell Stevenson of 265 N. Commercial st. will appear for plea in Marion county district court this morning.

The charge was made Friday by Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden after he and Salem city police investigated a Thursday night shooting which critically wounded John Snyder, a tenant of the Blain hotel at 265 N. Commercial st., of which Stevenson is proprietor.

City police reports of the incident state that Stevenson admitted shooting Snyder at the hotel during an argument with the tenant. Stevenson is held in the county jail, with bail set at \$3,000.

A single bullet was said to have lodged in Snyder's skull, entering his head just above the left eye.

Snyder, who was rushed from Salem to Portland's Good Samaritan hospital in critical condition late Thursday night, was reported still in critical condition by that hospital early today. Doctors had not yet decided whether Snyder could undergo brain surgery.

Police reports indicated the shooting was the culmination of a series of arguments in the hotel and allegedly was sparked by protests by roomers when Stevenson refused a room to an unidentified man checking into the hotel.

The wounded Snyder and his wife, Mrs. Lucille Cook Snyder, earlier this week were defendants in a civil case brought by Stevenson for eviction of the couple from an apartment at the Blain hotel and decided Friday in favor of Stevenson at the district court. The case had been heard Tuesday. The decision provided no specific time limit in which the Snyders were to vacate the premises.

In the police investigation of the shooting, Patrolman Leroy Sutliff, first officer on the scene, reported he disarmed Stevenson of a 38 calibre revolver as the hotel keeper stood in the corridor near the wounded Snyder lying on the floor. Patrolman M. J. Mathers, who arrived soon after Sutliff, quoted Stevenson in his signed report as saying, "Sure I shot him (Snyder); nobody can call me a liar and get away with it."

Police reports also quote Phillip Edgar Braddock, a hotel tenant, and Michael Glenn, 790 N. Church st., as saying they saw Stevenson fire his revolver at Snyder at close range.

Boxcar Shortage Closes 23 Mills

EUGENE, Aug. 8 (AP)—In the grip of a growing freight car shortage, 23 smaller sawmills in this general area have shut down, larger ones are feeling the pinch and a number will be forced to cease operations within a month unless relief arrives.

This was the situation outlined Thursday by railroad lumber spokesmen as lumber piled higher and higher in yards.

Hughes Denies Making Profit On War Work

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—Defendant Howard Hughes testified today the government is getting its money's worth from his \$30,000,000 aerial cargo boat that never has flown.

And the millionaire manufacturer and flier of planes told a senate war investigating subcommittee he isn't making a dime out of that project or any other war-time business.

The subcommittee is investigating wartime contracts with Hughes and industrialist Henry J. Kaiser for which the government got no wartime planes.

At the morning meeting Hughes defiantly refused twice to hunt up free-spending Johnny Meyer, his missing publicity man.

He and Ferguson barked and snapped, Ferguson ground out subpoenas for Meyer and for Hughes' personal papers.

Hughes came back to the stand after lunch to explain at least in part why it is taking so long and costing so much to turn out the world's largest airplane—a 200-ton flying boat for which the government contracted with Hughes and Kaiser late in 1942.

The original contract was for \$18,000,000 for three planes. Hughes said this was changed to one plane of twice the planned size, and that doubling the size more than doubles the cost.

The government gave contractors billions of dollars of contracts during the war that guaranteed them their costs plus a profit, Hughes asserted.

"The only difference between these contracts and this one," he continued, "was that other contractors were assured of a fee or profit. Mr. Kaiser and I were doing a job for the government. There was no change for me or Mr. Kaiser to make one cent under this contract."

State Sued for 'Neglect' In Columbia Gorge Slide

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Oregon was sued today for \$134,126 because of a slide which buried the Union Pacific railroad tracks as Multnomah falls last year.

The railroad, in a circuit court suit, contended that negligence permitted rock and earth from the state's rock pit to crumble down upon the tracks.

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Odom on Last Half Of Flight

By the Associated Press Round-the-world flyer William P. Odom, nearing the halfway mark in his attempt to halve Wiley Post's 1933 solo record, landed at Karachi, India, Friday and departed an hour and 15 minutes later after refueling.

Flight officials in Chicago, where Odom took off at 12:53 p. m. (EST) Thursday, said they were informed by the CAA in New York that Odom put his speeding bombshell plane down at Karachi Friday at 7:10 p. m. (EST), nearly eight hours after he left Cairo.

After leaving Cairo, 22 hours and 46 minutes out of Chicago and a third of the way around the world in his flight, Odom rode toward Karachi on a tail wind.

In a 55 minute stop at Cairo he took on 500 gallons of gasoline for his plane and a single glass of orange juice for himself.

His converted U. S. army bomber, the "Bombshell," checked out of Feroke airfield at 6:39 p. m. (11:39 A. M., Eastern Standard Time) just as the sun was setting across the Nile valley.

He gave the control tower a crisp "thank you" over his radio and headed down the 2,200-mile leg to Karachi. He was 22 hours and 46 minutes out of Chicago, his starting point, when he left. Airfield officials estimated he would be in Karachi in seven or eight hours, with the aid of the tail wind.

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Bills Would Put Annexation on October Ballot

Six outlying areas seeking annexation to the city of Salem are the subject of legislation to be introduced at the Salem city council meeting Monday night.

Ordinance bills have been drafted to provide for annexation voting on October 7, to coincide with the special state election that date.

Petitions from the six areas have been filed with the city, some of them for many months. Four of the six areas cover parts of districts which last summer voted down annexation in a similar special election — areas north of Locust street between the Wilamette river and Cherry avenue and areas south of Hoyt street extending east and west from 12th street.

A fifth area proposing annexation is north of Silverton road and east of Abrams avenue. Other area is a large district southwest of present city limits, where property owners assert their petitions are signed 100 per cent.

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Credit Control Demise Signed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8 (AP)—President Truman today signed legislation signaling an end to controls over installment buying November 1 but rapped congress for not keeping a rein on credit and urged all hands to avoid an "easy payments" inflation orgy.

"Self-restraint on the part of those who use credit as well as upon the part of those who extend it," he said in a statement, "will reduce the danger of an over-expansion of installment credit which would inevitably be followed by severe contraction, thereby contributing to unemployment and to reduced production."

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SHELL EXPLOSION KILLS 10

MANILA, Saturday, Aug. 9 (AP)—Ten Filipinos, eight of them school children spectators, were killed yesterday in a village northwest of here when a U. S. army 155 shell exploded while fishermen were extracting powder from it for blasting purposes. Two others were injured.

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Hollywood Severs Film Exports To Britain as Answer to New Tax

Approval of Powers Voted By Commons

LONDON, Aug. 8 (AP)—The labor government's emergency bill broadening its already extensive powers over labor and management was approved by the house of commons on its decisive second reading today despite Winston Churchill's impassioned protest that it was a "blank check for totalitarian government."

By 251 votes to 148, the labor majority threw out Churchill's motion to reject the bill which the war-time prime minister assailed as a "gross invasion of our fundamental liberties" and a "complete abrogation" of the powers of parliament.

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Democratic Committee Election Ruled Invalid

Wallace Wins Fight Over Proxy Votes

A meeting of the democratic state central committee in Portland May 17, 1947, at which Byron G. Carney was elected chairman, was not legal because a quorum was not present, First Assistant Attorney General Rex Kimmel notified State Senator Lew Wallace, Portland, democratic national committeeman, in a letter Friday.

The opinion was requested by Wallace who, at the close of the May meeting, indicated he would contest the election of Carney and other committee officers.

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Lew Wallace, democratic national committeeman, called today for a new election of the state central committee after receiving legal support of his contention that the May election was invalid.

Assistant Attorney General Rex Kimmel, in a letter which was not a formal opinion, told Wallace that proxies must be admitted in a committee election and that 76 committee members are necessary for a quorum.

Byron G. Carney was elected state democratic chairman at a meeting in which 38 votes were cast. Proxy votes held by Wallace for Carney's opponent were ruled out.

Wallace declared that the former officers should call another election.

Prosecuting Attorney Names Pretty Wife as Slayer of Father

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Aug. 2 (AP)—Prosecutor Sidney S. McMath named his wife today as the slayer of his father, then stepped aside so that a special prosecutor could present the case against the pretty, 26-year-old blonde at an extraordinary session of the grand jury.

No charge will be filed against Mrs. McMath, pending grand jury action.

McMath, former lieutenant colonel who had won promotion and a host of decorations for gallantry on southwest Pacific battlefields, declared his wife thrice shot Hal P. McMath, 56, at the prosecutor's country home with his service 45 calibre automatic while "hysterical with fright."

The moving spirit in an ex-servicemen's successful revolt against a long-entrenched Hot Springs political organization at the polls last year, McMath declared his father had been "drinking excessively."

"I know she did not intend to kill my father, because she loved him as we all did," he said.

McMath's prepared report related that the elder McMath had abused his wife earlier this week, then cursed and threatened her last night while advancing on her with clenched fist.

"She picked up by 45 automatic with the idea of frightening him away."

"He started after her. Anne knew he was not himself. She became hysterical with fright and began firing. Anne had never fired a weapon before in her life."

Kaiser Wilhelm Jewels Lost

BERLIN, Saturday, Aug. 9 (AP)—United States army criminal investigation agents disclosed today that they were searching for missing jewels belonging to the late widow of Kaiser Wilhelm II and believed to be worth more than \$500,000.

The owner of the jewels was Princess Hermine von Schoubrach-Carolath, who died Thursday at Frankfurt-Am-De-Order in the Russian zone of Germany.

The army agents said the jewels had vanished in the U. S. sector of Berlin after being smuggled from the Russian zone.

Pre-Delinquent, Foster Home Programs Top Juvenile Needs

By Conrad Prange Staff Writer, The Statesman

A pre-delinquent home for boys and an expanded foster home program are the two greatest needs for improvement of Marion county's juvenile program, probation office directors said Friday.

From the office of Mrs. Nona White, county probation officer, came the report that the juvenile court has handled about 400 cases involving delinquent and dependent children during the past six months. Of this number about 300 are boys.

Leaders in the county's juvenile program noted a "slight" increase in the rate of delinquency in this county during the past year. Their records also indicate an increase in the number of younger children being brought in, and a recent boost in the rate of sex crimes.

Officers said that the mere increase of population in general here with an influx of more youngsters contributed only slightly to the advancing delinquency rate.

Children are still suffering from war-time neglect, and from the post-war readjustment difficulties of their families, one juvenile court spokesman declared.

Many of the children brought to the attention of the court now are being cared for in foster homes at

Eric Johnston Tells Decision Of Executives

NEW YORK, Aug. 8 (AP)—America's motion picture industry, hitting back at a severe tax imposed by Great Britain on U. S. films, today placed a flat ban on shipment of all feature pictures and short subjects to Britain.

Eric A. Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America (M.P.A.), announced the decision after a closed three-hour session attended by 50 film executives. The vote on the ban was not announced.

The tax, announced yesterday by Great Britain to combat that country's dollar shortage, was attacked by Johnston who declared in a statement that it "in effect strangles American film shipments to England."

The British described the levy officially as a 300 per cent ad valorem payment, but Johnston said it "confiscates 75 per cent of the earnings on future imports of the American film industry to Britain."

"If the British do not want American pictures, that's one thing," the M.P.A. head commented. "If they do, they shouldn't expect to get a dollar's worth of films for a quarter."

In recent years U. S. films have earned about \$400,000,000 annually in the British market and have constituted about 80 per cent of the films shown in Britain, it was said here.

Letter Seeks Stayton High District Defeat

A letter, addressed to the voters within the proposed Stayton Union high school district and signed "Board of Directors and Advisory Board District No. 42C" has been distributed to voters within the 17 school districts included in the proposal asking that a vote of 'no' be cast in fairness to areas that might be included against their will.

The letter contends that 8 of the 11 persons who signed the petition to include the Union Hill district on the ballot understood that the district would decide on the merger with Stayton individually, but that they later found that once a district had petitioned to be placed on the ballot, it had to abide by the majority decision of all the districts involved.

The letter contends that the 8 signers would not have placed their names on the petition had they known they were committing themselves to a decision based partially upon votes of residents outside their own district.

Although there is a candidate in the August 14 voting from the Union Hill district, the letter states that the board of directors and advisory board of district 42C did not sponsor the candidate.

Union Hill students have been going to Silverton high school in the past but would be forced to go to Stayton high school if the proposal carries. Union Hill only last spring became a consolidated district through merger of several smaller districts. It is now the largest district in the area.

Korean Student To Attend WU

Koh Byung Soo, 24-year-old graduate of the Harbin YMCA college in Manchuria, will enroll in September at Willamette university, President G. Herbert Smith announced Friday.

Recommended by Dr. Moon Chang Wook, director of the office of foreign affairs of the South Korea interim government, who is in Salem this week, Koh was granted a scholarship by Willamette.

Liquor Sales Continue Steady Decline in State

PORTLAND, Aug. 8 (AP)—Oregon's elbow-bending grows steadily weaker.

The state liquor control commission reported liquor sales down to \$3,294,792 in July, 6.23 per cent below the corresponding month last year. Sales have been falling for months.

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Problems confronting juvenile directors in other sections of the nation are rendered simpler for Marion county officers, it was indicated. This is due chiefly, they say, to the fact that community and residents here are more stable and social conditions and forces are steady and tend to take care of their own problems.