



New Plant at Jefferson to Be in Operation by October 1

JEFFERSON, Aug. 12.—Scutching operations in one of two new buildings erected near here by the Santiam Flax Growers association are expected to begin by October 1. About 60 persons will be employed full-time, the flax plant officials said today.

Equipment is now being installed in the newly constructed buildings which replace an estimated cost of \$60,000 the scutching and tow buildings which were destroyed by fire May 22, 1946. The buildings are at the plant on Talbot road three miles northwest of Jefferson.

Machinery manufactured by the Oregon City foundry is going into the 40 by 100-foot scutching building of concrete tile

construction with bow string trusses supporting the roof. Unique feature of this building will be conduct of the scutching process on the ground floor, with tow and dust evacuated through an underground blower system.

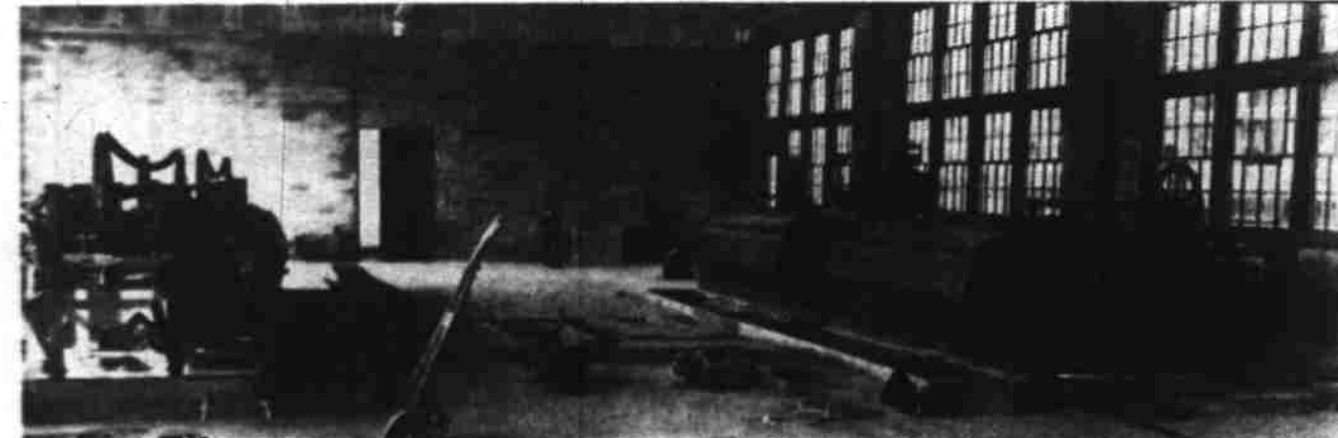
The new tow building of similar construction is 100 by 60 feet. It is adjacent to the scutching building.

Work is being done by the American Sheet Metal Co., Portland and the roofing by Mathis Bros., Salem. All construction work has been supervised by J. R. Hammer, Aumsville. Windows for the plant were obtained from Camp Adair.

The plant was originally constructed by the defense plant corporation. Last November it

was declared surplus by the war assets administration and the existing buildings and land were purchased from WAA by the growers for \$10,120. The defense plant corporation, a subsidiary of RFC, retained approximately \$50,000 received from the insurance companies as a fire loss. The new buildings and equipment are being financed by grower and other subscription.

President of Santiam Flax Growers association, which is building the new plant, is Walter Shelby. Alfred Lentscher is present manager of the plant and the board of directors is composed of Charles Hart, A. L. Page, Paul Drushella and Harry Asbahr, secretary-treasurer.



JEFFERSON, Aug. 12.—Scutching operations in a new building of the Santiam Flax Growers association plant are scheduled to begin by October 1. The new building shows in foreground of top picture above, and immediately behind it is the new tow building, both of which replace structures which burned in May, 1946. Other plant buildings are in background. In lower picture shows the interior of the scutching building with machinery manufactured in Oregon City.

It Seems To Me

By Charles A. Smyke

The "housing problem" is not new. We have been wrestling with it for several years past. But we are not kicking it. Though we are the best fed people on earth, much of our housing is deplorable. The condition complained of is not confined to cities with overcrowded and unsanitary tenements. It spreads over the country. We are developing rural slums and suburban shantytowns.

Two cases coming to my attention this week may be used to illustrate the seriousness of the situation. A man called at our office Monday seeking a change of employment, and particularly wanting a house to live in. He said that with his wife and four children he had been living in their automobile for several weeks. The children were small, but as he said that is no way to raise a family. Though he had been trying at different cities he had not found a place where the family could live.

The other case was a family of father, mother and eight children. According to information I received they are "living" in their car. The youngest child is four months, the oldest is 11 years. Evicted at Oakland they have come up the coast hunting a place in which to live. But all doors are shut. Now the parents sleep on cots alongside the car in which the children sleep. The mother has tried to supplement income by selling potholders from house to house.

These cases are desperate and probably extreme. But a view of the shanties and tiny apartments and trailer houses where families are trying to exist shows that the distress is only one of degree.

A year ago shortages were holding up housebuilding. That situation prevails today though it is less serious. But prices have shot up. The

Chance Reunion Caps Salem Man's Rescue from Sea

A surprise reunion of two former Salem high school classmates topped off a dramatic rescue at sea recently for Gail Drawson, ARM 3/c, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Drawson, box 340 Liberty rd., Salem.

According to word received here by young Drawson's parents, in addition to getting a thrill from the rescue after 11 days adrift at sea off the coast of Japan, the Salem youth was surprised to find the friend, identified only as Rutherford, on board the rescue ship.

The incident occurred after the PBM plane with the Salem youth aboard was forced down on a flight from Japan to Okinawa. Drawson's SOS radio calls brought the rescue ship to the scene.

Meyer Sups as Police Search

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The Journal-American said today John Meyer, Howard Hughes' press agent who has been "missing" since Friday while senate subcommittee process - servers sought him, lunched in a mid-Manhattan restaurant today.

The newspaper also said Meyer chatted wily with friends for more than three hours last night at El Morocco, said he was staying with friends, and added that he had been in Richmond, Va., most of the time the subcommittee was conducting a nationwide search for him.

Meyer, whose expense accounts for New York and Hollywood parties figured in the senate investigation of Hughes' plane contracts, was seated at El Morocco with a party of actors.

He did not, said the newspaper, pick up the tab for the party.

Added Recruits to Double Force of State Police Here

With six men already assigned and three more who are now completing training tentatively slated to follow, it appears the state police forces in Salem will be approximately doubled by the addition of new men recently trained at the state vocational school, Klamath Falls, state police officials in the Salem office said Tuesday night.

Newly assigned to the Salem office are Willis D. Sims, who will work with the game division, Russell L. Haynes, Ernest E. Clark, Jr., Lloyd T. Riegel, Jr., Robert E. Van Kueren, and Floyd O. West, all traffic patrolmen.

Still taking training at Klamath Falls but tentatively slated to join the Salem force are Vedlin E. Combs, James A. Hamer and John Mekkers.

The addition of the new officers was made possible by the transfer by the last legislature of \$1,000,000 from the state highway funds to the state police department.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	84	51	.00
Portland	82	53	.00
San Francisco	72	54	trace
Chicago	94	72	.00
New York	91	68	.00

Willamette river 3.4 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today, slightly warmer. Highest temperature today 90, lowest tonight 50. Winds will interfere with dusting, otherwise weather will be favorable for most farm activities.

Hotel Keeper Bound Over To Grand Jury

Fremont R. Stevenson, local hotel keeper, Tuesday was bound over to the grand jury on a charge of assault with intent to kill, following a preliminary hearing in Marion county district court.

Stevenson had pleaded innocent. The case involves shooting of John Snyder last Thursday night in Blain hotel, 265 N. Commercial st. Snyder's condition remained "very serious" due to a bullet wound in his head, it was reported last night from Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

Represented by Attorney Paul Burris of Salem, Stevenson offered no testimony at the Tuesday hearing before District Judge Joseph B. Felton. City Patrolman M. J. Mathers, whose official report of the shooting quotes Stevenson as admitting the shooting, was among four state witnesses called by Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden. Stevenson is in Marion county jail, with bail at \$5,000.

Record Day at Job Office Below Picker Demand

Despite a record placement Tuesday morning of 591 workers, the Salem farm labor office reports a need for additional hop and bean pickers.

Trucks are available at the office each morning at about 6 o'clock to transport pickers to the yards. Tuesday, bean and hop growers reported to the office that housing and camping space was available at all the yards.

Stayton Union High School District Vote Tomorrow

STAYTON, Aug. 12.—(Special)—Voters in 17 school districts of Marion and Linn county will vote Thursday on formation of a proposed Stayton Union high school district.

The 17, exclusive of Stayton which already has approved the district but which will join other districts in choosing a board of directors, were those districts which brought to vote the issue of a union high school propounded many months ago. Twelve districts were approached on the matter (see map) but are not voting on it Thursday.

A majority both of total voters and of districts affected are necessary for formation. If the overall majority of voters disapproves, or if less than eight districts vote approval, no district will be formed.

The provisions of the law thus applicable have brought some protests, particularly in Union Hill district. Proponents of the high school district, however, have declared it essential and have cited that later withdrawal of districts is possible if formal approval is given now to permit formation.

The Stayton chamber of commerce, through its educational committee, issued letters this week urging that the districts should not "throw out the whole cake because it won't fit the pan," and citing that a district can withdraw later if it wishes.

The seven candidates for the five places on the board of directors are Verry D. Scott, Union Hill; J. Peter Mertz, Cole; Roy Phillips, Mehama; Douglas Heater, Fern Ridge; Howard Gilbert, West Stayton; Arthur Sander, Kingston; and Dale T. Crabtree, Stayton.

Polls are open from 8 to 9 p.m.

Latin America May Ask for 'Marshall Plan' Neuner Ruling on Board's Powers Urged

Board Talks of Fairview Home Compromise

Possibility of an attorney general's ruling on powers of the state emergency board was considered Tuesday by the state board of control in renewed discussion of the Fairview home building program recently rejected by the emergency board.

Control board members suggested that Attorney General George Neuner be requested to rule on whether the emergency board is a constitutional agency in the matter of approving or vetoing construction contracts involving the state building fund which voters approved in 1945.

Although Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell declared "we should stay by our guns" and State Treasurer Leslie Scott urged a policy agreement between the two boards, Gov. Earl Snell expressed the hope that two of the three proposed new Fairview buildings might be erected if the control board defer plans for an employees' cottage until later.

At the recent emergency board meeting, four of its seven members voted against the combined three-building Fairview project but indicated they would approve separate construction of a laundry and a patients' dormitory. Fairview is the state home for the feeble minded southeast of Salem.

Farrell maintained "we should permit responsibility for rejection of the Fairview home construction to fall upon the men who voted against the program," in urging the board to stick to its original construction plan.

The "working agreement" between the emergency and control boards, as declared necessary by Scott, may be discussed Tuesday if the emergency board is called then to consider bids for a ward building and a nurses' home at the Oregon State hospital, which the control board will open this Friday. Estimated cost is \$950,000.

Clark to Unlimber Inflation Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—A gloves-off investigation to find out whether "conspiracies" are responsible for high prices of food, clothing and shelter was ordered today by Attorney General Clark, with jail threatened for monopolists.

Spokesmen for those industries said in New York that their respective records are unblemished, that they welcome the rooting out of evils elsewhere.

OREGON PAYROLL

Oregon's covered payroll for July, 1947, aggregated \$47,289,036 as compared with \$41,964,790 in July a year ago, the state industrial accident commission reported here Tuesday. The June, 1947, payroll was \$46,894,668.

Miss Oregon Calls at Statehouse, Salem Clubs



Miss Oregon — Jo Ann Amorde of Sutherlin—is pictured above with state officials and her Paul Bunyan escorts of Roseburg as she visited Salem Tuesday. In foreground, left to right, State Treasurer Leslie Scott, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Miss Amorde and Gov. Earl Snell. In background are Stan White, Wayne Crooch and Al McFee. Miss Oregon and her party also visited the luncheon meetings of Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce and of the Kiwanis club. (Statesman-McEwan photo.)

Officers Elected for Hollywood Bank; State Office Building Delays Outlined

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Election of officers and distribution of stock certificates Tuesday night brought near completion the organization of the Willamette Valley State bank in the Hollywood district of Salem. Arrangements to lease a building, yet to be constructed, on Fairgrounds road adjacent to Hunt street were announced.

Carroll Meeks, 34-year-old former assistant state superintendent of banks, was named president. Other officers elected at the first stockholders meeting last night were Ronald E. Jones, vice president, and Earl H. Mootry, secretary. David O'Hara, Frank T. Cutsforth, Dr. F. G. Rankin and Glenn Slenz, directors in addition to the officers. A cashier is to be selected later. Jones, Mootry and Slenz served as incorporators of the bank during initial proceedings.

Incorporated on July 18, the bank has been approved for membership in the Federal Deposit Insurance corporation. The actual charter to do banking business in Oregon will not be applied for until about 30 days prior to the opening, according to Meeks.

The stock certificates were distributed to about 60 persons at the meeting, a majority of the owners, in accordance with a subscription in escrow agreement held by Pioneer Trust Co. Capital funds of the corporation are \$90,000, including capital stock with par value of \$60,000.

Construction of the bank building, by private owners, is to begin before the end of August, with occupancy hoped for about 90 days later. Of functional design, it will be one story, 65 by 36 feet in size.

Native of Canby

The new president is a native of Canby and a graduate of the Canby high school. While employed at Canby Union bank from 1933 to 1938 he attended American Institution of Banking night school. From 1938 he served as an FDIC examiner, including two years in Jackson, Miss., in charge of a sub-district. He returned to Oregon in 1943 as Bank of Bend cashier, and in 1945 became senior examiner with the state banking department in Salem. Last year he was named assistant to Superintendent A. A. Rogers. He and Mrs. Meeks and their two sons make their residence in north Salem.

Miss Oregon Pays Visit to Governor Prior to Contest

Jo Ann Amorde, 20-year-old Sutherlin school teacher who wears the title of Miss Oregon, called on Gov. Earl Snell Tuesday (picture above) to pay her respects prior to leaving for Atlantic City to compete in the "Miss America" contest.

The tall, blonde state titlist was accompanied by her mother Mrs. Archie Amorde; her manager, Jerry Gilbo, and Mrs. Gilbo, and three Paul Bunyan members acting as escorts—Stan White, Wayne Crooch and Al McFee. She was a guest of the Salem Kiwanis club at noon.

Miss Amorde flew to Salem in a Stinson piloted by Marion C. Emmett. An Aircoupe also flew here with some of her attendants.

NO GAS SHORTAGE SEEN

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Aug. 12.—(AP)—Representatives of the nation's major petroleum producing states predicted today that the industry would be able to supply record demands in the next year, despite casing shortage, transportation difficulties and other problems.

Vandenberg, Marshall to Write Treaty

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Talk of a "Marshall plan" for Latin America bobbed up today as delegates to the inter-American conference on hemisphere defense continued to reach the Brazilian capital well ahead of opening ceremonies Friday.

It was Ecuadorian Foreign Minister Jose Vicente Trujillo who openly broached the idea of a hemisphere Marshall plan upon his arrival. The idea had been advanced previously about six weeks ago in New York by Enrique Garcia Sayan, foreign minister of Peru.

"It is possible," he told a reporter, "that an inter-American conference, devoted purely to economic affairs, might be held about the time of the Bogota conference in January."

Diplomats to Depart

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—(AP)—This country's top foreign policy team flies to Rio de Janeiro tomorrow to write a historic hemisphere defense treaty and perhaps a new chapter in bipartisan cooperation.

Secretary of State Marshall and Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) are to take off together tomorrow morning for the first major international meeting the senator has attended since Marshall succeeded James F. Byrnes as secretary.

Austin Accompany

With them in the original presidential plane, "The Sacred Cow," will go Warren R. Austin, American representative to the United Nations and former republican senator from Vermont.

The conference of the hemisphere foreign ministers convening Friday will afford Vandenberg, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, an opportunity to extend GOP cooperation with and participation in administration foreign policy to the inter-American sphere.

Assistants to State Highway Engineer Set

PORTLAND, Aug. 12.—(AP)—Two assistant state highway engineers positions were created today by the state highway commission and staff engineers named to the posts.

W. C. Williams, Portland division engineer, was appointed first assistant in charge of design and construction, and William W. Stiffler, Salem, assistant maintenance engineer, was appointed second assistant to supervise maintenance and operations.

Both will be stationed at Salem and responsible to state highway engineer R. H. Baldock, who urged the department reorganization yesterday to permit him to devote more time to supervision of the state's extensive post-war highway program.

Williams, 51, and an employee of the department for over 27 years, has been Portland division engineer since 1941. He is a veteran of both world wars. He graduated from Independence high school and attended the University of Oregon.

U.N. Warned U.S. To Protect Greece From Communists

LAKE SUCCESS, Aug. 12.—(AP)—The United States today pledged action to protect Greece against what the American delegation described as efforts of communist bands supported by Albania, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia to set up a totalitarian regime in Athens.

U. S. Deputy Delegate Herschel V. Johnson told the United Nations security council that "the government of the United States will not sit idly by while the territorial integrity and political independence of a member of the United Nations are challenged."

Declaring that the United States was ready to join with other countries to protect Greece "within the provisions of the charter," Johnson said the United States was prepared, if necessary, to go outside the council for action.

Our Senators

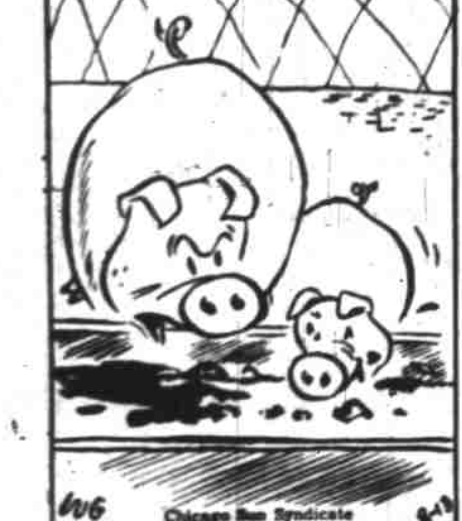
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Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Stop eating like people and chew your food."