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"No Favor Sways Us, No Fear Shall Awe"
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Cushions and Respirators

At the time of the abortive strike of engineers on the Southern Pacific some of the demands of the engineers were published in The Statesman. Among them were demands for seat cushions and respirators and the comment was offered that neither the engineers ought to strike for these nor the company deny them and face a strike in consequence. From L. B. McDonald, SP vice president in charge of operations comes a letter saying that "Southern Pacific has always provided locomotive engineers with the best possible seat cushions, and for many years has furnished respirators for use while passing through tunnels." He also cited the fact that the SP designed the cab-in-front locomotive for mountain runs to spare engineers from having to inhale engine gases. The demands were, he stated, "for mandatory and arbitrary rules" concerning seats and respirators. The settlement of this issue merely stated a practice which the company had long followed, McDonald stated, and added with reference to other demands that "the brotherhood gained practically nothing beyond what the company had offered through the mediator before the strike date was set."

The brotherhood officials had the men return to work a few hours after the strike was called but now the presidential emergency board says the strike could have been avoided if both sides had acted in good faith, and says it took place in open violation of the railway labor act. This is a serious charge and certainly puts the onus of blame on the brotherhood for calling the strike.

Workers and management must understand that this country cannot afford to tolerate a railroad strike. They must be prepared to come to an agreement themselves, accept mediation if they cannot, and if mediation fails then to submit the dispute to arbitration.

Monument at Hiroshima

From Hiroshima comes news that the people there plan to erect a statue on the order of the statue of liberty to symbolize the dedication of their city to world peace. This is the city, blasted to bits in the first offensive use of the atomic bomb just two years ago this month. The city itself, wrecked and burned but not desolate, is almost monument enough for world peace, without a granite shaft bearing a lady with a torch.

On the anniversary of the bombing of the American Broadcasting system carried a broadcast from Hiroshima. Some of its citizens were interviewed and they gave a report "of increased susceptibility to disease, of a lowering of morals, of people moving 'dully' through an atomic desert, without hate but without comprehension." Shacks are springing up where once modern buildings stood. Beauty is gone, and the people seem to have no hope or faith. That out of such physical wreckage and psychological void can come an inspiration to rear a statue for world peace is surprising.

In a larger sense no statue is needed, nor yet the desert where once a city flourished, to inspire or instruct the people for peace. The atom bomb seared its way into history, into human consciousness and we hope into the human conscience as well. It is both memory and menace.

Some have proposed that Americans should contribute to the rebuilding of Hiroshima. They are probably unwilling to do this either out of generosity or as an act of penance. It is better for us to let the people of Hiroshima work out their and its destiny. We who loosed the wild forces of the atom for Hiroshima's destruction have the duty now of harnessing its powers for peaceful use and joining with other nations in riding the world of war.

Over the Hump

Assessed valuations of property in Oregon have finally gotten over the hump left by the 1930 total. For 16 years that has stood as the peak. The figure then was \$1,125,160,592. This year the total has reached \$1,264,679,011. It is a real achievement, but it took all the construction work and all the price inflation of late years to do the job.

What threw assessments for the loss was the great depression. The low point was reached in 1936 with a total of \$392,807,907. Land values sagged, inventories shrank; much property was foreclosed. Even then property owners complained that assessments greatly exceeded amount that might be realized on property.

Now the condition is reversed. Property values have zoomed into the stratosphere. The present total is a joke if we were to take recent selling prices of old chunks of houses and apply that measuring rod to all values. Assessors make readjustments up or down very slowly.

It is a mystery though why property values do not go up faster. Take the total of building permits for the past 10 years—they would far exceed the total increase in assessed valuation, even if the construction total were cut in two, placing it on a 50 per cent ratio. Against that increase however might be offset the depreciation of existing structures, depletion of forest and mines. Perhaps the great reason for the slow increase is public psychology: people want low assessments, regardless of the fact that mostly taxes are levied in dollars and a high assessment would mean a lower millage.

We can derive some satisfaction however that at last the state has got above the 1930 peak. For while we begrudge any increase on our individual holdings we swell with pride when the gross for the whole state shows an increase.

Now if we do not get a bump that will knock us off the hump!

Rising Birth-rate

Oregon's birth-rate jumped the first six months of 1947 from 19.2 per 1,000 estimated population to 28.9 as compared with 1946. The total number was 11,686 in the first six months of 1946 and 17,607 in 1947. The death-rate remained about stationary, rising from 10.8 to 10.9. Deaths were 6545 for Jan-June, 1946 and 6638 for 1947. The excess of births over deaths showed a sharp increase. The significance of this is that our population is growing now from native increase as well as from immigration. There were a good many years when our population was almost stationary, deaths nearly matching births, the increase coming from those migrating to Oregon.

We'll have to keep this population trend in mind in planning development of private business, public institutions and facilities for the immediate future. For instance it is plain to see that more first-grade teachers will be needed in 1953, and more schoolrooms. And in 1968 more ballots will have to be printed unless there is an exodus.

Home Accidents

Home accidents are responsible for a very large proportion of injuries and fatalities. The three frequent cases of home accidents are falling the stairs, slipping on rugs, floor or linoleum, and taking a tumble when climbing on a chair or stool. A bad example of the last is reported from Klamath Falls where a businessman climbed on a tubular chrome chair to reach a cupboard. The chair slipped on the floor, the man fell entirely through the back of the chair, the chrome tube stabbed him through the body. Death followed.

One needs to watch for safety first, last and all the times.



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abundance which private enterprise promised has not developed to the point of lowering prices or even of holding them steady; with few exceptions. Meantime the price level puts new and most old homes out of the reach of families such as those I described. Necessity is the mother of invention; but so far invention has brought no solution to the housing crisis. Congress sidestepped it. The aggregate elements of real estate and building and lending agencies have been powerful enough to preserve their monopoly. Building is going on vigorously. But where can a family with eight children get a house? Or a family with four children?—At rentals within reach of persons with modest incomes? Necessity seems to have lost its fertility. When that fails desperation is apt to take over. If conditions grow much worse look out for trouble. Children can't live in touring cars.

Final Plans for Fair Follies Sent to Salem

Final plans for the huge outdoor State Fair Follies of 1947 were sent to Salem Tuesday by Helene Hughes, noted San Francisco producer, who will again be in charge of the nightly revue.

Miss Hughes, who recently produced a pageant for Rotary International in San Francisco, will utilize all of the music from the movie, "State Fair." Buddy Rich and his 17-man orchestra, who recently opened at the Edgewater Beach in San Francisco to a capacity crowd, will play for the follies in front of the racing grandstand.

Fanny Sanborn, comedy xylophonist, will be among featured performers as will be the famed Lipham Four, a family of acrobats who have spent the last three years as stars of the Ken Murray "Blackouts" in Hollywood. Other headliners will include Russ Byrd, network radio singer of Hollywood, and Pat Patterson and his puppets, generally regarded as one of the top vaudeville acts of the nation.

Included in the cast will be the Helene Hughes Precision Dancers, who have been extremely popular with Salem audiences in 1941 and 1946. Miss Hughes will bring a company of 80 which includes her own wardrobe, property and musical departments.

James Ward Rites Thursday

Services will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday, August 14, for James M. Ward, who died at the residence, 94 Abrams ave., Monday at the age of 79 years. Services will be at the Clough-Barrick chapel and interment at City View cemetery.

Ward was born in Vernon county, Montana, in 1868 but had lived in Salem since 1907. He had spent most of his life as a farmer. He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Alvin Marr, and Mrs. J. L. Sim, both of Salem; Mrs. Arnold Wenger, Pacific City, Oregon; and Mrs. W. K. Harwell, Boise, Idaho; one son, D. A. Ward, Salem; one sister, Mrs. Barbara Brown, Belgrade, Montana; four grandchildren and one great grandchild.

WORK ON TELEPHONES

Work was begun Tuesday on the trunk lines for the telephone switchboard that is to be installed at the city hall in connection with the new police radio station. All incoming calls to the city hall are to be handled by the radio operator, with trunk lines in each of the offices when the work is completed.

Obituary

WARD—James M. Ward, late resident of 94 Abrams ave., Monday, August 11, at the age of 79 years. Father of Mrs. Alvin Marr, Mrs. J. L. Sim and D. A. Ward, all of Salem; Mrs. Arnold Wenger of Pacific City, Ore., and Mrs. W. K. Harrell of Boise, Idaho, and brother of Mrs. Barbara Brown of Belgrade, Mont. Also survived by four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Services will be held Thursday, August 14, at 3 p. m. at the Clough-Barrick chapel. Interment at City View.

SPOON

At the residence at West Salem, August 11, Claude A. Spoon, at the age of 68 years. Husband of Edith B. Spoon of Salem; father of Alvin George Spoon of Seattle, Muriel E. Spoon of Sixes, Ore., and Leah H. Hayes of Port Orford; son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Spoon and brother of Mildred Mortensen-Cora Conley, Lena Brock and Madge Hunt. Services will be held Wednesday, August 13, at 1:30 p. m., at the W. T. Rigdon chapel. Interment in Belcrest Memorial park.

SIMMERS

At the residence, 1980 Ferry st., Arthur Simmers, Tuesday, August 12, at the age of 85 years. Husband of Annie Simmers of Salem; father of Edith Midway dr., a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem General hospital.

FERGUSON

Raymond J. Ferguson, at his residence at route 4, Salem, Tuesday, August 12. Survived by his wife, Mrs. Esther Ferguson of Salem; his mother, Mrs. Nellie J. Ferguson of Salem; his sister, Mrs. Maxine Adams of Salem; and two brothers, Ralph and Curtis Ferguson, both of Salem. Recitation of the rosary Wednesday, August 13, at 8 p. m. at the Clough-Barrick chapel. Services will be held Thursday, August 14, at 10 a. m. at St. Joseph's Catholic church. Interment in Belcrest Memorial park.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"There, there!—Your father wasn't perfect either when I married him—He had a mind of his own then, too!"

U.S. Official Sees Farm Labor Office Set Employment Record

Marion county's farm labor placement program is one of the best on the Pacific coast. C. G. Gaylord, western representative of the federal extension service, said Tuesday as he visited the Salem farm labor office.

His visit Tuesday morning corresponded to a record-breaking placement day at the office. A total of 591 workers—largest daily placement in the office's history—was placed on trucks. Most were taken to hop and bean yards. Fifty-seven vehicles from 51 growers were at the loading zone, Mrs. Gladys Turnbull, Salem farm labor assistant, said.

Gaylord, whose jurisdiction extends over all the western states, is on a tour of the district. He will leave Corvallis today for Washington. While in Salem he was accompanied by Ben Tucker, assistant state supervisor of emergency farm labor, Corvallis.

An increase in the quantity and quality of migrant workers, improved farmer-worker relations, added migrant housing facilities and definite beneficial effects of the farm labor information centers are a few of the changes Gaylord noted in his tour of the states.

Appraised Service
While present at the local office's loading period Tuesday morning, Gaylord said he appraised the "personalized and efficient service given farmers and workers by the Salem farm labor assistants. I also noted the cooperation and respect given by farmers and workers to the staff—something that is often lacking in other areas."

Regarding the return of the farm labor placement division to the state employment service early in 1948, Gaylord expressed hope that with added funds and experience gained in war-time placement activities, the farm labor program will continue to serve the farmers' interests.

The Salem office, along with other farm labor offices over the state will close Dec. 30, 1947. Final date for disposition of equipment and personnel of the office is Jan. 30, 1948, Tucker said. He revealed that there are now 22 full-time labor offices in Oregon, in addition to seasonal offices and a few sub-offices.

Operates Farms
The program also operates eight domestic farm labor camps in Oregon. Total personnel involved in the state-wide program is something less than 70, Tucker estimated. He also revealed that Marion county ranks among the top three counties in the nation in farm labor placements.

Following his visit at the farm labor office, Gaylord's itinerary Tuesday included a viewing of machine- and hand-picked hop operations in Mission Bottom district, a noon interview over station KOCO and a tour of Stayton and West Stayton bean yards.

Valley Births

BUREN—To Mr. and Mrs. Herman Buren, 1369 S. 13th st., a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

MAHAN—To Mr. and Mrs. Delmar D. Mahan, Salem route 8, a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

CUMMINGS—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Cummings, Salem route 3, a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

JOHNSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Linden Johnson, Amity, a son, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

WASSON—To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wasson, 1155 S. 14th st., a son, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem Deaconess hospital.

QUACKENBUSH—To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Quackenbush, 3875 Midway dr., a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem General hospital.

LATNE—To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Latne, Salem route 9, a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem General hospital.

NEUHARTH—To Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Neuarth, 418 Evergreen ave., a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem General hospital.

WHITE—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert White, 950 N. 14th st., a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem General hospital.

LIVESAY—To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Livesay, 270 Mabel st., a daughter, Tuesday, August 12, at Salem General hospital.

Crews Finish Widening Job On 12th Street

The 12th street widening project which has increased width of the thoroughfare from 30 to 46 feet from Bellevue street to Mission street was completed Tuesday with the exception of some minor patching work. City Engineer J. H. Davis reported last night. The job, only one of several the city is working on at present, has been in progress several weeks.

Paving of the west side of High street between Chemeketa and Court streets will begin Thursday, Davis said, and curbing on the east side of the same block will be poured at the same time. Staking of the block between between Court and State streets began Tuesday, and actual work on that block will begin today or tomorrow. Only the east side of that block will be widened, the west already conforming to the new width.

The high street project will be done block by block until the entire stretch from Chemeketa street to Ferry street is completed, Davis said, so as to disrupt traffic on the street as little as possible.

Another city paving crew is working at present on Grant and Fairfield streets and will move to Rural avenue next to pave the stretch between south Commercial and John streets. The "black top" crew is finishing up on Jefferson street, will move to Claude street next, and then will pave several blocks on Superior and east Nob Hill streets, Davis reported.

R. J. Ferguson Dies, Funeral Set Thursday

Raymond J. Ferguson died at his residence on Salem route 4, Tuesday, August 12. Ferguson, a veteran of the first world war, had lived in Salem 55 years.

He is survived by his widow, Esther, his mother, Mrs. Nellie J. Ferguson, a sister, Mrs. Maxine Adams, and two brothers, Ralph and Curtis Ferguson, all of Salem.

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Mogan Tells Of Germany

Although trials of the thousands of nazis arrested after the war in Germany will probably last another year, the de-nazification of inhabitants of the American zone of the country is progressing about as rapidly as can be expected. Lt. Colonel Farley E. Mogan, former Oregon state policeman now on terminal leave from the army, told members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at the Marion hotel Tuesday noon.

Punishment for persons found guilty by the juries made up of anti-nazi Germans usually consists of several years at hard labor, Mogan said. The labor is usually cleaning up of debris left in the war-ravaged country.

Mogan reported that the German civil police, after many original difficulties, has become a fairly satisfactory force but needs much more polishing before it becomes 100 per cent effective.

Rossman Talks on Uses of Science in Crime Detection

Scientific investigation of crimes to establish the guilty party was the subject of a talk by Justice George Rossman at Salem Kiwanis club luncheon Tuesday in the Marion hotel.

The Oregon jurist traced the progress made from the time when confession by the defendant was the only evidence considered until the present time "when almost every police officer has some knowledge of scientific detection of the crime."

Evidence presented in the Lindbergh kidnaping case in 1932 was considered in some detail by the speaker who traced the famous "marks on the ladder" by which officers were enabled to trace the man later convicted of the crime.

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Marion Grangers Picnic on Sunday

SILVERTON — More than 100 members and friends of the 16 subordinate granges were present Sunday for the annual summer picnic of Marion county Pomona grange held at the Collidge and McClaine park here.

Pomona lecturer, Mrs. George Henderson of Salem was in charge of the program and George Sandner, Stayton, Pomona master was official host.

Sharon Lee Hannon of Silverton won first place in the bubble gum display. Other contest winners were women's walking race, Mrs. Esther Hartley of Ankeny; stunt race, Arden Parker of Macleay; girls' ball throwing, Ida Jo Henderson of Ankeny; men's ball throwing, Willie Tate of Union Hill; balloon blowing, Frank Judd of Red Hills; Childs foot race, Frances Benson of Silverton Hills; women's foot race, Mrs. Edith Miller of Ankeny.

Appearing on the program were Roy Hewitt, Salem; Frank Judd, Clarence Overhalt, Stayton; Edith Miller, Mrs. Bessie Porter, Otto Dahl, all Silverton.

SEEKS NAME CHANGE

August 10 has been set as a hearing date on a petition from Jackson Reiser Biesinger seeking to change his name to Jackson Reizer Hazelett. The hearing will be in Marion county circuit court.

ASKS PORTLAND FARE RISE

PORTLAND, Aug. 12 —(AP)— A hearing on a proposal to make bus and streetcar fares 10 cents straight in Portland will be held by the city council here August 20.

Loss of Blood Weakens Man In Accident

CENTRAL HOWELL, Aug. 12—Everett Milne, 36, is recovering from the effect of an unusual accident which occurred Saturday afternoon when he inadvertently stabbed himself in the fleshy part of his leg while cutting a weed in his grain field.

While no artery was severed, he lost so much blood that he was unable to start his car after crawling to it. He was there for three hours before his 11-year-old nephew, Glen Leigh, seeing the car in the field, investigated.

The boy went for his mother, who is Milne's sister, but she was unable to start the Milne car so she went for her own car, but was unable to transfer the injured man. So she summoned the injured man's wife, who took Milne to Silverton, six miles away.

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