

T SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

In the wake of the sales tax election comment turns toward the composition of the next legislature which will have the squawling infant of Oregon's tax problem to nurse. The Oregon Voter whose cover admits "We lost," both in poetry and in prose calls on the people to elect "men of true worth." Previewing the situation a year and a half hence it concludes:

"We need in the 1949 legislature the best men and women districts of the state to provide. It is high time for us to get busy, each of us in his home district, to get men of character nominated." The labor and "liberal" press on the other hand, which fought the sales tax is whetting an axe for the members of the last legislature who passed the sales tax bill. The Oregon Teamster for instance says:

"The thing to do now is to go to the polls and vote permanent retirement for the senators and representatives who seem to be determined to increase living costs for those who can least afford it." As far as "quality" goes the last legislature was distinguished. To a much greater degree than usual it was composed of men and women of high standing in their communities and of higher-than-average ability. Take the senate: if one were to handpick its membership from over the state one could hardly expect to obtain a body of men more able and more devoted in their desire to serve the people of Oregon. The house had many fine and able members but lacked

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Navy Day in City to Feature Speech, Dance

A morning program in the Elsinore theatre followed by noon luncheon at the chamber of commerce and a night dance in the armory are to be the three main features of Salem's Navy day celebration October 27, according to Dave Hoss, Navy day committee chairman, Thursday.

At the theatre morning ceremonies Willamette university will be presented a plaque for its part in the V-12 program during the war. Presentation will be made by Capt. Gerald D. Zummehlen, USN, Inspector-instructor of the naval reserve in this area.

Because of the crowded theatre which is expected to result when university students, visiting dignitaries, and about 100 members of Salem's naval reserve unit pack the Elsinore, that part of the program will not be open to the public, Hoss said.

Admiral Thomas L. Gatch, native of Salem, but now living in Portland, will deliver the Navy day address at the chamber of commerce luncheon. Special guests at the luncheon will be the personnel of the local navy recruiting office. Admiral Gatch will also make afternoon radio appearances and will visit Salem senior high school.

The Navy day dance will begin at 9 p. m. in the armory. It is to be open to the public with no admission charged, Hoss said. Gov. Earl Snell and Adm. Gatch will lead the grand march.

Clark to Probe Grain Gambling

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16 (AP)—President Truman said today Attorney General Clark is investigating gambling on grain exchanges and in fibers, but Secretary of Agriculture Anderson said no evidence has been uncovered yet that any laws have been broken.

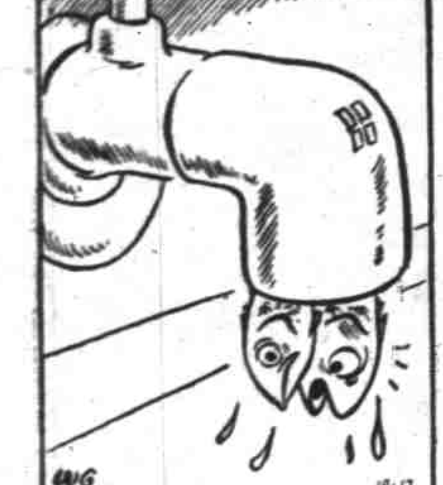
At one news conference, Mr. Truman blamed high food prices largely on what he termed gambling on the grain exchanges.

While the chief executive suggested that reporters go to the justice department for details about the investigations of what he called gambling, officials there declined to talk.

In Kansas City and Minneapolis, top grain men said an inquiry would be welcome and that heavy government buying of grain for export not gambling, is responsible for rising grain prices.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"I told you we should have turned left."

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| | Max. | Min. | Precip. |
| SALEM | 61 | 41 | 1.50 |
| Portland | 61 | 41 | 1.50 |
| San Francisco | 66 | 50 | 0.00 |
| Chicago | 62 | 46 | 0.00 |
| New York | 80 | 56 | trace |

Willamette river: 5.5 feet.
FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary Bldg., Salem): Mostly cloudy with occasional showers today and tonight. Highest temperature today, 60 degrees; lowest tonight, 45 degrees. Weather unfavorable for most farm work.

Gale Crushes Docks on Coast, Covers Oregon

Wrecking, Moving Make Way for Trading Site



Now under way in the 2 1/4-block site of a future \$2,000,000 retail trading center north and east from the Capitol-Center streets intersection are wrecking and moving of buildings such as pictured above. Most of the 27 houses in the area were sold to private bidders by Grabenhorst Bros., local realtors handling the transaction for Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. In upper photo, the old Demogalla house at 446 N. Capitol st. is being dismantled by (left to right) Martin Svarverud, 2925 N. 19th st. and E. J. Lukasonis, 1635 N. 26th st., who will sell the salvaged lumber. Below is shown one of the nine or ten houses to be moved intact to new locations. This is the former Charles Seacat residence at 1163 Marion st., now blocked up and ready for the movers. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Salem Community Chest Drive Near 90% of Goal

Salem Community chest leaders Thursday forecast and tentatively proclaimed victory in their campaign for \$100,000 which to support 17 local and state character-building and welfare agencies in the year to come.

Division totals in the final general report session showed only \$89,122 actually raised, but General Chairman A. C. Hagg said on the basis of this showing, "We will go over the top."

Hagg and division chairmen, however, stressed the importance of final cleanup of the solicitation and arranged to meet privately Tuesday noon to add up the final totals. The reports Thursday were given during the Salem Lions club luncheon in the Marion hotel.

The women's division under Mrs. L. V. Benson claimed the spotlight Thursday when it came in with 103 per cent of its quota, for a total collection of \$11,359.

Three other divisions with quotas among the largest went over the top with about 101 per cent each—Edwin Schreder's mercantile division with \$15,030, Henry Kropp's professional division with \$10,817 and Clair Brown's automotive and transportation division with \$8,049.

Other division reports: Education, \$3,356 or 89 per cent; industrial, \$11,729 or 88 per cent; rural, \$3,761 or 82 per cent; utilities, \$1,934 or 81 per cent; contractors, \$7,553 or 78 per cent; governmental, \$7,092 or 73 per cent; general gifts, \$7,142 or 71 per cent; West Salem, \$1,300 or 59 per cent.

Women Lauded
The women's division leaders who headed some 400 women in a door-to-door solicitation received special recognition for their work at the Thursday meeting.

Orchids were presented by Mrs. B. O. Schucking to Mrs. Benson, the chairman, and her 12 team captains, Mrs. George Hoffman, Mrs. Kenneth Potts, Mrs. Leon Lassus, Mrs. Richard Meyer, Mrs. George Spaur, Mrs. Frank V. Prime, Mrs. C. W. Paulus, Mrs. Philip Allison, Mrs. A. D. Woodman, Mrs. Elmer O. Berg, Mrs. A. A. Schram and Mrs. Glenn Faxon. In the absence of the latter two women, the orchids were accepted by Mrs. Edwin Roth and Mrs. R. L. Coie.

Campaign leaders voiced their appreciation to Mrs. Schucking for the orchids in addition to other generous contributions to the chest.

Citation Given Haag
Carl Hogg, president of the Salem chest, presented Chairman Haag a framed citation for meritorious community service.

Speaker for the victory occasion

Mail-Order House Fails to Fit View

ASTORIA, Oct. 16 (AP)—A clerk's error gave Donald Riswick the wrong house, so he's sending it back, he said today.

Riswick, a former B-24 gunner, said he ordered house No. 3-A-2R, so he could take advantage of a magnificent Columbia river vista from his living room window. When he got it set up, the front room window looked onto the back yard, and he could see the river from his kitchen window. The Portland prefabrication firm had sent him No. 3-A-1R.

So he is loading the whole thing on five huge trucks and sending it back.

Sports Fans Honor Bevins At Breakfast

Bill Bevins will be on the receiving end of a welcome home this morning at the Marion hotel as 350 persons gather at a Salem Breakfast club session to honor the local man who came within one out of a no-hit game while pitching for the New York Yankees in the recent world series. The event will start promptly at 7 a. m.

During the festivities Bevins will be presented with a traveling bag by Harry Collins, president of the Breakfast club.

In addition to the big hurler, other sports personalities will be present including Jack Wilson, manager of the Salem Senators; Jerry L. Hillie, Willamette's grid skipper; John Lewis, Bearcat basketball mentor; and Harold Hawk, Salem high school coach. Also on hand will be state, county and city dignitaries and folk from the Woodburn, Hubbard and Dallas areas where "Bev" gained early pitching experience.

Special guests will be Eugene Silke, Bevins' high school coach at Hubbard, and Pete DeGuire, who guided the American Junior league club Bill played on at Woodburn.

A Portland delegation is also expected to be present. (Additional details on sports page.)

Hoover's Doctors Advise 'Slow-Down'

NEW YORK, Oct. 16 (AP)—Herbert Hoover's physicians have suggested that the 73-year-old former president "curtail his schedule of social activities" to help speed his recovery from an attack of shingles.

This was the reason, his secretary said today, that Hoover cancelled a speaking engagement last night at a dinner opening the 75th anniversary fund raising campaign for Wellesley college.

LABEL 'RED' CALLED LIBEL
ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 16 (AP)—The New York court of appeals ruled unanimously today that a false charge branding a person a communist or communist sympathizer constituted grounds for libel action in the courts.

Speaking Frankly

Number 3 of the dramatic inside story of momentous times, written by ex-Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, is on page 4 of this issue of The Oregon Statesman. Subsequent chapters will be published in the next two weeks. Don't miss "Speaking Frankly!"

Slide Endangers Santiam Road; River Over Banks at Jefferson

Lewis Sulks As AFL Meet Elects Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16 (AP)—Snubbed by John L. Lewis, the American Federation of Labor today dropped the craggy-browed chief of the United Mine Workers from its ruling councils for the coming year.

Making good his defiant threat not to serve again on the executive council that he had savagely castigated as "dehydrated," Lewis and his mine workers were conspicuously absent for the annual election at the concluding session of the two-weeks convention.

To Lewis' place on the executive council was elected Daniel W. Tracy, 54, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

All other officers were reelected without opposition and Cincinnati was chosen for the 67th annual convention next year.

Standing ovations were given 74-year-old William Green, reelected for the 24th time as president, and George Meany, the New York plumber, reelected secretary-treasurer.

Meany and Daniel J. Tobin, president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, emerged from the turbulent convention scene as undisputed strong men of the AFL.

Today Lewis sulked in his tent with his miners when the election of officers came up. He was neither a candidate nor a nominee.

Ship Repaired In Rough Seas

WARRENTON, Ore., Oct. 16 (AP)—The tanker Esso Bethlehem, disabled off the Oregon coast, resumed its southbound course today, the coast guard reported, after its crew succeeded in repairing the ship's broken steam line.

The coast guard cutter Mallow made a 40-mile dash to its aid after the vessel sent a distress call at 5:40 a. m. saying it was drifting toward the coast in rough seas.

However, the crew made the repairs after anchoring about nine miles off the Tillamook bay area.

Lack of Quorum Stymies Council For Second Time

Stymied for the second time this week for lack of a quorum, the Salem city council Thursday night adjourned without action until Monday, October 27, at 7:30 p. m.

The meeting time will coincide with the scheduled second October meeting of the council, so in effect the regular first meeting has been skipped by the aldermen.

Only four of the eight council members were present last night, with the official attendance check showing Mayor R. L. Elfstrom in LaGrande where he has been meeting with the League of Oregon Cities, Alderman Daniel Fry in California and Alderman David O'Hara and Albert H. Gille both ill. The latter, who has been on hand Monday, became ill at dinner Thursday. Alderman R. O. Lewis, who had been absent Monday, was on hand last night.

60-Foot Waves Reported on Coast as Lowlands Flood

As 60-foot waves crashed on the Oregon coastline Thursday, the Salem area remained rain-swept for the third straight day. However the 1.59 inches of rain recorded since 10:30 p. m. Wednesday to 10:30 p. m. Thursday was just .32 inch less than for the previous 24 hours, the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field reported last night.

Thursday's precipitation brought the total rainfall so far this month to 5.77 inches. The average for the entire month of October is only 2.91 inches, the weather bureau reported.

The forecast for the next several days was continued rain "but confined in showers of less quantity." The bureau expected a little let-up in the downpour which deluged the state and sent most of its rivers roaring to dangerous heights.

Flood stage of 13 feet on the Santiam river at Jefferson was topped by at least a foot Thursday night. Residents living along the river, however, reported late last night no dangerously flooded areas. In general last night, weather bureau reports indicated that Willamette river headwaters and tributaries were falling and would continue to do so.

Squalls Buffet Shipping
While heavy squalls buffeted shipping offshore, towering waves Thursday wrecked Sunset docks in Depoe bay and logs swirling violently in Siletz bay threatened to destroy a new dock there. Giant waves crashed over the rocks at Boiler bay, and in the easily flooded lands near Kernville in Lincoln county some residents were forced to travel to and from their houses by boat.

The state highway commission Thursday warned all motorists against use of the North Santiam highway, which is dangerous because of a slide at Sardine creek, four miles east of Niagara. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock suggested that motorists use the South Santiam highway.

Crest Moves North
Crest stage on the upper Willamette was expected early tonight and the weather bureau believes it will move down stream slowly. It is expected to reach Harrisburg and other mid-Willamette cities tonight.

At Salem last night the Willamette reached 5.5, having risen 4.8 feet during the day. A crest of 11 feet was expected late tonight or early Saturday. The river was rising Thursday night at the rate of about six inches per hour. Danger mark here is considered 14 feet and flood stage is 20 feet.

Red Cross Ready
As winter storms began to rumble over the Willamette valley again, the general disaster committee, Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross, began its annual preparations for rescue work in this area this winter.

Thursday, I. A. DeFrance, committee chairman, announced that the disaster-relief committees were appointed and ready for flood, fire or other calamities.

Fire at Gas Storage Tank Extinguished

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 16 (AP)—Flames, believed started by a stray spark, enveloped a 100,000 cubic foot storage tank of the Portland Gas & Coke company today but were extinguished by chemicals before gas in the tank could ignite.

Thirty pieces of fire equipment and 300 firemen went to the blaze. Fire Marshal Miles Woodworth estimated damage at about \$50,000.

'Freedom Train' to Visit Salem March 23

The "Freedom Train," which carries famed documents of United States history will visit Salem next March 23, according to an Associated Press report Thursday night. The train will also be in Portland on March 20-21 and in Eugene March 22.

QUICKIES



"According to their sales chart the firm downstairs is getting a few nibbles on their Statesman Want Ad!"

School Board Keeps Eye on Shifting, Growing Population in Salem Area While Planning School Expansion Program

By Winston H. Taylor
Staff Writer, The Statesman

Including buildings and additions already being considered, present senior high school facilities probably will serve Salem adequately for another 10 years and the junior high schools for five years, but growing pains already have started for the elementary schools, according to Superintendent Frank B. Bennett.

No new construction to relieve these filled-to-capacity buildings has been done for 20 years, since Leslie junior high was built in 1927, he reminded.

An actual school census of the district to begin immediately may lead to plans for a long range building program which school board members figure would involve a bond issue approximating \$2,000,000. The survey is to be taken by areas served by each grade school in order to show how the births and immigration of the past five years will affect that territory's needs.

Results in November
Some results are expected to be

care for one group, and a portion of the library serves another.

In another case, Middle Grove school enrollment has grown more than one-fourth from its opening day "confortable" status, due to nearby residential developments.

Something must be done, he stressed, to relieve crowded conditions in several schools by new fall — whether it be new buildings or additions to present ones.

Since both urban and rural areas are increasing in population, the program is deeply involved with the six areas consolidated last spring with Salem district.

Projects Included
Projects already under consideration include music and vocational additions at the senior high school, new junior high school in West Salem, grade school in the Capitola area and a grade building at Four Corners. Land for the three new structures already has been purchased.

Twenty years ago opening of Leslie junior high eased the elementary situation by returning McKinley from junior high to grade status. Four years before, Parrish was erected as the first building here designed for junior high purposes. That permitted Grant and Washington buildings again to be used as elementary after serving as junior high schools since 1915, when the junior high plan was adopted here, according to District Clerk Connell Ward.

Bennett reminded that the construction of Bush grade school in 1927 was only a replacement for New Park and Lincoln schools, both abandoned.

As part of the long range program, the board is to ponder two other problems. (1) the extent to which modernization of present schools is feasible and (2) whether it can at present consider the addition of kindergartens in the system.

Auditoriums, Cafeterias

Modernization would include covered play areas, auditoriums and cafeterias. More gymnasium

space also is due for consideration, since Bennett said twice as much area as exists is needed — "the only thing that keeps gyms from being used 24 hours a day is lack of sufficient supervisors."

Kindergartens can be set up in this district only by a vote of the people. Such a program would require space equal to at least one-twelfth of that used by grade schools. None of this space now exists, and the elementary needs themselves are expected to take all available funds for some years.

Shifting population has also played havoc with the schools in recent years. While most buildings are bulging at the corners, transportation of pupils is required to keep units such as Garfield and Washington at normal size.

Classes with not more than 30 pupils, in the buildings serving only the area within walking distance, still appear to hold the favor of board members. How to balance that goal with availability of property and costs of construction form one of their principal problems.

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