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### Sea Level Canal

The growth of traffic to be handled through the locks of the Panama canal and the dangers of blocking the canal Area Schwab, Mt. Angel, through military action have prompted Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Mehaffey, governor of the canal, to recommend the conversion of the present canal with its system of locks to one at sea level. of the district next Tuesday by The estimated cost is nearly 21/2 billions or about seven times Mrs. Booth and Eugene Finlay, the first cost of the present canal. Gen. Mehaffey advises that a sea level lock could not be put out of business more than temporarily by even at atomic bomb, and if waters were made budgets of districts in that area radio-active the contamination would quickly be reduced.

When the canal was being planned a great controversy raged over whether it should be a lock canal or a sea level canal. Experts lined up on both sides of the issue. Finally it was decided to construct locks rather than to cut through the + isthmus and build a canal without locks. Since then the government has expended tens of millions of dollars in military defenses of the canal; and now the largest ships are barely able to squeeze through the locks.

Also receiving consideration is the idea of building a canal through Nicaragua. This was the route favored by Senator Morgan of Alabama when congress was considering the selection of a route. It would be a lock canal, and its construction would give two crossings of the isthmus of Panama.

The cost alone will probably deter any action to go ahead with a sea level canal for a good many years. However it is quite within range of possibility within this century. Increase in volume of traffic to be handled and possible increase in beam of vessels may force action together with desire for the added security which this type of canal would provide.

#### **New Atomic Weapons**

The fifth anniversary of the test which demonstrated that the atomic bomb was practical was marked with an address by David Lilienthal in which he said that our plants are producing new atomic weapons from uranium and plutonium. He did not disclose what type the new weapons are; but the made in 1942, McGilchrist left atomic energy commission has just announced that Eniwetok the entire estate of real and peratoll in the Pacific ocean is to be converted into a proving S. McGilchrist, and in the event ground for special research. It seems evident that science has of her death the estate was to pushed far beyond the development which yielded the bombs go to their daughter, Josephine dropped on Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Bikini.

It also seems evident that utilization of nuclear fission for military purposes is absorbing much of the commission's effort. From the brief announcements that have been made the Han- cutrix as was requested in the ford project is one for production of military weapons; and It is known that great expansion is under way there. Research in conversion of atomic energy to peaceful use is done at Oakridge, Tenn. and at a plant under construction in New York state; but we hear little talk of atomic power plants for civilians at an early date.

Lacking any international agreement for control of this newly harnessed force our country has to press its research for defense purposes lest it find itself outdistanced by potential enemies. Fears of what might happen drive us to contrive new those who visualize atomic energy as providing fresh release to administer the Silver Cre those who visualize atomic energy a sproviding fresh release recreational area, control of which of man from painful toil, there seems little escape from this was transferred from the federal experimentation. Perhaps the knowledge that we have mys-to the state government recently, M. E. "Gus" Moore, Salem Y ofterious wapons in our arsenal may restrain other nations that M. E. "Gus" Moore, Salem 1 of-ficial, told the junior chamber might be tempted to pounce upon us. But we must not lose of commerce at its Tuesday meetsight of the better objective of adapting this new power for ing in the Marion hotel. beneficial use of all mankind.

# **Budget Meets** Set in Rural School Zones

Final plans for completing examinations of Marion county school district budgets by the new county rural school district board have been made, Mrs. Agnes Booth, county school superinten-

dent, said Tuesday. Zones 3 and 4 are the last zones scheduled for budget meetings. Budgets of districts in zone

chairman of that zone. Meetings on zone 3 budgets

have been slated for two sections Jefferson, zone chairman. Tuesiay morning a meeting will be held at Jefferson high school for of the zone and Tuesday afternoon a similar budget meeting

will be held at Salem Heights school. Annual budgets for 1948-49 of districts in zone were approved Monday at a meeting in Stayton. Mrs. Booth said that the budgets will be revised according to the rural district board's recommendation, posted in the districts on

December 19, and voted on in each individual district on January 12.

Budgets of zone 2 will be examined today at Keizer school with Herman Rehfuss, board member, assisting Mrs. Booth.

**McGilchrist Estate Totalled** 

William McGilchrist, jr., late prominent real estate dealer who died here November 14, left an estate totaling in excess of \$25,-000, according to a filing in Marion county circuit court Tuesday. In the will filed, which he to answer. sonal property to his wife, Eva

Buck of Portland. The two women are the sole heirs. A court order Tuesday appointed Mrs. McGilchrist as exewill, Leo N. Childs, Lester Barr and E. J. Scellars were named as appraisers. Exact description of



The local YMCA will continue

# **GRIN AND BEAR IT**



wander along but de grocer boy wit de day's receipts!"

### Franchise Suit 2 Hi-Y Clubs **Plan Dinner Continued** to **Allow Briefs** Leslie junior high school's two Hi-Y clubs, the Tracy Strong and

Dwight Edwards chapters, met at Following a hearing in Marion the YMCA Monday night and made plans for a meeting Decem-

case of City of Salem vs. Harry ber 15 which will include a bas-Read, on appeal from Salem mu- ketball game between the clubs nicipal court, was continued to followed by a no-host dinner. At Monday's meeting members allow both parties to file briefs. Circuit Judge E. M. Page, who were shown two navy movies presided at the hearing, said that filmed during the last war. The the plaintiff was allowed 10 days pictures were shown by members in which to file a brief and the of the local navy recruiting servdefendant an additional 10 days ice and were brought to the meet-

ing through arrangements made Read, manager of Salem Elecby Pat Emmons and Joe Law, tric, was convicted several months club advisers and both navy vetago in municipal court on a erans.

charge of unlawfully installing a wire over Ferry street without Low Standard of

aircuit court. Allan Carson and Robin Day, Living in Africa, attorneys for Read, contended in

brief arguments Tuesday that the Asia Discussed present city ordinance granting permission to extend electric lines The "ignorance and supersti-

tion and filth" of a great part of but requiring a franchise for each Asia and Africa, particularly in separate line is unconstitutional. The city was represented by the seven Arab states, "would be Chris Kowitz, city attorney, who unbelievable if it wasn't documented," Orin W. Hankins, fordeclared the ordinance to be valid. Most of the facts of the case were merly a teacher in several parts stipulated and arguments considof the world, told the Salem Kiered legal points only. wanis club Tuesday.

Hankins, now an attorney and high school instructor at Mill City, detailed several incidents of

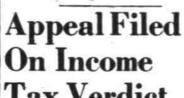
# By Lichty Returns Grow **On Seal Sale To Aid Health**

First week reports on the ancommission. nual Marion county Christmas seal sale show that the Salem area contributions are ahead of the amount collected during the initial week last year; Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, executive secretary of

the Marion county public health association, said Tuesday. Of the approximately 15,000 letters mailed to Salem residents last week, a total of 1,581 have been returned to date containing \$2,696. The week's receipts were about \$278 more than those received during the sale's first week last year when 1,477 letters were returned, said Mrs. Bunnell.

Sponsored by the public health association, the seal sale funds are the sole support of the mobile X-ray units and the health education program, Mrs. Bunnell stated.

She also revealed Monday that three seal sale booths will be set up Saturday in the downtown area, manned by several local women's organizations. The booths are to be in the post office, conducted by Eastern Star order 37; Montgomery Word & Co., directed by Rebekah lodge and Salem chapter of Eastern Star, and in the Salem - Ladd and Bush branch of the U.S. National bank, staffed by the Salem Council of Churchwomen and the Order of



the sales tax November 7 for their enactment. Judge Duncan ruled, however, that the measures did not depend on the sales tax and that they were, in fact, passed with other laws by the last legislature. The suit was brought against the members of the state tax

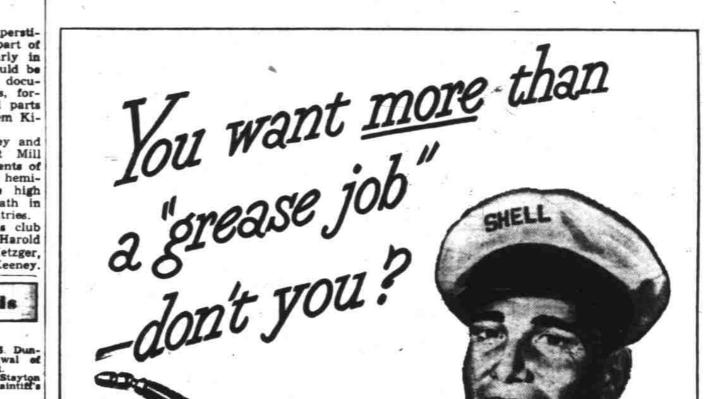


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State and Cottage

**Tax Verdict** A notice of appeal to the state supreme court from a recent Mar-

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ion county circuit court decision involving the constitutionality of two 1947 legislative acts was filed here Monday by James L. Marr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor.

The decision was given last month by Circuit Judge George Duncan following arguments of attorneys in open court. It declared constitutional and valid the laws decreasing income tax ex-emptions and establishing a withholding tax.

The federation charged that the wo acts were invalid because they depended on the defeat of

#### An Uncheerful Giver

While the senate passed the emergency aid authorization dent of parks. measure Monday, the house may scale down the amount or add amendments which would prove humiliating to this country as a donor. The house foreign affairs committee has already voted to reduce the amount for Europe by \$70,000,000 and added \$60,- quately care for the recreational 000,000 as aid to China. In the end the senate version will prob- needs of Salem's growing popuably prevail, but not until house members show such a mean lation. and nasty spirit as to rob the gift of any merit of generosity.

The prospect for the long range ERP program is not too 2 Road Sections bright in view of the recrudescence of republican isolationism in the congress. It is this attitude which chisels on the short Offered County range program and promises to be released in full fury when the proposal for the larger appropriations is offered. The opposition In Illahee Area hangs on the argument that the country cannot afford the larger An offer by the state highway commitment, in seeming disregard of the counter-argument that commission to return two sections

we cannot afford not to facilitate European recovery. The country should give heed to expert counsel both as Salem between Illahee school and to Europe's need and our capacity to contribute. It should re- Steiwer hill was received Monday pudiate the doctrine that we alone may stay wealthy while the by Marion county court. world goes into decay.

#### Train of Yesterday

The General Motors "train of tomorrow" visited Salem Tuesday and is on display at the union station. Portland, the tion were abandoned by the state last three days of this week. Naturally it attracts a great deal when it rerouted the Pacific highof attention. Largely through the publicising efforts of Lucius from the commission states that Beebe, the "glass of fashion and the mold of form," public the county may claim the portions interest is also being drawn to the roads and the trains of of the old road if it agrees to keep yester-year, to the narrow gauge lines that once had considerrequirements. able mileage in this country.

The old passenger cars, with their red plush seats, their into farming country to the west of wood or coal stoves at the end of the coaches which the brakie the highway and are about 11/4 diligently fired, their kerosene or gas lights, with the swaying miles in length. They are situated signal cord strung along beneath-how times have changed, pleted stretch of new highway near though the railroads had to drag out all of this equipment that Albany. would stay on tracks to handle traffic in the war emergency. Now each coach is a parlor in comparison; and they are even putting roller bearings on livestock cars.

It is hard to get excited over reports that Maj. Gen. Benny Meyers speculated in government bonds. While officially the In Bakersfield, Cal. government frowned on such speculation, actually many times directors of bond campaigns had to press wealthy men to buy big gobs of bonds, even with borrowed money, to meet quotas. Banks themselves have done a vast amount of trading in governments and cleaned up big profits in the business. We fail to see any sin in the business.

President Truman showed the visiting firemen, delegates to a haberdasher convention that he still knew the knack of the salesman in showing a necktie. At this season of the year his fingers almost would go through the motions of making the familiar false knot without any prompting.

Australia is harvesting a bumper wheat crop of 300,000,000 bushels. It will be able to increase its grain exports and thus augment the supplies that may be shipped to hungry peoples from North America, the chief supplier.

The familiar theme of mystery stories-the theft of the bank holdups totaled \$89,000. eye of a goddess or dragon-has its counterpart in real life. From Bangkok, Siam, comes word of the stealing of a three E. B. Twining said he has not office all day. From 8:30 a.m. to carat diamond from the forehead of a Buddha. Call for Ellery vet decided whether to bring the noon on Saturday immunizations two men to Portland to stand will be given and an adult clinic Queen. trial.

# Willamette U. **Orators** Leave **For Whitman**

Moore said the Y, which administers the summer camps held Six Willamette debaters will in the recreation area, had been

leave here today for Whit can colasked to continue the work by lege, Walla Walla, where they will Sam Boardman, state superintenwith representatives from vie other northwest colleges in the Moore also discussed various northern division speech conferphases of the YMCA program in ence Thursday through Saturday. Salem and declared that added The conference is under the quarters were needed to adeauspices of the Western Association of Teachers of Speech. Willamette participants going are Jack Gunn, Jerry Igo, Elliot Mot-

schenbacher, Tom Bartlett, Charles Mills and Robert Sayre. Dr. Herbert Rahe, professor of speech at Willamette, will accompany the group. Each student will participate in six rounds of debate.

The debate subject will be "Resolved: That a Federal World Government Should Be Established," and trophies will be of the Pacific highway south of awarded for all first places.

Betty Ferguson and Gunn won third place in the men's and women's extemporaneous speech con-

Commissioner Roy Rice said that when County Judge Grant Mur- test held at the University of Orephy returns next week from his vacation, the court would vote on

whether to accept the offer. The portions of road in guesway several years ago. The offer Below Normal

them up and complies with other Salem area was less than half the

The sections of road swing out normal total, the U. S. weather DISTRICT COURT bureau at McNary field reports. Total precipitation in Salem in November was 3.42 inches as compared with the average 6.11 inches and less than one-fourth of the 11.17 deluge in October. just north of the recently cominches and less than one-fourth

1943 when 2.36 inches was meas-Oregon Bank Theft ured.

November also brought one of

PORTLAND, Dec. 2 -(AP)- The Thanksgiving day. Coldest tem-U. S. district attorney's office perature recorded was on the eve- PROBATE COURT here reported today that Kern ning of November 22 when the

tenced two of the men involved in two Oregon bank holdups to California jail terms on robbery Health Office and assault charges in that state. Henry Clay Tollett was sen-Henry Clay Tollett was sen-tenced to from five years to life Slates Clinics for the armed robbery of a Bak-

ersfield, Calif., market. Sam Scribner received a similar sen-Marion county's health department today will conduct a clinic tence on the same charge and at Garfield school from 9 a.m. to was also given a concurrent sentence of one to seven years for noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. On Thursday a well-baby clinic will assault with a dangerous weapon. be held at the department's Sa-lem office in the Masonic temple The two men have been named in indictments growing out of the from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Immu-E. G. Young bank of Oakland, Ore., and complicity in the Sweet nizations will be conducted at

Home robbery. Loot in the two Liberty school Friday morning and an adult clinic for milk and Chief Deputy District Attorney food handlers will be held at the will be held at the office.

his residence in the eastern hemisphere and spoke of the high rates of illiteracy and death in Egypt and neighboring contries. Initiated as new Kiwanis club members Tuesday were Harold A. Rosebraugh, A. W. Metzger, J. E. Cook and Wayne H. Keeney

Public Records

CIRCUIT COURT Betty M. Dunlavy vs John S. Dun-lavy: Order permits withdrawal ef complaint and cross-complaint. Edna O. Brewer vs Charles Stayton and others: Decree quiets plaintiff's title to real property. Grant H. Spiers and Virginia E. Spiers vs Ruth E. Fuson Frants and others: Decree quiets plaintiff's title to real property. M. E. Wolf and Nora E. Wolf vs Charles Stayton and others: Decree

M. E. Wolf and Nora E. Wolf ve Charles Stayton and others: Decree quiets plaintiff's title to real property. Jack A. Ellis vs Blanche A. Ellis: Decree of divorce granted. Allen Derr vs Eleanor Derr: Buit for divorce charging cruel and in-human treatment asks for custody of a minor child. Married Aug. 28, 1948, at. Caldwell. Idaho. Jeanette Everetts vs Robert L. Ev-eretts: Second amended and supple-mental complaint for divorce filed. Rita Crumley vs William Henry Crumley: Suit for divorce seeks judg-ment against defendant for \$1,470. Married March 9, 1922, at Portland. Nina L. Stesney vs Stanley K. Stes-ney: Defendant moves for order re-quiring plaintiff to state grounds for action.

test held at the University of Ore-gon Monday night. November Rain Below Normal Unlike the preceding month of October, November rainfall in the Salem area was less than half the

Harlan Bowles Pearson, 1488 State st., passing with insufficient clear-ance, fined \$3 and costs. Chester Arthur Pickering, Turner,

trial on December 19 following plea of innocent; released on \$250 bail. It was the driest November since

> MUNICIPAL COURT Byron N. Londberg, 497 N. Front st., running red light, posted \$2.50

November also brought one of the warmest Thanksgiving holi-day periods in recorded history when the temperature rose to 66 degrees on November 25 and was only three degrees cooler on Thanksgiving day. Coldest tem-

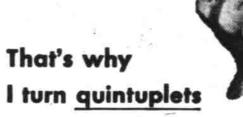
Edward H. Hagy estate: January 6

Edward H. Hagy estate: January 6 set for hearing on final account. William James Malcomb estate: de-cree allows final account. Sarah Giles estate: Estate appraised at \$3,500. Jesse H. Shepard estate: Estate ap-praised at \$608. Effice Mack estate: January 5 set for hearing on final account. Vernie Edward Lange estate: Order appoints Ronald C. Glover as admin-istrator.

strator. Albert Titze estate: Ruth Halley ap-Albert Titze estate: Ruth Halley ap-pointed as executrix and J. F. Rich-ards, George H. Bell and Johnny Sadowsky appointed as appraisers. Ragnhill Loe estate: Order appoints Oscar H. Loe as administrator and C. B. Anderson, Conrad Johnson and Henry Amundson as appraisers.

MARRIAGE LICENSE

APPLICATIONS Alvin R. Kreger, 23. farmer, Albany route 2, and Myrna Pearl Hayes, 17. housewife, Jefferson route 1. William E. Crandall, 27. student, Medford, and Alta A. Jennings, 20. stenographer, Rogue River. Earl Kenneth Morgan, 24. ticket clerk, 245<sup>15</sup>; E. Madrona ave., and Edna mae Schofield, 21. office clerk, 1165 Cross st., both of Salem.



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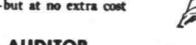


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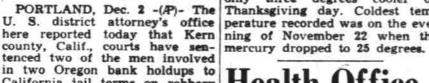
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