

# New Bonneville Line To Salem Requested

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Bonneville administration officials said tonight supplemental funds for the line from Forest Grove to McMinnville would be provided by the state.

The line from Forest Grove to McMinnville would be an extension of a 115,000-volt line from Forest Grove and from Salem to McMinnville. A connection between Forest Grove and McMinnville would make possible a two-way feed for the entire area.

In the \$2,200,000 supplemental request, \$300,000 is listed for the Forest Grove-McMinnville-Salem line. Of this, \$50,000 would be cash and \$250,000 contract authorization.

## Waitress Shot; Worker Says Incident Accident

Mrs. Betty Voecks, 21, a Salem waitress, was critically wounded in a downtown hotel shooting Thursday night.

Police investigating the shooting said a .45 caliber bullet penetrated her right breast, both lungs and left shoulder.

Bobby Leo Britz, 24, local construction worker, told police officers that Mrs. Voecks was shot accidentally as he was examining his .45 caliber pistol while "going through" some of his papers and former army equipment.

Police lodged an intoxication charge against Britz and held him in the city jail pending investigation. Mrs. Voecks was too weak to talk to the police last night. The couple had just completed a sandwich lunch at the time of the shooting, Britz said.

Police said occupants of an adjacent room, Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Keiser, told them they had heard no disturbance during the evening until they heard the pistol shot.

The incident occurred a few minutes before 8 p. m. in a room on the fourth floor of the Marion hotel. Dr. B. A. Myers was summoned from the Marine room of the hotel where he was dining with the Salem Knife and Fork club. The city first aid crew took the wounded woman to Salem General hospital.

Mrs. Voecks is an employee of the Salem hotel coffee shop. Britz said he had been doing carpentry work in Salem construction jobs since he came here from Skidmore, Tex., several months ago.

## Vets Colony Selects Name Of 'Vetville'

The name of Vetville and a tentative constitution for the recently organized council of residents of the veterans housing colony at 16th and Cross streets, was adopted last night at a meeting of the colony's newly-elected officers.

The name and constitution will be subject to ratification by the Salem housing authority, municipal organization in charge of the colony. The colony's new mayor, Elliott Nichols, the secretary treasurer and 12 councilmen met in Paulus' cannery.

The new constitution establishes a method of succession to vacant courts in the colony, with priority given to families with children. It also provides that all evictions from Vetville will be passed on by the council.

It is provided that a legitimate complaint brought against a tenement building in the colony, a correction notice, secondly (if the complaint is not corrected) a second correction notice, and thirdly, a notice of eviction if no attempt is made by the tenant to remedy the complaint.

The council voted to conduct public meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, and a closed meeting on the first Monday of each month. Meetings will be held in Paulus' cannery warehouse until a permanent season starts, and then in another site, Vetville officers said Thursday night.

## Anti-Superstition Society to Meet—Minus Black Cats

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12 (AP)—The anti-superstition society will observe Friday the 13th as usual tomorrow, but there will be no black cats.

The society, said members, has had bad luck with black cats at previous meetings.

Once a black cat escaped from the 13 members and was never found again. Another time the society forgot to return a borrowed black cat. Last time they met they couldn't find a black cat and had to dye one—and the imposture was discovered.

So—no black cats—they're bad luck!

## Geography Student Baffles Postoffice

RONKONKOMA, N. Y., Feb. 12 (AP)—Postal employees, puzzled by the letter "N" in place of the zone number on mail addressed to a schoolboy here, yielded to curiosity today and asked him about it.

The youngster said it was as simple as could be. He'd been answering advertisements, and in filling out the coupons with his mailing address he merely abbreviated "north temperate" in the zone space.

Portland The McMinnville-Salem line is for 66,000 volts. Officials said studies would be undertaken to determine if it should be increased to 115,000-volt capacity.

In the budget for the next fiscal year Bonneville also asked \$395,000 cash and \$20,000 contract authorization for the Forest Grove-McMinnville-Salem line.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—A plea that \$2,200,000 be given Bonneville power administration now instead of waiting for the next fiscal year was before the house appropriations deficiency subcommittee today.

Rep. Angell (R-Ore) said a number of projects should be started now, including a line from Forest Grove to Salem, as an additional circuit to carry power through the Willamette valley.

## 3 Million At Gandhi Funeral

ALLAHABAD, India, Feb. 12 (AP)—The ashes of Mohandas Gandhi were dispersed in the holy waters of India today in one of the largest funerals of all times.

While about 3,000,000 watched from the banks, a white-painted amphibious army craft—a lowly "duck"—churned to the middle of the confluence of the Ganges and Jumna rivers. Gandhi's son Ramdas kissed the copper funeral urn, touched it with his forehead, and poured the ashes mixed with milk of a sacred cow into the water.

Similar ceremonies were performed at about 50 places throughout the wide sub-continent while about 10,000,000 of all religious communities—rich and poor, prince and beggars, old and young—watched.

Premier Jawaharlal Nehru, who assisted in the Allahabad ceremony, in an oration immediately after said:

"Here now has ended the journey of the father of the nation. He no more is among us but his light will ever live in and among us and nothing, neither time nor distance, can quench it. We must take up where our fathers left it and work unceasingly for Hindu-Muslim unity, social and political equalities."

Hundreds of thousands tramped the seven miles of the funeral route from the railway station to Triveni Sangam where the two rivers are joined, the Hindus say, by the subterranean sarasawati.

## I. N. Bacon to Seek County Sheriff Post

(Picture on page 2)  
I. N. Bacon, Salem realtor, announced his candidacy for the office of Marion county sheriff Thursday, and reported that he would file his declaration today with the Marion county clerk.

Bacon is prominent here in veterans groups, is seeking the republican nomination in the May primaries. He is the third candidate for the office, the other two being Denver Young, incumbent, and Robert Fallon, ex-deputy in the sheriff's office.

Bacon was born at Bottinaw, N. D., raised on a farm and graduated from North Dakota State School of Agriculture and Forestry. He went overseas in 1918 with the army and was discharged in 1919.

His business career includes nursery manager, sawmill operator, dock superintendent, freight agent, payroll auditor and building contractor. At the beginning of the last world war he was a sergeant inpector with the army engineering corp and a personnel director for the Cobbs and Mitchell Lumber company. He is now in the real estate business with Walter Mulgrave of West Salem.

A resident of Salem since 1924, he is the father of two sons. His home is at 1810 N. 19th st. Ex-Legion Commander

Bacon is a member of the Baptist church, Veterans of Foreign Wars, 40 and 8, and past commander of American Legion, Capital post 9, now serving on the post's building committee.

Declaring that he stands for clean politics and "no mudslinging," Bacon stated that, if elected, his first move would be to "employ a staff of competent deputies who could work in harmony both inside and out of the office."

"I intend to enter the office with complete freedom to conduct its affairs without obligation to any special group or groups. I have a long reputation for honesty and I mean to sustain that reputation through my campaign and after, whether elected or not."

## Income Tax Office To Move to C. of C.

Paul Lynch, deputy collector of internal revenue, has announced that his office, now in the post-office building, would move its headquarters to the Salem Chamber of Commerce, effective Monday, February 16, through Monday, March 15, so that more adequate space would be available for persons filing federal income tax returns.

## Weather

	Max	Min	Precip
Salem	45	24	00
Portland	45	24	00
San Francisco	57	34	00
Chicago	27	11	trc snow
New York	42	22	00
W. of W. river	13	00	00

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, increasing cloudiness tonight with light snow showers. Highest temperature today, between 40 and 50 degrees; lowest tonight, between 28 and 30 degrees.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (since Sept. 1)	This Year	Last Year	Average
28.12	24.87	34.92	

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## Taft, Dewey Differ Over Europe Aid Amount Inflation Still Major Threat, Truman Avers

### Soap, Grain Join Growing Price Decline

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (AP)—Soap and more grain products joined the growing list of shopper items on the price cutting parade today, but President Truman said inflation still is a major danger in the United States.

The chief executive told his news conference that he did not want to go into a technical discussion of the commodity market decline but that he considers inflation "still a major economic problem."

Congress, he said, should enact the program he submitted November 17 for stand-by wages and price controls.

Mr. Truman said he believes his \$40 a person tax cut is feasible, despite the market break.

Major U. S. exchanges were closed today for the Lincoln day holiday and traders in most foreign markets will take Friday. Exceptions were Singapore and Manila. There prices dropped sharply on the stock exchanges.

At Buenos Aires, the sharp break in stocks which plunged prices down yesterday was halted. Gains and losses were evenly distributed in industrials on the Montreal stock exchange and curb market.

Three major soap companies—Procter & Gamble, Lever Brothers and Colgate-Palmolive-Peet—announced immediate wholesale price cuts of 5 per cent on all soap products. The A. E. Staley Manufacturing company of Decatur, Ill., announced it was cutting prices at once on soybean meal and oil, corn meal and refined corn oil, industrial starches and bulk corn syrups.

### Rockies Storm Takes 8 Lives

By the Associated Press  
Snowstorms in the great plains and Rocky Mountains had claimed at least eight lives today.

Spectacular rescue efforts saved two persons from exposure deaths and several others, reported missing for a time, later were found safe.

Near Dumas, Texas, Wednesday, Mrs. Booker Toon and her grandchildren, Robert Wayne Reynolds, 2, and Juanita Reynolds, 4, died of exposure despite a rescuer's efforts to pull them to safety on a tractor-drawn sled.

Near Meade, Kas., the bodies of Phyllis Moler, 19; her sister, Louise, 16, and Melvin Miller, 20, of Fowler, Kas., were found beneath deep snow drifts yesterday.

A country school teacher, Edward Bradley, was found frozen yesterday at Clayton, N.M., Ben Davis, a well-known rancher was found dead in a snowbank.

### Belgium Mobilizes Public Utilities as Strike Break Plan

BRUSSELS, Belgium, Feb. 12 (AP)—The Belgian government tonight ordered civil mobilization of public utilities as a strike breaks tonight to end a strike.

Every employe and executive of all public and private producing and distributing companies must be at work by tomorrow morning or be sued, the government declared.

About 18,000 workers out of 23,000 walked out today demanding a 7 1/2 per cent wage increase.

### Composer Says Reds 'Off Beat' In Attributing Politics to Music

By Arthur Edson  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP)—Suppose you wanted to compose a piece of music to the glory of capitalism. What would you do?

Would your drummer hammer a cash register instead of a cymbal?

Or instead of a rat-a-tat-tat on a cello, would he do a flicker on a stock market ticker?

Well, don't let the idea upset your grade notes. For Balinbridge Crist, who has composed pieces played in the best society, says it can't be done.

### Schools, Sites Figure in Bond Issue Plan



These schools and proposed new school sites figure in the Salem school district expansion program for which a \$3,500,000 bond issue will be placed before voters at a special election February 24. West Salem sites at top show present school and gymnasium buildings (at left) and the site (right) of proposed West Salem junior high school just northwest of 8th and Patterson streets. In center left shows school district property on Lansing avenue, looking toward state fairgrounds pavilion, where a new elementary school may be built to accommodate growing population of the Capitola district. Grant school, right center, also in north Salem, would be replaced if present population growth continues. It was built in 1890. Lower left is Ricker grade school which is already earmarked for replacement by a new Four Corners area elementary school, district-owned site for which is shown at lower right, looking east across Elma avenue near Beck street. Several other schools and sites are included in the school board's development plan. (Photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

### New Device May Solve Life on Mars Question

CHICAGO, Feb. 12 (AP)—The age old question of whether there is any life on Mars may be answered next week.

University of Chicago astronomers expect a newly developed electronic device that can analyze matter millions of miles out into space may settle the question at least as to plant life.

When Mars comes within 63,000,000 miles of Earth next week—closest for the next two years—scientists will hook up their device to McDonald observatory's 82-inch reflecting telescope at Fort Davis, Tex., and train the big eye on the neighboring planet.

Two areas on Mars will hold their interest—green patches that seem to undergo seasonal changes, and polar caps. The electronic device, called a spectral recorder, is expected to determine whether these green patches are identical in type to vegetation growing on Earth and whether the polar caps are composed of frozen moisture.

Martian areas have the same infrared ray absorption pattern as similar earth areas, astronomers say it will mean plant life, similar to that on Earth, and moisture are present on Mars.

If there is thriving plant life there is a possibility that some form of animal life exists, astronomers say, although probably of a much different evolutionary nature than on Earth.

### Cold Snap Revives Power Shortage

BEND, Feb. 12 (AP)—Below-zero weather left three central Oregon counties short of electricity again today.

Power was being alternated to different towns in Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties. Operations of lumber mills was curtailed.

The cold increased demands for power, and simultaneously cut the supply—because of ice and high fuel in power plants and low stream flow in the frozen Deschutes river.

U. S. VESSEL STRIKES MINE  
AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands, Feb. 12 (AP)—The American steamship Gateway struck a mine in the North sea tonight, and later was reported proceeding under its own power.

### Lincoln Day Speakers Flay Foreign Policy

By the Associated Press  
Republicans lashed out at administration's foreign and domestic policies in Lincoln day speeches last night, but divided over funds program for the European recovery program.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York and Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio, two of the leading candidates for the republican presidential nomination, differed over the Marshall plan and appropriations. They previously had taken opposite stands on universal military training, with Dewey for it and Taft against.

Speaking in Boston, Dewey said President Truman's foreign policies "should be thrown overboard—lock, stock and barrel."

As for the Marshall plan, he said, no one knew how much it would cost in the end. But he said he would rather provide the full sum requested "than to limit with an amount which might fail to do the job."

15-Month Sum Sought  
The administration has asked \$6,000,000 for the first 15 months. Taft, speaking in the home state of a third GOP aspirant, Harold E. Stassen, advocated at St. Paul, Minn., a "hard boiled plan" to give Europe aid for "only those projects to clear economic value" to the beneficiaries.

Stassen Expects Russians  
Stassen told a party rally at Germantown, Pa., that the Soviet politburo is trying to "tear down the economy of Europe" by opposing the Marshall plan.

He said the United States should remain strong, help to strengthen the United Nations guard against "bubble booms and depressions," and "bring our world economy policy in line with our foreign policy."

In addition to the avowed presidential aspirants, scores of legislators, governors and other party figures took to the platform and radio to criticize the Truman administration. Several of the speakers urged dissatisfied democrats to join the republicans.

### Hans Eisler Deportation Order Signed

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 12 (AP)—Hans Eisler, Hollywood composer, today was ordered deported by the immigration and naturalization service.

A spokesman for the agency said an order had been signed, giving Eisler voluntary deportation to any country of his choice except the communist countries.

Eisler, brother of Gerhard Eisler, once described as the "No. 1 communist in the United States," has been ordered to leave the country as soon as possible, the spokesman added. In Washington the justice department said it understood he is leaving Monday, February 16.

Members of the house un-American activities committee recommended last September that Eisler be deported, but in conducting an investigation into his entry into the United States.

The government contended the composer admitted membership in the German communist party in his testimony at the congressional hearing.

### Fire Destroys Lebanon Home

LEBANON, Feb. 12 (Special)  
Fire this afternoon completely destroyed the home of an elderly couple, the N. E. Campbells, despite the efforts of some 20 volunteer firemen to stop the blaze.

The fire was discovered at 3 p. m. when flames were shooting through the roof and downstairs windows of the four-room house at 210 Cleveland st. Cause of the fire was not determined.

Only a few of the furnishings were salvaged from the fire. Campbell said his house was insured.

### Truman to Appear On Oregon Ballot

PORTLAND, Feb. 12 (AP)—A campaign to place President Truman's name on the democratic ballot in Oregon's May presidential preferential primary election was announced today.

Monroe Sweetland, Molalla, Ore., publisher, said a committee he heads would circulate petitions. In Oregon, delegates to the republican and democratic national conventions are pledged to support the candidate who receives the most votes in the preferential primary.



Quite a stir is being raised in the counties south of here over the sustained yield program of the department of the interior for dealing with O & C grant lands.

I reported the hearing held in Eugene last month. Now the opponents are following up with public meetings designed to stir up public opposition to the plan. Imported to make addresses on the subject is Leif Erickson, prominent lawyer and former judge in Montana, who orated against the plan in the Eugene hearing.

The cry raised against the program is "monopoly" and making agreements of 100-year duration. Principal objectors are operators of small sawmills who own little or no timber, who want a chance to buy, or big timber from government lands, either O & C or federal forest lands. Scores of these mills are running, particularly in Linn, Lane and Douglas counties; and they are staging this public appeal in protest against the bureau of land management's plan. Later on the campaign may spread to the north end of the Willamette valley when blocking of these lands becomes imminent.

There is naturally a popular resentment against "monopoly" but the alternative may speed such a result. The private individual or the small corporation is unable to carry timberland on a per-

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### British Change Ambassadors

LONDON, Friday, Feb. 12 (AP)—Britain has named Sir Oliver Franks, an economist with broad knowledge of the Marshall plan, as her ambassador to the United States. He has never before held a diplomatic post.

He replaces Lord Inverchapel, who has been ambassador to Washington since 1946, the foreign office announced tonight. Lord Inverchapel, a career diplomat, has returned from the foreign service.

The new appointee to Britain's top foreign diplomatic post was adviser to the British delegation at the Paris Marshall plan conference last summer.

### RESEARCH LAB BURNS

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 12 (AP)—A spectacular fire destroyed the high voltage laboratory at Cornell university tonight with loss estimated by its director at more than \$1,000,000.

### ELEVEN DIE IN AIR CRASH

ULRICHSTEIN, Germany, Feb. 12 (AP)—Ten persons survived the crash here today of a Danish airliner but 11 others were believed to have perished in the flames.

### Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Pop won't be home—a black cat crossed his path."