



Dental clinics which began in Marion county grade schools this week are wide open affairs. Emerson Van Doran, son of E. Van Doran, 1625 S. 12th st. found that it wasn't so bad when Dr. David Hill only told him he had cavities which would not be filled at this Bush school clinic Tuesday morning. Assisting Dr. Hill were Mrs. D. E. Johnson (left) and Mrs. John Ramage, standing; and sitting taking notes were, nearest camera, counter-clockwise, Mrs. E. N. Flory, Mrs. Harold Weathers and Mrs. J. C. Emlyn. Not shown were Mrs. W. Lewis at door and Eleanor Swedenburg, Marion county health nurse. Local dentists conduct the examinations; their recommendations for actual treatment are explained to parents. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Russ Finish Chain Of Military Treaties

By Thomas F. Whitney

MOSCOW, Feb. 18 (AP)—Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov said tonight Russia now has treaties with all nations on its western borders.

Molotov spoke following the signing today of a Russian-Hungarian treaty of friendship and mutual assistance.

The treaty with Hungary, he said, was the final link in a chain of pacts which would form a barrier to the "imperialist states."

Russia, Molotov said, now has "pacts of friendship and mutual assistance with all states of its western frontier — from the Black sea to the Baltic."

"We Soviet people see in this an important success in the realization of Prime Minister Stalin's foreign policy, directed towards the strengthening of friendship with all neighboring states and consolidating a general peace," he continued.

Molotov stressed that the treaties were concluded in "conformity with the aims and principles of the United Nations organization."

Lajos Dinnyes, Hungarian premier, replied that for the first time in history "the Hungarian people enjoy the opportunity of cooperating with a great power—the Soviet union — which disinterestedly and without ulterior motives is helping us to security and independence."

The treaty is similar to those signed recently with Romania and Yugoslavia. Romania yesterday ratified a treaty signed with Hungary.

The test is quite a jolt to the party regulars, to republicans as well as democrats since the republican candidate polled only 3.6 per cent of the total vote, virtually a washout. However it may not safely be regarded as a proof of their overall weakness and of third party strength.

In the first place the district ranks net to Vito Marcantonio's 18th district as the leading stronghold of the ALP. The district lies in the Bronx, between East river and Third avenue and the Bronx river and 149th st., a heavily populated district with a considerable foreign element. The ALP candidate, Leo Isaacson, was far better known and more popular than his democratic opponent, Martin Proper. Isaacson, an ex-democrat, had won elections as New York assemblyman which gave many people the habit of voting for him. His own popularity and the

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Steelworkers to Seek 'Substantial' Pay Boost

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 18 (AP)—Leaders of the CIO-United Steelworkers today joined with the rank and file in a unanimous vote for "a substantial wage increase."

The pay boost — its amount undisclosed — will be sought in April at negotiations covering about 650,000 workers.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



All restrictions halting heavy hauling over Marion county graveled roads were lifted Wednesday by Marion county court.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy, however, urged log trucks and other heavy equipment to proceed with caution over the roads due to their softened condition. The load limits were placed on the roads earlier this week.

MARKET EDITOR DIES
PORTLAND, Feb. 18 (AP)—Hugh Arthur Martin, 65, editor of the U. S. Department of Agriculture Market News here, died today of a heart ailment at his home.

County Welfare Commission to Reduce Budget

Marion county welfare commission announced a tentative 1948-49 budget of \$1,235,000, approximately \$96,000 less than the budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Marion Bowen, commission administrator, said Wednesday that the decrease was necessitated by a lack of state funds. Marion county's tax-raised share of the contributions, if approved by the county budget committee, will come to \$225,606, as against \$239,538 in the current budget.

If approved next year's budget will include general assistance, \$168,000 (county share — \$30,400); old age assistance, \$825,000 (county share — \$123,750); aid to dependent children, \$225,000 (county share — \$46,500); and blind assistance, \$17,000 (county share — \$2,856).

A budget outlined for March at a Tuesday meeting of the commission is approximately the same as February's budget, with the exception of an \$800 increase in the dependent children aid fund. The March budget includes \$16,000 for general assistance, \$62,750 for old age assistance, \$16,300 for dependent children aid, and \$1,275 for assistance to the blind.

The fund representing aid to dependent children is growing rapidly, Miss Bowen said, because of the number of fathers deserting their families and because of the increasing number of "broken homes."

Sharp increases also have been noted in the general assistance payments during the past four months, by the welfare commission. Figures this month show that general assistance funds are going to 270 families representing 770 persons in Marion county.

An increase in March in this category is looked for by the commission unless farm or other spring work becomes available.

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Employees Of State Ask Raise

Officers of the Oregon State Employees association appeared before the board of control Wednesday to request an emergency wage increase ranging from \$3 to \$25 a month for all state workers.

Association President L. R. White and Secretary Forrest Stewart said an immediate increase was necessary to cover rising living costs. White asked whether Budget Director George Aiken had uncovered any state department surpluses after conducting a recent survey of department finances.

White asserted that more than 2,000 state workers had left their jobs in the last half of 1947 because of inadequate wages and said "It is a matter of money to train new workers." Salaries of state workers were cut from 10 to 25 per cent during depression years, he stated, without the workers registering any serious complaints.

White and Stewart submitted figures to the board showing that 5,015 state employees now receive less than \$199 a month. The average wage in private industry, the report stated, is now \$235 a month.

Gov. John Hall, board chairman, said "I am thoroughly convinced that state workers are entitled to more compensation, but the question is how to obtain the required funds."

Roy Mills, board of control secretary, said increases of \$5 a month for employees living in the situations and \$25 for those living outside would cost \$258,000 for the remainder of the biennium. Budgeteer Aiken said he would complete a survey to determine if any money is available in state departments for proposed raises.

The board approved expenditure of \$9,216 for construction of a garage and storage building for the secretary of state. It would be located at the rear of the state heating plant.

HOUSE BURNS AT CHEMAWA
CHEMAWA, Feb. 18 (Special)—The residence of Harvey Plummer, Salem route 2, located about a mile north of here, was totally destroyed by fire tonight after futile efforts of neighbors and the Brooks fire department to save it.

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Oregon Cities Prepare for Stassen Visit

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Stassen will begin his whirlwind Oregon tour in Salem where he is to address a public gathering at 11 a.m. Friday in the Willamette university gymnasium. The candidate for republican nomination for president is due to arrive by chartered plane at Salem airport at 9 a.m. Friday.

Gov. John H. Hall said yesterday he would be at the airport to greet the former Minnesota governor. "Stassen is a national figure, and I feel that the chief executive of Oregon should extend him a welcome to the state," said the governor.

Willamette university officials announced Wednesday that the gymnasium capacity of 2,000 persons will be on a first come-first served basis except for a small section to be reserved for law students and faculty members. Doors of the gym will open at 10 a.m.

Robert Elliott, Portland, past state president of the Young Republicans of Oregon and Stassen's state campaign manager, will accompany the Minnesota politician as he traverses the state.

(Additional details on page 2.)

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The Salem Producers-Consumers cooperative Wednesday signed an option to purchase by April 1 the uncompleted 4,000-locker plant of the Frozen Food Bank on South Commercial at Oak street.

Directors of the cooperative who negotiated the option said they would campaign for 4,000 new memberships by the still to raise \$100,000 for acquiring the property, finishing the building for locker and general food store use and adding to the site a service station and a 100-car parking lot.

The option was granted by William C. Gabriel who started the building project in 1945 and since has been in court over a mechanic's lien suit brought against him by C. M. Corkum, Portland contractor who was building the locker plant. Gabriel won the case in circuit court here but it has been appealed to the state supreme court.

R. Vance MacDowell, who will direct the membership campaign for the co-op's board, said \$35,000 of the \$100,000 goal is needed by April 1 to take up the option which is not being held by the still pending litigation. The co-op plan will be explained at a public meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, at Salem Chamber of Commerce.

MacDowell said additional financing besides membership may be provided through capital investment certificates of \$25 each, bearing 4 per cent interest, with not more than \$50,000 worth to be issued if considered advisable by the board.

Sen. McGrath Pleads for End to Third Party Drive

By Morgan Reynolds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—Stung by Bronx cheers and rebel yells, Democratic National Chairman J. Howard McGrath tonight issued a virtual appeal for abandonment of the third party drive headed by Henry A. Wallace.

On the eve of the annual Jefferson-Jackson day dinner here, meanwhile, a new threat to party harmony arose.

A group of South Carolina democrats cancelled plans to attend the fund raising festivities because of a "no segregation" policy. Gov. and Mrs. Strom Thurmond and Senator and Mrs. Olin D. Johnston headed the list of scheduled absentees.

McGrath made his appeal in a radio address after warning democratic adherents they must intensify their efforts to get out the Truman vote for the fall showdown. This warning resulted from the victory of a Wallace man in a Bronx, N. Y., congressional race.

"I hope that Henry Wallace will repudiate the supporters of his cause whose only real hope is that the can defeat the democratic party's program of practical liberalism in 1948 and turn the government over to reactionaries and isolationists," the democratic chairman said.

McGrath earlier declared "the democratic party will make a grave mistake if it does not learn a lesson from the results of the special election in the 24th (Bronx) congressional district of New York."

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Senator Gordon (R-Ore) and Rep. Norblad (R-Ore) reported the maritime commission has awarded Newport use of 14 surplus craft to help complete a harbor project at Yaquina bay.

Beryl Smith, who represented the Port of Newport at a hearing here, said three deep water shipping lines are now negotiating for use of the new facilities by 1949.

Smith said the Southern Pacific railroad has agreed to extend its tracks to Yaquina bay. He predicted lumber shipping ultimately would jump from 12 million to 150 million board feet. The lumber would move to Yaquina bay from an inland area stretching from Eugene north to Corvallis and to the coast, Smith said.

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The Gabriel locker property has a 275-foot frontage on South Commercial street and 165 foot frontage on Oak street. The plant could be completed within three months and the co-op plans to call for bids from local contractors for the work, when the purchase is completed.

Design of the plant by a Portland architect who has handled several locker plants in Portland,

meets state sanitary specifications and calls for the 4,000 lockers divided between two levels, MacDowell said.

Roy R. Hewitt, as co-op president, heads the board of directors which also includes Dr. H. P. Winicki, secretary; Marvin Nettleton, treasurer; Dr. Cecil R. Monk, Wendell E. Barnett, Theodore G. Nelson, A. M. Church, Dr. John A. Rademaker and Charles P. Davis.

Election Set Next Tuesday

The Salem district school board Wednesday stood pat on its scheduled \$3,500,000 bond issue election for school plant expansion, and before the day was out a citizens committee of property owners met to organize opposition to the bond issue. The election is set for next Tuesday.

"We will inform the public as far as possible on what the outcome would be if this bond issue is accepted and we will recommend its defeat," said Henry R. Crawford, head of the citizens committee which Tuesday had recommended to the school board a reduction of the proposed bond issue to \$1,500,000 for the present.

School board members, headed by Chairman Roy Harland, in a special afternoon session yesterday reaffirmed their bond issue stand and expressed these sentiments.

That the \$3,500,000 building program over a five-year period is necessary to meet present school needs occasioned by recent population growth in the Salem district, without even considering future in-migration.

That the district expansion program is soundly based on a recent school census, a survey of needs by an outside education committee and thorough consideration by the board itself.

That notice of the board's plans was given through the press and invitations to a hearing to nearly 50 civic organizations before the election was set, and that at the hearing and at subsequent meetings to explain the bond issue proposal the board encountered entirely favorable response, with only dissenters being those persons advocating an even greater expansion plan.

Frederick H. Paulus, deputy state treasurer, appeared before the school board members during the day Tuesday with the opposition committee to discuss the tax requirements of the bond issue plan. He indicated the addition of at least 15 mills to school taxes for bond retirement over 10 years would bring total taxes against Salem property holders to about 88 mills, or 9 per cent, of their assessed property value.

Said "The heavy" "would be too heavy to carry," Paulus said. He and other committeemen pointed out that other needs are arising in Salem, such as a proposed sewage disposal plant bond issue and financing a civic auditorium.

They indicated \$8 mills would put Salem's tax figure out of line with other Oregon cities.

Other committeemen who expressed opposition to the \$3,500,000 bond issue plan included William L. Phillips, Charles A. Sprague and Crawford. James B. Young suggested other financing methods should be looked into. Theodore Roth intimated that the public was not in accord with many school board policies and suggested that the old high school (now housing school administrative offices and other public agencies which pay rent) was considered by many still usable for school purposes.

Objection to Interest
One of the chief objections of the taxpayers' committee was based on the amount of interest the school district would have to pay on \$3,500,000 bond issue when not all the total building fund would be used immediately.

"The school district actually needs only \$1,500,000 for its building requirements in the next two years," said Crawford. He added yesterday that the committee understood the board probably would float the entire bond issue immediately.

School board members, however, pointed out that they are not committed to float the entire issue at one time. They added that the present trend toward higher interest rates on bonds also means, probably a trend toward lower construction prices.

Meetings to Continue
Meanwhile, bond issue explanation meetings for the public will continue as scheduled, with Superintendent Frank B. Bennett outlining the entire program in talks at Highland school at 8 o'clock tonight and at Englewood school at 8 o'clock Friday.

Of the \$3,500,000 estimate, \$1,675,000 is planned for additional facilities at Bush, McKinley, Englewood, Highland, Richmond, West Salem, Middle Grove, Swarth, Auburn, Pringle, Parrish and Salem high schools. Another \$1,100,000 is earmarked for new Ripkey, Capitols, East Englewood and West Salem schools, \$500,000 for replacement of Grant and Liberty schools and the remainder for sites and equipment.



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