

IT SEEMS TO ME
By Charles F. Sprague

Budget Also Due On Ballot

By Winslow H. Taylor Staff Writer, The Statesman
Salem school district's building program, curtailed to fit into a \$1,500,000 bond issue, will be voted upon at a special election April 16. That figure and date were decided upon by the school board Tuesday night after the proposals for such a two-year program gained the endorsement of a group representing a wide variety of local interests.

Following the suggestion of a citizens' committee which opposed the \$3,500,000 bond proposal defeated last month, the board voted to retire the issue over 20 years, with all bonds callable after five years. This is expected to increase the tax levy for bond payments to about four mills, including the 2.2 mills on current bonds.

The election will be at the same time as balloting on the 1948-49 district bond issue. Indications last night were that the tax levy for that budget would include an additional six mills to provide increased salaries.

50 Attend Meeting
Nearly 50 persons attended the conference with the board at which Board Chairman Roy Harland presided. Representing the citizens' committee, Charles A. Sprague presented his group's recommendation and later expressed satisfaction with the building program outlined.

Superintendent Frank Bennett displayed estimates for construction under the curtailed financing, stressing that the new plans omitted addition of covered play area for grade schools, but would include more classrooms and toilets on each floor.

Expansion for Bush
All the new classrooms would not be immediately filled, he said, but would soon be needed, and additions of only one or two rooms at a time was a wise method.

At Bush school, Bennett noted, enrollment next fall (on top of current congestion) would fill the new rooms.

With the group's approval indicated, Bennett urged that the board not be held rigidly to the schedule, because of possible population shifts. Some of the projects, including Bush, West Salem, McKinley and Middle Grove, he said should be started this spring to be ready as early as possible in the fall.

The board set aside \$500,000 to be scheduled for completion generally by September, 1949.

Projects Outlined
The elementary projects outlined are new elementary schools at four corners of rooms 6 and Capitola (9 rooms), additions of five rooms at Bush, four at McKinley, six at Englewood, four at Richmond, four to six at West Salem, one at Middle Grove and two at Swegle, the total cost approximately \$1,050,000.

New gymnasiums, cafeteria and classrooms at \$325,000 are contemplated for Parrish junior high, with \$15,000 to be spent at West Salem on preparing an athletic field at the new site. An addition to the senior high school vocational shops would cost \$110,000.

Approximately \$90,000 to be added to the bonds remains from income on a serial levy voted a few years ago and discontinued by last year's consolidation.

(Additional details on page 2)

Anthol Riney Hurt in Wreck

Anthol W. Riney, 644 N. 20th st., Marion county club agent, was in "fair" condition at Salem general hospital early today after being knocked unconscious in an auto accident about 6:15 p.m. at Summer and D streets. Extent of his injuries was not disclosed.

Salem police said Riney's car collided with a car driven by James P. Woodruffe, 655 N. 18th st. Riney was treated by city first aid men. No arrests were made.

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James H. Moore (d), Portland, representative.

Henry Niemela (d), Clatsop-Columbia representative.

Abby C. Dickson, Portland, circuit judge.

J. W. Lundin (r), trustee, Salmon River-Grande Ronde highway improvement district.

DEWEY LEADS 6-2 IN PRIMARY

Hershey Oiling Draft Machinery

Light Saving to Start Sunday in California

Hall 'Powerless'; Elfstrom Backs Plan

SACRAMENTO, Calif., March 9-(AP)—California, beset by a drought-imposed shortage of electrical power, will go on daylight saving time at 2:01 a.m. Pacific standard time Sunday.

The legislature, rushing through the bill as a power-saver, completed enactment today. Governor Warren previously had announced he would sign it so as to get it into effect Sunday.

Schedules of both trains and buses operating in California will conform to daylight saving on the daylight time issue. He expects answers in a week and will bring the subject before a league session at Enterprise Monday.

There is no way in which daylight saving time can be made effective statewide in Oregon short of a legislative enactment, Gov. John H. Hall declared Tuesday when advised that the California legislature had provided daylight saving there effective next Sunday.

The governor pointed out, however, that municipalities have authority to establish daylight saving under a home rule provision.

Mayor Robert L. Elfstrom, president of the League of Oregon Cities, launched a mail questionnaire to 182 Oregon cities on the daylight time issue. He expects answers in a week and will bring the subject before a league session at Enterprise Monday.

Elfstrom said he believed the entire coast should be on the fast-time schedule.

North Salem Business Association Organized

A North Salem Business association was formed Tuesday night when 50 representative business leaders of Hollywood and other north Salem areas held an organization meeting in the Willamette Valley bank.

Wallace Bonesteel was elected president of the new group which drew up as its purpose community betterment, unifying business and community affairs in all north Salem and fostering better trade practices, all without conflict with other clubs and organizations.

Other officers: First vice president, Frank Chatas; second vice president, James Tindall; treasurer, Carroll Meeks; secretary, Al Flicker; directors, P. W. Hale and Claude Steenson, for two years, and Glenn Sielitz, for one year.

The president and elected directors will appoint four additional directors, survey the membership potential, qualifications and dues for recommendation to the group at a meeting to be called later.

Earl Mootry opened the meeting in which nearly all those present responded enthusiastically in favor of the new organization. Attorney Charles Creighton, Jr., explained proposed articles of incorporation which were approved. E. A. Bradford discussed a former Hollywood community club. At Eiling Halvorson's suggestion the new group decided to rotate its chief officers after six months, with the president becoming second vice president and each vice president "stepping up."

The women's dormitory is expected to cost \$1,825,000.

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George W. Nelson (r), Medford, district attorney Jackson county.

M. L. Weaver (d), Canyonville, state senator, 9th district.

T. E. Wilcox (r), Grants Pass, state senator, 7th dist.

Fred A. Hellberg (r), Astoria, state senator, 15th dist.

Edmo Smith (r), Ontario, state senator, 2nd dist.

John Dickson (r), Portland, representative, 5th dist.

Joseph Harvey (r), Portland, representative, 5th dist.

Rufus G. Powell (r), Portland, representative, 5th dist.

Harry E. Warren (r), Portland, representative, 5th dist.

Speedier Methods Utilized

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9-(AP)—The United States is training state selective service officers to put a manpower procurement program into effect if necessary for any emergency, Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said today.

Trainees are being instructed "How to do it quicker if we have an atomic war." Other subjects include what to do at national guard camps and at weekly drills.

The wartime draft director said instruction is given on how to set up state procurement plans no matter whether the nation adopts universal military training or mobilization.

He described the program as "entirely a voluntary thing." Meanwhile, he said, "A great majority of the states in one way or another are doing something" to keep their draft machinery in condition.

Hershey, whose present title is director of the office of selective service records, said national guardsmen and army, navy and marine reserves are attending the training sessions as well as selective officers.

The first course was given at Ft. Benning, Ga., in January. This was followed by similar training at San Antonio, Tex., in February another such course is being conducted at present at the residence of Gov. Francis T. Sessler, in June.

Amundson to Seek Municipal Judge Position

Elmer M. Amundson, 32, Salem attorney, became the fourth candidate for the office of municipal judge when he filed his declaration of candidacy here with the Salem city recorder Tuesday.

Other aspirants for the municipal judge post are W. W. McKinney, incumbent, and William H. Crawford and Peery T. Buren.

Amundson has been a practicing attorney for the past 2 1/2 years and has also operated a real estate business.

He was raised in Salem and graduated from Salem high school in 1934. He moved to Washington, D. C., where he was employed for two years by the credit administration, and by the department of justice for five years from 1937 to 1942.

Amundson returned to Salem in 1944. He is a graduate of the Washington College of Law and attended George Washington university, both in Washington, D. C. He is married, has three children and lives at 533 Richmond ave.

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Stassen Behind in Vote for Delegates In New Hampshire

By James F. King
CONCORD, N. H., March 9-(AP)—Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York held a six-to-two lead tonight for New Hampshire's eight seats at the republican national convention -- on the basis of returns from more than a third of the state's precincts.

Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, was the only other outright contender in this first presidential primary of 1948.

One of his leading supporters, Republican National Committeeman Frank Sulloway, who ran as a Stassen delegate, said the New Yorker looked like a certain winner of five delegates.

Over the state, in 298 precincts -- city wards and individual towns -- republicans elected four delegates at large and each of the two congressional districts chose two others.

Republican Show
It was a republican show. Though democrats also chose eight delegates to their national nominating convention, all were pledged to President Truman.

In the contest to select four GOP delegates at large, returns from 108 precincts put Dewey's backers ahead in three races.

Dewey men were running one-two in the second congressional district and another was leading in the first district. A Stassen backer was ahead for the second seat in the first district.

Both Dewey and Stassen camps had conceded beforehand that an impressive victory today would give a psychological boost to their campaign. The effect on the next primary -- Wisconsin's on April 6 -- figured especially in their calculations.

Heavy Vote in State
Bright sunny skies brought out an unusually heavy vote in this primary -- the nation's first in the 1948 presidential campaign.

One significant feature -- some politicians noted -- was that the Eisenhower-pledged delegates polled a small vote in the early returns.

Even though General Dwight D. Eisenhower repudiated a move to draft him, two men pledged to him ran for delegates-at-large and his name appeared on the ballot.

Night Clubs Escape Liquor Regulation Via Legal Loophole

PORTLAND, March 9-(AP)—The state liquor commission today reported a legal loophole through which a few night clubs were escaping regulation.

The commission said at least two clubs were operating in Portland without licenses and the state could do nothing about them.

Denied or refused licenses, clubs can serve mixers, ice and service and escape prosecution if no "extra compensation" is charged, the commission said.

It is planned to ask the next legislature to pass a law to correct this situation.

N. Y. VOTES AMENDMENT
ALBANY, N. Y., March 9-(AP)—Over solid democratic opposition, the assembly today made New York the 20th state to approve a proposed constitutional amendment to limit U. S. presidents to two elected terms.

ITALY, DUTCH SIGN PACT
ROME, March 8-(AP)—Italy and The Netherlands signed a commercial treaty here Friday, the Italian foreign ministry said today.

'A Fair Forum in Which All Have Equal Chance'

That is what YOUR HOME NEWSPAPER will conduct in regard to the May 21 primary election.

To that end, the following letter is being sent to all candidates for major state offices--and also to candidates for lesser offices in which there are contests:

"In regard to your announced candidacy for office, we would be glad to have you state your qualifications and position for inclusion in a series of stories to start soon in THE OREGON STATESMAN.

"So that all may have an equal opportunity, we are limiting these particular articles to 300 words, and ask that you include mention of your family and home; business, civic, church and fraternal connections; experience in politics or other lines of work; birth place and date--and use the remainder in any way you see fit short of libel.

"It will be to your advantage, of course, to keep within the 300-word limit, so that the choice of words remains yours, for specific use in THE STATESMAN.

"This series will not constitute our entire presentation of candidates, but it will represent a fair forum in which all have the same chance to be heard."

The answers to this letter will appear daily starting Wednesday, March 17, in



WASHINGTON, March 9—Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss) warned the senate judiciary committee today "the country is on the verge of war" in asking that proposed civil rights bills be set aside in favor of "more important legislation."

Mac Declines To Discuss Political Move

TOKYO, Wednesday, March 10 (AP)—General MacArthur announced today he would not discuss politics with correspondents and that the Allied occupation of Japan would not "change in the slightest" as the result of his entry into the American political campaign.

His announcement was made through Col. M. P. Echols, public information officer. It declined newsmen's requests for a special press conference and for pictures of the supreme allied commander.

Echols said after conferring with MacArthur that yesterday's statement--of willingness to accept the presidency -- was made "in his capacity as a private citizen. He has nothing to add to it. It does not change in the slightest the mission and routine of general headquarters as a military headquarters solely concerned with conduct of the occupation of Japan." (In order to campaign actively for the presidency, MacArthur would have to retire from the army.)

BOSTON, March 9-(AP)—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston, former democratic governor of Massachusetts, said tonight the name of General Douglas MacArthur will be presented to the democratic national convention next July.

PORTLAND, March 9-(AP)—Political leaders said today that apparently General Douglas MacArthur would not get on the Oregon primary ballot. They said they knew of no petitions signed to place his name on the ballot before the Friday filing deadline.

WHALBOAT GIVEN TO LOCAL SEA SCOUTS

The Salem Boy Scout office this week received word from the U. S. Coast Guard that it has given a 23-foot whaleboat with a motor for use by Salem Sea Scout ship 12.

Officers of the local scout unit will go to Bremerton, Wash., soon to claim the gift. It will be moored on the Willamette river. The scout ship already has a 30-foot sail boat (without motor) given to it by the U. S. maritime service several years ago.

Cabbie Tells Of Dual Life

GASTONIA, N. C., March 9 (AP)—A 28-year-old taxi driver testified in superior court today he maintained two lives, only six miles apart for three years.

The driver, Monroe P. Adams, pleaded guilty to a bigamy charge.

He said he explained to his wife in Gastonia that he worked nights, and that he held his wife in Cramerton, six miles away, that he worked days.

Judge George Patton gave Adams a suspended five-year sentence, fined him \$200 and court costs, and ordered him to return to his first wife and their two children. Wife No. 1 had asked his return.

Wife No. 2 said she planned to have her marriage annulled.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	55	39	.00
Portland	53	37	trace
San Francisco	54	40	.00
Chicago	28	22	.00
New York	48	31	.54

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fair today; clearing; light breeze; High today 55, low tonight 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (from Sept. 1 to March 19)

This Year	Last Year	Average
25.80	28.97	28.75

Marshall Plan Stamped 'Rush' By Congress

WASHINGTON, March 9-(AP)—Congress stamped "rush" on the Marshall plan today amid growing talk of a possible new war.

Extra sessions were lined up for the senate to speed action on the \$5,300,000,000 European recovery program.

And Chairman Eaton (R-NJ) said the house foreign affairs committee would begin writing its own bill after hearing Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault testify tomorrow on aid to China.

Eaton told reporters after a meeting of GOP committee members with House Speaker Martin (R-Mass) that the house group may reverse itself and consider the ERP bill by itself.

"The time element is of great importance," Eaton said. The committee has been planning to include ERP in the same bill with aid to China, Turkey and Greece.

Leaders of the group, arriving earlier in the day, failed to reach agreement on a joint timetable.

Secretary of State Marshall urged quick action in a personal appeal to House Leader Martin (R-Mass) yesterday.

And today Senator Hill (D-Ala) saying the recovery program is "the best and most immediate chance we have" for peace, told the senate:

"The world is being pushed toward war by a gigantic conspiracy--dictated from Soviet Russia--against order and security and freedom for mankind."

Secretary of Commerce Harrison told the senate finance committee, in a reference to European aid:

"Time is running against us. Delay is causing serious repercussions."

Mike De Cicco to Run For Committeeman

PORTLAND, March 9-(AP)—Mike M. De Cicco, Portland member of Multnomah county central democratic committee, today announced he would be a candidate for national committeeman of the party.

Monroe Sweetland, Newport and Molalla publisher, is also a candidate for the committee position.

Animal Crackers
By WARREN GOODRICH



"... and remember, son, to be successful always have an aim in life."

Tsingtao Blast Kills 200; Near U.S. Navy Pier

TSINGTAO, North China, March 9-(AP)—The explosion of a three-story Chinese ammunition storehouse today killed at least 200 persons and injured hundreds of others. Some estimates of the injured ranged up to 1,000.

The warehouse, located a half-mile from U. S. navy ships tied up at docks, knocked down more than 100 Chinese dwellings and damaged 400 others. No Americans were reported killed or injured by the late-forenoon blast, but 10 suffered minor burns in first aid work. No U. S. property was hit.

Cause of the explosion was unknown. Several small factories near the warehouse collapsed, burying workers in debris, and the roof of the Tsingtao customs house 200 yards away caved in.

S. I. Melvin Scofield, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy S. Scofield, Rt. 6, Salem, is stationed at Tsingtao, China, where an ammunition dump exploded Tuesday killing an estimated 200 persons. No Americans were reported killed or seriously injured.

Scofield, who works in the U. S. navy telephone exchange at Tsingtao, is a graduate of Salem high school.

30 Per Cent Of Red Cross Fund Pledged

More than 30 per cent of Marion county's \$55,000 Red Cross goal was reported raised Tuesday. The reports of various divisions were given at a joint luncheon with the Salem Kiwanis clubs.

Most progress was reported in the residential division, which already has acquired more than 80 per cent of its \$6,900 quota.

The division reports were: Contractors (Frank Test, chairman), \$325.

Utilities (L. M. Flagg), \$390.

Residential division, Floyd Uiter and Mrs. Guy Hickox, \$5,865.51.

Suburban (Mrs. M. J. Steinbock), \$486.90.

Automotive (Orval Lams), \$1,421.50.

Education (Preston Doughton), \$105.

General gifts (W. E. Stewart), \$1,499.60.

Rural (Paul Shepard), \$636.90.

Mercantile (L. M. Grier), \$2,589.20.

Government (Harold Phillippe), \$825.50.

Industrial (H. R. Maillet), \$1,081.50.

Professional (Glen Wade), \$1,600.

Among non-Salem communities Hayesville was third to go over the top by obtaining its 100 per cent quota Tuesday. It was announced.

Taylor Berates Marshall Plan