#### **Religious Education Decision** Prompts Conjecture over State

The U.S. supreme court ruling Monday that religious instructioon be banned in public schools prompted conjecture among educators of Salem and other Oregon communities in which school practices may be affected.

Oregon schools will comply with the decision but not until a copy of the opinion has been received here for analysis. Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, told the Rev. Gilbert

Thor Lodge

Election of officers and a fare-

Nelson, auditing committee.

Christian, Oregon council churches, Tuesday. Putnam said it might be neces-Putnem said it might be necessary to refer the high court decision to the attorney general here to determine how the Oregon schools fit into the picture. He said a substantial number of Oresaid a substantial number of Oregon schools apparently have religious instruction but in virtually all cases such instruction is han- well party for a couple planning to died outside of regular school revisit the club's native land feat-

officials. No Immediate Change No change is expected in the who are leaving early in April for tion.

weekday religious instruction pro- a three-months visit in Norway. gram in Salem school district un- The Arnesons were presented til it is learned whether Oregon's with movie films, on the condinois (where the case originated), and show the results upon their said Superintendent Frank B. return here.

Within Salem, the program is Norway and of "the land of the financed through the Salem Min- midnight sun" were shown by isterial association, which pays the Peggy Goplerud. Susan Faherty, teachers. Attendance, for one hour executive secretary of Marion 000. weekly in regular study hours, is county chapter. American Red

In Silverton where 400 attend campaign and work of the ARC. daily bible classes supervised by a Location of the next meeting was ministerial association. Superin- left up to the executive commit- \$300,000. tendent of Schools A. B. Anderson tee. said classes will continue for the present, but meanwhile the school Theodore G. Nelson, president; Al board will discuss the situation at a meeting tonight.

Catholie Communities It was considered likely that treasurer; Ernest and Doris Conn. the court ruling, when fully in- marshal and assistant; Bernard terpreted, might affect present operating policies of schools in Mt. and outer guards; Theodore Jes-Angel and St. Paul, predominant- ten, Bernard Benson and Mrs. Eva ly Cathonic communities of Mar-

St. Paul and Mt. Angel district en Ratchford, assistant secretary; schools are now renting space in Helen Lovald, social director; buildings owned by the respective Gena C. Benson, assistant; Dr. 45, is building a new school which Lunda, general director, Appointwill be occupied next fall. Eight ments were Mabel Lindstrom and grades are now taught in the rent- Carmen Benson on the hospitality ed space in the parochial school, committee and Velda Lunda as piwhile al! but the third and fourth anist. grades are taught by Sisters of the Holy Names in the same building. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Crawford, Taught by Sisters

Mt. Angel district 91 teaches all transfer from Astoria. of the upper grades in rooms rented from St. Mary's parish. First three grades are taught by Bene-ductine sisters from the Mt. Angel Ferries Run ly across the street from St. Mary's In Washington academy. The building is directter with a large auditorium on the first floor and large kitchen and dining rooms in the basement.

From Portland, school officials told Associated Press they would days ago in a dispute with the allow bible classes to continue un- state over rates, today began netil the city schools' attorney stufrom schools. Church officials said they believed the supreme court ruling would not affect such classes.

diction.

commissioners of Snohomish

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**Grand Jury Probe** 

PORTLAND, March 9 - (AP) - Mayor Earl Riley told the City

club today that he welcomed the

club's charges that vice and graft

there have been "crooked" po-

icemen here, but praised the po-

Riley added that the club should

not have publicized its charges of

vice, but should have taken them

lice department as a whole.

He admitted that in the past

exist in Portland.

#### **School Planning Meet at Monmouth** To Start Tuesday

All Marion county district school board members and advi-ory building committeemen are urged by Mrs. Agnes Booth, Marion county school superintendent, to attend a school building Heating has been appointed Polk planning and improvement conference at Monmouth on March 16 and 17. The conference will open at land, it was announced Tuesday.

9 30 a.m. Tuesday at Oregon College of Education which is spon- Mucie Gear Works of Muncie, soring the meeting together with Ind., and offered for installation the state education department, after a ten-year period of ex-

State and national school building consultants will discuss class- systems and "heat from the earth," room lighting and colors, proper eliminating all combustion in the school construction, and will set house or building. up a model classroom. School board members and other educa- be on public display in the Pattion leaders from Marion and ton-Minto show room, 1122 S. neighboring counties will attend 12th st. the conference, Mrs. Booth de-

#### **Numerals Burned** In School Lawn

The numerals "48," about 10 feet high, were burned in the front lawn at Salem high school grand jury investigation of the Tuesday evening, presumably by over-enthusiastic seniors or envious underclassmen. The flames leaped as high as six or seven feet from oil-soaked kindling on the ground, according to city police who spotted the blaze just before 10:30 o'clock. The fire was quickly put out by city firemen.

#### Smoking Pan Calls Out Local Fire Department

A lot of smoke, but not much fire, called out Salem fire equipment about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday to 1395 N. Winter st. There a greasefilled pan on a hot stove had filled the house with smoke-but the roast had already been re-

Stan Laurel - Offver Hardy



# **Project Cuts**

Army engineers asked today that the senate restore all but one of

add \$131,000,000, or 25 per cent, to the house total. The house figure, if approved by the senate,

Subcommittee Chairman Gurhours and is promoted by reli- ured Tuesday night's meeting of group would review with care the gious groups rather than by school Thor lodge, Sons of Norway. The army recommendations for each of session honored Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Arneson, 2135 S. Cottage st.,

situation is similar to that in Illi- tion that they picture their trip cases they bring the total to the budget bureau:

Films of her family home in Oregon: Detroit reservoir. \$500 .-000; Dorena reservoir, \$500,000; Lookout Point reservoir, \$2,000,-

> Flood control project in more than one state: Oregon: Coos Bay, \$1,000,000; Columbia river at Bonneville,

> more than one state: McNary lock and dam, Columbia river, Oregon and Washington, and lower Willamette rivers, beland, Ore., \$154.000.

### Newly elected officers were Hel-Wrecking of

Wrecking of the former Ne Half-Day Shifts Charles H. Robertson home at

SEATTLE, March 9 -(AP)- The Puget Sound Navigation company, which suspended service nine bidders whose bids were opened gram

dies the supreme court ruling. The classes, held for about 10,000 students, usually are conducted away went into operation today under \$22,000 for the property when it State Highway Engineer R. H. charter to the counties. Such charters are not under state jurisstate capitol grounds. Only house in that block still to be acquired At the same time company is the Bush home adjacent to the representatives met today with Robertson place.

#### Skagit and San Juan counties in **Hi-Y Chapters** Everett to work out similar con-Draft 'Bills' on Rail Crossings

Reflecting a wide interest in public affairs, members of Salem's three Hi-Y chapters are drafting county dealer for Marvair Heat Pump units by the Marvair Heat mock legislative bills on railroad crossing signals, lowering of vot-Pump Salem distributors of Porting age to 18 and abolition of capital punishment.

These and other bills were discussed at the YMCA last night when the Hi-Y groups met together to prepare for their participation in the Youth and Government program in which youth organizations, will hold a model legislature here on April 2 and 3. A unit in actual operation will

mittees will further the work on D. Ling, Tom Kelly and Carl Jorthe mock legislature.

#### **Red Cross Lifesaving** Class Underway

A Red Cross senior lifesaving class is underway with 24 members, Instructor Al Minn reported last night after the first regular class session in the YMCA swimming pool. He said new members may join the class at next Tuesday night's 8 o'clock meeting, but not after.

A junior lifesaving class will be opened by Minn at 7 p.m. Monday in the YM pool.

#### Pay Increase bors program for the year begin-aing next July 1. Kecommended

(Story also on page 1.) The budget committee of Salem school district has recommended salary increases for 1948-49 that are expected to add about six mills to the tax levy, Superintendent Frank B. Bennett reported to the school board Tuesday The annual boost over night. present base salaries would be \$480 for teachers and administrative staff, \$300 for janitors and \$240 for secretaries.

The board approved contract renewals and regular changes in the tenure system for a large group of teachers now within the three-year probationary period. Bennett reported that at sometime this year a vote may be taken on consolidating Mountain View district, north of West Sa-Kindergarten Undecided

When a proposal to include kindergartens in the public school \$10,000,000; Columbia river be- system will be on the ballot retween Vancouver, Wash., and The mained undecided. Directors in-Dalles, Ore., \$200,000; Columbia dicated the impossibility of adding such a program in buildings low Vancouver, Wash., and Port- already overtaxed by regular school population.

In the public discussion of the proposed building program, most of the speakers advised measures similar to that of the citizens' committee, noting the present high cost of building and warning against too great an increase in the tax millage, as well as citing the community's other needs, such as sewerage and hospitals

While Mrs. Lawrence Fitzger-277 N. Capitol st., on the site of ald of the Junior Woman's club a proposed new state office build- reminded that "you can't posting, will begin today, it was dis- pone education" and it was urged closed last night by Robert P that parents assuredly didn't Mobley who yesterday purchased want half-day shifts for pupils, the building for \$912 from the Fred Paulus, deputy state treasurer, expressed doubt that all the Mobley, a city fireman now liv- building should be done at presing in the veterans housing col- ent and that all the bonds should ony, said he would use the ma- be issued immediately. Mayor R. terials salvaged to build a home L. Elfstrom, however, declared for himself at 20th and Wilber the district "should not settle for streets. He was high among five any less" than the outlined pro-

by the state board of control on SNOW FALLS OVER CASCADES Snow continued to fall in eastpurchased the site opposite the Baldock reported here Tuesday.

#### **Toastmasters** To Publicize Freedom Train

Members of Salem Toastmasters uled April 6.

at its dinner meeting last night benhorst.





A. R. WETJEN

#### Albert Wetjen, Former State **Writer Dies**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9-(AP) Albert Richard Wetjen, 47, writer of sea and adventure stories and former Oregon resident, died here last night.

took up writing while working as a farm hand at Harrisburg, Ore. He wrote a number of books, and his short stories frequently appeared in magazines. Wetjen went to sea at 13 and

twice was shipwrecked. After British army service in the first world war he went to Canada. From there he went to Oregon in 1921, and in 1923 married Edythe Eisenbrandt of Albany. Among books written while he

was in Oregon were "Way For a kala, who was given authority to Sailor," "Fiddler's Green," "Captains All," and "Youth Walks on a Highway." He considered "Fiddler's Green" his best.

day, was a Salent resident for several years following his European eastern bloc. Three members of travels of 1924 and 1925.

for local publisher Murray Wade

July, 1944, when he went into ter to Paasikivi. Portland shipyards for atmosphere for his writings. He has been in correspondence with Ethan Grant, 20-30 to Talk Salem writer, who said he had been in poor health in recent

#### Morse Backs Tax Reduction

WASHINGTON, March 9 -(AP) stand today in favor of lower ice group bring their employers federal income taxes.

of tax relief this year." Morse added that he favored

tax reforms advocated by Paul G. Hoffman, president of the night movies on sports and "The Studebaker corporation

# By Fighters

TSINGTAO, North China, Wedthe Chennault airline, said today circumstances. the line will continue flights from Mukden despite "a soviet attack"

It was undamaged.

"They apparently wanted scare us away," said Burridge, a plosion, Reynolds related. former marine flier from Cadillac,

(Russians occupy Port Arthur and Dairen, Manchuria, near the air route from Mukden to China proper.)

It is the first such incident reported here. The airline, developed as a commercial venture by retired Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, was engaged in evacuating some 7,000 persons from communist-isolated Mukden

#### Leftist-Hued Wetjen, a native of London, Finn Board to **Discuss Pact**

HELSINKI, March 9 .- (AP)-President Juho Paasikivi appointed today a leftist-hued delegation for the talks in Moscow on a Russo-Finnish treaty of friendship and military aid.

The seven-man delegation will be headed by Premier Mauno Pek-"sign any documents possibly arising out of the negotiations."

Parliament will have to ratify any pact agreed upon in Moscow. A majority of parties in parlia-Albert Richard Wetjen, San ment oppose any military alliance it would put Finland in the soviet He edited the Oregon Magazine who are against a military pact.

The discussions are expected to for two years. He was a member begin in the soviet capital on or get \$105 a month and a man with of Capital post 9, American Le- about March 20 -- about three more than one dependent will weeks after Prime Minister Stalin get \$120 a month. His last visit to Oregon was in made the treaty proposal in a let-

# Of Delinquency Mayor Devin

Salem 20-30 club will consider how it can help in a recently developed county program for combatting juvenile delinquency at a meeting next Tuesday night in the Gold Arrow restaurant. It will be Employers' night

when members of the young servas dinner guests. On the program He said, "I am convinced that will be J. R. Turnidge, Jefferson the great majority of my con- area farmer who offered a sumstituents in Oregon and the peo- mer program for several youths ple of the country want some form last year; Sidney Lambius, school truant officer, and Circuit Judge George R. Duncan.

At the club's dinner meeting last New Oregon Trail" were shown.

### Chennault Line Gas Leak to Plane Attacked Delay Reynolds Gives Inflation

SHANGHAI, Wednesday, March 10-(AP)-The transport plane of the Milton Reynolds scientific expedition has developed a serious gas-oline leak and will be flown back to Los Angeles for repairs under nesday, March 18-(AP)-Capt. A. L. what the millionaire manufactur-Burridge, Shantung manager for er said were "highly dangerous"

He said his pilot, William P. Mukden despite "a soviet attack" Odom of Roslyn, N.Y.; flight en-gineer Carroll Sallee, Dallas, Tex.; Two P-39 fighter planes marked a Chinese airforce lieutenant and with red stars, the airline had re- a radioman have volunteered to ported earlier, fired machine guns | make the trip. They may take off at a Chennault transport but evi- today. They will stay in the pilot's dently were not trying to hit it. compartment because anyone riding in the main cabin "wouldn't to have a chance" in event of an ex-

The leaky gasoline system will Mich. "We are not going to be delay for at least three weeks his plans for aerial exploration of mountainous western China. Fuel pump trouble first developed at Wake island, en route to China, he explained

## Réquirement For School Aid

WASHINGTON, March 9 -(AP) The government pay envelope is going to be thicker come May 1 for many veterans going to school under the GI bill of rights, but there's a big "if."

They'll be thicker if the veteran is a full time student—that is, if he's attending classes 25 hours a week by the clock, or taking 12 semester hours, as many

colleges figure it. Those taking less classroom instruction will have to get along with the same monthly check they're getting at present. They're part time students, in the eyes of Uncle Sam, and the

theory is that they can earn money for themselves on the side. Full time students, on the other hand, are supposed to have Francisco writer who died Mon- with the Russians on the grounds their hands full just going to school. And so:

A man with no dependents will the delegation represent parties get \$75 a month instead of the present \$65. A man with one dependent will

The present payment is \$90 a

month for a man with one or more dependents.

#### **Seattle Elects** SEATTLE, March 9-(AP)-Mayor

William F. Devin of Seattle appar- CHILE TO OUTLAW REDS ently was reelected to his post by a narrow margin tonight in the city's municipal election.

cincts reporting, he had a lead of ernment also is con-1,594 over his opponent, Allan virtually banning the communist Pomeroy, former assistant U. S. party. district attorney. About 2,000 absentee ballots remained to be

The final unofficial totals: Devin 66,614, Pomeroy 65,020.

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# Price Drop New Wallop

CHICAGO, March 9-(AP)-Skid-ding commodity prices gave infla-tion a new long-range wallop to-

Wholesale markets registered their second successive average daily decline. The retreat sent the average price of 35 major com-modities to the lowest level in seven months.

The decline reversed a gradual recovery trend that started after the sharp commodity market slump of early February.

The Associated Press weighted wholesale price index of 35 commodities dropped hearly a point to 185.58. This compared with 188.56 a week ago, 188.64 a month ago and 181.54 a year ago. It was the lowest point since the index stood at 185.37 on August 1. The previous 1948 low of 186.32 was set on Friday, Febrary 13. Prices in 1926 were 100.

The index prices prevailed on most major commodity markets after a sharp drop early in trad-

Wheat finished 11/4 higher to 21/8 cents lower on the Chicago board of trade. The May contract was \$2.3614-14. This was only 31/2-41/4 cents above the grain cereal's 1948 low.

Corn was 1 cent higher to 23% lower, May \$2.13-\$2.131/4. Oats were ¼ lower to 1% higher, May \$1.191/2-%. Soybeans plunged the daily 8 cents limit, March \$3.50.

#### **Board Seeks Bids on East** Oregon Project

The state board of control Tuesday called for bids on a new employe dormitory for the eastern Oregon state tuberculosis hospital at The Dalles and gave tentative approval for erection of a phy-sicians' cottage there, provided a satisfactory bid is received.

Bids on the dormitory for 48 employes will be opened April 16. Cost is estimated at \$265,776, all but \$30,000 of which would come from the state building fund. The \$30,000 was provided in a legislative appropriation.

Appealing for the new construction at The Dalles, Dr. J. M. Odell, superintendent of the hospital, told the board, "If we are to employ and retain competent help we must have more living accommodations."

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 9-(AP) The cabinet approved today a decree removing all communists With all of the city's 657 pre- from government jobs. The gov-



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## **Engineers Ask** Solons Restore

WASHINGTON, March 9-(AP)-

the cutbacks made by the house in its record \$538,875,000 waterways The recommendation was made as a senate appropriations subcommittee opened hearings on the flood control and rivers and har-

The engineers' proposal would

would be an all-time high. ney (R-S.D.) told a reporter his the 244 projects in the program, checking them against house ac-

The following amounts, by projects, are among those the engineers requested be restored. In all original figure proposed by the

Flood control (all in one state):

Cross, discussed the current fund Rivers and harbors project in lem, with Salem district.

Re-elected as club officers were Moen, vice president; Theodore Jesten, counselor, Paul Ratchford, financial secretary; Ivy Swenvold, Benson and Severin Lange, inner

Cathelic parishes. St. Paul district B. L. Trelstad, physician; Orris C. H. Robertson Home to Start

> Admitted as new members were G. F. Farmen and John Norby, a

The units, constructed by the

Speaker at the meeting was Attorney John Steelhammer, a for-

lub will address all Salem servce clubs in the near future on subjects related to the appearance here of the Freedom train, sched-This was decided by the club

in Nohlgren's restaurant when film strips on the Freedom train, which exhibits documents and mementoes of American history, were shown. The club delegated as speakers for the project Wilmer Lamb, Charles Schmitz, Tom Kelly, Joseph Dodd, Robert Sprague, Ralph Gordon and Coburn Gra-

Showing of the film strips in connection with the table topics mer state legislator, who told the discussion last night produced boys about legislative procedures. lively controversy over the possi-Adviser John Gardner said the bility of lowering official voting Hi-Y groups will have separate age to 18. Darel Jones conducted meetings at school next week, the table topics, Lewis Mayers was when the respective chapter com- toastmaster and Edward Roth, A. several bilis they will present at dan and Ralph Nohlgren were the regular speakers.



