

Throng Wait for Hours To Visit Freedom Train



First of thousands to brave inclement weather and line up for the visit of the Freedom Train in Salem Tuesday was Donald Martin, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Martin of 190 Park Lane, who took his place at 4 a. m. He was joined a few minutes later by Willard (left) and John Gornick, shown standing behind him, sons of John Gornick, Jr., of Salem route 5.



Nearly 1,000 persons were in the lineup for the 9 to 10 a. m. "pre-view"—members of the mayor's committee and those holding tickets of the sponsors who footed the \$3,500 bill for the train's visit.



Brief welcoming ceremonies on this speaker's platform preceded the formal opening of the train. Left to right, Gov. John Hall; Lt. Col. Robert Scott, security officer (at microphone); Mayor Robert I. Elfstrom; Walter O'Brien, train manager, and Dave Hoss, chairman of the Freedom Train committee.



Hundreds of school children from Salem and surrounding towns viewed the historic records of the nation's heritage. This interested youngster is looking at documents of World War II.



Colonel Scott in the above photo is explaining the Japanese surrender documents to Carlton Greider, blinded marine veteran of the Pacific war and now in charge of veterans' rehabilitation in the state employment office. Mrs. Greider is at the left.



As visitors left the Freedom train, they signed the freedom scroll which is to be preserved as a historic memento of a historic movement to renew recognition of and allegiance to the principles on which the American democracy was founded. (All photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

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STASSEN LEADS WISCONSIN VOTE

Ahead in 22 Races; Mac Next

Dewey Trailing Badly in Race For 27 Delegates

MILWAUKEE, April 7—(Wednesday)—(P)—Harold E. Stassen and Gen. Douglas MacArthur appeared today to have rounded up 26 of Wisconsin's 27 GOP presidential votes—with Stassen grabbing the lion's share.

Despite a late influx of Milwaukee votes, Stassen held on to a lead in races involving 22 delegates chosen in yesterday's primary.

MacArthur's candidates topped the incomplete count for four delegate places. They threatened to nose their way into some of those temporarily in Stassen's camp if the south side Milwaukee vote on which they have been depending hits par for their course.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey trailed badly in third place, but retained the chance to salvage one delegate in the fifth (Milwaukee county) district where veteran Bo Hard Gettelman was running on his ticket.

In the state-wide race where 21 candidates were running for the seven at-large delegate posts, Stassen's seven led the field, including Milwaukee. The count in 1,750 of 3,138 precincts, including 47 in Milwaukee, showed:

Stassen's top man 102,165 votes, his low man 93,079. MacArthur's top man 79,999, his low 67,681. Dewey's top man 80,976, his low 48,476.

In 10 district races, where 22 delegates are chosen in each, Stassen led in the contests for 15 places, MacArthur for four and Dewey for one.

The state Milwaukee returns indicated that MacArthur would run well in the city where he keeps his legal residence.

But they did not show the margin over Stassen which would indicate that he can cut down the former Minnesota governor's lead in the at-large race unless the trend changes.

To Support Truman Democrats picked a 24-vote delegation in yesterday's primary. All are expected to support President Truman.

As an indication that many democrats chose republican ballots instead of their own, returns from 688 of the state's 3,138 precincts gave the highest democratic delegate candidate a total vote of only 8,699.

Unless there is a sharp reversal of trend, Dewey seemed headed toward a near shut out from a state where he won all of the Presidential nominating votes in 1940 and carried off the major share of delegates in 1944 without campaigning.

It was such a result that knocked the late Wendell L. Willkie out of the race in 1944.

CHINA PLANES IN ACTION PEIPING, Wednesday, April 7—(AP)—Government planes attacked 10,000 Chinese communists on the inner Mongolia battlefield, headquarters here announced today, while ground fighting continued near Liancheng, an important highway center.

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

The finer machines require very close-fitting bearings for them to operate efficiently. Otherwise vibration is excessive and variation in production is too great. Tolerances are figured down to the thousandth part of an inch.

It is different with organizations of people with their tolerances must be fairly wide. Otherwise friction develops and the group flies apart. The Roman empire is an example of successful government enduring over centuries.

Historians attribute much of its success to the broad toleration practiced by its rulers. Citizenship was extended to all residents of Italy and later to persons throughout the empire. Though there were periods of religious persecution, actually most of the time there was great freedom of worship.

The Austro-Hungarian empire, composed of a medley of people of diverse racial, national and linguistic backgrounds, lived a long time because the emperors did not try to hold a tight rein, they were tolerant of the various groups composing the empire.

The United States has thrived under its system of wide tolerances. The federal plan itself (one nation and 48 states) was a unique means of compromising local authority and centralized power. The clause for freedom of religion permitted those of diverse faiths to live in peace, side-by-side. In brief there is much virtue in a rather loose system of social organization.

That system in the United States is threatened with ossification. Rigidity is developing in the industrial field particularly which prevent the smooth functioning of the economic machine.

The current squabble in the coal (Continued on editorial page)

Russ-Finns Sign Loose Alliance

Mild Pact Delights Premier

MOSCOW, April 6—(AP)—Russia and Finland signed a one-year mutual aid pact today in the Kremlin. Its terms so delighted the Finns that Premier Mauno Pekkala praised the Russians' "benevolent attitude."

Prime Minister Stalin was present when Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and Pekkala signed the treaty. It was Stalin who asked Finnish President Juho K. Paasikivi last February 22 that negotiations for such a pact be opened.

The treaty binds Finland to fight within its own borders in the event either country is attacked—Russia by way of Finland.

It provides that the two nations will fight together to repel aggression by Germany "or another state allied with" Germany. The pact mentioned no other country by name. Russia will send troops into Finland, in the event of aggression, only by "mutual agreement."

Russia pledged herself, moreover, not to interfere with the internal affairs of Finland.

It was expected, however, that the accord definitely would exclude Finland from participating in the European recovery plan as part of the "northern bloc."

The Finnish negotiators were gratified because the treaty provides specifically for Russian aid in the event of an attack on Finland and yet would allow Russian troops to enter Finland only by invitation.

Lewis Lists 'Acceptable' Negotiators; Owners Irate

Plane Missing on Flight from Salem Bound for Olympia

An Olympia pilot who left Salem airport about 4:30 p. m. Tuesday, bound for Olympia in his civilian Piper Cub airplane, was being sought in both Oregon and Washington early today.

According to Associated Press, the civil aeronautics administration said the pilot, Victor Ericson, had gasoline for four hours and that the flight should have taken two hours. It said he had planned to stop at Kelso but had not. It was not known whether he was alone or had passengers.

The weather bureau here said he inquired about the weather but did not file a flight plan. An army search plane is slated to leave McChord field this morning to hunt the craft.

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—In waterways appropriations recommendations today by a senate subcommittee, the \$29,000 Pudding river drainage project was eliminated, while the Detroit reservoir was raised \$500,000 from the \$3,000,000 voted by the house.

Alterations for other Oregon projects included boosting the total for the Columbia river McNary dam from \$20,000,000 to \$27,000,000.

The subcommittee recommended a record \$641,067,000 for waterways in the year beginning next July 1. The amount is \$102,090,000 more than the house voted six weeks ago but \$24,090,000 under the \$665,157,000 asked by President Truman.

Current year expenditures for flood control and rivers and harbors are \$415,553,000, and immediate prewar year costs were \$295,000,000.

The appropriation for Willamette river bank protection was left unchanged at \$500,000; Do-rena reservoir raised \$500,000 to \$3,500,000; Point reservoir raised \$1,000,000 to \$6,000,000; Fern Ridge reservoir unchanged at \$135,000.

The figures must be approved by the full appropriations committee before going to the senate.

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Over 550 at Homemakers Festival Here

Valley News Editor, The Statesman

Good family relationships are a matter of growing up, learning to let others take their turn and remembering to smile when criticizing, no matter whether the admonitions are applied to members of the family, companions, neighbors or nations.

It was in this way that Buena Maria Mockmore, Oregon State college dean of women, summed up the home front and the newspaper headlines in her talk, "Grin When You Say That," at the fifth annual Marion county homemakers festival Tuesday in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Hood street.

Looking like an entry in the fashion parade and using all her well-known charm and personality, Mrs. Mockmore drove home her points with illustrations from her own experiences and dramatized teen-age sketches which might have been drawn from the family life of many of her listeners.

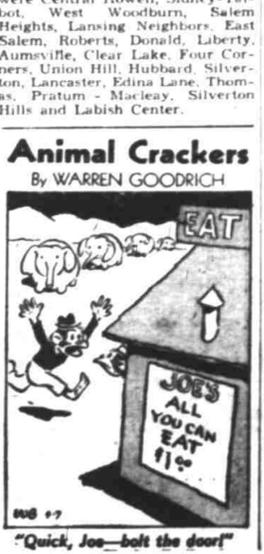
Mrs. Brand Talks Mrs. James T. Brand, recently returned from a year in Germany, spoke at the morning session on "Housekeeping in Germany." Mrs. Frank Way was chairman at this session and Mrs. Rex Hartley was chairman in the afternoon.

More than 550 women were registered and more than 300 women were served luncheon at the Jason Lee Methodist church.

In the VFW hall were booths displaying this year's unit projects. Four Corners extension unit won first honors in the scrap book contest, followed in turn by Union Hill and Sidney-Talbot units. Honorable mention was given Central Howell, North Santiam and Aumsville.

Achievement awards were won by 21 of the 29 units in the county. Eleanor Trindle, home extension agent, announced. The winners were Central Howell, Sidney-Talbot, West Woodburn, Salem Heights, Lansing Neighbors, East Salem, Roberts, Donald, Liberty, Aumsville, Clear Lake, Four Corners, Union Hill, Hubbard, Silverton, Lancaster, Edina Lane, Thomas, Pratum - Maclean, Silverton Hills and Labish Center.

Animal Crackers By WARREN GOODRICH



"Quick, Joe—bolt the door!"

Debate Leaves Peace Meeting Plan Uncertain

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—John L. Lewis undertook today to name the coal operators with whom he would deal, and met a cold turnout.

"Not in good faith," the United Mine Workers chief snorted in response to an operator proposal to negotiate through other spokesmen. He wanted Benjamin F. Fairless, president of United States Steel, and George M. Humphrey, chairman of Pittsburgh Consolidated Coal company.

"Plainly evasive of your duty," the operators replied tonight.

The exchange of proposals and recriminations left uncertain the plans for a meeting tentatively arranged for tomorrow at 2:30 p. m. EST to seek a settlement in the spreading strike over pensions for miners.

The operators said they would be there with the men they chose in the first place.

The operators in their letter tonight told Lewis:

"It is not within your province or authority to choose the persons who represent the coal operators in collective bargaining. It is the operators' responsibility to select their bargaining representatives."

Tonight in New York, Fairless refused to attend. He said there is "no occasion" for him to attend; that Harry M. Moses, president of the H. C. Frick Coke company, a U. S. Steel subsidiary, is fully authorized to act for U. S. Steel. Both sides were under compulsion of a federal district court injunction to enter into collective bargaining at once.

Approved by the state board of control Tuesday, the low bid of \$298,384 submitted by Carl M. Halvorson of Salem for a combination school building and dormitory for the state school for the deaf, will be considered at 2 p. m. Friday at a joint meeting of the state emergency board and the control board.

The emergency board must approve the project in order to make construction funds available.

The board of control gave authority to the state highway commission to make a slight change in the highway over Mill creek near the state prison.

Other action of the board: Authorized Dr. Irvin Hill, superintendent of the state Fairview home for feeble minded persons, to attend the meeting in Boston May 18 of the American Association of Mental Deficiency.

Renewed a one-year lease of the Governor's building in Portland. This building is occupied by several state departments.

Politics on Parade . . . Who's Running for What in the May Primaries!

Today's subject: A. M. Vestica (d), candidate for State Representative. I was born in 1895 on a farm in Hercegovina, then Austria-Hungary. Came to New York in November, 1913. After working in a rock quarry two weeks at 15¢ per hour, I looked for better pastures. Came to Portland and worked for railroad at 20¢; attended night school. After five months was laid off. After being without work for a month, got a job with cordage company at 17½¢.

After living six years in Portland, moved to Marion county; worked on hop ranch of late Horace Thibault; then moved to Fairfield, west of Gervais. In 1925, moved to McKee district; still live there on my small farm.

Was on school board; chairman when present McKee school was built; was school clerk and treasurer. Was board member and presi-

Rail Unions Reject Pay Boost Plan

CLEVELAND, April 6—(AP)—Three railroad brotherhoods today rejected a wage and rules proposal by a presidential board and the nation's carriers until April 27 to negotiate a more satisfactory settlement.

If a better arrangement is not reached, general chairmen of the brotherhoods said, "a strike date shall be set as soon thereafter as possible."

President Truman's board had recommended that the unions—the switchmen, engineers and firemen—accept a 15½ cent hourly wage increase.

Robert Farrell's Estate Appraised

PORTLAND, Ore., April 6—(AP)—An appraisal of the estate of the late Oregon Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr. today listed assets valued at \$159,285.18. The inventory was filed in probate court.

Heirs are the widow, Nancy J. Farrell, and two daughters, Joan, 16, and Sally, 13. Assets included an undivided one-half interest in the Chinook Investment Co. and industrial stocks.

Paul Hoffman Appointed ERP Administrator

WASHINGTON, April 6—(AP)—President Truman today chose Paul G. Hoffman to head the vast European recovery program.

Hoffman said tonight he'll take the job because "it may be the opportunity to put up a fight for peace." Hoffman, president of the Studebaker corporation, held a news conference after Mr. Truman nominated him as administrator of the \$5,300,000,000 ERP program, with cabinet rank and a \$20,000-a-year salary.

He said the tremendous job of boosting the national income of western European countries by one-third is primarily a job for those countries themselves—"with some help from us."

But the job is worth attempting, Hoffman said, because "on a very hard-boiled appraisal, prosperity is one of the very best antidotes to communism. He said there is a real reason to believe western Europe will do its best."

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to April 7)		
This Year	Last Year	Average
36.15	31.96	32.04

Thousands Brave Inclement Weather to See Heritage Documents Aboard Freedom Train

By Wendell Webb

and by 9 a. m. it was four blocks long. Only a Few Give Up And there was another line—of officials, the sponsors and the friends of sponsors who had underwritten the train's \$3,500 visit to the city. As the latter lineup slowly stretched during the 9 to 10 a. m. "pre-view," a brief welcoming ceremony was staged on a nearby platform.

By 10 a. m., the second line began moving and was still moving when the doors finally closed 12 hours later. Many persons waited several hours; only a few got discouraged and left their places despite near-bitter weather.

"I Don't Blame Them" Hundreds of school children in addition to those elected to represent their rooms, played hockey to get "all aboard" the Freedom Train, but no official reprisals of any kind were expected. Salem high school reported 440 absent, Parish junior high missed about 300 and Leslie junior high further away from the scene, was represented by some 50 youngsters in the fairgrounds lineup. Said one teacher, "I don't blame them at all."

Quietly humming snatches of the Freedom Train operetta they heard while waiting, spectators expressed awe and interest in the precious documents exhibited in inch-thick lucite "envelopes" be-

Weather to Remain Cold

Continued cloudiness and scattered showers are on the menu for Salem today, with little change from Tuesday's range in temperature from 36 to 49 degrees.

A prolonged "shower" pelted the city with hailstones for more than half an hour during the afternoon, but only .03 inch of rain was recorded at McNary field weather bureau, where hail was not reported.

The state highway commission advised chains on mountain roads, where it reported packed snow on most summits. It was snowing lightly at Santiam Junction.

PRE-ELECTION STRIKE

ROME, April 6—(AP)—The communist-led general confederation of labor tonight called an hour-long nation-wide general strike for April 12—only six days before the Italian general election.

Most spectators wanted to linger over the historic battle flags that suddenly brought back the impact of World War II headlines and experiences—the flag that was raised on Iwo Jima, the banner that snapped on the USS Missouri's masthead when the Japanese surrendered, and General Dwight Eisenhower's own clean white SHAEF flag.

But by that time, husky marines were already urging the lines to keep moving— "thousands of people are outside in the rain. All too soon, for most, the tour of the Freedom Train was over. (An 11-year old girl's version of Freedom Train day is on page 15).