

State Enters Independence Bridge Dispute

Another hitch in proceedings to settle title to land on which is being built the Marion county end of the Willamette river bridge at Independence arose Tuesday.

Marion County Judge Grant Murphy was informed that the state is claiming ownership by accretion of certain property at the bridge site. Judge Murphy said Tuesday he will arrange a conference with Marion County District Attorney Miller B. Hayden and with Joseph Devers, state highway commission attorney, to settle the matter.

Otto K. Paulus, attorney for Paulus Brothers Packing company, informed the judge of the state's recent move. The state earlier this month had refused to become a party to a suit filed by the company seeking to acquire title to land at the bridge site.

The state contended it could not be sued unless it had given its consent and that no consent had been given. Paulus brothers and other defendants also are involved in a condemnation suit brought by Marion county seeking to acquire a bridge site right of way through the land involved.

The county wants only a narrow strip consisting of about 1 1/2 acres. However the Paulus company is seeking to settle its title to about 44 surrounding acres of land. Most of the land involved has been created by accretion of river soil.

If the state presses its claim of ownership to the land, Judge Murphy said Tuesday, Marion county will either have to amend its condemnation suit or file a new complaint. He expressed hope, however, that an agreement could be reached.

Despite the legal battle, work on the new bridge is going ahead, the judge reported. A pier has already been built on the land claimed by the state and other construction work is continuing.

Miss Strong in Visalia

Friends of Miss Georgia Leora Strong, former director of the religious educational program in the Salem public schools, will be interested to learn she now holds a similar position in Visalia, Calif., and will continue to use her program called the Salem plan, which was the subject of her education doctorate.

Because of the recent supreme court ruling which terminated the program in Salem, the plan of presentation has been altered slightly, to instruct the children in nearby churches. Plans are underway whereby neighboring communities will in time cooperate with the program as was the policy during the time Miss Strong was in Salem.

Smith Camp Closes

Smith camp for Girl Scouts closed August 31st after a 47-day session with girls attending from Newport, DeLake, Brooks, Mt. Angel, Sweet Home, Lebanon, Albany, Salem and Silverton. Mrs. Carrie Ringo and Mrs. E. Sneed, cooks, have completed 12 and 7 years with the young people. Mrs. Ringo will leave for Yachats on the coast, and Mrs. Sneed will take her vacation with relatives, both returning to Salem later.

FALLS CITY — A shower was given for Mrs. Phillip Murray at the home of Mrs. Billy Shepherd Friday. Hostesses were Mrs. Shepherd, Mrs. Dick Murphy, Mrs. Lloyd Ames and Mildred Wray. Games were played and first prize went to Mrs. George Kitchen, second to Mrs. Bill Diehm, and a special prize to Loreta Couper.

Those present and sending gifts were Mrs. Clare Tayer, Mrs. Bill Diehm, Mrs. Geo. Kitchen, Mrs. Clarence Lehner, Mrs. Mary Westbrook, Mrs. Jessie Moyer, Mrs. Max Morton, Mrs. Willis Hart, Loreta Couper, Mrs. Jim Alderson, Mrs. Don Cummins, Mrs. Don Sundstrom, Mrs. Cecil Scott, Mrs. Granville Wilson, Mrs. Chet Burbank, Mrs. B. Freer, Mrs. Fred Dornhecker, Mrs. Don Murray, Mrs. Don Ferguson, Mrs. Lee Reim, Mrs. Leroy Teal, Mrs. Ray Pack, Mrs. Chet Benfield, Alice Ogan, Mrs. John Gilbert, Mildred Ingram, Evelyn Diehm, Fred and Linda Dornhecker, Master Larry Murray, Mrs. Leonard Westbrook, Edna Freer, Chummy Rancore, Mrs. Walter Westbrook, Mrs. John Qualey, Mrs. Morris Bakke, Mrs. Woody Robinson, Helen Morgan, Mrs. Mel Ferguson, Mrs. Lester Grippin, Mrs. W. E. Wilson, Mrs. Loren Couper, Mrs. Roy McMurphy, Mrs. Grant Frink and the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison W. Elgin, jr., and sons, Billy, Michael and Eddie, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar White have returned from a several days sojourn at Elk Lake.

Salem Marine Reserves at Coke Bar, Mess Hall



WITH SALEM'S MARINE RESERVES AT CAMP PENDLETON, Calif.—Ice cream and coke bars are popular after duty hours with marine reservists here, many of whom are only 17 and 18 years old. Maj. Gen. G. B. Erskine, post commander, stated that the post exchanges try to stock every type of soft drink the boys desire, as well as ice cream and milk, with the result that the sale of such items has skyrocketed far above former beer sales. Above, a post fountain, left to right, Cpl. Emerson Murphy, Dallas; Pvt. Ervin Smith, 110 N. Summer st.; Pvt. Doug McLeod, 1015 N. Winter st.; Pvt. Bob Miller, Aumsville; and Pvt. Wes Nist, Dallas. (All photos by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)



Chow is a sometimes thing at military camps. Sometimes good, sometimes bad. Here are three unidentified members of Salem's C battery going through the cafeteria-style mess line at Camp Pendleton, and from the looks on their faces they aren't sure whether or not they are going to like it. A little later the young reservists learned many of the problems of feeding 1,500 to 2,000 men at one time from personal observations while on K. P.



Meal time is always welcome to troops, and members of Salem's C battery are no exception. Typical comments range from, "It's pretty good, and there is certainly lots of it," to "It's not like Mom's." All food is prepared under the direction of experienced mess sergeants from planned menus.

J. O. Gerking Rites in Seattle

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Seattle for Jonathan Otis Gerking, retired farmer and resident of the Salem area until six months ago, who died last Thursday in a Seattle hospital at the age of 80.

Gerking was born in Silverton and was a member of the First Christian church in Salem. Survivors are his daughter, Mrs. Clyde Short, Seattle, with whom he made his home; a son, A. L. Gerking, also of Seattle; three brothers, George Gerking of Athena, Grover and Ray Gerking, both of Bend; and two sisters, Mrs. Ned Becker of Bend and Mrs. Minnie Saylor of Buttercreek, Ore.

Mill City Youth Attend Lebanon C.E. Rally Meeting

MILL CITY — Attending the Lebanon Christian Endeavor rally

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ly Sunday were the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Courtney, jr., Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shelton, Patricia Cree, Donna Nelson, Bob Shelton, Dennis Martella, Hazel Neal, Betty Humphries, Dorothy Downer and Wilma Mae Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Huston, Dolynn and Richard of Tillamook spent the weekend at the Floyd Shepherds.

Lebanon visitors Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Plymale and family and Mrs. Fred Carter.

Gordon Miller and Kirk Wick of Lyons are vacationing in California for two weeks. Collins Cree and children, Joyce and Charles of Vancouver, Wash., spent the weekend with his uncle and aunt, the George Cree.

Dickie and Teddy Ficker are visiting at the Curtis Howards in Detroit.

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Ketchum Wins Idanha Scout Soap Box Race

IDANHA — The soap box racers, sponsored by the Boy Scouts, raced Sunday for a crowd gathered at Big Springs. First winner was Donald Ketchum, second, Richard Hansen and third Dick Woodward. Winners each received prizes given by the scout officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ray attended the wedding and reception of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Day of Bend last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson spent the week end at East Lake where they report the fishing good.

Idanha Lumber company is black topping the entire dock at their mill.

Among those attending the Deschutes county fair at Redmond last week from here were Ralph Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Huber Ray and the Wayne Woodward family.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schaffer and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Halford spent Sunday on a picnic at Clear Lake.

Many Guests Entertained in Gervais

GERVAIS—Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Scalberg and children, Annetta and Ernest of Medford, were weekend guests of her parents the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Tremblay and were enroute to Rockaway.

Mrs. Roy Cameron, accompanied by little Sharon and Sheldon Stratford of Charleston, Ore., spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. St. John.

Guests at the R. S. Marshall home last Sunday to honor Mrs. Marshall on her 75th birthday were Mrs. Donald Mars and daughter, Helen, of Nehalem, Mrs. A. D. Colson and Mrs. A. M. Sauter of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. John Jelderks, and sons Marshall and John of Salem.

B. B. Barner was given a birthday dinner Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Barner, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brutke and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Brutke all of Amity, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Barner and son of Philomath, Mrs. Jane Warner of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Cutsforth and children, and Buelah Barner.

Canners Association Cites Food Prices

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31 — Canned fruits and vegetables are Mrs. Housewife's best buy in these times of high prices, the National Canners association asserted here today.

The N.C.A. said that foods costing \$1.00 before the war were priced at \$2.17 during July, but canned fruits and vegetables that cost \$1.00 perwar were sold at retail for \$1.58.

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Financing of Health Unit to Pose Problem

(Story also on page 1)
Financing for a joint Marion-Polk county health department as agreed by the two county courts Tuesday, will pose intricate accounting problems, it was asserted by Marion Judge Grant Murphy.

Explaining, the judge said Marion county now receives 12 1/2 per cent of its total health budget from the state funds and Polk county, under a different population-based matching funds policy, receives 27 per cent.

"Since the same level of health service will be administered under the new plan over the entire district, we are unable to see any justification in two levels of matching funds," he declared. To Ask Uniform Rate

"Perhaps," he added, "the sensible way would be to negotiate with the state health department for a uniform rate to be provided for the entire district."

If adopted, the new program will not affect the budgets of either county for the coming fiscal year, Judge Murphy noted. Next year, however, the entire program will be set up in a joint budget and operated as such.

Currently Marion county is operating under a \$90,000 health department budget. Polk county on the other hand is under a much smaller budget.

Tuesday's proposal grew out of a series of requests from Polk county for aid from Marion county in the Polk health department. A tentative plan calling for divided services of a health officer between the two counties was discussed.

This plan fell through, however, when the state department advised Polk county it would lose its federal matching funds if it did not acquire a full-time health officer of its own. Under the joint district, as approved Tuesday, Polk county will receive its own health officer.

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City Commission Backers to Form Campaign Plans

The local citizens' committee which recently placed a measure on the November ballot seeking to inaugurate a commissioner form of city government in Salem, will map its fall campaign at a public meeting at 8:30 to-

Kells Retires



Claude A. Kells

Kells to Step From YMCA Position Today

After more than a quarter century as general secretary of Salem YMCA, Claude A. Kells will step into retirement today, to be succeeded by Gus Moore, on the staff here much of the past 15 years.

The YM staff and their families honored Kells Tuesday afternoon with an informal party in the YM building.

Kells came to Salem in 1921, two years before the present YM building on Court street was constructed. Prior to that, in the nearly 10 years since his graduation from Springfield Y college in Massachusetts, his work had included a time as traveling secretary for the Oregon-Idaho state YM staff. He has already begun new work as director of the 1948 Salem and Marion county Community chest drives.

Moore was on the local staff full-time from 1933 to 1940, when he went to Long Beach, Calif. He returned a year ago as associate general secretary.

Patched Trousers Illustrate Lack of Clothes in Norway

Tangible evidence of Norway's clothing shortage was shown to the Salem Kiwanis club Tuesday—a pair of pants, patched and re-patched and frayed to a point beyond repair.

The pants belonged to a brother-

night in the Salem Labor temple. "The group's temporary offices will be placed on a permanent basis," Herbert Barker, secretary of the committee, said Tuesday. "Plans to finance the coming campaign also will be discussed."

er-in-law of Mrs. E. F. Arneson, the club's speaker. She and her husband recently returned from a trip to Norway. The brother-in-law had money in the bank, but money won't buy clothes when there are none to be had, Mrs. Arneson pointed out.

Mrs. Arneson said Norwegians were hopeful that America was "ready to stop the Russians," and were "extremely apprehensive of their own vulnerable position."

TAKE BABIES HOME
Mrs. W. J. Byars, Salem route 9, box 373, took her infant daughter home from Salem General hospital Tuesday. Mrs. Donald Jackson, Salem route 2, box 256, went home from Salem Memorial hospital with an infant son.

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