

# Stores to Close on Salem's Day at Fair

Salem stores will close a half-day after all on Salem day during state fair week, it developed Friday when a meeting of 100 merchants reversed a former Salem Retail Trade bureau decision to keep stores open that day.

Controversy over the matter arose this week when state fair officials, senior residents and many merchants pointed out that Salem day was a long-standing state fair tradition for which stores here had annually closed. As a result of the Friday ac-

tion, it appeared that most of the city's stores will close at noon Wednesday to permit employees to attend the fair. The closure was decided by standing vote of merchants present, with only four rising to indicate opposition to closing. Several others did not vote.

The state board of control decided this week that state employees will not be released from their work on Salem day this year.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Russell Long, son of Sen. Huey Long, the Louisiana dictator, has been elected a United States senator. His uncle, Earl Long, is governor of the state. The sovereign voters have thus restored the Long dynasty to power. Earl is a flaccid imitation of his late brother. Russell has yet to show his caliber, though reports say he resembles his father in appearance and oratorical style.

Georgia is about to elect old Gene Talmadge's son, Herman, as governor. In Texas it is still a toss-up in the U. S. senate race between fence-straddler Coke Stevenson and the much more progressive Lyndon Johnson. And in Mississippi the bitter race-baiter John Rankin went out for congress again, though he failed some months ago to get a senate seat.

Thus the south clings to its idols and gives the north cause to shake its head in wonder and regret.

The one-party system works to defeat political progress in the south. Where to vote republican, is to invite social and perhaps business ostracism it becomes necessary only for the bosses to control one party. This is made easier in some states by the way the registration lists are made up or purged and ballots counted. In Georgia, election by the county unit plan gives the bosses a favored setup. By working with county machines which usually center about the courthouses, they can dictate state politics. The bosses work for their masters who usually are the corporate interests able to put up the campaign swag. There is no alternate party the disgrusted voters may turn to for relief.

A contributor to the current Harper's magazine quotes one prediction.

## Inflation Vies With Self Preservation

ASTORIA, Sept. 3.—(P)—Jerry Montgomery, 8, is well drilled in the high cost of living.

Jerry fell into the Necanicum river from a bridge yesterday; struggled, fully-dressed, to swim the swift current.

"Take off your shoes" called a worried bystander.

It took Jerry several minutes to collect breath to reply. "No siree," he called. "They cost too much."

Shoes still on, he splashed clumsily to shore.

## New Demands In Truck Strike

NEW YORK, Sept. 3.—(P)—AFL truck drivers today handed employers a new set of contract demands as the basis for settling a widespread walkout in the Metropolitan area.

But there was little likelihood that the dispute, which threatens to affect some 1,800,000 workers employed in local industries, would end before this weekend.

Meanwhile, squads of non-working members of local 807 International Brotherhood of Teamsters, were reported roaming the city stopping trucks driven by members of locals 816 and 282, who were not affected by the 807 dispute.

Most important of the demands handed employers today were a 25 cent hourly hike and an employer-financed welfare fund.

## Animal Crackers



"It's a family act and it gets bigger every year."

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## Hurricane Sweeps Across Gulf Coast

### Shipping Paralysis Spreads

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 3.—(P)—West coast shipping was in the grip of a longshore strike paralysis today from the Canadian border to Mexico.

The only vessels operating were oil tankers and bulk cargo carriers, both of which come under separate labor contracts.

The first violence was reported at Wilmington, Calif., where 150 CIO longshoremen clashed with the same number of non-striking AFL sailors at the Consolidated Lumber company dock over the unloading of the lumber ship Rotando.

At least two men were knocked down and several heads were bleeding as the sailors, under instruction from Harry Lundberg, president of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, attempted to unload the ship despite the CIO picket line.

Picketing all major coast ports were 12,000 striking members of Harry Bridges' CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union. Another 16,000 seafarers were idled. Caught in port were approximately 120 ships.

Bridges predicted the strike would last four to six months. "When this strike is finished," Bridges said, "we will be out of business by the shipowners" will be out of business.

The shipowners retorted with a statement that the Waterfront Employers Association was meeting "head-on the issue of communism in the leadership" of maritime unions. No contracts will be moved and no negotiations held with any unions, they said, "until their officers have disavowed communism."

### New Telephone Numbers Take Effect Sunday

A person who relies on his memory for telephone numbers after today won't be a friend of operators at the telephone office.

In fact, beginning at 11:30 tonight there's a better than even chance that Annie doesn't live here any more—and a better look up her new telephone number. The "little black books" of September swains just won't be any good.

The change-over to new numbers—many thousands of them—is expected to cause a run on information for the "informal" (No. number is 113), but just in hopes most people will start using their new telephone books instead the P.T. & T. has issued a special "please" to that effect.

And just to show the plea is being heeded, it can be concluded here and now that The Statesman bids goodbye to its long-standing number of 9101. From 11:50 tonight on it'll be 2-2441.

### Canada to Lead In Uranium

OTTAWA, Sept. 3.—(P)—Government scientists think Canada soon may be the world's greatest uranium ore producer. That is the state of the atomic bomb.

Arvid Thunanes, chief of the radioactive division of the Canadian bureau of mines, has just returned from the Great Bear lake uranium ore field. He said today:

"Canada is on the right road to a bright atomic future." He said Canada is overtaking the Belgian Congo steadily as the largest producer of uranium ore, and may already have done so. Thunanes said he is certain Canadian production is far ahead of Russia's.

## Memorial Auditorium Plan Calls For Multiple-Use Building; Election Due

Plans for the proposed Salem memorial auditorium will be laid before the public in time for an election to approve the plans next spring, it appears today following a meeting of the Memorial Auditorium association directors.

The board considered committee reports and the draft of a promotional brochure, at last night's meeting in President Rex Kimmell's office. A full membership meeting of the organization was scheduled for September 30.

The proposal, as advanced by the committees, would feature unit type of construction, starting with a main all-purpose auditorium. To this could be added, as demand and funds accrue, a little theatre and a concert hall for smaller gatherings.

The basic unit, for which tentative plans call to cost an estimated \$1,500,000, would include a meeting hall seating a maximum of 3,500 persons, with a flat floor and balconies and stage. Thus, it would be available for sports events, conventions, concerts, exhibits and civic gatherings. The building would also have an exhibit hall, a number of "committee" rooms holding 75-150 persons and a central kitchen. Seating for events which would occupy the auditorium floor is estimated at 2,400.

### Brothers Win



INDEPENDENCE—Jimmy Olsen, 6, and George, 1 sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Olsen, pictured in the wagon which they won as first prize in the children's parade at the Hop fiesta. First prize winner was Danny Dodd, 4, who won a bicycle. (Farm Photo for The Statesman.) (Picture on page 5.)

### Salem Riders Win Hop Fiesta Sweepstakes

By Lillie L. Madsen  
INDEPENDENCE, Sept. 2.—Salem Saddle club riders won sweepstakes prize here tonight in the grand parade; third event of the eighth annual Hop Fiesta.

More than 5,000 people watched the 59 entries in the parade, one of the most colorful of which was the Polk County Jersey Cattle club float, a car-drawn trailer loaded with hay from which two small Jersey calves were peering. This year's first prize in the commercial division, and was one of the most popular with the spectators. Second prize winner in this group was the M. & F. Thomas company with the M. & F. stores of Independence winning third.

First prize winner in the fraternal division was the marching Independence Sunshine Girls, all wearing pastel or white formal. Second prize was won by the Independence Boy Scout Troop 27, with a trailer decorated to depict a camp, including a campfire. Third prize in this division went to the Willamette Erie, 21. Order of Eagles, Salem, men's drill team.

Like the Thursday night children's parade, this parade disbanded at the high school grounds where Gene Malecki, master of ceremonies, presented the prizes, following which the Salem Saddle club gave a riding demonstration.

The fiesta ends Saturday night with the big festival dance. Night hop picking in the McLaughlin yards near Independence form a big feature of the fiesta, although it was not planned as part of the show. However, scores of out of town fiesta visitors have been stopping at the mechanical pickers just north of town and some have followed the picking trucks into the yards to watch the night harvest. Cutting of vines is being done by light of the trucks and flashlights and picking is continued 24 hours a day.

SALMON PASSING DAM  
PORTLAND, Sept. 3.—(P)—The chinook salmon run was reaching a heavy peak today, with more than 13,000 chinook counted passing Bonneville dam.

### Big Road Program Proposed

A 10-year highway program cost in \$704,984,444, including \$281,327,000 for immediate expenditure to remedy "intolerable conditions," was proposed for Oregon Friday after a year-long survey.

The report was submitted by G. Donald Kennedy, consultant in charge of the survey, to the state legislator's interim highway study committee.

The "intolerable" conditions were declared to exist on 7,210 miles — 991 of primary highway, 281 secondary, 5,361 county and 577 city streets.

Future construction, to cost \$443,656,000 within the 10 years, was recommended for 14,444 miles.

It was estimated the entire \$704,984,000 program for the 10 years would cost \$83,418,000 annually. If spread to 15 years, the cost was estimated at \$63,286,000 annually, 20 years \$54,609,000 annually.

A break-down of the \$704,984,000 program showed \$468,839,000 for state highways, \$156,251,000 for county roads and \$78,895,000 for city streets.

Recommendations for uniformity were contained in the summary of conclusions — uniform traffic laws, uniform street and highway construction. It was also suggested that the highway department issue a manual of traffic control devices developed in cooperation with counties and cities.

Rep. Ralph Moore of Coos Bay, chairman of the interim committee, said recommendations regarding the program and its financing would be made at the next legislative session.

### Three File for West Salem Council Posts

WEST SALEM, Sept. 3.—Three men have filed nominating petitions for West Salem city council posts and Mayor Walter Musgrave has filed for reelection, it was announced today by City Recorder Robert E. Patton.

The candidates for the council are A. N. Copenhaver, present member of the water commission and vice president of Salem Automobile Co.; Lawrence Sheridan, co-owner of Pumille Block Co., here, and C. A. Rust, office manager of the Columbia Metals Corp. fertilizer plant in Salem.

They seek council seats now held by Roy Stevens, Dr. A. F. Goffrier and Donald Kuhn, whose four-year terms expire this year. Council members whose terms carry over are Earl Burk, Chester Douglas and Donald Hesse, while none of the incumbents has yet filed for reelection; filing deadline is 10 days before the November 2 election.

### Dock Strike Idles Coos Bay Sawmills

COOS BAY, Ore., Sept. 3.—(P)—The longshore strike left 1,400 men idle today in this region, whose economy centers about lumbering and water shipment of the lumber.

The Coos Bay Lumber company laid off 600 men today, and other sawmills said that if inventories increase too greatly, they may have to close, too.

Nearly 500 employees of Irwin-Lyons Lumber company, picketed in a separate local maritime dispute, are idle. So are 300 longshoremen.

### Douglas Escapes Injuries in Wreck

FORKS, Wash., Sept. 3.—(P)—Justice William O. Douglas of the supreme court escaped injury today in a car-truck collision while on a fishing trip on the Olympic peninsula.

The group continued on their fishing trip to the Quillayute river. State Patrolman Boyd Rupp said the car was badly damaged when it struck a truck on a mountain road.

City	Mo. Precip.	Min. Precip.
Salem	74	50
Portland	70	50
San Francisco	70	50
Chicago	62	54
New York	52	46
Willamette river	—	—

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary Bldg., Salem): Generally fair today except for late afternoon cloudiness. High today about 80. Low tonight near 50. Weather outlook excellent for most farm activities.

Year	Last Year	Average
Salem Precipitation (Sept. 1 to Sept. 4)	48	51

### Woman Takes Sunbath On Capitol, Sans Clothes

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—(P)—A nude woman taking a sunbath was seized by police today at the U. S. capitol.

Police Capt. William J. Broderick said the woman was perched on a ledge at the base of the capitol dome 90 feet above the ground. She gave her name as Dorothy F. Smith of Malone, N.Y.

Walter S. Linscott, a bookbinder in the senate law library, said he first spotted the attractive young brunette shedding her clothes just outside his window. The black leopards in the upper reaches of the senate wing of the capitol.

Linscott said he told her it was against the rules to go on the roof, and the woman replied mildly: "I'm just taking a sunbath."

Then, he said, she stripped to the altogether. Linscott fled to fetch the police.

Police Pvt. E. E. Adams and Robert Schewell of the capitol force returned with Linscott and grabbed the woman. They said she was standing naked beside a balcony on the sunny side of the dome.

Police took her inside, forced her to dress, and removed her to a D.C. hospital for observation.

### Father Shoots Son at Stayton, Tries Suicide

STAYTON, Sept. 3.—(Special)—Carl Weldon, 40-year-old Stayton farmer, was in critical condition at Salem Memorial hospital late tonight and his father Charles Henry Weldon, 74, suffering self-inflicted shotgun wounds, faces a charge of assault with intent to kill.

Police could find no reason for the Friday morning shooting. Only clue was the death Wednesday of Mrs. Charles Weldon wife of the accused man and mother of Carl. Funeral services were held for Mrs. Weldon in Stayton Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Carl was taken to the hospital Friday morning by Stayton first aid men with abdominal wounds. His father also was wounded in the jaw from a shotgun blast, state police said.

The father, son and Amy Bacom, a sister-in-law to the elder Weldon were all at the family residence, located at the north Stayton city limits on Fern Ridge road, when the shooting occurred. The 72-year-old woman told officers:

This is the way state police reconstructed the shooting: Carl and Mrs. Bacom were in the kitchen of the small, neat house at about 9 a.m. Friday. Suddenly the father entered the house carrying the gun. Without a word he shot his son in the abdomen and whirled on Mrs. Bacom, who fled from the house. Stagers from Hesse.

Carl staggered from the house and onto the road. He was picked up by Hubert Stuckart, Sublimity, and Fred Allenbaugh, Aumsville, who took him into Stayton. The wounded man was rushed to Salem.

State police and Stayton city officers were called immediately. A loud speaker was turned on urging the old man to come out of the house and threatening use of tear gas. After about an hour he was found lying in a pool of blood at the rear of the house near an entrance to the house basement. He was severely wounded in the jaw.

In the basement of the house police found a shotgun, a blood-stained box and a bullet hole torn through the basement ceiling through the kitchen above. They concluded the old man's wound was self-inflicted.

Mrs. Bacom told police the father and son were the best of friends, worked together and had no arguments. Both father and son were farmers and orchard workers. The family home is located at Stayton route 2, box 274.

The assault warrant was issued by the Marion county district attorney's office. Bail is set at \$2,000. Sheriff Denver Young said that the warrant would not be served until Charles Weldon's condition improves.

### Fire Hits Tualatin Grain Elevator

HILLSBORO, Sept. 3.—(P)—A Tualatin Valley cooperative grain elevator was destroyed by fire today, but fire trucks from four towns halted the blaze before it spread into surrounding warehouses.

The loss was tentatively estimated at more than \$20,000. The elevator's lower level was just being filled with grain when the fire broke through the roof. A short circuit in an electric motor was blamed.

### Hall Readies Charges Against Freck; Filing Set for Today

Formal charges of "inefficiency and misconduct" will be filed against Liquor Commissioner Joseph Freck in Portland today, Gov. John Hall announced Friday.

The governor, returning from his summer home at Lincoln Beach, prepared the charges here yesterday afternoon. He said they would be served by the Multnomah county sheriff, and that Freck will be entitled to a hearing September 15.

The hearing is scheduled for the board of control room at the statehouse.

The governor said the hearing will deal with charges that Freck's stationery store sold supplies to the liquor control in violation of law and at prices considerably higher than the state printer would

### Louisiana Girds for Big Blow

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 3.—(P)—Telephone communications with Grand Isle, resort in the Gulf of Mexico due south of New Orleans were wiped out tonight as the first winds of a hurricane lashed at the coast.

A road which leads to the island remained open but was under water in spots because of a deluge of rain.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 3.—(P)—The U. S. weather bureau said late tonight the center of the gulf hurricane was located 15 to 20 miles off the Louisiana coast, south-southwest of here at 11:45 p.m., central standard time.

The storm, attended by winds of 75 miles per hour over a small area near the center, was expected to move inland between Morgan City, La., and Grand Isle, La., "during the next few hours," the bureau said. Gales extended outward about 250 miles to the north and east of the center.

High Tides Due  
"All precautions should be taken against dangerous winds and tides in the area of the hurricane display," the weather bureau said. "Tides will be abnormally high east of the Mississippi river to Pensacola, Fla. Hurricane warnings are displayed from the mouth of the Mississippi river to the Vermilion bay area of Louisiana. Storm warnings are displayed over the remainder of the area from Lake Charles, La., to Apalachicola, Fla."

The storm trapped 60 oil workers on two drilling barges—10 miles offshore.

The winds snapped tow lines like cotton strings tonight as barges attempted to haul drilling barges to safety over rough seas.

At Oklahoma City Dean McGee, executive vice president of the Kerr-McGee Oil company which owns the barges, said there is nothing for the men to do but "ride out the hurricane."

He said he believed they would weather the storm.

### Over 16,000 Oil Workers Strike in West

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 4.—(P)—More than 16,000 CIO oil workers in five western states struck at 12:01 a.m. today after failure of last-minute negotiations on a wage increase.

The last company offer, by Standard Oil of California, was for a 12½-cent per hour wage increase. The union held out for 21 cents. Earlier it had asked 30.

Most of the oil workers are in California. The walkout, however, will pinch gasoline and oil supplies for the region west of the Rocky mountains, with a few exceptions. Virtually all gasoline and oil products on the Pacific slope are supplied by California producers.

### Mitchum's Wife Loyal to Actor

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 3.—(P)—Actor Robert Mitchum's wife, who joined him after driving in from the east, announced today at their home that she will stand by her husband who faces narcotics charges.

Through a representative of Mitchum's studio, Mrs. Mitchum stated:

"Our differences were the same kind that all married couples get into. We've made them up. I love my husband and am back home to stay with him."

"I am indignant that not only Bob but our whole family should have to suffer, simply because he is a motion picture star, because otherwise I don't think that all this fuss would be made just because a man may have gotten mixed up with bad company."

### Wallace Hecklers Ordered to Write Voltaire Quotation

GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 3.—(P)—"I disapprove of what you say, but I'll defend to the death your right to say it."

Two youths who accorred Henry Wallace, Progressive party presidential nominee, an egg and fruit reception here Monday, were ordered to write that famous voltaire quotation following their trial today in municipal-county court.

S. C. Wilson was found guilty of the quotation 100 times and Edward Easty, 18, 50 times. They were charged with assault—the former with hitting Wallace on the head with an egg, the latter with missing Wallace with a ripe peach.

Another defendant, William T. Baxter, 18, was found innocent of disorderly conduct. He was charged with mistaking Chief of Police L. L. Jarvis for a Wallace follower and shouting language at him "calculated to bring about a breach of the peace."

### Clatsop County Draft Sign-Up Proves Fruitless

ASTORIA, Sept. 3.—(P)—Whether the draft is going to do much good in Clatsop county seemed doubtful today.

So far, 54 men have registered. Forty of them are veterans and ineligible. Nine of them are married and ineligible. The other five were turned down by the wartime draft.

Freck has charged the governor with attempting to have the liquor commission purchase 30,000 cases of a little known brand of whiskey.

The still-far charges were aired after the governor had demanded Freck's resignation on the grounds it would improve harmony within the liquor commission. Freck declined to resign.

Testimony at Freck's hearing is to be filed with the secretary of state, as is the governor's verdict.

### 15,000 Seek Escape from Volcano Isle

MANILA, Saturday, Sept. 4.—(P)—More than 15,000 Filipinos today were reported fleeing the sulphurous Philippines island of Camiguin, where 5,620-foot Hibokhibok volcano is in violent eruption.

Strong earthquakes from the volcano were felt as far north as Cebu, about 170 miles to the northwest. So far there have been no reports of casualties.

A heavy pall of sulphurous smoke and ash was spreading over the island, which is 24 miles in circumference. Lava poured from the crater.

Refugees were boarding every type of ship and small craft available.

The American freighter Eugene Lykes reported it had taken 750000 refugees from the smoking island to Cagayan, a port on the northern shore of Mindanao, the nearest large island.

### OUR SENATORS

Lost 8-7