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Shady Lawn One of State Fair Attractions



Shady lawns at center of the Oregon state fairgrounds are popular with fairgoers resting between "sights" during hot weather Monday and Tuesday. Clear skies lent a spectacular aspect to the fair and yesterday's breeze helped modify temperatures that reached 89 on the official Salem weather bureau thermometer and doubtless higher in crowded fairgrounds area. (Farm photo for The States-

The CIO oilworkers' union chose propitious time for pulling a strike. They caught their employing companies not with their pants down but with their pockets bulging with profits running for the half year as much as 100 per cent over the corresponding period a year ago. And the companies weren't exactly poor in 1947.

From the stockholders' standpoint the "oils" have been favorites this year as earnings zoomed under the combination of huge demand and high selling prices. Price markups were justified as necessary to keep wildcatters on the prowl for new fields; but the earnings have been terrific.

Here are the per share earnings of companies now struck for the first half of 1948 as compared with

all of 1947: Standard of California \$5.97 for six months, \$8.25 for all 1947. Texas Co. \$5.07 for six months; \$7.90 for all 1947.

Shell Union of which Shell Oil is a subsidiary, \$4.15 for six months; \$4.44 for all 1947. Richfield \$2.12 for six months; \$2.96 for all 1947.

Tide Water Associated \$3.09 for six months, \$4.57 for all 1947. Union Oil \$3.42 for six months, \$3.85 for all 1947.

The ad inserted by the oil companies says wages on the offer made would show an increase of 83 per cent since 1941. There is scarcely a major company on the coast whose earnings are not running at least 50 per cent over last

Maybe wages of the oil company workers are high enough,

(Continued on Editorial Page)

Mac Slaps at **Soviet Policy**

TOKYO, Wednesday, Sept. 8-(P)-General MacArthur has sharply criticized Russia for failure to fulfill her agreement to repatriate Japanese prisoners of World War

Allied headquarters reported a letter, in MacArthur's behalf, was sent to Lt. Gen. Kuzma N. Derevyanko on Friday saying that for 15 months Russia has failed to abide by the agreement.

.. Reliable information available to the supreme commander indicates that conditions approaching slave labor continue to apply to the estimated more than 500,000 Japanese still held by the Soviets,'

It added that allied headquarters had complied explicitly with all provisions of the repatriation agreement of Dec. 19, 1946 "and expects other signatory . , . to do

Animal Crackers



"See—I told you it was foolish to spend good money for



contest is on for naming the new twin calves in the Grimes farm Holstein herd, and the two Grimes children, Edna May, 5, (right) and Lee Allen, 4, are assisting in telling 4-H members about the competition. (Farm photo for The Statesman.)



Amazement shows in the eyes of power-old Jim Breithaupt, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Breithaupt of Klamath Falls, as he listens farm activities. to his own voice repeated back to him just after he had talked into the telephone at a state fair exhibit. (Photo by Don Dill, This Year

City Offices, Stores to Close At Noon Today

City offices and downtown stores will close at noon today in observance of Salem day at the Edict Requires

Offices and businesses to remain open as usual include those of Marion county, the state, the post office, banks and foods stores. "We have no legal right to close county offices," County Judge Grant Murphy said Tuesday. He ces would probably maintain skeleton crews only to permit employes to attend the fair.

Operators of major food markets and smaller stores indicated they would operate as usual to in operation, would tend to in-The Salem public library will close at noon, Librarian Hugh for the next legislature to boost Morrow said. All city offices except the police and fire departments will be included in the noon have worked 60 hours a week. closing ruling by City Manager J. L. Franzen.

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SALEM PRECIPITATION

junction suit the complaint filed

Statesman staff photographer.) Second Suit Filed in Attempt to **Outlaw Power Franchise Vote**

Marion county's election scene tial hearing Thursday, seeks an became more complicated Tues- order restraining Marion County na and criminal conspiracy. day when a second suit was filed Clerk Harlan Judd and City Rein the county circuit court here corder Alfred Mundt from plac- ans, 25-year-old dancer, and Robblasting at the constitutionality ing the measure on the ballot. of a proposed Salem Electric As stated in the companion incompany franchise ordinance.

The initiative measure which Tuesday contends that Salem would expand Salem Electric's Electric does not qualify as a power outlets in the Salem area public utility, that if the ordiis slated to go before city voters nance passes PGE would be disin the November 2 election. The criminated against in the matter suit filed Tuesday is the second of tax competition, that PGE tax one directed against it and its money would be used by the city

manager, Harry B. Read. Portland General Electric com- franchise measure, that the word- which crashed at sea Sunday, was pany and Joseph H. Randall, also ing of the measure is "mislead- identified tonight as the brother plaintiffs in the first suit filed ing and indefinite," and that the of former congresswoman Clare last week, brought the complaint franchise violates the Oregon Boothe Luce of Connecticut. Tuesday. They seek a court de- constitution because Salem Elecclaratory judgment declaring the tric is not entitled to public franchise ordinance to be uncon- utility rights. stitutional and void. They also ask the order to determine the other defendants include Mayor of molten lava on the crater of

pany and Read.

In addition to Judd and Mundt A similar suit, slated for ini-

NINETY-EIGHTH YEAR Besieged

City Hall

Cleared

BERLIN, Wednesday, Sept. 8
(AP)- Nineteen western zone Berlin policemen were kidnapped by rival Russian-backed police and soviet tommy-gunners today as they left the Berlin city hall under a Russian safe conduct guar-

Their release has been negotiated by the French with the

Russians. They had been cornered in the city hall - in the soviet sector of this divided, blockaded citysince Monday. They had taken refuge in the western allies' liaison offices in the building.

About three blocks from the city hall, after they were released along with 11 American, British and French liaison officers flagged down by two jeeploads of Russian soldiers.

As the convoy stopped, about

behind. Then another truck carrying about 65 more soviet sector police roared up. It seemed obvious the affair was a carefully planned trap.

French officers protested and explained that Maj. Gen. Alexander Kotikov, the Russian commandant for Berlin, had agreed to give the western zone policemen safe conduct to the French zone of the city.

They argued for an hour. The soviet sector police then loaded their 19 rival officers into an empty truck, which rolled

The Russians ended their hun-French trucks bearing the besieged party of western zone officials—and newspapermen were permitted to leave.

The city hall has been besieged since Monday when communelected city government to retreat to western Berlin.

48-Hour Week At Institutions

A recent ruling of the state civadded, however, that most offi- il service commission for a 48hour week for state institution employes was announced Tuesday by William C. Ryan, director of state institutions.

Ryan said this directive, when for perishable shipments. crease the operating costs of the institutions and make it necessary their appropriations. At some of the state institutions employes "We have endeavored to have this ruling modified but the civil service commission has been ob-

durate and refuses to yield," Ryan Gov. John H. Hall, when advised of Ryan's statement, said tions also would demand more em-

The shorter work week for state institution workers has long been sought by the Oregon State Emof labor organizations.

Mitchum Indicted In Narcotics Case

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 7 .- (AP)-Movie Actor Robert Mitchum and Actress Lila Leeds with two other persons were indicted by the Los Angeles county grand jury today on charges of possessing marijua-

in Ford, 31, real estate agent. Mitchum, 31, Miss Leeds, 20, and the others were arrested last Wenesday in a raid on a secluded cottage and were booked on suspicion of violating narcotics laws.

Also indicted were Vickie Ev-

MRS. LUCE'S BROTHER DIES SANTA MONICA, Calif., Sept. to furnish information on the have been the pilot of a plane

> LAVA LEVEL RISING TOKYO, Wednesday, Sept. 8-

Fair Crowds Larger Than 1947 Harness Races Less Than Month's Supply **Draw Small**

Harness races may be nice from the spectator's viewpoint but they don't pay out well, state fair officials announced Tuesday at at the close of the second day of the pari-mutuel play of the 1948 Oregon state fair. The take was but \$23,745 in comparison to \$3!,974 on the second day of last year when running races predominated

Officials also said that the Tuesday races were an experiment which will not be repeated. Today's races will include eight cific coast oil industry tieup. running with only the Governor's correspondents, they were handicap set for 4:30. Governor John Hall will be a special fair guest for the day.

Feature of the Tuesday race 20 soviet zone police jumped out was when Jockey R. W. Black was ed out at California's oil fields. from behind a building and sur- fined \$25 for rough riding astride rounded the western zone group. "Irene Angel" during the only Another four jeeploads of Rus- running race of the afternoon. He sian tommygunners drew up from was also suspended for a period of 10 days for misconduct following the assessing of the fine. Black was out in front at the beginning, however, and won by nine lengths. Attendance Holds Up

Attendance continued to hold up in comparison to the 1947 count for the second day which totaled 20,868. Tuesday's total was 22,318, well over 500 more than a year

Beneath the betting stands in the pavilion, Chin Uppers were retaken in \$200 on opening day for Gertrude Fisher and Dolores equipment. Meyer, both of Salem, who are la ger siege of city hall a short charge of the booth reported that pressed concern over persons stortime before this incident and two patronage of fair-goers was very ing gasoline in containers, point-

Marion county did very second fair day. Merle Pearson of Turner won the coveted Golden ist-led demonstrators stormed the building and forced the sheep in any breed of either sex Stassen States on his Shropshire display. Claude flock of sheep on display.

Marion county 4-H club contestants made a clean sweep of the two top places in the sheep showmanship contest with Floyd Fox, 17, Silverton, named champion, and Jerry Wipper, 14, Turner, runner up. Both winners showed

To Receive Trophy Fox will receive the Anthol Riney perpetual trophy and a bid for election. scholarship to the 1949 Four-H summer school. Wipper will also receive a summer school scholar- foray into industrial Michigan retail manager, and J. Norman at Richmond and El Segundo ship, both provided by the state

With open classes at the fair livestock judging almost up to essential leadership' the country in full operation. schedule, only a few classes are needs. left to judge today. The swine division was not yet completed and some horses were left to be judged. In cattle, only the Red Polls are not yet started.

One feature of today will the grand sweepstakes winner in the homemakers' division to be announced Wednesday afternoon, Superintendent Anne Hunt Mc-Kenno said. The winner must be this would be a matter for the a resident of Oregon and will have 1949 legislature to consider. Ryan compiled the most points in the said completion of a number of combined textile and cooking comnew buildings at the state institu- petition of the fair. A refrigerator is the first prize. (Additional details on pages 2

3, 6, 7 and 14.)

ployes association and a number Humidity Low Over Oregon PORTLAND, Sept. 7 -(AP)- Ris-

ing temperatures and plummeting humidity readings in the western Furniture, Names Oregon forests today increased the fire hazard conditions that normally suspend logging. The weather bureau reported

humidity was down to 16 at Mc-Kenzie bridge ranger tower and at Medford, at 19 in Eugene, 20 in Salem, 25 at Roseburg and 26 in Portland. Temperatures at the same time

soared to a high of 94 at Medford. The mercury stood at 90 in Roseburg, 89 in Salem, 84 in Klamath Falls, 85 in Portland and 91 in Eugene. Logging normally suspends

when the humidity drops to 30 -(AP)- D. F. Boothe, believed to TO POLICE BENES FUNERAL

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Sept. -(AP)- The Czechoslovak ministry of the interior said tonight it was guarding against any attempt to hold demonsrations at the fun- standard time today as Pendleton eral of former President Eduard and La Grande moved their clocks Benes tomorrow.

(AP)- A rise of 164 feet in the level PORTLAND SCHOOLS OPEN

Of Gasoline in Northwest

a.m. - Future Farmer

10 a.m. — Demonstration, Jun

11 a.m. — Free Vaudeville acts, Midway

Organ Music, Ag Building

1 p.m. - Horse races, Lone

Award of Grand prizes, Ag

Farm Machinery demonstra

6:30 p.m. - Free vaudeville

p.m. - Helene Hughe

10 p.m. - State fair dances

Firm to Rebuild

Razed Sawmill

t West Salem

A \$50,000 rebuilding and im-

out West Salem Lumber Co. mill

on Wallace road just north of

Glenn Creek road was announced

Tuesday by Ernest Parcher, man-

The mill will resume employ-

fields or they may use the free

The beans, Baillie said, are of

shape." Both bean and hop yards

have camping facilities. An OSES

office at Independence will direct

PARIS, Sept. 7 -(AP)- Premier

Robert Schuman's French govern-

ment resigned tonight 64 hours

after it had been laboriously put

Members of the cabinet sub-

mitted their resignations to Pres-

chamber of deputies. The cabinet

went under on its first test of

During its short life the cabi-

net, the second headed by Schu-

man, ordered a cost of living

bonue of 42,500 franes (8.33) to

almost all French office and in-

by labor unions, but with protes-

tations that it was not enough.

The cabinet did not last long

enough to take any other actions.

The bonus had been accepted

New French

Cabinet Falls

be completed by November.

Eugene Band concert

Swine Judging

ior Building

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4:30 p.m.

dicap

acts, Midway

Midnight—Gates close

Showboat

Gasoline Sales Rise Rapidly In Salem Area

The Oregon Statesman

The Oregon Statesman, Salem, Oregon, Wednesday, Sept. 8, 1948

Salem service stations did a brisk business Tuesday as motorists continues to "fill 'er up" and store gasoline in containers to avert the threatened shortage due to the Pa-

A total of 20 service station operators polled by The Statesman reported their gasoline trade had increased from 25 to 50 per cent daily since CIO oil workers walk-All said they had not yet been

forced to effect rationing, but pointed out that some restriction would be put into effect within 10 days if the strike continues. Five major oil company distributors supplying retail stations re-

ported their stocks of gasoline diminishing rapidly, especially the premium quality. One company's spokesman said the firm's storage tanks of premium gas were down to 25 per cent of normal, and that with paid admissions at 15,406, distribution of this grade has discontinued. By agreement all petroleum dis-

tributors will maintain their gasoline stocks at a minimum of 25 joicing Tuesday that they had per cent of normal. The emergency supply will be used to supply sales of materials in their booth. state and city police and fire One oil company official ex-

good to the physically handicap- ing out that the fire danger is extreme. He reported that service station operators have been inthroughout the judging on the structed to discourage the practice.

Stuesloff, Salem, won the prize awarded the best fitted and kept Truman Fails, Rebuttal Talk

DETROIT, Sept. 7 -(AP)- Presi- new re-saw unit. dent Truman was tabbed by "complaining" failure who has re- pervised by O. V. Snider, Portland

and Ohio, Stassen told a whistling Acoff of Los Angeles. cheering crowd of 3,000 here that the president "cannot furnish the ment of about 45 men when it is Francisco on Friday.

In a speech billed as the official dential campaign, Stassen drew a Growers Push lusty cheer with the assertion that the GOP is "driving the red Crop Harvests herring out of the official waters of the Potomac" with congressional inquiries into communist

activities. Mr. Truman has said these their harvests by the time school probes are only a red herring to starts, William Baillie, manager Republicans take the people's minds off high of the Salem office of the state

"Too many red herring have day. been in Washington for too long a herring nets instead of complain- ed. Workers may drive out to the tonight. ing against the fishermen." Stassen said that Mr. Truman transportation provided each mor-

had "dishonored labor with an ning at the Salem office between extreme demagogic appeal to set 6 and 6:30 o'clock.

14-Year-Old Wins 20-Year-Old Tune

ble shipment of household furnishings Tuesday when she correctly identified by telephone a 20year-old dance tune, "Valencia," on an afternoon radio program from Los Angeles via KEX. The daughter of Mrs. W. H. McAllister, 840 Trade st., she won a garbage disposal unit, set of dishes, registered mirror, hassock, electrical roaster oven, set of luggage and two rugs.

Joyce Kasper, 14, won a verita-

Northeastern Oregon Back on Standard Time

PENDLETON, Ore., Sept. 7-(AP) Northeastern Oregon was back on

Other communities in Union dustrial workers. and Umatilla county previously PORTLAND, Sept. 7.-(AP)-Port- turned their clocks back or did "rights and status" of the com- R. L. Elfstrom, Attorney General Mount Asama-one of Japan's land schools opened today with so today. Baker switched from George Neuner an Salem city largest active volcanoes—was re-councilmen. enrollment going up to 46,905, an daylight saving time last week-increase of 1,735 over last year.

Phone Union State Fair Today Wednesday Plans 43-State Sept. 8 Salem-Governor's Day Strike Sept. 17 a.m.-Gates Open

spokesman for the oil industry here reported tonight the northwest area has 18 days of premium gasoline and 27 days of regular

gas in storage. The announcement followed release of a west coast survey made by the voluntary allocation committee of the struck oil firms and was released by Reese H. Taylor, president of the Union Oil company of California.

He said the total supply represented about 25.5 days' normal gasoline consumption. Other oil products in the northwest appeared in good supply.

By the Associated Press Already in the grip of three major strikes, the nation Wednesday was threatened with fourth work stoppage which CIO union leaders said would cripple the country's telephone service.

The Association of Communication Equipment Workers, whose 25,000 members install telephone equipment, announced it had set September 17 for a strike of Bell telephone workers in 43 states. Meanwhile strikes in the oil, trucking and shipping industries provement project for the burned-

continued and there were no indications of any early settlement of any of the three disputes. Gas rationing in far wester states loomed as a possibility as ager, who hopes the new mill will the strike of 15,000 CIO off rein-

ery workers remained unsettled. The mill was destroyed by fire An industry spokesman pre-July 25, and only planing work dicted west coast motorists would has been done there since. The be without gasoline the latter part planing will continue while re- of next week if a settlement is building progresses at the present not reached in the wage dispute. Shell Oil Co., while it talked The new mill will have a ca- over the wage issue with union pacity of 30,000 board feet per people today, obtained a temporeight-hour shift, Parcher said, and ary restraining order to prevent will be fitted with the latest type mass picketing at its Martinez, of equipment including a double Calif., plant.

circular head rig with vertical State conciliators last night anedges and addition to the plant of a nounced that four more major oil companies involved in the Building and operation of the coast strike had agreed to reopen Harold E. Stassen tonight as a mill upon completion will be su- wage negotiations with the union. Conciliator Glenn Bowers said sorted to "demagogic appeals" in a man who has just been added to Union Oil would meet with reprethe incorporation which includes sentatives of the union in Los An-Turning official republican fire Parcher, to become sales manag- geles at 2 p. m. today, and Standon Mr. Truman's one-day political er and log buyer; Norman L. Acoff, ard Oil would renegotiate both Thursday, Associated Oil will meet union representative in San

> PORTLAND, Sept. 7-(AP)-Ap-proximately 1,000 CIO telephone equipment workers will walk out in Oregon and Washington in the September 17 strike, union officials said here today.

An attempt is being made by Eggs Greet bean and hop growers to complete

KINGSPORT, Tenn., Sept. 7-(A) employment service, said Tues--Hillbilly Singer Roy Acuff and Republican National Committee-"Pickers are badly needed in time," Stassen declared. "The the Independence hop fields and man B. Carroll Reece were targets president should help man the red Stayton bean yards," Baillie stat- of a fruit and egg barage here

> Acuff, republican candidate for governor, was hit by a grapefruit. Reece, former chairman of the republican national committee and republican candidate for U.S. senthe late variety and are "In fine ator, was struck by an unidentified missile.

The candidates addressed a campaign crowd estimated at more than 10,000 persons in an automobile parking lot.

CROSS BURNS IN GEORGIA VALDOSTA, Ga., Sept. 7 - (P) About 20 robed but unmasked klansmen burned a cross in the negro section of this south Georgia town tonight on the eve of the state's democratic primary election.

ROOSEVELT'S KIN TO WED NEW YORK, Sept. 7 .- (AP)-Miss Edith Kermit Roosevelt, 20-yearold granddaughter of Theodore ident Vincent Auriol when they Roosevelt, will be married tomorfailed to receive a majority vote row to Alexander Barmine, 40on a technical question in the year-old ex-soviet diplomat.

