

North Salem Traffic Snarls Result in Plans for Solution Awaiting Eventual New Route

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Salem's traffic snarls, termed by State Engineer R. H. Baldock as "one of the worst in the state," appeared to be the subject of a discussion this week between North Salem business men and city council members.

Strong opposition to a proposed city plan to regulate traffic along North Capitol street was voiced by Hollywood area business men at a meeting of the North Salem Business association Tuesday night in the Willamette Valley Bank building.

The measure is to be discussed at a city council meeting October 25. The plan is to widen North Capitol street from Court to Union streets and also to prohibit any parking along the street north to the Southern Pacific underpass to give Capitol street the effect of a four-lane highway.

About 15 per cent of total highway traffic is made up of heavy hauling truck travel.

Baldock, who was a guest speaker at the association meeting Tuesday night, said the plan would not offer permanent relief from traffic congestion along the street. He admitted, however, that something would have to be done to alleviate already-overcrowded Capitol street flow.

The eventual solution, he said, will be a new main highway through Salem. This "express way," which would not use the North Capitol street route, is a long way off—more than 10 years from now, he said.

The highway commission, he said, will not build a separate truck route around or through Salem.

Discounts By-Pass
He also discounted as impractical a proposal to build a segment of the Pacific highway east of Salem to by-pass the city proper. Surveys have shown, he said, that at least 80 per cent of highway motorists want to come into the city center.

An expensive by-pass highway, serving only about 10 per cent of the vehicular traffic, would be an economic liability, he declared.

"So with real, permanent relief a long way off, temporary emergency measures should be taken to speed an even flow of traffic along North Capitol street," he declared.

Main bottleneck in the whole Capitol street system, he stated, is the three-way traffic signal lights at North Capitol street and Fairgrounds road. Traffic backs up in tight congested form north along Portland road, and south along North Capitol and Fairgrounds road.

Lights to Even Flow
Proposed sets of traffic lights on D and Market street intersections with North Capitol would slow traffic down to a more even flow along the route. These lights are ordered and are to be installed as soon as possible, Baldock said. Baldock also offered these two plans:

Prohibit all parking along North Capitol street from Court street north to the underpass. This would allow four lanes of traffic to proceed at all times and would insure maximum use of the street's capacity.

Institute a system on one way traffic along North Capitol and Summer streets. Under this set-up northbound traffic would take Capitol street and southbound would run along Summer street and Fairgrounds road.

Surveys Cited
According to traffic surveys, Baldock said, one-way streets will carry 50 per cent more traffic than when the same streets are two-way routes.

Asserting that the "road dollar has shrunk to 50 cents since pre-war days" Baldock said the highway commission's greatest handicap is lack of funds. More state

and federal money is needed to build up the state's behind-the-times road system, he noted.

Many cities, however, Baldock said, are endeavoring to make the best of their congested streets by various systems of traffic regulation. One "good solution" is the gridiron system of one-way streets which is proving successful in Eugene. Another method is to eliminate parking entirely or partially on vital avenues.

To several assertions of the business group Tuesday night that traffic regulations might harm their businesses, Baldock answered that "the main purpose of streets is to move traffic and not to serve businesses."

Various members of the group said that the Hollywood section of North Capitol street was no more congested than many other parts of Salem. One member noted that most traffic jams occur only late in the afternoon and another wondered why "North Salem had been singled out for traffic regulation."

Navy Exercises Near Siberia Said 'Minor'

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—(AP)—The navy said today that exercises to be held next February in Alaskan waters are minor in size and aimed at testing clothing, equipment and personnel under cold weather conditions.

No more than 12 fighting ships and less than 12,000 men, including under 2,000 marines, will take part, an official said.

In response to questions, he said there is no significance to the fact that the exercises will be held closer to Russian territory than any previous fleet exercises.

In the Pacific the navy has only the Alaskan area to practice cold weather operations and experiments, he said.

Boys Charged With Assault

Two 17-year-old Salem high school students were released on \$50 bail each Wednesday following their arrest on charges of assault and battery in the beat-up case of two boys Saturday night.

Jack Merriam, son of Mrs. Dorothy Merriam and Roger Hale, son of Mrs. John Hale were arrested Wednesday on municipal court warrants sworn by the parents of Donald Lindburg and Gary Gortman, both 14 years old, who were victims of beating.

Gortman suffered a severe lip cut and Lindburg was beaten about the head and body. E. C. Charlton, acting police chief, denied the incident was a recurrence of secret society activity.

Teen Kanteen Elects Officers

FOUR CORNERS, Oct. 13—The Teen Kanteen met Wednesday night at the community center to elect new officers for the organization.

Two presidents were elected, June James to represent the girls and Jim Stewart, the boys. Joanne Greene was elected secretary and LuWanna Kincaid, treasurer. Lee Genselman, Walter Hart, Shirley Gossell and Greta Ann Schreengost were named representatives.

Next meeting of the group has been set Saturday, October 16.

Berliners Smuggle Food



BERLIN, Oct. 13—Travelers on Berlin's elevated train system go down steps to train, carrying bags and "rucksacks" filled with potatoes and wood bought and collected mostly in the Russian sector of Berlin. This movement of foodstuffs and wood from the Russian zone into Berlin's western sectors occurs despite Soviet orders to German police in their sector to prevent it. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Young Republicans Lay Plans for Final Pre-Election Drive

Lee Zahler was elected secretary of the Marion county young republicans club at a meeting Wednesday night at the chamber of commerce. Miss Zahler is sophomore at Willamette university.

The club speeded activities for the final weeks of the campaign with the announcement of a half hour radio program Sunday at 3:30 over station KOCO. Republican leaders will be featured on the program with a transcribed talk by Governor Thomas E. Dewey.

Steve Anderson, state president of the young republicans, said Wednesday night that GOP candidates will be introduced at a rally in the Marion hotel, Tuesday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Solon Protests Potato Imports From Canada

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—(AP)—Sen. Brewster (R-Me.) said today Canada is "flooding" potatoes into this country and he has protested to the state department.

He told reporters the United States has a large potato surplus. He estimated the imports may indirectly cost the government about \$12,000,000 this year. The state department, he said, has informed the Canadian government the United States is "being embarrassed" by the potato imports.

Brewster said the imported potatoes are displacing American-grown potatoes on the retail market and are selling for less than the government's support price of \$2 a bushel.

The result, he said, is that the government must purchase the American potatoes displaced by imports. "In effect," he said, "the government is buying Canadian potatoes. This is a perfect illustration of the folly of our agreement with Canada."

Files Suit for Gambling Loss

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 13—(AP)—A Malin rancher filed suit in circuit court today to recover the \$6,910 he said he lost at a gaming table.

The Malin man, Jack McAlliffe, sued Darrell C. King, operator of the Merrill Billiards, Merrill, for \$13,820, under an Oregon law authorizing double recovery of gambling losses. McAlliffe said in the complaint he lost \$6,910 in a blackjack game at King's Billiard establishment.

Multnomah County Tax Bill Jumps \$4 Million

PORTLAND, Oct. 13—(AP)—A huge tax bill, four million dollars more than last year, will be mailed to Multnomah county property owners this week end.

The tax roll in the county for the 1948-49 fiscal year totals \$28,941,924. Individual property taxes have jumped as much as 25 per cent.

BOILERMAKERS STRIKE
SPRINGFIELD, Oct. 13—(AP)—The AFL Boilermakers struck here today and halted construction of a new power plant at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company sawmill. About 70 men are involved.

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Portal-Portal Suit Reaches Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13—(AP)—The supreme court today received its first case testing constitutionality of the portal-to-portal act.

A test suit was filed by 74 employees of General Motors corporation. They said the act improperly denied them the right to collect overtime pay for such activities as changing into work clothes and obtaining tools needed in their jobs.

The portal-to-portal act was passed by congress last year to knock out suits for about \$6,000,000,000 filed against employers by labor unions in 1946.

The act prohibited generally both existing and future claims for portal-to-portal pay unless the claims are covered by employer-worker contracts or are recognized as valid by tradition or practice. The General Motors employees said their case began before passage of the act.

Fair Weather Needed for Cover Crops

CORVALLIS, Oct. 13—(AP)—Western Oregon farmers need fair weather to plant the large cover crop recommended in government planting goals.

The Oregon State college extension service said heavy rain cut plantings last year, and is threatening to do the same thing this season.

The goal for hairy vetch is 40 per cent over this year's harvest. Other goals are up, too: 57 per cent more common and Williamette vetch; 5 per cent more Austrian peas; 20 per cent more common ryegrass; and twice as much crimson clover seed.

Fishermen Act to Stabilize Prices

ASTORIA, Oct. 13—(AP)—Fishermen voted today not to demand a price increase for the bottom fish they sell here.

James Wright, representing the Offshore Fishing Vessel Owners association, said the fishermen would continue to accept 10 cents a pound for large black cod; 7 cents for petrale and said sole, and prices ranging down to 3 cents for other types.

AUTO MAGNETE PESSIMISTIC
FRAMINGHAM, Mass., Oct. 13—(AP)—It will be "perhaps two years" before the prospective automobile buyer can go to a dealer and drive off in his new car, President C. E. Wilson of General Motors said today.

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Marine Privates Take Examination

Sixty marine corp reserve privates were given promotion exams at the weekly meeting of the unit Wednesday night. Promotions are given on the basis of the exam score and attendance at weekly meetings and summer camp.

Joining the group Wednesday night was Dr. Donald E. White, Dallas, as lieutenant junior grade.

Oklahoma U. Admits Negro To Ante-Room

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 13—(AP)—The University of Oklahoma today had a negro student, for the first time in its 56-year history.

The student is G. W. McLaurin, retired professor, who has enrolled in the graduate school for a doctor's degree in education. McLaurin will attend his first class at 2 p.m. tomorrow, but it will be on a segregated basis.

A proposed plan is that McLaurin use an ante-room adjoining the regular classroom. The ante-room, 15 by 20 feet, was used as a library and has a separate entrance.

The acceptance of McLaurin as a student resulted from a university board of regents meeting Sunday. Dr. Cross was instructed to admit him on a segregated basis. The regents had followed an order of a federal court, which said the state segregation statutes were unconstitutional in McLaurin's case.

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Court Clears Title to Mulkey Building, Site

The state supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice J. O. Bailey, held Wednesday that the state of Oregon has clear title to the Mulkey building in Portland.

Justice Bailey upheld the ruling of Circuit Judge Walter Tooe of Multnomah county that there is no restriction to the state's title to the property, but reversed the lower court on the ruling governing funds from possible sale of the building.

Judge Tooe ruled that in event of sale of the property the proceeds should be held in trust for a memorial to Frank M. Mulkey. Mulkey left the building located at Southwest Morrison street and 2nd avenue, to the state at his death July 24, 1927.

Under the supreme court rule the state is not required to hold the funds in trust but may use them for construction of a state building.

The state board of control, believing it eventually might want to use the property as a site for a new building, filed suit against Mulkey's heirs to clarify the will. Heirs contended they reserved title to the property because the state did not carry out the provisions of the will for a memorial to Mulkey.

Escapes Back At Woodburn

Two escapees were back in the boys' training school at Woodburn Thursday morning after being caught in Portland, state police announced.

Elmer Chipman, 15, McMinnville and Duane Garrison, 15, Portland were picked up Wednesday after they had escaped from the dormitory late Tuesday. Four others who fled from a filbert orchard where they were on detail were still at large early Thursday.

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Salem Yachtsman Sails to California

NEWPORT, Oct. 13—The deluxe yacht, Joe II, owned by Asel Eoff, Salem, left from the CMC marine moorage at Newport Monday for Los Angeles where Eoff will sail it this winter.

Taking the boat south on the trip, expected to take five or six days, were Marvin Waring, Russell Johnson and Bob Crawford, all of Newport.

Vets' Priority Still in Effect

Builders of new housing for rental or sale are reminded that veterans of world war II must still be given first chance to rent or purchase.

E. Darryl Maybe, area rent director, announced Wednesday that a new group of field agents were on the job to check on violations of this law.

Veterans preference provisions apply to all houses and apartments completed after June 30, 1947 and prior to April 1, 1949 with the exception of those built for owner occupancy, he said.

Chiang Forces Fight to Relieve Besieged City

PEIPING, Thursday, Oct. 14—(AP)—Chinese communists opened fire on Chinghsien with heavy artillery today as government relief forces fought up from the south in an attempt to lift the siege of the big Manchurian base.

Pro-government dispatches said red batteries were shelling Chinghsien from hills to the northeast. The communists managed to penetrate defense lines only one mile east of the city, these accounts said, but later were thrown back.

Mukden-based government warplanes supported the besieged garrison with continued attacks against the red army. The Chinghsien airfield was described as still in national hands, but it has been unusable since the end of September.

The press reports were coupled with a prediction of a turn for the better in three days. Presumably it was based on advance relief forces fighting to reach Chinghsien. Two government columns were reported moving up from the port of Hulutao, 3 miles south of Chinghsien.

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