

County Grange, Leader Oppose Power Dam Bill

SILVERTON, Oct. 22—Marion county's Pomona grange in session Wednesday went on record opposing the bill to be voted on November 2 which would amend licensing and acquisition provisions of hydroelectric commission act.

Morton Tompkins, state grange master, in explaining the bill, said he felt that it would block construction of Hells Canyon dam that will give financial assistance of millions of dollars a year to irrigation projects and provide flood control on the Columbia river. (Tompkins was inadvertently quoted in The Statesman Thursday as having spoken in favor of the measure.)

Grangers also felt the bill repeals the part of the hydroelectric law which authorizes the state to buy at net cost dams built on Oregon rivers.

Steamship Line Heir Unravels Extortion Plot

By Joe Hall

NEW YORK, Oct. 22—(AP)—Filing of a plot to extort \$100,000 from Edgar F. Luckenbach, Jr., 23-year-old heir of \$6,666,000, was disclosed today by police.

Three men were arrested and admitted participation in the scheme, Police Capt. John McCoy reported.

One of the trio had clippings about other wealthy persons at his home and the men planned to reveal their scheme in Florida and Hollywood, McCoy said.

Luckenbach, heir to a steamship fortune and "angel" for several Broadway shows, told newsmen he received the extortion letter at his home Monday. A mysterious call to his butler had warned the letter was coming.

Labelled 'Contribution'

The letter, made public by police, asked \$100,000 as a contribution to veterans "in financial difficulties or homeless." It was on a letterhead of the "American Veterans Service Organization."

Referring to an "ex-contributor" who "tried to notify the police" the letter said "this person committed suicide. You see, our ways and means make it look like suicide."

Luckenbach, nevertheless took the matter to police, who arrested one of the three men last night outside Luckenbach's home in the fashionable sector east of Central park.

The man, identified by authorities as Dale Neidrich, 24, of Yonkers, N. Y., was picked up after Luckenbach had emerged from his home with a package purportedly containing the money.

The other two men were arrested on information supplied by Neidrich, police said. They were identified as Ansel Stolzberg, 27, and Howard Vey, 32, both of New York. All three are charged with attempted extortion and blackmail.

McCoy said Stolzberg was the "brains" of the scheme. Neidrich and Stolzberg are war veterans; Vey was rejected for physical disability.

Salem Market Quotations

BUTTERFAT		
Premium	71	
No. 1	67	
No. 2	60	
PRICES		
Wholesale	70	
Retail	76	
EGGS—(Selling)		
Large double A	69	
Medium	58	
Pullets	45	
Cracks	30	
EGGS—(Wholesale)		
Large double A	74	
Medium double A	65	
Pullets and cracks	52	
POULTRY		
No. 1 Leghorn hens	27	
No. 1 colored hens	30	
No. 1 colored fryers, 2½-3 lbs.	34	
No. 1 colored fryers, 3 lbs. up	38	
No. 1 old cocks	15	
LIVESTOCK (By Valley Pack)		
Lambs	20.00	
Yearlings	10.00 to 12.00	
Ewes	2.00 to 7.00	
Fat dairy cows	14.00 to 15.00	
Cutter cows	11.00 to 14.00	
Dairy heifers	12.00 to 17.00	
Steers	17.00 to 21.00	
Calves (300 to 450 lbs.)	14.00 to 22.00	
Veal, choice	24.00 to 25.00	

Stocks and Bonds

BOND AVERAGES		
	Oct. 22	
20	96.7	100.0
30	100.0	99.5
40	100.8	99.8
50	101.0	100.1
60	101.6	100.2
70	101.6	100.2
80	101.6	100.2
90	101.6	100.2
100	101.6	100.2
STOCK AVERAGES		
	Oct. 22	
20	94.4	45.3
30	94.4	45.3
40	94.4	45.3
50	94.4	45.3
60	94.4	45.3
70	94.4	45.3
80	94.4	45.3
90	94.4	45.3
100	94.4	45.3

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Valley Obituaries

Al Burns
ALBANY—Al Burns, editor of the Western Stamp Collector since July 1945, died unexpectedly at the family home Tuesday night. A heart ailment was given as the cause of death. Mr. Burns had not felt well Tuesday but had been at his desk during the day.

Burns was one of the best known authorities on stamps in the United States. During World War I he served in the photographic section of the army signal corps, and then became manager of Roten Stamp company in Minneapolis, Minn. In 1926 he went to Holten, Kan. to edit the Philatelic Gossip until 1941. He went to Indianapolis, Ind., and operated a drug store until coming to Albany to accept the editorship of the Western Stamp Collector, published by Al and Arlene VanDahl.

Burns was active in the Rotary club, was a member of the Masonic and Scottish Rite bodies, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Methodist church.

Burns was born Oct. 8, 1895, in Putnam county, Ind., and spent his boyhood in that state. On Nov. 18, 1919, at Paris, Ill., he was married to Elva L. Young, who survives as do four children, Dale V., Robert K., Betty Jean, and Barbara Joan, all of Albany, and one brother, Juell S. Burns in Indianapolis.

Funeral was held from Fort-Miller-Fredericksen chapel Friday, with the Rev. Edward Terry officiating. The body will be sent to Terre Haute, Ind. for burial.

Charles Schmidt

ALBANY—Funeral services for Charles Schmidt, 76, of route 1, Albany were held from Fisher Funeral home Friday, October 22, conducted by the Rev. F. R. Riess, pastor of the Lebanon Lutheran church of which Mr. Schmidt was a member. Burial was in St. John cemetery. Mr. Schmidt died at the family home Tuesday evening following a heart attack.

Schmidt was born Dec. 14, 1872, in Berlin, Wis. In 1912 he came to Oregon. He was a retired farmer.

In Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 27, 1897, he was married to Mary Bussian, who died Dec. 1, 1941. Surviving are five children, Raymond and Arthur, both of Albany route 1; Herbert of Lebanon route 2; Mrs. Elsie Ummen of Philomath, and Mrs. Loraine Weber of Vancouver, B.C.; a brother, Ed Schmidt in Wisconsin, and eight grandchildren.

Mrs. David Roth

ALBANY—Mrs. David Roth, 72, died at the family home on Madison street Tuesday evening following a sudden heart attack. Funeral services will be held from Fairview Memorial church at 2 o'clock, Saturday, October 23 with Nick Birky officiating. At 1 o'clock a service will be held at the family home. Burial will be in Willamette Memorial park. Fisher Funeral home is in charge.

Born Feb. 18, 1876, in Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Roth came to the United States with her parents when she was two years of age. She lived in Nebraska until 1918, when she came to Albany.

On Dec. 29, 1899, she was married in Lincoln, Neb., to David Roth, who died in 1943. Surviving are two sons, Ed and Amos, both of Albany; 10 grandchildren, Erma, Carroll, Larry, Lois, Ardy, Glenn, Sterling, Kenneth, Mary Roth and Mrs. Paul Stutzman, all of Albany; and one sister, Mrs. Annie Roth of Plymouth, Neb.

Dr. M. E. DeGuire

SILVERTON, Oct. 22—Funeral services for Dr. M. E. DeGuire, 73, will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the memorial chapel of Ekman funeral home, with the Rev. Ben F. Browning of the Methodist church officiating. Burial will be at Silverton cemetery.

Dr. DeGuire was a native of Silverton. He was a dentist here for 20 years, then in 1915 entered the dairy business. He was widely known for his registered Jerseys. He was a member of the local Masonic lodge.

He died at his home, 631 B st., Friday.

Surviving are the widow, Lillian; two sons, Elbert DeGuire of Silverton, Alva DeGuire of Salem; a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Carter of Woodlawn Wash.; one grandchild; three half-brothers, Alvin, Olfan and Charles DeGuire, all of Silverton; a half-sister, Mrs. Harry Carson, Silverton; stepmother, Mrs. Julia DeGuire, Silverton.

Mrs. George Rigney

SILVERTON, Oct. 22 — Mrs. George Rigney, 61, died Friday morning at her home, with daughter, Mrs. Thelma Bishop, Silverton route 1. She was a native of Kansas and in recent years lived in Hamilton City, Calif. Two months ago she came here to visit her daughter.

She leaves her husband, Chauncey Rigney, sr., Hamilton City, Calif.; Mrs. Bishop and 11 other daughters and sons. Funeral announcements will be made later by Ekman funeral home.

Problems of Merger Aired At West Salem

(Story also on page 1.)

WEST SALEM, Oct. 22 — The effects of a proposed merger between West Salem and Salem dominated Friday night's public meeting on local political issues at which Mayor Walter Musgrave stated his position, then answered questions.

Musgrave, who has sought to have the merger placed before the

WEST SALEM, Oct. 22—The last two candidates for West Salem city offices were in the race today as the deadline passed. They have no opposition.

Robert F. Pattison filed Friday for the recordership he has held for 12 years, and Mrs. Thelma Brown filed Thursday for re-election as city treasurer, which she has held for two years.

public and was balked once by a court ruling that the cities were not contiguous, was opposed principally by Councilman Donald Kuhn, who is seeking re-election.

The mayor asserted he would not himself be ready to vote on the question until more questions as to the consequences were answered.

Kuhn declared "Until something is brought out to show we'll be better off, I'm against merger."

Cities 'Common Ground'

Musgrave declared the two cities "are a common ground" and that the smaller community would reap benefits in lower insurance rates, improved fire and police protection and water and sewerage aid. Since West Salem may soon be almost surrounded by Salem by a proposed annexation on the November ballot, the mayor added that there must be merger or cooperative work.

Some of the benefits have already come to West Salem, said Musgrave, in consolidation of school districts and inter-city agreements for augmenting water supply and providing fire protection. But the latter, he reminded, are subject to cancellation on notice by the larger city.

Musgrave Answers

Among questions from a dozen persons were these, as answered by Musgrave:

Would the merger increase taxes? Less than 1 per cent difference exists between the two tax structures.

Would merger help the police system? The city has done well considering the amount spent for law enforcement. Salem would provide 24-hour protection not now available.

Would Salem's sewer charges be added? Since the state requires cleaning up of the river, a revamped sewerage system and disposal plant must be built, with almost prohibitive cost for a small city.

On This Proposition

Everett said no sewer charge could be added that merger-lowered fire insurance rates wouldn't offset.

Allegation Denied

Spurred to his feet by a statement by a spectator that her home "on the hill" had been out of water for four days at one time and that she found Kuhn using three sprinklers on his lawn, the councilman denied the allegation. Then he asserted that the charter prevented the city's doing anything about providing water supply outside the city limits. In this he was seconded by Musgrave.

Kuhn said he had often "panned" the water board for taking in more territory to serve without securing a greater supply of water and that he had backed construction of a big new reservoir.

FOLSOMS EXPECT BABY

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 22—(AP)—Gov. and Mrs. James E. Folsom announced today they are expecting a baby in late spring. The tall Alabama governor and Mrs. Folsom, 21-year-old former state employee, were married on May 5, this year.

HOLLYWOOD

Doors Open 1:00 p.m. for HOLLYWOOD KID'S CLUB Program, Contests and Special Features for Kiddies' Matinee

Also

Benson's Birthday Cake for Gary Wright, Mary Lou Bartsch, Carol Thompson, Janet Thomas, Arlene McAdams, Carolyn Crammer, Scott Tippetts, Gladys Kirchman.

Eve. Show Cont. After Matinee

Last Times Today! "THE BRIDE GOES WILD" "MR. RECKLESS"

Starts Tomorrow - Cont. 1:45



Captain from CASTILE

TECHNICOLOR

TYRONE POWER

Plus Color Cartoon - News

New Teacher Due At Middle Grove

Mrs. Peggy Elwood, 1135 N. 13th st., will start Monday as a permanent second grade teacher at Middle Grove grade school, the Salem school district announced Friday.

Mrs. Elwood will fill a teacher vacancy which has existed since opening of the fall term. The class has been instructed by Mrs. Mabel Drorbaugh who has handled both the first and second grades. Mrs. Drorbaugh will remain as first grade teacher.

Mrs. Elwood is a graduate of the Western Washington College of Education in Cheney, Wash., and taught at Ephrata, Wash., before moving to Salem.

Williams to Head Young GOP Meet

Bruce Williams, Salem attorney and radio announcer, was chosen Friday as general chairman of the Young Republican federation's state convention in Salem December 3, 4 and 5.

The appointment was announced by Steve Anderson, Salem, state chairman of the GOP group. Anderson also said that he was seeking the services of Paul Lockwood, personal secretary to Thomas E. Dewey, as speaker for the convention.

County to Cut Brush On West Stayton Cutoff

The Marion county court Friday authorized county crews to begin cutting brush along Shaff West Stayton cutoff road west of Stayton.

The action came after the Stayton school district complained that overhanging trees and brush along the road were scraping the top and sides of the Stayton school bus.

U. S. to Sell Jet Planes To American Republics

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22—(AP)—U. S. military aircraft, including some of the latest and fastest post-war models, will be offered for sale to other American republics for purposes of hemispheric defense. The air force announced the offer today.

The planes are the F-80 Lockheed Shooting Star, F-84 Republic Thunderjet, F-82 North American Twin Mustang, and the troop-carrying C-52 Fairchild Packet.

TRACTOR CRUSHES CHILD

EUGENE, Oct. 22—(AP)—Dale Hill, 2, slipped under the wheels of his father's tractor and was crushed to death on a farm near Junction City today. The parents were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill.

BRENNER NAMED CHIEF

DALLAS, Oct. 22—(AP)—Wendell Brenner, Dallas police officer who sponsored the "Dallas Junior Police" as an antidote to juvenile delinquency, was named Dundee police chief today.

THE SALEM DRIVE-IN Theatre

Launch Caravan - Show 9:30 - 2:24:49

Last Times Tonight!

Starts at Dusk!

Special Midnite Show After 11:30 p.m.

Betty Grable

Doug Fairbanks

In Technicolor - "Lady in Ermine"

John Garfield

"Body and Soul"

Color cartoon

Late News!

See a show from your car!

Open Rain or Shine!

Held Over!

Will Show Thru Tuesday Complete Owl Show After 10:10 p.m.

GRAND

Mat. Daily from 1 p.m. NOW SHOWING! JEANNE CHAIN - WILLIAM HOLDEN EDWARD GIBBY

APARTMENT

for Peggy

Directed and Written for the Screen by GEORGE SEATON Produced by WILLIAM PERLBERG

Co-Hit! Wm. Gargan "ARGYLE SECRETS"

LIBERTY

KARTEON KARNIVAL Today 12:30 With Regular Show!

Last Times Today! GAY MILLAND The Big CHARLES LAUGHTON in Clock MAUREEN O'SULLIVAN

Co-Hit! Ed. G. Robinson "Slight Case of Murder"

Widower Awarded \$2,500 as Result of Auto Accident Suit

Damages amounting to \$2,500 were awarded by a Marion county circuit court jury Friday night to the widower of Leah Rae Hibberd who died Jan. 1, 1947, in a Salem automobile accident.

The jury brought the verdict at 10 o'clock last night after deliberating four hours upon conclusion of two days of testimony. Defendant was the driver of the car in which Mrs. Hibberd met her death.

The jury of eight men and four women got the case at 4:30 p. m. Later members were taken out to dinner before they finished deliberations.

Only nine of the 12 members of the jury signed the verdict. The verdict under law must be unanimous and at least nine members must ballot. Judge George C. Duncan presided at the trial.

Brought by Widower

The suit was brought against McLaughlin by William Stanley Hibberd, husband of the deceased woman. It charged that McLaughlin operated the car in a "grossly negligent" manner, causing it to go out of control and strike a tree on South Commercial street.

City police records show the auto was headed north on South Commercial street about 12:17 a. m. New Year's day of 1947. Witnesses told police McLaughlin was driving at a high rate of speed when the auto went out of control, swerved to the west side of the street, literally wrapping itself around the tree. Mrs. Hibberd, riding in the front seat, was killed instantly.

Answered Complaint

McLaughlin, answering the complaint, alleged that Mrs. Hibberd was a guest in his car, riding on the trip at her own request. He said she neglected to caution him about his driving or request that the car be stopped and discontinue her ride even though provided ample time to do so. It was Mrs. Hibberd's negligence, he stated, that caused her own death.

Hibberd was represented by Attorneys George Rhoten and John Steelhammer. Asa Lieuelien was counsel for McLaughlin.

Wreckage of Plane Found

MEDFORD, Oct. 22—(AP)—A private plane missing for nearly eight years was reported found today in the Wild Canyon country 20 miles west of Diamond lake.

A party of hunters stumbled across the wreckage. Two skeletons rested side by side in the rusted cabin.

They were identified as the remains of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Walbert, a Medford couple who took off Nov. 29, 1940, for Portland and never were seen again. A year's organized search failed to disclose any trace of them.

Ends Today! Zachary Scott "RUTHLESS" and (Saturday) "SPIRIT OF WEST POINT"

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TOMORROW! Phone 3-3721 Cont. Shows from 1 P. M.

First-Run Adventure!

Flashing Blades of a Daring Fighter! Flashing Eyes of an Exciting Beauty!

ADVENTURES OF CASANOVA

Arturo DeCordova

Lucille Bremer

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JOHN SUTTON

GEORGE TOBIAS

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A Return Last-Hit!

JOE'S A WILD WEST WOW!

JOE S.

Rears rock the Rockies and belly laughs blast bonfire in this hilarious comedy!

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Civic Players Comical in 'Listen to Leon'

By Mrs. Winston Taylor

"Listen to Leon," presented Friday night at the Civic theatre by Salem Civic Players, proved to be a definitely unstilted, fast-moving comedy of tall tales. The play was refreshing after some professional performances, especially as the audience could sense that the players were enjoying the performance, too.

Colonel Bryan, played by Nate Steinbock, was the outstanding character, portraying the changeable moods of an irascible old gentleman. Leon Bryan, played by Jim Baer, managed to talk himself into a collection of situations hard to imagine and even harder to talk himself out of. Persistent in the pursuit of a husband, any husband, was Babe, kitchinishly portrayed by Agnes Drummond. The cast was directed by Beulah Graham in the season's opening presentation.

WARNERS

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JOYFUL NAUTICAL MUSICAL

It's a honeymoon in COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR!

LUXURY LINER

There's riotous revelry as singing stowaway turns ocean trip into honeymoon party!

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Fog, which has plagued traffic in the air and on the ground during the past four days, is due to give way to light rains Saturday night or Sunday morning, according to the weatherman at Mc-Nary field.

Meanwhile, winter began to make itself felt elsewhere in the state with a low temperature of 18 degrees reported at Chiloquin, 22 degrees at Chemult, and 32 degree cold predicted for the Crater Lake area Saturday.

GEORGE BRENT

JANE POWELL

LAURITZ MELCHIOR

FRANCES GIFFORD

MARINA KOSHEV

XAVIER CUGAT

Screen Play by GLADYS LINGMAN and RICHARD CONNELL

Directed by RICHARD WHORE

Produced by JOE PASTERNAK

A METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER PICTURE

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