

# Sec. Tobin Sets Stage for 4th Round Pay Rise Pleas

## 7 Lost at Sea; Gale Pounds Northwest 49 mph Wind Snaps Salem Power Lines

A north Pacific storm Tuesday blacked out Salem lights and apparently claimed the lives of seven persons as three tugs sank along the northwest coast. Other vessels were reported in trouble.

Portland General Electric company crews worked double shifts after early morning winds up to 49 miles an hour snapped Salem power lines, putting out lights in various sections of the city. All power service was restored by Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. May C. Irvin, 345 E. Lincoln st., was taken to Salem Memorial hospital with a hip injury Tuesday night after being struck by an auto while crossing Court street at Winter street during a heavy rainstorm. The driver, Martin D. Finden, 1134 Edgewater st., West Salem, was not charged.

The Associated Press reported three men were lost when a tug piled up on the rocks near Port San Juan, B. C., west of Vancouver island. Five others of the crew made to shore in a lifeboat.

Two men were missing from another tug which sank in Puget Sound. An unidentified woman drowned when she was lost overboard from the ferry Princess Victoria en route from Vancouver to Victoria.

The seventh victim was a seaman who died of a heart attack as coastguardsmen carried out with rubber boats the hazardous rescue of the 11-man crew of the tug Neptune sinking off the mouth of the Columbia river.

A lightship off the northwest tip of Washington lost its anchor and was forced to head for shelter, leaving the dangerous Cape Flattery area without a navigation aid.

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## Pensions to Await Legislature Action

By Winston H. Taylor

Staff Writer, The Statesman

Faced with no alternative possibility, the state board of control "agreed" Tuesday to follow the attorney general's recommendation that is "has no authority to issue certificates of indebtedness" to pay old age pensions under the initiative passed November 2.

No action toward implementing the act and providing the \$50 pensions is expected now until the legislature convenes in January, unless a mandamus suit is brought in court seeking to force the board to issue such certificates, pending allocation of funds.

"No Legal Duties"

The attorney general's opinion, issued Saturday, held that the act "imposes no legal duties" upon the board. Gov. John H. Hall declared "there is nothing for the board of control to do but abide by (the opinion's) provisions. It is necessary for the courts to pass on the constitutionality of the measure."

The board accepted two new state buildings at the boys' training school at Woodburn. On one, a school building erected by Julius Johnson of Portland, the board withheld \$6,337.65 from final payment pending delivery of desks and chairs, not expected for several months. The other building is a shop structure erected by W. C. Smith, Inc.

Over State Treasurer Leslie Scott's protests that the claim of W. C. Smith, Inc., for extra work in running a steam line to the new employees' dormitory at Fairview home was excessive, the board voted to pay the \$8,658 sought. At first request of the firm, the board members had questioned the charges, figured at cost plus 15 per cent, and had given the contractor a hearing.

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry said he thought the contractor was sincere in his claim and that the state did not have a clear case for refusal, since "rock work" as defined in construction contracts, Governor Hall voted with Newberry.

Diverse Opinions

The discussion included an exchange of comments by Scott, who asked that the conversation regarding the claim be off the record, and Governor Hall, who declared all matters before the board of public interest, with the press entitled to print them.

## IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

This still is a storybook world. Rank may be "the guinea's stamp" but it still holds people in thrall. London crowds swarm around the gates of the royal palace to hail the birth or mourn the passing of its titled residents. And folk in other lands consume avidly the news of royal families.

It was the surviving old instincts which stress to the birth of a son to Princess Elizabeth of England the attention of the world. The mother herself has won the affection of those for whom she is the queen-in-prospect; and they feel a proprietary interest in her first-born because the child is next in the line of succession. To those putting great store on legitimacy and stability, the dynasty has significance. It becomes comforting to them to know that the royal line is perpetuating itself through those with royal titles. But other democracies, Britain and the Scandinavian countries, have retained their kings and queens and seem happy with them. One cannot but wonder if the history of Europe and the world might have been different if the revolutions during and following the first world war had not ousted so many dynasties. For in the vacuum the gangster chiefs arose, Stalin, Hitler and Mussolini. Restrained by no discipline and

(Continued on editorial page)

## Tiny Twins Born in Salem

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Bishop, 1715 N. Winter st., are the parents of tiny twins — a son and a daughter — born Tuesday at Salem General hospital.

No official weighing — in has been performed, but it is estimated the boy's weight at 2½ pounds and the girl's at 2¼ pounds. Both are being kept in incubators until they attain normal birth weight.

Bishop is a city fireman and the twins the first addition to the Bishop family.

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## School Girls Ask Action on Sewage Plant

Senior girls health students of Salem high school Tuesday called for immediate action to hurry construction of a city sewage disposal plant, pointing out that Salem's polluted streams give off an odor unlike that of perfume.

Conditions resulting from the lack of a disposal plant were outlined in a letter to The Statesman, signed by 98 class members.

The letter reads:

"While studying community health problems, it has come to our attention that the sewage disposal system in Salem is highly inadequate.

We understand that the sewage is emptied directly into streams in and around Salem. These disease-ridden streams are a detriment to the community in the following ways:

1. Mosquitoes and flies which carry disease thrive in polluted streams.
2. In spite of restrictions, the kids swim in these streams.
3. In the summer months the odor given off by these streams is not exactly that of Chanel No. 5.

We realize that plans have been drawn up for a modern sewage disposal plant, but funds are not sufficient to begin construction. Are you, as good citizens, going to sit around and let this endanger your and your families' health? WE NEED COMMUNITY BACKING!"

(A long-range program for construction of interceptor sewers and a sewage disposal plant in Salem has already been launched. Financed by sewer rental funds, the interceptor system is being installed, and the plant will be built later in the program.)

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## Oregon Property Tax Load Jumps 25%

### Took Tips School Tax Hike Highest

Oregon property taxes are an average 25 per cent higher this year than last, a statistical study of the state tax commission showed Tuesday.

Bulk of the statewide tax rise fell in the school district tax category where a 47 per cent average gain was noted over 1947-48 in the report.

The overall property tax total shown on the tax rolls of Oregon's 36 counties is \$77,738,623 this year, as compared with \$62,181,683 a year ago. Included is the school tax total of \$43,455,557 as against \$29,428,526 a year ago.

Of the approximate \$15,000,000 tax increase, \$14,000,000 is accounted for by school taxes.

Marion Taxes Rise

Marion county's \$3,938,070 tax roll is 32 per cent over the property tax levied last year. Marion's school taxes included within this total, also showing a gain higher than the state increase, are 71 per cent over last year's school taxes of \$1,274,161.

Only a part of the big increase in the property taxes is accounted for by higher assessed valuation on property this year, as the state tax commission had reported earlier that the assessed valuation increased by a little over 10 per cent this year — from \$1,057,000,000 to \$1,187,000,000.

Assessments levied in addition to the property tax brought the county tax roll up to \$79,455,112, compared with \$63,755,762 for the 1947-48 year.

County by County

The county-by-county comparison of property taxes, as presented by the state tax commission, follows:

County	1947-48	1948-49
Baker	776,845	945,142
Benton	872,341	1,015,561
Clackamas	2,046,212	2,610,906
Clatsop	1,342,277	1,614,695
Columbia	242,795	2,260,370
Coos	1,280,971	1,678,428
Crook	333,112	397,428
Curry	228,260	314,614
Deschutes	218,172	1,214,404
Douglas	1,688,563	2,178,481
Gilliam	241,123	235,790
Grant	1,214,404	2,088,460
Harney	379,414	561,781
Hood River	711,577	843,925
Jefferson	1,214,404	1,678,428
Josephine	854,263	1,080,236
Lincoln	1,214,404	1,678,428
Lane	3,543,247	4,819,852
Lincoln	2,011,001	2,684,770
Malheur	930,801	1,351,136
Marion	1,558,683	3,938,070
Morrow	1,207,415	1,588,563
Multnomah	44,726,829	58,824,715
Polk	892,923	1,073,106
Wasco	224,952	290,743
Tillamook	733,594	995,645
Umatilla	1,820,339	2,142,526
Wagon Wheel	1,207,415	1,588,563
Wallowa	352,818	498,738
Wasco	830,110	877,123
Washington	1,701,496	2,142,526
Wheeler	110,410	161,256
Yamhill	1,207,259	1,644,149
TOTALS	662,181,683	839,738,623

### Blockade Closes Door to Parleys, Truman States

By Robert E. Gangware

City Editor, The Statesman

Tentative zoning of Salem's new territory in Polk county was placed Tuesday night in a city planning and zoning commission recommendation to the city council.

The commission planned a survey and later public hearing on permanent zoning of the 368 acres surrounding (but not including) West Salem which came into Salem city limits by annexation election this month.

Meanwhile, the commission recommended that all of the new city area west of Wallace road be tentatively considered in a class I residential zone and all of the area east of the Wallace road be in class II business zone. This conforms with the general use of the area now, with Kingwood Heights and other residential areas in the former part and several business establishments in the latter.

Other action at its city hall meeting, the zoning commission last night approved change from single family to two-family use a house at 650 Breys ave. for Herbert and Gladys Vergetz; instructed that demonstrators be notified to appear to give their objections to vacation of part of Calmar court for a development planned by Desco Blunt; decided that no change be made in sidewalk requirements for Candalaria boulevard (formerly Iowa avenue) from South Commercial street to Mountain View drive, but that further consideration be given to sidewalk requirements for remainder of the Candalaria area.

(Additional zoning action, page 2.)

### Russian Reply Help Kill Talk Of Meetings

By the Associated Press

The Lie-Evatt attempt to settle the Berlin dispute appeared doomed last night by new statements from the United States and Russia.

The two United Nations leaders, Secretary - General Trygve Lie and Assembly President Herbert V. Evatt, appealed to the big four last Saturday to try once more to iron out their differences by direct talks.

President Truman told a news conference at Key West, Fla., that the United States will not resume negotiations with Russia as long as the Soviet blockade of Berlin exists. This was a tip-off of the nature of the replies which the United States, Britain and France will hand Lie and Evatt today.

Russia handed in her reply yesterday. It expressed Russia's willingness to meet with the western powers, but repeated the previous Soviet condition that the talks must deal with all German problems, not merely with the Berlin issue. The note made no mention of the blockade.

Both the Russian note and President Truman's statement left the door open for possible big four talks — under certain conditions.

Conditions Made

The Soviet note merely stated it agreed as to the importance of personal contact among the heads of the big powers. Mr. Truman said he still stood on his statement that he would be glad to talk to Stalin if the Soviet leader wanted to come to Washington. The president said, however, he had no plans to talk with Stalin or to send an emissary to Moscow.

Indications were that the Berlin question may soon be taken up again by the U. N. security council.

The council, meanwhile, in a new effort to restore peace in Palestine, ordered Jews and Arabs to negotiate an armistice immediately. Acting Palestine Mediator Ralph Bunche said he would ask the Jews and Arabs to begin talks at once.

### Power Officials Ask Voluntary 'Brown Out'

PORTLAND, Nov. 16 (AP) — Voluntary electric "brown out" by the Pacific northwest public, business and industry during the peak power load hours was asked tonight.

Cliff A. Erdahl, chairman of the northwest utilities conference committee, said the electric consumption during the hours from 4:30 and 6:30 p. m. is too much for the regional generating capacity and power pool.

"The way things are going, we will be 150,000 kilowatts short during peak hours as the season wears on, if we don't reduce consumption," the Tacoma city commissioner said. He conferred here today with utility executives.

Erdahl explained the problem is the early nightfall in the winter months just when households and offices set up use of electricity.

### Chiang's Forces Claim Major Suchow Victory

NANKING, Nov. 16 (AP) — Battle-seasoned Chinese communist troops have been hurled back east of the vital government base of Suchow in what Nanking hailed today as a major victory.

While independent observation confirmed a red withdrawal on the east, there were signs that communist assault to the south threatened to encircle Suchow, which is 200 rail miles northeast of Nanking.

(The communist radio said red troops have seized Suining, 48 miles southeast of Suchow. If true, they are less than 60 miles from closing a ring around Suchow, since their forces are either in or around Suhsien, 55 miles southwest of Suining.)

(Private foreign reports from Nanking reaching Shanghai predicted the government would decide within three days whether to fight on or ask the communists for terms.)

The official central news agency described the result of the Suchow battle as "the most disastrous defeat the communist rebels have ever received from the hands of government troops."

Its report said air - blocks had been established over every crossing point of the grand canal to prevent the reds from escaping. Many fleeing communists turned back and "surrendered en masse" when they "came upon a wall of bullets and bombs at Yunho on the grand canal," said the Chinese news agency. Yunho is about 12 miles northeast of Suchow.

### 3 Apartment Houses Head Building List

The city engineer's office Tuesday issued permits totaling \$72,000 covering construction of three apartment houses and four new homes.

Bresco, Inc., Salem contractors, received permits for two \$13,500 duplex apartments to be located at 351-55 Tryon ave., and 351-54 Biller ave. in the Mapleton addition of north Salem.

Stanley Llambras was authorized to build a two - story \$16,500 apartment house at 1140 S. 13th st. J. W. Earlywine is the contractor in charge of construction.

Permits for new houses and garages went to A. L. Frankum at 1175 N. 24th st., \$8,500; F. W. Harcourt at 1265 N. 5th st., \$8,700; Fred W. Oelke at 2465 N. 4th st., \$6,000, and Jerome Epping at 1835 N. Winter st., \$7,300.

Permits for removing awnings were issued to Max Gehler at 264 N. Commercial st., \$50, and Harley White at 254 N. Commercial st., \$50.

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### New \$4 Billion Reclamation Plan for West States Devised

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP) — The interior department presented today a "hypothetical" seven-year \$4,000,000,000 reclamation program for 17 western states.

Reclamation Commissioner Michael W. Strauss said the program, if adopted, would:

1. More than double the amount of irrigated reclaimed land by 1954.
2. Triple the electric power output from reclamation projects.
3. Add 100,000 to the farm population of the west.

But the program is "admittedly hypothetical," Strauss said in a formal report to Secretary of the Interior Krug.

Furthermore, in its first two years it is running \$116,200,000 behind schedule.

The 250-project program was prepared at the request of the house committee on public lands. It covers the fiscal years 1948 to 1954 inclusive.

The report did not go into detail as to the specific projects contemplated.

"The bureau would be reluctant to publish this program only to find itself strait - jacketed later by obsolete data," Strauss said. Strauss said the projects, if built as proposed, would:

1. Irrigate 2,036,000 more acres of arid land in addition to the 2,448,000 already fully irrigated, thus creating 24,000 new farms.
2. Provide additional water for partial irrigation of 3,607,000 acres on 66,000 farms.
3. Increase crop values by \$406,000,000 a year or about \$3,000,000,000 in seven years.
4. Add 4,324,450 kilowatts of additional power capacity to the 2,223,487 kilowatts now installed, thus increasing generation from 13,000,000,000 kilowatt - hours a year to more than 30,000,000,000.

The proposed regional program includes:

Region 1, Boise — The Columbia - Snake river basin area of Washington, Oregon and Idaho with parts of Montana and Wyoming. Irrigation of 805,000 acres of new land, with supplemental water for an additional 717,000 acres; 1,914,500 kilowatts of additional power capacity; \$65,132,000 in additional crop values; \$619,900,000 in investment cost.

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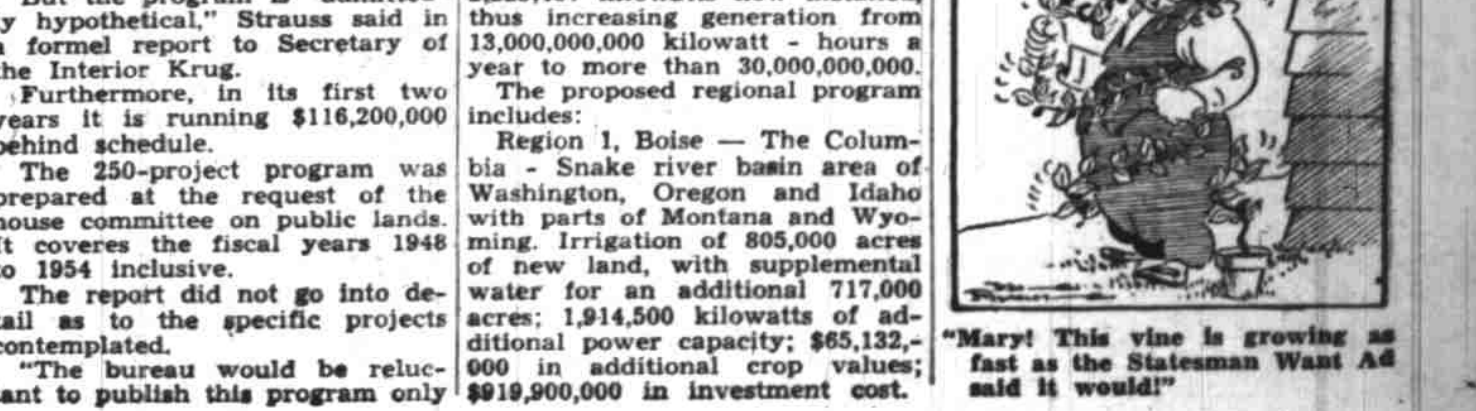


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### Circuit Court Cases Hang Over Waste Basket

Approximately 123 Marion county circuit court cases, which have not been acted upon during 1948, may go into the legal waste basket next January 3.

Circuit Judge E. M. Page on Tuesday designated the annual "house cleaning day," for consideration of all cases "subject to dismissal for want of prosecution."



"Mary! This vine is growing as fast as the Statesman! Want Ad said it would!"