

Fairview Home Building Burns

An employes' home at Oregon Fairview home southwest of Salem was extensively damaged by fire early Tuesday night before being brought under control by firemen from Salem and the institution.

2 Escape Death in Slide On North Santiam Road



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

General Eisenhower's publication of his war memoirs has stirred up a hornet's nest in Great Britain. The British conclude that Ike thinks the USA won the war (though Texas will insist it was Texas AND the USA).

The military correspondent of the Sunday Times (not the famed London Times) is sharply critical of Eisenhower as a military commander. He was great stuff as a "lubricator" — handy with the oil can for keeping bearings cool on his vast military machine, but no field commander.

The invasion of southern France he calls a strategic blunder of the first magnitude — an American blunder. The critic rises also to Montgomery's defense, saying that Montgomery's proposal of a single field commander (offering to serve under Bradley) was wise, and that Montgomery's plan for a drive around left end (the north) would have ended the war in '44.

Other British critics have noted that Ike's praise seems to fall mostly on American commanders. Finally the British writer thinks that Eisenhower's decisions have left the west in a weaker position for the postwar settlement: "With a proper plan we could have been in Berlin, Prague and Vienna before the Russians."

He holds his nose over Kay Summersby's book "Eisenhower Was My"

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Self-Service Gas Stations Banned

PORTLAND, Nov. 23 (AP)—The Portland city council today banned self-service gasoline stations in the city as a fire hazard.

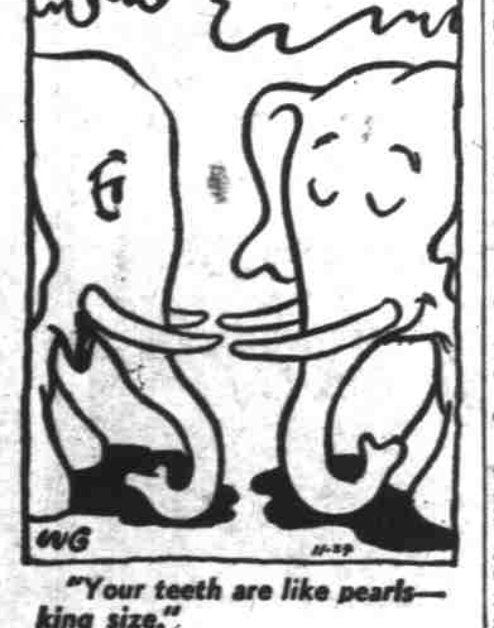
Progressives File \$40,110 Expenses

Campaign expenses totaled \$40,110 for the progressive party in Oregon, it was declared in an expense filing with the state elections bureau Tuesday.

Rain Suspends Airport Work

Work on the \$80,000 improvement program for Salem airport, just past the half-way mark, has been suspended for the winter, City Manager J. L. Franzen said Tuesday.

Animal Crackers



Your teeth are like pearls—king size.

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Price of Food Said Falling

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—The first decline in living costs in seven months was announced today by the government.

The announcement, made by the bureau of labor statistics, came only a few hours after President Truman named Dr. Edwin G. Nourse, chairman of his economic advisory council, to work out an anti-inflation program for presentation to congress early next year.

The cost of living decline was slight — only one-half of one per cent — but it broke a steady climb through most of the late spring and summer.

The decrease showed up in the index for consumer prices. The index dropped to 173.6 for October from the all time highs of 174.5 for the months of August and September.

No Pay Increase

The October index is just below the 173.7 July index — so the 330,000 employees of General Motors Corp., whose pay is partially dependent on the index get neither a pay boost nor a decrease.

The October living cost decline was attributed by the bureau of labor statistics to a substantial and general drop in the retail price of foods. This decline "more than offset increases in all other major groups of consumer cost items, the BLS said.

Rent Rises in Oregon

The BLS said that the largest rent increases in October were reported in Detroit, Kansas City and Portland, Ore. For the country as a whole, rents have increased 3.3 per cent from a year ago, but less than 14 per cent since August, 1939.

Nourse, whom the president named to plan anti-inflation strategy, said he would work with the secretaries of the treasury, commerce, labor, agriculture, interior and other agencies.

Final decisions are up to the president, who will determine just what sort of program will be presented to congress.

Nourse has not been known as a new deal type of economic planner but he has shown a willingness to favor economic controls "when necessary."

State Timber Sold Despite Scott's Protest

The state land board, over the protest of State Treasurer Leslie M. Scott, Tuesday voted to sell 165,000 feet of pine timber and 56,636 feet of larch timber to the Fir Pine Lumber company of Cove, Ore., on a bid of \$1,000.

Advertisement for the sale fixed the minimum price at \$2 per 1,000 feet for pine and \$5 for larch which figured as \$996 for the entire tract in Union county.

Scott also recently voted against accepting a bid of \$10.50 per 1,000 feet, offering 5,127,000 feet of Ponderosa pine, and \$2 for 135,000 feet of tamarack from the Ponderosa Line Lumber company.

This timber was sold at public auction at the Prineville courthouse. The land board Tuesday rejected an offer for purchase of the land.

Application to purchase approximately 10,000,000 feet of Port Orford cedar in Coos county was turned down by the board pending better market conditions.

Amateur Candy Makers, Here's Your Opportunity

Statesman 'Candy School' Nov. 29, 30

By Maxine Buren Women's Editor, The Statesman

Women who "suffer" from a sweet tooth may perhaps find permanent satisfaction if they attend the Statesman-sponsored candy making schools conducted by E. Remington Davenport of Portland Monday and Tuesday, November 29 and 30, at the Portland Gas and Coke company auditorium.

There will be two classes each day, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Both men and women are welcome to attend, and, of course, the school is free.

Davenport has just completed a course of 18 lessons for one of the Portland newspapers, during which time he took his listeners through many phases

Mac Upholds All Jap Convictions

Compulsory Power Cut In Northwest Discussed

SEATTLE, Nov. 23 (AP)—Mandatory curtailment of power use in the Pacific Northwest was discussed at a special conference called by the State Department of Public Utilities this afternoon.

Edward Falck, National Security Resources Board Power consultant, was asked what forms of curtailment might be effective in this region, after the "brownout" orders issued by the War Production Board during the war and by the Civilian Production Administration during the 1946 coal strike were introduced in evidence.

He said these four plans were available: 1. Voluntary curtailment. 2. Prohibition of non-essential or less-essential use. 3. "Load freeze," barring any new customers. 4. A percentage curtailment of all use.

He said that in his opinions voluntary programs were not successful, resulting in maximum savings of only five to six per cent. He also said they could not be sustained more than four or five months, whereas the Pacific Northwest power shortage would continue for several years.

Thanksgiving Union Church Service Set

Church services, as well as a shutdown of much governmental and business activity, will mark observance of Thanksgiving Thursday, as Salem eats — and pauses to give thanks.

A union worship service at 10 a.m. will be conducted in the First Christian church, under sponsorship of Salem Ministerial association. The Rev. Brooks Moore will deliver the message. (Services detailed on page 2.)

Elder Weldon Committed to State Hospital

Charles Henry Weldon, elderly Stayton farmer facing a first degree murder charge, Tuesday was ordered committed to the Oregon state hospital.

The order was issued by Marion County Circuit Judge George R. Duncan who said the murder charge will be held in abeyance as long as the 74-year-old man remains in the state hospital.

Weldon was charged with the shooting death of his son, Carl, 40, at the family residence on September 3. The younger Weldon died later in a Salem hospital.

The state hospital staff had previously found Weldon to be "psychotic and not responsible for his deed of violence." In a report to Judge Duncan last week Weldon was noted that he was going to be committed to the state hospital.

After the son was shot, according to state police reports, the father turned the shotgun on himself. He recovered from face wounds.

The small, white-haired old man was removed to the state hospital by sheriff's deputies last night after a Tuesday afternoon hearing in Judge Duncan's court. He told Judge Duncan he could not offer a satisfactory explanation of why he killed his son.

Air Base Building To Become Detroit School Auditorium

PORTLAND, Nov. 23 (AP)—Bids were opened today for salvaging a building at the Corvallis army air base and transporting and rebuilding it as a school auditorium near Detroit dam.

Rushlight Automatic Sprinkler Co., Portland, bid \$63,900, low of four bids opened here today by the Portland district corps of engineers. Government estimate was \$77,237.

Meanwhile, the engineers announced bids will be asked Friday for repair of the levee along the left bank of the South Santiam river, one-half mile east of Lebanon. Bids will be opened December 14.

The job includes one-half acre of clearing, 3,200 cubic yards of excavation and 5,200 cubic yards of dumped stone reventment.

NLRB Rules Against Boeing in Controversy

SEATTLE, Nov. 23 (AP)—The National Labor Relations board ruled against the Boeing Airplane company today in its long controversy with the aeronautical mechanics union. The company immediately appealed to the federal courts.

The board ruled that the company should resume collective bargaining with the aeronautical union in its Seattle plant.

Closed on Thanksgiving

The Oregon Statesman business office will be closed all day Thanksgiving. Classified advertising, however, will be accepted via phone from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be no interruption in publication.

It Won't Be Long Now



COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 23—Any way you look at it, it won't be long now for Mr. Turkey who is being threatened with an axe in the hands of two-year-old Jeffrey Ludwig at Columbus, O. That's four-year-old brother Mike holding their Thanksgiving day dinner in a firm grip. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman.)

Truman Vetoes Hoffman Grain Export Policy

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—President Truman tonight threw overboard the decision of Foreign Aid Administrator Paul G. Hoffman to take the government out of the grain export trade.

Hoffman, rebuffed on a major policy, said his economic cooperation administration will rescind at once its order giving private traders control of Marshall plan grain shipments on December 1.

But Hoffman, one of the few republicans high in the government, came out of the White House conference with what amounted to a vote of confidence from Mr. Truman.

"The president said he wanted me to stay on the job," Hoffman told reporters as he left the presidential office. "He volunteered that."

Asked whether he, Hoffman, was agreeable to remaining, the ECA chief smiled wryly: "Whether it's agreeable or not, I'm staying on."

The grain policy reversal left foreign traders with millions of dollars in contracts signed, calling for European shipment after December 1. Hoffman said some means would be found to "honor" the contracts.

ALTIITUDE RECORD SET

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP)—A captured German V-2 rocket, fired in an experiment from New Mexico, apparently has set a new altitude record of 114 miles.

125 Attend Initial Meeting of Salem Naval Air Reserve Unit

An aviation volunteer unit of 125 members was formed Tuesday night by Salem naval air reservists anxious to bring a new navy training program to this city.

Ernest F. Eldridge, a lieutenant in the reserve who has worked with the aid of Salem Chamber of Commerce in interesting the navy in a Salem reserve training site, was elected commanding officer.

Eldridge reflected the sentiment of the ex-navy fliers present when he declared the new volunteer group will work for an activated status as rapidly as possible. Already the naval air reserve headquarters at Seattle has indicated a full training program will be started in Salem, Portland or Hillsboro, provided an aggressive volunteer unit is functioning.

City Manager J. L. Franzen addressed the new group, explaining that the city of Salem is now conducting an airport improvement program which will adapt itself into the navy plan, if Sa-

Closed Tomorrow!

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Date of Hangings Yet Unset

TOKYO, Wednesday, Nov. 24 (AP)—General Douglas MacArthur today upheld the sentences of all 25 former Japanese leaders convicted as war criminals.

MacArthur's decision in his review upheld death sentences for former Premier Hideki Tojo and six others; life imprisonment for 16; and lesser prison terms for two others.

The occupation commander, sole reviewing authority under the Allied Trial Court's charter, said in a statement:

"I can find nothing of technical commission or omission in the incidents of the trial itself of sufficient import to warrant my intervention in the judgments which have been rendered.

"I therefore direct the commanding General of the Eighth Army to execute the sentences as pronounced by the Tribunal."

MacArthur did not announce the date on which Tojo and his six co-defendants will be led up the gallows to die for plunging the Pacific into war.

At least five of the convicted war criminals trial defendants have decided already to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court, regardless of how MacArthur decides.

Former Premier Hideki Tojo, No. 1 defendant and one of seven condemned to hang, is not among them, however. He was represented as asking only one thing—to get the hanging over quickly.

Acted Swiftly MacArthur acted swiftly in completing a review of the cases, which also include 16 life sentences, one of 20 years and one of seven years. Early today he announced his decision was ready.

Only Monday he consulted with other Allied representatives upon the sentences, which were handed down Nov. 12 by the International Tribunal.

Under the terms of the Tribunal's charter MacArthur is the sole reviewing official. He can lower but not increase the sentences.

Club Approves Plans for Dorm

Salem's 20-30 club, meeting Tuesday night, approved architect's plans for a 12-boy dormitory to be constructed by the organization at the Henry Turnidge foster farm — home near Jefferson.

The proposed dormitory is one of the club's juvenile delinquency projects and will provide badly needed housing at the farm which cares for displaced children.

The club also announced it would make a bid at the north-west 20-30 club convention in Portland next month, asking that the summer convention be held in Salem.

Light Lighter, Statesman sports editor, today featured speaker at Tuesday's meeting.

Luminous Tape for Bicycles Offered to Youths by Lions

Fifty-four Salem boy and girl bicyclists may now ride their bicycles in comparative safety during the evening hours because of a new safety feature applied to their machines by members of Salem Lions club safety committee Tuesday night.

The preliminary test by the committee was held at Scott's Cycle shop. Strips of "Scotch Light," luminous tape applied to various parts of the bikes, will reflect against light beams from auto headlights, making the riders visible to motorists at night.

The Lions club, through Safety Chairman Stanley Smith, said the club would soon make the safety precaution available to every Salem boy and girl.

Weather table with columns for Max, Min, Precip. and rows for Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, and Willamette river.