



By Charles A. Squire

Rumor has it that one of the big film companies is angling to buy the American Broadcasting company. This is the old Blue network of NBC which had to be sold when the federal communications commission ordered a divorce between Blue and Red. ABC has been doing quite a little work getting ready for television. That is what interests the movie people. Companies linked with the report are Warner Bros. and 20th Century-Fox.

What concerns the movie people is just what will happen to motion picture industry if and when television becomes well established. Will people stay home to get their entertainment by television? Or will they continue to patronize movie theatres?

And what concerns the television promoters is where they are going to get their programs. Now radio stations run a patter of dialogue with many platters of music. Attention is all concentrated on sound because the communication is via audition. With television another dimension comes in; there is the picture as well as the sound.

To keep a whole theatre going to fill the hours for television would be exceedingly costly. The only revenue so far in sight is from advertisers, since the American public has been educated by radio to getting stuff on the air waves without cost to themselves.

There are not enough news events (boxing matches, athletic events, dedications) to fill the full time of video, so some form of stage plays must be prepared. In New York television used first acts of several Broadway plays in an experiment; but it can't draw on this source indefinitely.

One suggestion is for television to buy movie films and use them as (Continued on editorial page)

Murray Wins Re-Election as CIO President

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 26—(AP)—Parading, cheering CIO delegates today re-elected as president a stern Philip Murray who asserted he would never "permit communistic infiltration into the national CIO."

One was Murray's former peace-making role as the 600-odd delegates wound up their annual convention by re-electing all officers by acclamation. For Murray, it is the start of his ninth year.

Murray warned that communists remain in the CIO to "cease and desist" the communistic propaganda, and then appealed to all CIO unions to take care of any violators.

The final day of the week-long convention also saw Murray make a friendly gesture toward the AFL. He reiterated his invitation to the AFL to confer on economic and political problems, but this time in conciliatory terms without any of the sarcasm that sometimes accompanied previous invitations.

Airlift Meets Winter Goals

BERLIN, Nov. 26—(AP)—Allied air forces are more than achieving their goal for November in the airlift to blockaded Berlin, despite adverse weather conditions.

Figures disclosed today by the Air Corps show that British and American planes are conquering the "worst weather month" of the year for Germany. Fog and rains are traditional this month.

An average thus far of 4,051 tons daily has been attained, in comparison with the 4,000 tons daily called for by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. Military Governor, when the airlift started in June. Total supplies hauled since June are 580, 973 tons in 92,149 flights.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Let's not kid ourselves—this looks like a tough jury to me!"

Aiken to Witness SMU Tilt

Stories that sprang up along the coast Friday indicated that Oregon's football team had been invited to the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Tex., on New Year's day—but no official confirmation was forthcoming from Webfoot officials.

Reports from such points as Portland, Eugene and Los Angeles strengthened the belief that the Ducks, voted out of the Rose Bowl, may gain solace against the host Southern Methodist Mustangs January 1.

(1) From Los Angeles by way of Associated Press came news that Oregon Coach Jim Aiken had landed in the southern city on the way to scout Southern Methodist (the host Cotton Bowl team) in that club's Saturday game with Texas Christian.

Aiken was cautious in his statements, saying only that he was making the trip "just in case his footballers got an invitation to the Dallas bowl."

Says Bid Assured

(2) A Portland paper (The Oregonian) said the bowl bid was assured and quoted Larry Wolfe former OCE coach and now a Colorado business man but still a staunch Oregon rooster as saying he had made a special trip to Dallas to help the Webfoot cause. Wolfe said the Mustangs definitely had voted to send Oregon an invitation and that the invitation had been forwarded.

(3) Dan Garza, ace flanker from the Ducks, said in an Associated Press interview in Eugene that the Webfoots had received a Cotton Bowl bid and had voted to accept. Garza, however, later remarked that he had "talked out of turn" and asked that his statement be withdrawn.

No Comment in Eugene

Oregon Athletic Director Leo Harris, queried in Eugene about the Portland paper's story and Aiken's trip, said "No comment." He added that he knew Aiken was stopping over at Los Angeles but said he thought the Duck mentor's ultimate destination was Ohio.

Not clarifying the matter any was PCC Commissioner Vic Schmidt's retort to a question if Oregon had requested a conference vote to clear the way for a bowl tilt. Schmidt's answer: "I have nothing to say." (Additional details on sports page.)

Mayor Visits Salem Seamen On Naval Ship

Mayor R. L. Elfstrom, back from a cruise with the navy, reports he found one Salem seaman, Richard Sogge of 1091 Ruge st., aboard the cruise Atlantic which had 15 civilian guests on its recent trip from Bremerton to Long Beach.

Elfstrom and W. L. Phillips represented Salem on the good-will cruise which had civilians aboard from Seattle, Portland, Eugene and Astoria.

The mayor found Sogge among the crew of nearly 1,000 men when he asked the skipper how many Oregon men he had aboard. (There were several, but no others from Salem.) Sogge, a recent graduate of Salem High school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sogge.

During the cruise the civilian party witnessed part of the mock warfare off San Francisco featuring many submarines and other craft. At another point, the Atlantic crew staged a "man overboard" drill after a dummy had been put overboard to test the crew's efficiency.

Elfstrom and Phillips returned late Wednesday by non-stop flight to Portland aboard a naval air transport.

Arguments Heard in Dispute Over Memorial Auditorium Site

By Thomas Wright

Study of sites for Salem's proposed Civic Memorial auditorium narrowed to two at the Friday night meeting of auditorium committee at the Salem Chamber of Commerce.

The Bush pasture site and three blocks from 14th street to 17th street between State and Court streets came in for heavy discussion at the meeting.

Committee President Rex Kimmell announced the intention of selecting a large promotional group to take the auditorium idea to the public through existing service, social and civic organizations.

Standing advisory committee chairmen were elected by unanimous vote following recommendations of the nominating group headed by Joseph Felton. Named to continue in leadership of the legal committee was Allan Carson; building committee, W. H. Baillie; finance committee, Saphus Starr; location committee, Col. Phillip W. Allison. Bruce Williams was named to head the publicity committee, replacing Marian Lowry Fischer, who asked to be relieved of the post.

Committee heads will meet with Kimmell in his office Tuesday night to conclude plans for an active promotional program.

The locations committee reaffirmed its preference for utilization of a portion of Bush pasture for the auditorium. The long-range planning commission of Salem, represented by Charles A. McClure, engineer for the group, opposed the Bush site and recommended acceptance of the State-Court street location.

McClure said that the latter site approximates the present population center of Salem, is an easily accessible area and would be located on a through route under future plans for traffic re-routing in the city.

Proponents of the Bush location stressed the financial advantages in that the city already owns the park area and plans for its development will make it a recreational center for the Salem area.

Allan Carson, reporting for the legal committee, told the group that his interpretation of the Bush grant would permit construction of a civic auditorium on the land. One stipulation of the grant to the city was that it should be used only as a park area. Carson said he thought the building would be consistent with the wishes of the Bush family in deeding the land to the city.

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Snags Block Path to Maritime Peace

Snow Falls in Heights Near Salem, Portland

Top coats and anti-freeze became doubly important in Western Oregon Friday with cold rains and sprinkles of snow falling in Portland and the hills surrounding Salem in the early morning.

Weathermen revised their predictions of warmer daytime temperatures as top readings in Salem ranged only to 45 degrees. Heavy snow fell along the Cascade mountains and icy road conditions elsewhere warned motorists to be prepared with chains for week end travel.

Twelve inches of snow fell at Santiam Junction Thursday night and Friday morning, ten inches at Government camp and eight on the Willamette highway. Sanding operations were being continued Friday in several districts of the state with slick highways reported on both east and west 99.

The weather bureau predicted more wintry weather for Saturday and Sunday.

Silverton City Manager Asked To Stay on Job

SILVERTON, Nov. 26—(AP)—At a special meeting of the Silverton city council called tonight to consider the resignation received from Robert E. Borland, city manager, council members obtained his promise to reconsider and perhaps remain in his present position.

He asked for a month's leave of absence, which was granted. This will include his normal two-weeks' vacation. Borland gave his reason for resigning that he had bought Happy's Richfield service station at Oak and Third streets for a brother-in-law in Pennsylvania who since found it impossible to come west. However, Borland indicated that he had someone in mind to manage the station, and if details could be worked out he would consider remaining with the city.

He was urged to do that by Mayor C. H. Bickerson and all council members.

Aid Funds to Flow Faster

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—(AP)—President Truman ordered full speed ahead on European recovery. He authorized use of the full \$4,000,000,000 in Marshall Plan grants by next April 2.

The action shortens by three months the period for which the money was appropriated.

It means that the new congress will be asked for a supplemental appropriation—about \$1,250,000,000, by estimate of economic cooperation Administrator Paul G. Hoffman—to carry ECA through June 30, the end of the fiscal year.

The ECA administrator disclosed last month he would seek the speed-up and, in fact, has geared his spending to that expectation.

Nose Rejoins Owner's Face

PORTLAND, Nov. 26—(AP)—The tip of 16-year-old Armand Jean LaBelle's nose, sliced off in a traffic accident, is sewed back in place today.

But it's too early to determine whether the surgery was a success.

Discovery that the tip of the youth's nose was missing was not made until he arrived at a hospital after the mishap yesterday.

His father, Peter LaBelle, and patrolman Vernon R. Gertz returned to the scene of the accident to search for the piece of flesh.

They found it 30 feet from the wrecked car, rushed back to the hospital where a surgeon stitched it on.

Stores sales below '47

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—(AP)—Department store sales during the week ended November 20 ran below a year ago for the third consecutive week, the federal reserve board reported tonight.

Weather

Table with columns: Location, Max., Min., Precip. Rows: Salem, Portland, San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Willamette river.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today, becoming cloudy by evening with light rains tonight and early Sunday. High today near 47. Low tonight near 38.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Nov. 27)

Mac Draws Veil Of Secrecy Over Date of Hangings

TOKYO, Nov. 26—(AP)—General MacArthur's public information office said today it would issue a statement each morning whether Hideki Tojo and his six companions had been hanged, and that no other news releases would be made.

This apparent move to tighten the secrecy of the executions of the seven doomed war criminals was taken by the supreme commander himself.

Correspondents have received no reply to requests that they be allowed to attend the executions or to visit Sugamo prison beforehand.

Date and hour of the hangings have not been set, according to Lt. Gen. Walton Walker, whose Eighth army is to carry out the sentences.

Stroke Fatal to Henry Domes, Turkey Raiser

Henry W. Domes, 61, well-known valley turkey raiser in Polk county, died at a local hospital Friday a few hours after suffering a stroke while driving his car in Salem.

For several years Domes has been employed by the department of agriculture as a grandstand usher at the Oregon state fair.

Domes halted his car at the intersection of Liberty and Court streets at 12:30 p.m. a few moments before he collapsed at the wheel, and died a few hours later.

He is survived by his widow, Jane E. Domes, McCoy; daughters, Pauline Holbert and Margaret Domes, both of Portland; Richard Domes and Billy Domes, Salem; sisters, Carrie Guild, Amity, and Rose Rutledge, McCoy, and seven grandchildren.

Services will be announced later by the W. T. Rigdon company.

Funds Sought For Local Yule Decorations

Salem merchants are being called upon this week to contribute to the fund for decorating downtown streets for the Christmas season.

A letter seeking voluntary contributions is being mailed, according to Tinkham Gilbert, chairman of the Retail Trade bureau.

The bureau has contracted with Campbell and Wakefield, local advertising agency, to put up the decorations—some of which were purchased by the merchants last year—in the latter part of next week.

Garlands and electric lights will cross streets and lamp posts will be decorated. Chime music will be played from the top of the Liveness building. Fourteen downtown blocks will be decorated.

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Opposition to East Pact Noted; AFL Makes Demands in West

NEW YORK, Nov. 26—(AP)—Opposition to a new tentative wage agreement to end the paralyzing East coast waterfront tieup arose here tonight and was reported developing in three other major Atlantic ports.

The first organized opposition to the pact developed in Brooklyn where a police-reported 2,000 AFL longshoremen decided at a meeting to reject the proposed contract when they vote tomorrow, the official date for balloting among East coast dock workers.

But Joseph P. Ryan, who heads the East coast Stevedores, termed the opposition "an attempt by the communist party to becloud the issues."

He also declared many of those at the Brooklyn meeting "are not members of the organization. They are men we allowed to work on the piers during the war."

Ryan declared the vote to be cast tomorrow by secret ballot will be by "members of the union in good standing," and added that "our strike committee doubts very much whether these men will have a vote tomorrow."

The Brooklyn longshoremen made their decision at a gathering called to form a rank and file committee to fight acceptance of the new pact.

Several longshoremen at the Brooklyn meeting told newsmen that a Boston delegate advised the gathering longshoremen in his port and in Philadelphia and Baltimore also were not agreeable to the new terms.

Tuition-Free Sweets School Opens Monday

E. Remington Davenport, professional candymaker, will open his first "School of Sweets" at the Portland Gas and Coke company auditorium on Monday afternoon at 1:30. A repeat performance is planned for 7:30 p.m. so working people may attend.

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Old Age Aid at Record High

PORTLAND, Nov. 26—(AP)—Old age assistance payments in Oregon last month totaled \$1,686,748, record high.

Welfare Administrator L. O. Howard said the payments were made in 31,347 cases. Increased federal contributions accounted for the boost.

Miss Howard said December's federal grants have been approved. There was some doubt earlier as to whether federal aid would be continued as a result of the passage of a \$50 monthly pension measure in the state.

Tax Provision May Cause Delay In Fire Department Expansion

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New Leader



NANKING, Nov. 26—Dr. Sun Fo, Legislative Yuan president since 1932, was approved as premier by the Chinese lawmaking body today. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Sun Yat-sen's Son Appointed China Premier

By Harold K. Mills

NANKING, Nov. 26—(AP)—As communist armies edged closer to Nanking's Yangtze river barrier today, Sun Fo became premier of the uneasy Chinese government.

Elevation of this son of Sun Yat-sen, "father" of the Chinese republic, might be the first step towards creation of a "war cabinet" to try to cope with the critical military situation.

Some observers, however, said Sun apparently took the job because President Chiang Kai-shek could not get anybody else to do so. This was the case when the outgoing Premier Wong Wen-hao was chosen six months ago.

Sun Fo has been president of the legislative Yuan since 1932. He has close support of the rightist clique, but is not generally regarded as a "strong man."

The hottest war front meanwhile shifted slightly south to the Suhsien-Lingpi line, some 150 miles north of Nanking where both sides were bringing up reinforcements for a major battle expected momentarily.

Polio Victim Recent Guest Of Valley Kin

A recent nationally-circulated telephoto of a boy in an iron lung of 9-year-old Johnny Turner who spent the summer with relatives in Amity and the Salem area—brought closer to home the current polio epidemic in Los Angeles.

The picture was of Johnny being served the traditional Thanksgiving turkey by his mother, Mrs. George C. Turner, the former Angela Sundin of Salem who now is applying to her son the long training she received as a nurse.

Johnny was seriously stricken with polio several weeks ago, and now is reported recovering. He spent most of the summer at the Amity ranch of Mrs. Harry Hawkins, an aunt and his mother's sister. His uncle is Lyman Sundin of Salem and another aunt, Mrs. Edwin C. Bechtold, the twin sister of his mother, resides in Portland. His grandmother is Mrs. Julia Sundin of Salem. Several other relatives also reside in this area.

Salem Workman Killed in Brawl

PORTLAND, Nov. 26—(AP)—Richard H. Wilson, 48, Salem workman, died today of a skull fracture, apparently inflicted in a tavern brawl last night.

Wilson was found lying in front of a tavern, after a street fight with an unidentified man.

Wilson, a shovel operator for the Salem Sand and Gravel Co., lived part of the time in Portland and part in Salem, usually in hotels.

Greek Premier Sinking Fast

ATHENS, Nov. 27—(AP)—Doctors early today abandoned hope for Greek Premier Themistokles Sophoulis and said he was sinking fast.

Last sacrament of the Greek Orthodox church were administered to the 88-year-old Greek leader.

Sophoulis was stricken with two heart attacks in two days. The first attack came on his birthday, last Wednesday. The second attack came Thursday.

SHIP SEARCH ABANDONED

NEW YORK, Nov. 26—(AP)—The Coast Guard tonight abandoned its "active" search for the 5,267-ton British freighter Hopstar, missing in the stormy North Atlantic with a crew of 37.

24 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT

Buy CHRISTMAS SEALS