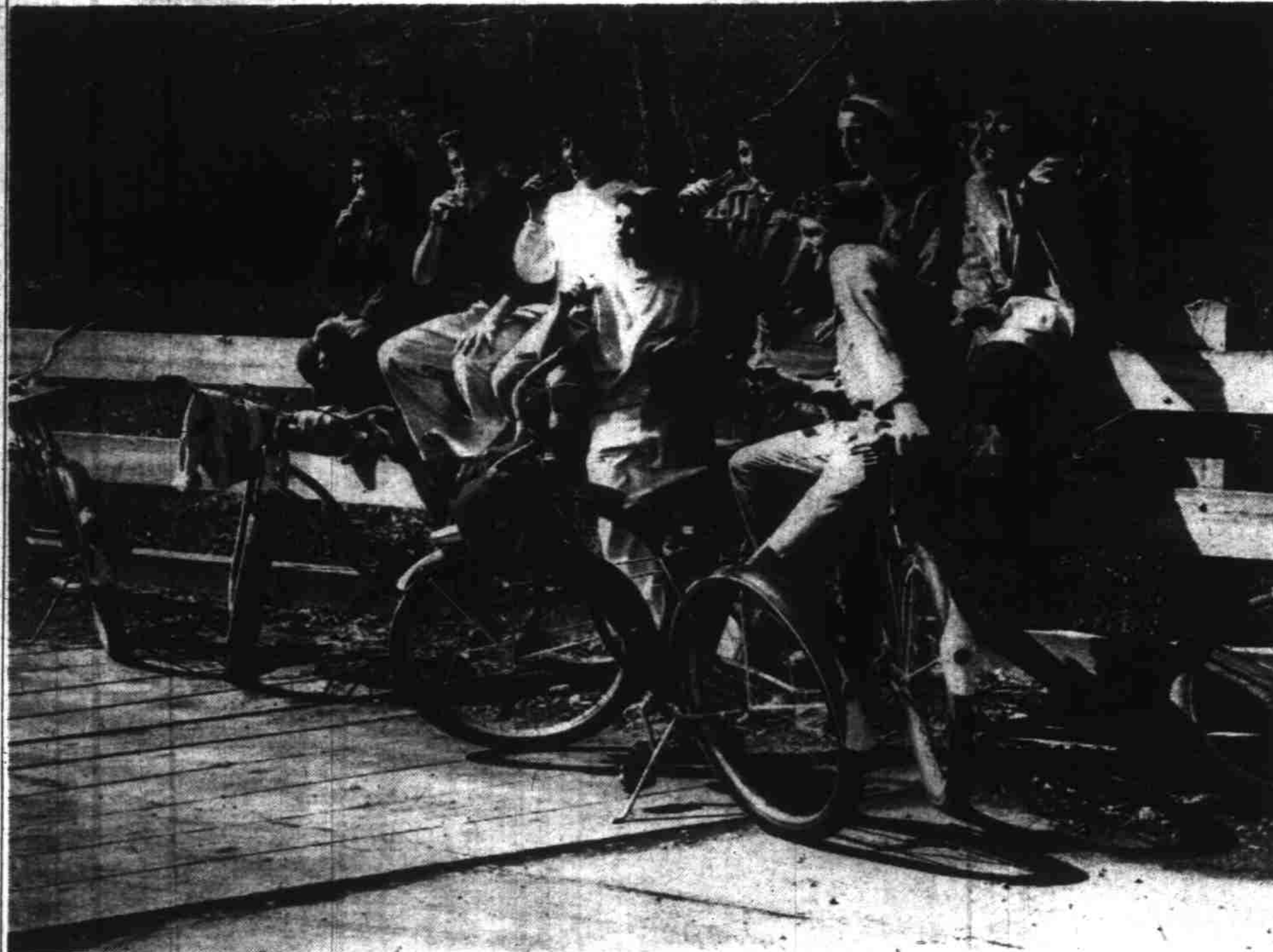


Spring 'Outing' Weather Brings Response from Salem Youths



Spring is definitely with us here in the valley even though the mercury does dip low at night. Evidence of spring is found in the late afternoon sunshine, trees and plants with buds ready to burst into leaf and bloom, cries of "It's my turn to bat!" on the sandlots, and the scores of young and old taking to the roads in late afternoon. Such a relaxing group was found this week passing for a sip of cool soda on a rustic bridge on the Croisan creek road just off the South

River road. Sitting on the railing, left to right, are Beverly Young, 1490 N. 18th st.; Gary Jones, 1605 Jefferson st.; Helen Callaghan, 1415 N. 17th st.; Bob Nopp, 1875 N. 4th st.; Naydeen Taylor, 100 Chemekeeta st.; Bob Hazel, 2130 N. 4th st.; and Sally Becker, 1792 N. Church st. Standing beside his bike is LeRoy Gregson, 435 Division st. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles S. Souque

"Bird cages" of a sort are going on the roof-combs of houses in many parts of the country. They are the antennae of television. Through them the TV waves are picked out of the air and sent through wires to the visual screen in the house below. Owing to the nature of TV waves the setting of these aerials must be done carefully to get the best reception. An extra antenna may be set at a different angle to give a wider range of pickup.

Yes, television is coming out of the laboratories and its screens are coming into the homes of America. TV is no longer a barroom attraction exclusively. In some cities programs embrace a five o'clock "children's hour" — and the neighborhood children troop into the house of the TV owner, who at least has a means of entertaining the youngsters. (What a change this is from Longfellow's "children's hour," "between the dark and the daylight").

While television is spreading over the continent as new TV broadcasting stations start to appear and the coaxial cable is stretched from city to city, permitting network transmission, its expansion is attended with confusion and conflict. Radio sees its position imperiled, and of course radio interests are taking steps to participate in TV. Motion picture producers are confused, hardly knowing whether TV will prove a disaster or an asset. Some picture companies have made overtures toward TV participation. Theatres are alarmed at the prospect of people in TV. Radio stars are wondering whether their popularity will fade when customers can see them — as happened to many stars of

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Portland Dogs Win on First Day of Show

Portland dogs grabbed the bulk of honors in the first day competition of the Lions Club dog show held at the State fairgrounds Saturday. Three states and one Canadian province were represented in the winners circle following judging of the toys, hounds and terriers division Saturday.

The second half of the show opens this morning at 9 o'clock with judging of balance of sporting dogs. Following in ring one at 1 p. m. will be judging of all sporting dogs. Starting at 10 a. m. in ring two will be Boxers, Dobermans, Pinschers, Great Danes, Great Pyrenees and Samoyeds. At 2:30 p. m. Collies and Shetland Sheep Dogs will be judged in what is expected to be the highlight of the two day show. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock will be the champions parade and following at 8 p. m., variety classes, best brace in show and best dog in show. (List of winners on page 12.)

Man Hit by Falling Airplane Window Near Statehouse

Verne deAutremont of the Salem Airport is looking for a pair of youths who rented his plane for a low-flying expedition over the campus and state capitol area and lost a plastic window in the process.

DeAutremont was notified that an unidentified man had been hit by a falling window while strolling near the capitol, but suffered no injury.

The youths had rented the plane for a projected trip to Troutdale, deAutremont said, and accounted for the missing window on return by the explanation that it had blown off at the take-off from the Troutdale field.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"Now stay away ALL day, I want to air out the house."

Signs Turned On in London After 10 Years

LONDON, April 2—(AP)—Cheering, singing crowds in carnival mood and dress jammed London's streets tonight to watch the lights go on again.

It was New York City on New Year's eve, New Orleans during Mardi Gras.

After nearly 10 years of black-out and gloom, thousands of Londoners poured into Piccadilly Circus, Leicester Square and other gathering places.

Traffic halted in the West End—the entertainment district—as crowds jammed the roadways in disregard of honking car horns. Paraders hoisted youngsters on their shoulders in Piccadilly Circus. Most of the kids had never seen the flashing neon signs or store windows lighted at night.

Electricians had scrambled over London buildings since the day Fuel Minister Hugh Gaitskill announced that the coal situation had improved enough to warrant a relaxation in the nationwide rule against luxury use of electricity.

Gas Company Reduces Rates

Patrons of Portland Gas and Coke company, through a recent reduction in the cost of oil, will save approximately \$400,000 annually through a voluntary rate reduction. Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg announced Saturday.

The reduction will be based on 4.8 cents per 1000 cubic feet of gas used. Flagg said the effective date of the reduction would be released within a few days. A rate reduction about 60 days ago by the company, based on a price reduction of oil, resulted in an annual saving of \$500,000.

Flagg said it was the purpose of the company and his office to grant reductions in gas rates as rapidly as oil prices decline. Crude oil is the basic ingredient in the manufacture of gas.

THE WEATHER			
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Salem	58	35	0.00
Portland	58	37	trace
San Francisco	58	47	trace
Chicago	48	28	0.00
New York	58	38	0.00
Willamette River 3 feet.			

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, Medford field, Salem): Increasing cloudiness today with intermittent rain or showers by tonight. Partly cloudy to cloudy Monday. High today near 58. Low tonight near 35. High Monday near 55.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to April 3)

This Year	Last Year	Average
37.41	28.18	31.46

Pact Powers Unanimous in Accusation of Russia

By John M. Hightower
WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—All 12 Atlantic pact powers, speaking for the first time with a single voice, coldly accused Russia today of misinterpreting the "nature and intent" of their projected non-communist alliance.

A formal statement issued here on the authority of the 12 foreign ministers virtually charged Russia with deliberately distorting the purposes of the treaty. Moscow, in a note Thursday, called it an aggressive move against the Soviet Union.

Today's statement was a complete and sweeping rejection of the Soviet note. "The pact," it said, "is not directed against any nation or group of nations but only against armed aggression."

The statement was approved at the first meeting of the foreign ministers. They will gather again at 3 p. m. (EST) Monday to sign the historic document.

In their meeting today, the foreign ministers of Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom and the U. S. secretary of state also took two other actions. An official communique reported them as follows:

1. They "formally approved" the text of the 20-year treaty. It would pledge the United States and each of the other powers to join in resisting an attack against any of the 12 nations.

2. They decided that an Atlantic council provided for in the treaty should be "composed of foreign ministers or other representatives of governments." They agreed it should meet as soon as the treaty goes into effect and should then set up a defense committee.

ERP DECISION DELAYED
WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—A dispute over aiding China, coupled with a shortage of senators on a spring Saturday afternoon, forced the senate to postpone its final decision on the European aid bill until next week.

Young Republicans Take Top Spot on State GOP Committee

PORTLAND, April 2—(AP)—Young Republicans captured three of four top offices in the GOP state central committee election today. The younger party workers also led a successful campaign to have the committee endorse a convention system for primary elections, a proposal now before the legislature.

Sigfrud Unander, Portland real estate man who just missed the GOP nomination last May for state treasurer, was named chairman. He is a former national co-chairman of the young party organization. Mrs. Freda Peterson, Dallas, was elected vice chairman. Lawrence

Rent Ceilings Removed in Twenty Areas

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—The federal rent administrator today set up new nationwide eviction regulations. At the same time he removed rent ceilings from 36,500 dwelling units in four states.

These were the first in a series of actions slated by Housing Expediter T. G. E. Woods under the new "home rule" rent control act which runs through June 30, 1950.

Woods acted swiftly on the eviction matter because such controls were not given him in the old law which placed this power in the hands of local authorities.

The new rules, which take precedence over local orders, set forth the steps landlords must take to qualify for the ouster order, and the safeguards to protect tenants against unwarranted eviction.

In ordering controls removed from 20 areas in Alabama, Indiana, New Jersey and Texas, Woods made it clear he would slap the ceilings back on if rents should rise there unduly.

Woods said more than 80 other areas would be taken off the controlled list within a week. (Additional details on page 2.)

Army Selects Prize Songs

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—The army wants a song it can call its own and conducted a worldwide contest to find it. Today it picked out five to try on the public. It none clicks the search will continue.

First prize went to Vaughn Monroe, orchestra leader, for his entry "Men of the Army." He won a \$1,000 U. S. savings bond.

Prune Thrifts Emerging, Orchardists Warned

D. L. Rasmussen, county extension agent, said the first prune thrifts of the year emerged from the soil Saturday. He advised prune growers to apply the standard DDT spray or dust formula for protection. Further information may be obtained from his office if desired.

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Senate Passes Tax Fund Reshuffle; State Workers Seek Action on Pay Raise

High Rate of Turnover in Positions Noted

Concerned over the failure of the legislature to adopt the salary schedule prepared by the state civil service commission and approved by the sub-committee on ways and means the Oregon State Employees' association through its attorney, F. Leo Smith, issued a statement Saturday reemphasizing against the delay. The salary bill was referred to the ways and means committee after a senate debate in which the bill was criticized for granting the scheduled increase of an average of \$30 a month but failing to make appropriations large enough to cover the cost.

In its statement the OSEA calls attention to the fact that in 1948 6,500 employees left state service "for other and often better paying positions." Another 1050 left in the first quarter of 1949. The statement sets out that continuation of present low state scale will accelerate the turnover and declares that with the new pay scale the state employees will be receiving less than others in similar service with outside employers.

Russ Try to Inch into U.S. Zone in Berlin

BERLIN, April 2—(AP)—The Russians tried vainly today to inch onto American soil in Berlin. They even brought along their own maps of the quartered city. "Russians maintaining the blockade of western Berlin tried to arrest several Germans filling in a ditch. American police arrived. Both pulled out maps. The American map showed the Germans were one yard inside the U. S. sector. The Russian map disagreed. The Germans dropped their ditch-filling task and there the matter stood.

Meanwhile, in another border area, Soviet sector police tried to seize a German truck loaded with tires and invaded a warehouse where it was loaded. The Germans summoned American military police and then a Russian officer joined in. The dispute involved inches of soil.

Again, the argument was a standoff. Both cases were referred to higher levels.

Johnson Lops 9 Committees

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Defense Secretary Johnson tonight followed up his assertion that there are to damn many committees by abolishing nine armed forces committees. He said they were "useless."

Johnson also directed the army, navy and air secretaries, the joint chiefs, research board and other agencies to review other committees to see whether they are essential.

Pope Celebrates 50 Years of Priesthood

VATICAN CITY, April 2—(AP)—Pope Pius XII received the cheers of 50,000 school children and preached them a sermon of love today in celebration of the 50th anniversary of his priesthood.

"No catechism can teach you better," he said, "than do the words of St. John: 'Love one another.'"

Rev. Story's Flock Stolen

The Rev. V. G. Story, pastor of the Pilgrim Holiness church, was looking for his flock Saturday and city police were looking for the thief that stole it. The Rev. Mr. Story complained to city police that someone had entered the basement of his residence at 2740 Cherry ave., while he was away and taken 17 New Hampshire Red chickens.

Atlanta Girl Relaxing to Point of Death

ATLANTA, April 2—(AP)—An attractive, 19-year-old girl had relaxed almost to death here today. And there was for Gloria Williams, one-time high school athlete, but one hope — a new and scantily tested drug in the chemical hormone group.

It was 16 months ago that Gloria was stricken with the rare and mysterious disease, myasthenia gravis. The chemicals in her body which cause muscular function began to disappear, said her physician who asked for anonymity. "It strikes the eyes first," he continued, "the lids begin to droop, then swallowing becomes impossible and finally it attacks the respiratory system."

Last February 14 Gloria was put in an iron lung. She is being fed intravenously. The new drug, a product of Armour laboratories, has not yet arrived. He said that so far as anyone knew it had been used only once, and in that case "some improvement was noted."

Gloria in her "tin cacoon" insists she is going to get well. Her voice is something less than a whisper and there is only the faintest suggestion of a smile. The smile muscles are relaxing, too.

Reds Mauled After Rally in Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, April 2—(AP)—Scores of communists were mauled and chased tonight as thousands of persons thronged outside north side Carnegie hall after a party rally. Windows of two street cars in which some of the communists sought refuge were smashed and an effort was made to overturn a taxicab.

More than 100 specially assigned policemen stepped into the melee, with Police Supt. Harvey M. Scott leading the way. He reported that no one was injured seriously but said six persons were arrested on disorderly conduct charges.

"It was a good thing we were there," Scott said afterwards. "It didn't develop into a riot but it had all the potentialities."

The communist party of northwestern Pennsylvania called the rally to protest the current federal district court trial of 12 top communist leaders in New York. Scott estimated some 250 pickets were at the rally, then added:

"The pickets didn't cause the trouble and none of them were arrested. We didn't arrest any communists, either. They were very orderly. The trouble resulted from the spectators. There must have been 4,000 or 5,000 of them waiting for the rally to end. That's when the trouble started. There was a lot of milling around. It was quite a melee while it lasted."

Session to Set Record for Length Monday

By Lester F. Coor
Staff Writer, The Statesman
Oregon's financial problem neared final settlement Saturday, at least for another two years, when the senate unanimously approved bills to balance the budget by using a portion of the \$51,500,000 income and excise tax surplus.

If the house approves the action, and thus waives its own financial remedy, one big obstacle to adjournment will have been removed. But there still was no assurance the end of the session was near.

Tomorrow is the 85th day—a new record—and with work on most major issues still unfinished, Senate President William Walsh predicted it would take another 10 days to put the finishing touch on "must" legislation.

Monday, the legislature still will face eight major problems. The house must consider the senate-passed tax program. Neither house has considered the proposed \$50 a month old-age pension.

None of the principal appropriation bills have been approved because the tax plan remained undecided. The senate still must act on the house-passed bill which would increase the state basic school aid from \$50 to \$80 a pupil, and neither house has acted on a bill to give \$2,000,000 a year to poor school districts who need new buildings.

The veterans bonus is still in committee and its fate seems doubtful. The senate still must act on highway revenue bills increasing the gasoline tax from 5 to 8 cents and auto licenses from \$5 to \$10.

Pending in Senate
The house has approved increases in unemployment and industrial accident benefits, but the senate has taken no action. And no method has been provided to raise money for state university and college buildings.

The senate Saturday put in a long session. Besides approving the tax program it passed bills to let licensed clubs sell bottled liquor for consumption on the premises, place liquor revenues in the general fund and allow serving of liquor on trains and increasing liquor license fees about 60 per cent. The bill now goes to the house. It makes sweeping changes in the state liquor laws, and was debated most of Saturday afternoon.

Also passed and sent to the house by the senate were bills increasing state aid to charitable homes caring for orphan and wayward girls by about \$10 per child. The senate sent to the governor a house bill changing the name of the Oregon state training school for boys to the Woodburn Boys' school.

House Moves Swiftly
The house moved swiftly through its calendar, passing and sending to the governor a bill repealing the law which barred Japanese aliens from owning or inheriting Oregon lands.

It also approved a bill limiting house debate and sent to the senate a bill which would bar cities from levying income taxes. The latter measure is directed at a Portland proposal to invoke a 1 per cent income tax to raise new revenues.

Revises Game Fund
A new bill introduced in the house would allow the state game commission to discontinue contributing \$60,000 of license fee money to the general fund each year.

In other major actions Saturday, the joint ways and means committee went on record against employing 25 additional state policemen for game law enforcement, but favored a \$30,000 statewide housing survey. It tabled a bill asking \$200,000 for purchase of property for parking space near the statehouse.

The senate agricultural committee voted to recommend passage of a house-approved bill for a state milk administrator.

Both houses face long calendars when they resume at 10 a. m. tomorrow. (Additional details page 8.)

James Cooke of Salem to Serve as Student Governor

James Cooke, Salem high school senior, was named governor for the state in the Hi-Y Youth and government program, at a meeting of district clubs in Eugene Saturday. The annual Hi-Y day will be held the latter part of April in Salem.

Other representatives from the Upper Willamette district elected to government posts were Bill Erady, Roseburg, chairman; Harriet Booth, Roseburg, reporter for the senate; David Blackmer, Salem, reporter for the house; Tom Angle and Rollan Cocking, both of Salem, senators.

ESSEX LEAVES MOTHBALLS
BREMERTON, Wash., April 2—(AP)—The U.S.S. Essex is shedding her peacetime "mothballs." The carrier will be given a two-year remodeling and then will rejoin the active fleet.

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