

Withdrawal of Merger Proposal Suggested; West Salem Council Studies 'Through' 7th Street

WEST SALEM, April 4—Delaying tactics in Salem response to the Baldock bridge and highway proposal and attempts "by an influential few" to substitute a Division street bridge for the proposed Marion street bridge were cited by Mayor Walter Musgrave tonight as "definitely working against West Salem's best interests."

City council members discussing the Baldock plan controversy with the mayor indicated they would go along with Musgrave's statement that West Salem should withdraw its interest in merger with Salem if the Baldock plan is defeated.

The West Salem council is on record favoring the Baldock report as presented to the state highway commission. This would add a Marion street bridge linking Salem and West Salem, with both the new bridge and the Center street bridge earmarked for one-way traffic and with plans for an eventual new West Salem riverfront highway above Edgewater street as a new through route.

The Division street bridge which has been proposed as an alternate to the Marion bridge would place a through highway around West Salem at the base of the hills. Musgrave contended this freeway would cut off West Salem from the area beyond.

In regular city council actions, the West Salem assembly set in motion a study of the possible development of Seventh street into a second east-west through street for the city. Mayor Musgrave and Councilman Earl Burk said some of the property owners have shown interest in cooperating with such a project. The streets committee was directed to study the right-of-way and related problems and report back in time to possibly make allowance for start on the project in the coming budget. Opening of Seventh would be necessary from Gerth street west.

This year's citizen budget committee was named to include R. E. Covert, Clyde Everett, Philip Kerber, L. L. Sloper, Jacob Froos, Victor Utterbach and Mrs. Verne Axelson.

Portland General Electric power-poles came in for renewed discussion by the council, which decided to request the Bonneville administration to allow PGE to share one of its poles on Edgewater street. PGE had requested permission to replace the pole, which is in bad condition, and the council last night agreed to give such permission if it is found that joint ownership cannot be arranged with Bonneville. The council also instructed its streets committee to check with PGE on a pole at 651 Rosemont ave. where property owner Virgil Shipman complained a new guy wire is splitting a maple tree on the parking.

SPECIAL MEETING SET

A special meeting of the Salem High Band and Orchestra-Parents club will be held in the bank room at 8 o'clock tonight. The group will hear the report of a committee appointed to investigate possibilities of financing band and orchestra transportation to the state band contest in Klamath Falls.

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Big Agriculture Fund Okehed By Committee

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—Launching one of its biggest peacetime spending weeks in history, the house appropriations committee today approved a \$701,122,079 money bill for the agriculture department.

The agriculture bill is one of four big money measures the committee plans to send to the house floor this week. The others finance the state, justice and commerce departments; the army, navy and air force, and a group of miscellaneous agencies including the atomic energy commission.

The agriculture bill, scheduled for house debate tomorrow, emerged from the committee with a note of caution that the problems facing farmers "will perhaps become worse before they become better."

9 States Lose Rent Ceilings

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—The government tonight removed rent ceilings on 29,000 dwellings in nine states.

Housing Expediter Tigue Woods announced the action, the second decontrol move in three days. By week's end, he said, ceilings will be removed from approximately 148,000 rental units in 27 states.

Twenty-six areas of Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, West Virginia, North Carolina, North Dakota, Minnesota, Ohio and Texas are covered by Woods' latest action.

Defense Problem Stressed in Army Day Observance

The importance of national defense and the difficult problem facing the United States were stressed by Maj. Gen. Albert E. Brown, commander of the northern military district, 6th army, Monday in a luncheon address at Salem.

The state of preparedness must be based on the strength of potential enemies, Brown said in the Army day talk. Cost of national defense is not as expensive as cost of war, Brown pointed out. He urged public support of all branches of the military service.

Observance of Army day here will be continued today with a Salem Kiwanis club speech by Maj. J. B. Trussell at the Marion hotel at noon. Tonight at the Senator hotel, Col. George D. Wahl, senior instructor for the state reserves, will be guest of honor at a testimonial dinner sponsored by the Salem reserve units.

Captain Augments Marine Reserves

Transfer of Capt. William E. Ryan, USMCR, from the inactive reserve to C battery of the 4th 105mm howitzer battalion was announced Monday night at the meeting of Salem marine reserves.

Ryan saw four years of active duty with the marines in World War II, receiving the purple heart, presidential citation and navy unit commendation ribbon. He served with the 14th marine artillery regiment at Roi and Namur island, Kwajalein atoll, Saipan and Iwo Jima.

EL SINORE NOW John Payne Gail Russell Sterling Hayden in "EL PASO" In Color! — and — Dorothy Lamour George Montgomery "The Girl From Manhattan"

3-Month Drift Of Snow Yields Porker, Alive

DUPREE, S. D., April 4—(AP)—The big blizzard of 1949 is still giving up its victims.

Farmer John Lemke of near Dupree dug into a large snow drift deposited January 2 and freed what had been a 300-pound sow. The porker still had strength enough to walk three-quarters of a mile to a feed trough, Lemke said today.

Shortly after the blizzard Lemke dug out 38 live hogs and two dead ones from the same drift. Now he has hope of finding one sow still missing.

Czech-Tried GIs Get Visit

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, April 4—(AP)—Two U. S. embassy staff members will visit tomorrow the two American soldiers convicted in a secret Czechoslovak trial recently and sentenced to prison on espionage charges.

This will be the first time anyone from the American embassy will have been allowed to see or talk with the two men, George Jones of Owensboro, Ky., and Clarence Hill of Jackson, Miss. They were tried secretly March 26. Jones drew 10 years, Hill 12.

The embassy had protested vainly against the treatment of the men since December, when it first learned of their arrest. American authorities were not told of the trial until March 29.

Dagwell Flays Many Flowers At Funerals

PORTLAND, April 4—(AP)—The Episcopal bishop of Oregon today criticized the use of large quantities of flowers at funerals.

Bishop Benjamin D. Dagwell declared that "floral displays seem sadly out of place in a society which lacks adequate care for its crippled and orphaned children, and its sick and aged citizens."

The outspoken bishop, who previously has attacked such things as wedding managers and lipstick at communion services, said in the "Oregon Churchman":

"Flowers are beautiful emblems of friendship and sympathy, and they bring courage to the sick and comfort to the bereaved. But coachloads of blossoms heaped on a cemetery lot or placed briefly in a funeral crypt seem tragically futile."

O'Dwyer Gives Plan in Strike

NEW YORK, April 4—(AP)—Mayor William O'Dwyer today outlined a peace pattern in the hope of settling a three-day citywide taxi-cab strike.

The number of cabs on city streets increased today and operators predicted "normal operations" by tomorrow.

Strikers and non-strikers engaged in brief flurries of violence but damage was on a small scale. The number of arrests reached 57.

Portrait Painter Dies in Portland

BREMERTON, Wash., April 4—(AP)—Portrait and Landscape Painter Peter Wintrop Sheffers, 55, Portland, died last night just after escorting home the girl he planned to marry this month.

Highway Curve Accidents Kill Five in Oregon

(Story also on page 1) By The Associated Press Violent death took a toll of eight Oregon persons Sunday and Monday — five of them victims of cars that failed to get around five different curves.

A farmhouse fire took one life. A lumber worker was killed by electricity, and another man was fatally stabbed in a dance hall brawl.

The five traffic victims succumbed to oddly identical accidents: in each case, a car was wrecked on a curve, killing one person.

Walter H. Beguhl, 25-year-old hot rod racer, lost control on a turn and smashed through the rail to his death at Portland Speedway track's opening hot-rod event Sunday.

Gregory Wroniewicz, 38, Imbler athletic coach, was killed in a car that went off U. S. highway 30 between La Grande and Union Sunday.

Monday's three traffic victims were: Richard E. Gore, 20, Cottage Grove, whose car skidded off the Pacific highway on a curve south of Seaside; Harry V. Hannef, Creswell, was seriously hurt.

Melvin K. Lindstrom, 22, Portland, whose car missed a curve on the Mt. Hood loop highway, Daniel Hartwig, 21, Portland, was seriously hurt in the crash.

Arthur Dickman, jr., 16, Salem, who was riding with four other boys in a car that failed to make a curve on the Liberty road south of Salem. His friends were not hurt.

The fire victim was Gerald Vanderhay, father of five children, who was trapped by flames Sunday afternoon as he napped in his home near Forest Grove. His family was out visiting.

Wilbur Raymond Galligan, 30, was killed Sunday when he pulled a high voltage switch at the Cascade Locks Lumber company plant. Police said Galligan, a foreman at the plant, warned a night watchman to "stand back or you might get killed," then pulled the switch.

A dance hall fracas near Hermiton led to the death of William Frost, 20, early Sunday morning. Stabbed during a fight, Frost danced on until he collapsed. Not until he was taken to a hospital was it realized how critically he had been injured.

Robert Morris, 39, was arrested in the affair, and Umatilla County Sheriff R. E. Goad said Morris admitted the stabbing. He was held for the grand jury.

Neuner Rules on Funds to Schools

Proceeds of land sales received by a rural school district board shall be apportioned by the board to the respective units or school districts operating therein, Attorney General George Neuner held Monday.

The opinion was requested by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

In another opinion Neuner held that in criminal cases or school courts where there has been a conviction the jury fee may be assessed as costs against the defendant and become part of the judgment, in addition to the \$4.50 cost provided by the act.

Newberg, Albany Boys Elected by State FFA

TILLAMOOK, April 4—(AP)—Two Willamette valley youngsters will hold executive posts in the Future Farmers of America Oregon association this year, although the president is Robert Estoup of Mil-ton-Freewater.

Sealed Driver 'Paces' Street

ASHLAND, Ore., April 4—(AP)—Don Haynes, the guy who's planning to spend a year sealed in his car, plans to wear a track around the hospital here this week.

His wife is expecting a baby any day now. But Haynes, sealed in an automobile to win a \$25,000 bet, won't be able to follow usual floor-pacing tradition.

Instead, arrangements are being made to park the car—and Haynes—outside his wife's window in the hospital. He is now speeding northward from California.

His hope? For a girl. He already has a boy—Jimmy.

Reds Massing Troops Along Yangtze Bank

NANKING, Tuesday, April 5—(AP)—Big communist troop concentrations were massing today north of the Yangtze in central China. Fear mounted that they might cross the great river despite peace talks in Peiping.

The alarm was greatest in the red river port of Hankow in Hupeh province. The red radio in Peiping announced the capture of three more towns in that province. The communist claim was accompanied by reports from the nationalist side that the reds were nearing the river in such strength as to indicate a crossing was planned.

The communist announcement of successes in Hupeh came on top of the red capture of Hsin-yang, important rail city in Honan province 110 miles north of Hankow. The reds said Hsin-yang's fall gave them all of Honan except bypassed Anyang and Sinsiang in the north and a few other isolated points.

Russ Protests Hit Change in German Border

LONDON, Tuesday, April 15—(AP)—Russia has protested to the United States, Britain and France that recent changes in the frontiers of western Germany break existing agreements with the Soviet union, Tass said today.

The official Soviet news agency said in a broadcast Moscow dispatch that Russian ambassadors had delivered the protest note.

The note, as stated by Tass, said the frontier changes violate a declaration of June 5, 1945, that German boundary changes "may be effected only by joint decision of the governments of the USSR, United States, Great Britain and France."

The western allies announced in Paris March 27 that three minor border shifts affecting 52 square miles of German territory were being made to meet difficulties in communications and administration. Portions of the area sliced off were placed under The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, the Saar (French controlled) and France.

The announcement said the shifts were being made on a provisional basis and that the permanence of the changes would depend on an eventual peace treaty with Germany.

Russian Foray Into Iran Told; Armor Used

TEHRAN, Iran, April 4—(AP)—A military informant said today a Russian regiment, supported by tanks and armored cars, had made a new foray into Azerbaijan province and attacked an Iranian army post.

Iranian troops replied to the Soviet fire and an "important battle" ensued last Thursday and Friday, the source said. The Iranian government was believed to have handed Russia a stiff note of protest. There has been no official announcement as yet concerning the matter.

The reported clash near the Soviet-Iranian border occurred at a time of strained relations between the two countries. Russian pressure on Iran has been mounting, causing speculation that this oil-rich country is becoming the next focal point in the cold war.

Two Iranians were reported killed and a "considerable number" wounded. The number of Soviet casualties was not known.

The incident was the sixth this year.

Supreme Court Sustains and Rejects Laws

WASHINGTON, April 4—(AP)—The supreme court split 5-4 today in holding invalid a section of New York's agriculture and markets law authorizing the state to license dealers who buy milk for export to other states.

Black, joined by Justice Murphy, dissented sharply. He said the effect will be to free from all regulation a large area of local business activities.

In other actions today the court: 1. Refused to interfere with a \$50 fine meted out to a North Carolina man for handling a live poisonous snake during a church service. The man, C. H. Bunn, argued the fine interfered with his religious liberty.

2. Refused for a second time to review conviction of Douglas Chandler for wartime treason. Chandler, tried at Boston, was sentenced to life imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

3. Agreed to review conviction of two men charged with trying to bribe two New York Giants football players, Frank Filchok and Merle Hapes, to throw a professional game. The two men, Harvey Stemmer and David Krakower, were sentenced to five to ten years each. They contend evidence obtained by wire-tapping was improperly used at their trial.

Dynamite Burns, But All's Quiet

DECATUR, Ala., April 4—(AP)—Seven tons of dynamite burned in a truck on a highway today. But there was no jolt or shock and the stuff did not explode.

The driver tried to put out the flames with a fire extinguisher. Highway patrolmen blocked the road and rerouted traffic while the truck burned.

What caused the truck to catch fire was undetermined.

Mrs. Hill, Mother Of Mrs. McKay, Dies in Portland

Mrs. J. E. (Katherine) Hill, mother of Mrs. Douglas McKay of Salem, died in Portland Monday at the age of 84. She had been in poor health for some time.

Governor and Mrs. McKay were called to her bedside Sunday night when her condition became critical.

Graveside services will be held at Belcrest Memorial park here at 2 p.m. Wednesday, following funeral services at 11 a.m. at Edward Holman & Sons chapel, Portland.

Mrs. Hill's husband, who had been a Portland contractor, died 39 years ago. Surviving are a son, J. L. Hill of Los Angeles, and six daughters: Mrs. McKay, Mrs. Perry Kohl of Tampa, Fla., and Mrs. Charles R. Kelly, Mrs. Ludwig Freier and May Hill, all of Portland; 10 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Some Portland Prices Slide

PORTLAND, April 4—(AP)—Prices on butter, canned milk and coffee were chopped down a few pegs today by distributors, but some meats moved upward at the livestock market.

Butter was dropped 1 and 2 cents a pound on the wholesale level, to retailers at 67 cents on grade A.A. and A. Dealers noted government support levels may preclude further drops this season.

Two large firms said coffee was down 1/2 cents a pound wholesale and evaporated milk was down 23 cents a case.

At the livestock market, lamb and mutton advanced 3 cents.

Complaint of Fumes Called Unjustified

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 4—(AP)—A spokesman for the Aluminum company of America said tonight that a farmer's suit claiming plant fume damage to Sauvie island property and livestock was "entirely unjustified."

C. S. Thayer, works manager of the Vancouver-Alcoa plant, said "competent consultants who have investigated the (William M.) Fraser claims have advised the company that his farming operations have not been damaged by fumes from the plant."

PORTLAND PILOT KILLED

SAN CARLOS, Calif., April 4—(AP)—A two place plane nosed into a hillside near here today, killing the pilot, Kenneth H. Campbell, 26, Portland, Ore., was crushed to death between the cowlings and the back of his seat. His brother-in-law, Robert R. Lewis, 22, formerly of Portland, was seriously injured.

SMELT RUNNING AGAIN

PORTLAND, April 4—(AP)—Smelt, which began disappearing from the Sandy river Saturday, began running in the river again today. Fishermen hoped the new run would last until tomorrow, when the river reopens. The 24-hour closure ends at midnight.

SERVES ON LANDING SHIP

WOODBURN—Earl Burton Taylor, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mrs. Joseph D. Taylor of Route 2, Woodburn, is serving aboard the landing ship USS 399, currently operating in the Puerto Rican area.

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