House Passes Bill to Force Able Children To Support Parents 99th YEAR

Gas Tax, License Plate Boosts Voted

By Wendell Webb Managing Editor, The Statesman

The house voted unanimous approval Tuesday to a bill requiring that financially-able children shall contribute to the support of needy parents who otherwise would be on the state's public assistance rolls The quick passage climaxed day-long bickering in the house over a senate-approved bill which provides that the person least negligent

in a damage case shall be entitled to recover even though some neg-



smoke there must be some fire. And there is.

The house of representatives is preparing a three - way deal which links soldiers' bonus with cigarets. It is not quite a Siamese-twin affair, but the program is definitely three - in - one, and simmers down to "all for one, and one for all."

First there is the bonus measure (one bonus bill was voted down at the last election). It would pay Oregon veterans of the late war at the rate of \$10 a month for domestic duty and \$15 a month for overseas duty, to a maximum of \$600. Certificates would be issued to be retired from proceeds of the cigaret tax. The bonus bill with cost estimated at \$55,- program. 000,000 would be voted on by the people in November, 1950.

Second the cigaret tax of two cents a package and 14 per cent on other tobacco, is estimated to produce about \$3,500,000 a year, so it would take well over a decade to pay off the bonus certificates. If the bonus bill is defeated then the proceeds would go into the general fund.

Third, and here is the ite | designed to grease the skids for the 30 per cent. tax among the tobacco dealers: a "fair trade" bill. This prohibits selling cigarets below a price fixed at a percentage above cost.

I do not think it implies any

annually in pari-mutuel receipts (passed 48 to 8). Repeated moves to amend the

latter measure failed, including those to eliminate contributions to such events as The Dalles Mid-Columbia Livestock show and the McMinnville Turkey show. national guard reserve; creating hospital districts, and requiring

that mentally ill persons be confined elsewhere than in jails if any Where there's so much cigaret other place is available. It defeated a proposal that private

banks be allowed to invest trust funds in public housing bonds. The bill requiring children to aid needy parents now goes to the

senate. **Gasoline Tax Passes**

Meanwhile, the senate Tuesday debated but a short time before giving overwhelming approval to house-passed bills increasing the

gasoline tax from 5 to 6 cents a gallon and license plates from \$5 to \$10.

The two increases, along with a proposal for higher truck fees, will provide an additional \$8,000,-000 a year and let the highway commission start the \$467,000,000 15 - year highway improvement The senate also approved and sent to the house measures creat-

ing a sports area in the Coos river at Coos Bay; and setting up a fiveman senate interim committee to investigate conditions at the state penitentiary. The upper house passed and sent to the governor house-passed

bills limiting elections to dissolve union high school districts to one in five years and increasing hunting and fishing license fees about

Committee Held Unnecessary It also defeated a bill to create

study labor and management powerful defensive force. But practices and the possible need for hundreds of guns, tanks and lack of appreciation of the work new labor legislation. Opponents planes will show America's co- Durbin street. The Capitola school predictions that this program to oppose this bonus. This is an- because Oregon is known nation- the army is determined



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Hospital Fire Toll Estimate Rises to 65

to recover even though some neg-ligence is proven against him (de-feated 32 to 25), and over a house bill giving each county fair \$7500 Fire Victim Carried Out U.S. Reaffirms Support of U.N.

The house also passed and sent to the senate bills providing for a national guard reserve: creating School Project Bids **Accepted by Board Capitola, 4 Corners Schools Okehed**

12 PAGES

Low bids calling for more than \$570,000 in elementary school construction were opened and accepted by members of the Salem School board Tuesday night.

Included in the construction-part of the \$1,500,000 school project voted last year-were the new Capitola and Four Corners schools and a two-room addition to the Swegle school.

Army Day to Signal Show Of U.S. Power

FRANKFURT, Germany, April

5-(AP)-The U. S. army will stage To Begin Immediately its biggest display of power in Germany since the war in army day parades tomorrow.

The demonstrations will underscore America's pledge to help defend western Europe against aggression,

The U.S. army here has a long Both schools are to be erected on a legislative interim committee to way to go before it could be a the same plan.

'Europe Must Feel Secure'

General States

NEW YORK, April 5 -(AP)- Gen. Omar N. Bradley tonight called for a military aid program that would strengthen the "ramparts" of western Europe and stop an aggressor before he could overrun the continent. In a major speech, the army

chief of staff unveiled some of the strategic thinking of the army high command.

H. G. Carl, Salem contractor, The idea has been widely held was low bidder on both new that it would be impossible to structures. His bid on the Capitola stop Russia from conquering all school was \$264,396.96, more than Europe if it chose. The best the \$10,000 below the next bidder, United States could do. according Barham Brothers of Salem. Carl's to this argument, would be to low bid for the Four Corners strike back with air power and school was \$266,397.31. E. E. Bat- eventually lead a counter-attack terman, Salem, was awarded the to liberate the continent. contract for the Swegle addition Bradley flatly rejected this

and heating plant, with a low bid thinking. He contended such straof \$42,687. Next low was T. J. tegy would breed despair among Patzer, Salem with a bid of \$44,- potential allies in Europe and

His remarks took on added significance when he explained that room Capitola structure is to be- he had been requested by the state department "to comment gin immediately with plans to publicly on the military security have it ready for occupancy shortsignificance of the North Atlantic ly after schools open next fall. pact, and its implementation."

The Four Corners project is ex-The defense pact, signed yesterpected to be completed next year. day in Washington, will soon be up for senate ratification. The administration plans to follow it up The Four Corners school will be with a request for funds to re-

located on Elma avenue near arm Europe. There have been and service of men in the late war said such a study was unnecessary signers of the Atlantic pact that will be located on Lansing avenue might total \$1,250,000,000 or more near Silverton road. Both schools for the first year.



room. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman),

EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 5-One of the child victims of the St. An

Expectant Mother Tells

thony's hospital fire is being lowered from the second story nursery

filling station worker, escaped from the maternity ward delivery room early today in the fire that destroyed St. Anthony's hospital Here is her story of her escape, and the birth of her son later, as given to the Associated Press.) died trying to rescue the babies.

By Mrs. June Aderman

EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 5-(AP)-I think our family was the only

Twelve **New-Born Babes Die**

No. 11

EFFINGHAM, Ill., April 5 -(AP The estimated toll of dead and missing in a horrifying midnight fire that roared through St. Anthony's hospital here rose to 68 today.

The figure came from the hospital registrar, Miss Helen Wiseman. Earlier estimates of fatalities by on - the - scene newsmen and the Red Cross ranged from 47 to 54.

The Red Cross said there were 61 identified survivors.

A dozen new - born bables died in the holocaust. But one expectant mother escaped through a window — although in labor — and safely gave birth to a son. Started in Clothes Chute

The fire burst out of a clothes chute shortly before midnight last night. It leaped fiercely through the wooden - floored halls and quickly engulfed the building.

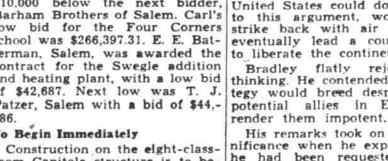
Miss Wiseman said 20 identified and 24 unidentified bodies were removed from the debris and 21 still were missing tonight.

She said it may be several days before all bodies are removed from the smoking rubble piled high inside the blackened walls. The hospital was destroyed. Officials estimated damage at \$500,-

000. Some patients, including expectant mothers, leaped from fiery windows. Bedfast patients shrieked in agony as the flames turned the place into a raging inferno. Brave Sheets of Fire

Heroic nuns and nurses braved sheets of fire in attempts to save the sick. Several perished nurse, Miss Fern Riley, 23. She The hospital's chaplain, the Rev.

Charles C. Sandon, 50, died 'in a room next to the chapel.



other manifestation of our cal disease of pensionitis which (Continued on editorial page)

Michigan GOP Wins; Georgia **Rejects Taxes**

By the Associated Press

Georgia voters turned thumbs down yesterday on a plan to hike their taxes to pay for improved state services. Michigan republicans meanwhile laid claim to a major victory after they captured key state offices at stake in Monday's balloting.

The Georgia contest was a referendum on a proposal to increase state levies \$46,000,000 to finance expansion of educational facilities, highways, health and welfare programs. Early returns piled up an insurmountable margin of three to one against the program.

The republican national committe took especial delight in the trouncing administered to Michigan's labor - backed democratic condidates. Chairman Hugh D. Scott, jr., issued a statement say-"By their decision the voting. ers of Michigan repudiated a democrat state administration which was elected only about five months ago.

Michigan's democratic governor G. Mennen Williams, conceded "surprise and disappointment" at the results. But he said he was convinced that "the people did not regard my program as an issue in the election.'

The GOP candidates won the state highway commission race as well as the contest for state supwintendent of public instruction. The republicans thus retained their 5-3 margin on the administrative board which serves as a semi-official "cabinet" to the governor.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH

mittee Tuesday approved a \$30,-000,000 budget for higher education. It is \$8,000,000 more than the current two-year budget. The committee also said it would prepare a plan for constructing \$21,-000,000 worth of higher education and state institution buildings. Both the senate and house will

resume at 10 a.m. today. (Additional details page 3)

Portland Council

PORTLAND, April 5-(AP)-City Commissioner Kenneth L. Cooper said tonight he would place an ordinance before council tomor-

row for daylight saving time in Portland city offices. He termed the legislative bill which would place the daylight issue up to the governor as "monkey business" that the city need not comply with. The bill is waiting

for Gov. McKay's signature or Last November the Portland electors approved allowing the city council to adopt the fast-time plan.

irm said here today. begin next year.

BEACHCOMBERS WARNED NEWPORT, Ore., April 5 -(AP)-Beach visitors were warned today not to pick up black cans from the surf. Four such have floated guard detonated them.

ly for its labor tranquility The joint ways and means commany into submission in 1945.

Trieste.

morning,

papers tomorrow."

To Face Daylight Saving Dilemma

and the AFL printing pressmen's \$286,211. local union. One official of the international Herald and Post said it came as a

complete surprise to them.

Cement Contract for Detroit Dam Awarded

PORTLAND, April 5-(AP)-The cement contract for Detroit dam has been won by the Permanente Cement company, officials of the The contract calls for 1,200,000 barrels of cement, Delivery will

The show probably will be the Referring to the defense treaty, will serve areas which have shown largest held in western Europe heavy increases in population in Bradley said: since allied troops whipped Ger- the past few years.

Other bids on the Swegle pro-to the people of the United States Similar demonstrations will be ject opened by the board Tuesday that we cannot count on friends held in blockaded " rlin and at were from Bickford Construction in western Europe if our strategy other points from Munich to company, Portland, \$26,660, H. G. in the event of war dictates that other points from Munich to Bremerhaven. Displays also will be presented in Austria and Carl, \$44,954.81 and Walle and we shall first abandon them to Camplan, Portland, \$47.811. The the enemy with a promise of later Camplan, Portland, \$47.811. The the enemy with a promise of later Bickford company bid did not in- liberation.

of war.

clude the heating plant. Other Bidders



project were Barham Brothers. \$274,400; Batterman, \$289,32! WASHINGTON, Aparil 6-(Wed-Bickford, \$288,700; Malarke and nesday)+(AP)-Washington was left Moore, \$289,022; Viesko and Post, without morning newspapers to-\$287,919 and Walle and Camplan, day by a dispute between papers

union called the walkout unau-thorized. Officials of the Times-'Voice' Officials of the local called a Funds Raised

continuous session which started at 6 p.m. (EST). About four hours later the meeting recessed until WASHINGTON, April 5 -(AP)but local president Extra millions of dollars to com-George Walker told newsmen, "It bat subversive activities in the is safe to say there won't be any United States and to build up the

The Post and Times-Herald are recommended today by the house the only morning papers in the appropriations committee. city. The Times-Herald also publishes an afternoon edition. The for the Federal Bureau of Investi- peaceful world community." two remaining afternoon papers gation, which is \$8,865,141 more are the Star and the Daily News. than the agency got this year. Negotiations between the four pa-A \$34,000,000 appropriation was pers and the union have been in progress for several months. ment's informational and educa- veteran U.N. delegate. tional programs including "Voice

APPROPRIATION PASSES of America" program, up \$2,900,-WASHINGTON, April 5 -(AP)-000 from this year's total. The house approved \$701,122,079

These and many other items were included in a \$747,216,102 pact shortly. appropriation for the agriculture department today, to help farmers appropriation bill to finance the fiscal year

ucky one in the fire. About 8:30-last night, I was taken to the hospital. I was labor room with another girl.

About 11:30 a nurse took me to the delivery room. In about 20 minutes I began to smell smoke. The nurse said she cribs. thought rubber gloves were being

burned. seemed wrong. But a minute later she went back into the hall.

It was filled with flames then. Shoots Woman, "Yet that is the only strategy that can prevail if the military balance of power in Europe is to ble doors. Then she and another be carried on the wings of our girl who was in the hall helped me to a window. We broke Ends Own Life bombess and deposited in reserves this side of the ocean. It is through.

a strategy that would produce The three of us climbed out nothing better than impotent and onto a roof. All we could see was disillusioned allies in the event straight walls down.

People seemed to be jumping "Unless plans for common defrom other parts of the building. fense of the existing free world Some of them were sprawled provide for the security of weston the ground. Just then my husband and two

ern Europe, these people cannot other men ran up to the building with a ladder. By then I was in labor on the roof. But the nurse, the other girl

ed Nations today at the opening of the third spring session of the U.N. assembly.

Acheson came to Flushing Mealows to pledge that the United States and other north Atlantic treaty signers are solidly behind the U.N. The nine other U.N. foreign ministers who signed the pact yesterday were present.

Acheson issued a statement to voice of America abroad were newsmen saying he believes it is Lucky. the conviction of the American

people that the "United Nations It approved a \$52,585,131 fund is our best hope of building a

Before the meeting, Acheson shook hands with Andrei A. Gromyko, No. 1 deputy foreign minrecommended for the state depart- ister of the Soviet union and a

> Gromyko had nothing to say at the opening session but reports persisted that Russia- would formally attack the north Atlantic

At the outset, Australian Forcooperation among them.

be expected to stake their lives on the common cause." NEW YORK, April 5 -(AP)-Secretary of State Acheson vowed and I were able to climb down full American support to the Unit- the ladder. My husband rushed me home. We live about three blocks away. A short time later the baby

was born. My husband has named him ment between the couple at Mrs. Charles Lee, but everybody already is calling him "Lucky. My older boy, Tommy - he's in the second grade - likes the name "Toughy" better. But I guest time will tell wheth-

er he will be called Charley or

Meteor Soars Uver Utah Area

SALT LAKE CITY, April 5-(AP) Residents of northern Utah and southeastern Idaho were startled today by a meteor described variously as a "ball of fire", "similar to ack ack," and "a shooting star

CIO Officer Tells as big as a football." Peace officers and newspaper offices were swamped with tele-Bridges to 'Get in phone calls concerning the brilliant display and with questions as Step or Get Out' to what caused the explosions many persons said they heard

shortly afterwards. Most of the reports came about 10 a.m., but additional mystery

was added to the case when peace was brought to Salem Tuesday by resembling anti-aircraft fire over the Trenton, Utah, and Lewiston, from several northern Utah offi-

ho, sources.

the Klamath Falls high school prior to his retirement and move to Bremerton VKANCOUVER, B. C., April 5-

astounded his owner Mrs. M. Col with inlays even including the oxlier of Haney, B. C. en's eyes and eagle feathers, the panel is 11/2 by 4 feet, bordered by sale - cured Mytrelwood. In addition to more prosaic woods, for a Budgerigar-a love birdsage brush, poison oak and elderin another cage. berry also are included

men found the charred bodies of eight new - born infants, still in their flame - blackened metal The blaze was the nation's second most tragic hospital fire. Possibly 30 charity patients,

In the hospital's nursery, fire-

some old age pensioners, were on the third floor. Most of them were believed to have perished. Seek Fate of Kinfolk Relatives and friends, some sob-

bing hysterically, went from door to door and crowded into the Red Cross headquarters at the Benwood hotel to learn the fate of kinfolk.

The Rev. John Goff, pastor of A jilted Salem logger attempted nearby St. Anthony's Roman Cato kill a young divorcee and then tholic church, anointed the dead took his own life in the woman's and dying. Hours later, as 300 citizens waited at the Benwood Police Chief Clarence Williams hotel to donate blood, he was at

said James Kelley, 42, whose ad- the head of the line. dress was listed as 552 N. Church The entire hospital plant was st., Salem, put a .32 caliber bullet fully insured at present values, into his head after firing at Mrs. officials said. The walls were of Hazel Martain, 37. Local sources brick, plaster and tile. The floors revealed that Kelley had moved were wooden.

from the Church street address, but was still living in Salem. Chief Williams said the shoot-ings followed a prolonged argu-ment between the couple at Mrs Williams said Mrs. Martin was Water Valid Martin's home. The fight was knocked unconscious by a bullet

that creased her skull. She is un-The state supreme court Tuesder treatment at a hospital, but day held the Bang's disease statute valid but declared defective The police chief said testimony an indictment against Joe Schriby the woman indicated Kelley ber, Tillamook county, charged fired after Mrs. Martin declared he had no intention of marrying

with violation of the law. The opinion, written by Chief Kelley. They had been keeping Justice Hall S. Lusk, affirmed company about a year, Williams Circuit Judge R. Frank Peters, Tillamook county, who held for The chief said Kelley came the defendant. Schriber was charged with refusing to permit the iams quoted Mrs. Martin as sayslaughter of five cows infected ing she told Kelley to "go ahead and shoot" when he threatened with Bang's disease,

The state, plaintiff in the acher. After firing, Kelley slashed his wrists with a knife and then tion, had appealed from the cirfired a bullet throug his head. cuit court decree.

Salem Butter Prices Skid

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5-(AP) A national CIO executive told

Salem butter prices skidded one Harry Bridges' left wing longcent Tuesday following a similar shore union today to get in step drop in the Portland market. with CIO policy or leave the CIO, New prices now place butter at reliable sources said tonight. 71 to 72 cents per pound retail

here tonight from Salem. Wil-

ASHLAND, Ore., April 5 -(AP)

home here tonight.

overheard by neighbors.

was not seriously hurt.

said.

R. J. Thomas, assistant direc- and 66 to 67 cents wholesale for tor of organization for the CIO, grade A. Butterfat also dropped Utah, area. These reports came spoke during a tumultous closed a cent in price and the premium session of the International Long- product is now quoted at 64 cents cers as well as from Preston, Ida- shoremen's and Warehousemen's per pound. convention.

> "If you don't like the way the CIO works, why not get the hell out?" convention sources quoted Thomas.

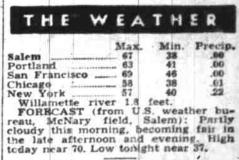
Insiders at today's session said the way tempers were flaring a Portland split could be in the making.

HOOK SNAGS DOUGLAS SOUTHAMPTON, England,

The first shock came when Joey announced. "Joey wants to talk." April 5 -(AP)- U. S. Ambassador He mastered lessons intended Lewis W. Douglas was given injections tonight to ease the pain of having a two-inch fish hook

The Budgie hasn't said a word, removed from his left eye. There Wilkowski currently is visiting but Joey has become quite a chat- was some fear his sight might be This Year

terer, says Mrs. Collies. impaired.

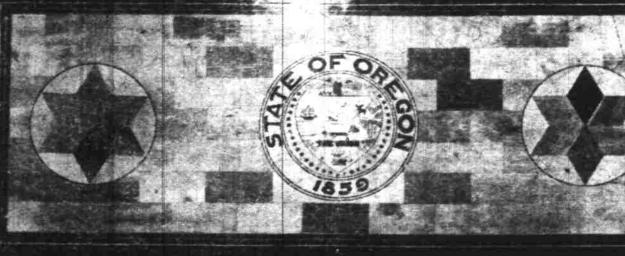


SALEM PRECIPITATION

(Sept. 1 to April 6)

87 Native Woods Inlaid in Panel of Oregon Seal

This inlaid panel made of 87 varieties of Oregon woods was accepted by the Oregon state department "I'm on a diet-can't have Tuesday upon presentation by its maker. Otto Wilkowski of Bremerton, Wash., formerly of Klamath more than a million a day." Falls. It soon will be displayed at the statehouse.



in during the past two weeks. They produce food and fiber, fight pests, activities of the state, commerce eign Minister Herbert V. Evatt, contained American bomb fuses, find markets, make a profit and and justice departments, and the assembly president, lectured the adrift from the war. The coast conserve their soil. The bill now federal judiciary, during the next five great powers on the need for I goes to the senate.

An inlaid panel containing 87 varieties of native Oregon woods they could see "puffs of smoke"

Otto Wilkowski of Bremerton, Wash., for presentation to this state.

The panel was made by Wilkowski over a period of several years while he was caretaker of Joey the Canary

(AP)- Joey, a little green canary, Centered by the Oregon seal,

relatives at Molalla.

officers reported in mid-afternoon

Wants to Talk

