

Couple Wed in Salem Hospital



"In sickness and in health," applies to the young couple pictured above Monday night just after being married in Salem General hospital following a car wreck which ruined week-end wedding plans. The bridegroom, Ralph Newton, 29, was injured in the accident enroute from his Nevada marine corps base to Portland to marry Marilyn Willing, 19, his childhood sweetheart. The pair are shown with the top of their wedding cake. The rest of the cake had to be left at the bride's home. Newton will be taken to a naval hospital in Astoria or Bremerton. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).

Hog Prices Drop to New Post-OPA Low

By William Ferris

CHICAGO, April 12-(AP)—The twenty dollar hog failed to show up here today. He was missed. It was the first time in two years, five months and 29 days he hadn't arrived.

The best price for hogs today was \$19.65 a hundred pounds, down 60 cents from the top paid yesterday. Not since Oct. 14, 1946, the last day of OPA ceilings, have hogs sold so low.

Although hams from today's hog arrivals will not be available in time for Easter, packers said a recent price slump had made them a much better buy than its traditional Easter rival—leg of lamb.

Hogs have declined over the past several weeks. In the same period, lamb prices have soared to record highs for this time of year. Meat from hogs comprises a little less than 50 per cent of the nation's total meat supply. That from lambs less than 5 per cent.

Some packers weren't even buying lambs at current prices, which today were around \$31.00 a hundred pounds. The agriculture department said, "meat packers' hogs the country over are meagerly supplied with dressed lamb."

The drop in hog prices today followed upon a statement yesterday by Agriculture Secretary Brannan that the government may have to buy pork from packers to support live hog costs. It is pledged to provide support this week at \$16.75 a hundred pounds for good and choice hogs.

Today the market ranged from \$16.50 for just good hogs up to the top of \$19.65.

McKay Signs Daylight Bill

A bill prohibiting any community in Oregon from adopting daylight saving time unless the governor proclaims it for the entire state became a state law Tuesday when it was signed by Gov. Douglas McKay.

The bill allows the governor to proclaim the fast time only when it is necessary to conform with neighboring states.

Officials of Portland opposed the bill because it would prevent that city from going on daylight saving time late this month, but only five of Multnomah county's 21 legislators voted against it.

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Peterson said he would hold a hearing to determine when the supply situation will permit a drop.

Prices dropped 1 to 1 1/2 cents a quart in California recently. Seattle also reported a price decline.

Indications here were that consumers' organizations would ask Peterson to call the hearing soon.

Children of Dallas Area to Join In Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

DALLAS, April 12-(Special)—An Easter-egg hunt for children of the Dallas area will be staged here Saturday at 10 a. m., according to Max McGlasson, chairman of the sponsoring merchants' committee of Dallas Chamber of Commerce.

Invitations to school children through sixth-grade age have been sent to 43 schools, and preschool tots also are welcome. Nearly 800 boiled eggs will be hidden at a "secret hunting grounds" by Boy Scouts, and the children will search for them after assembling at the Majestic theatre.

Don Wernli is in charge of preparing and coloring the eggs. Colors will determine winners of prizes to be awarded at the theatre following the hunt. A free program of movie short subjects also will be shown to the children.

Ralf Finseth, who is collecting suitable prize merchandise from the sponsoring merchants' committee, reported Tuesday that response had been generous and at least a hundred prizes seemed assured.

McGlasson stressed that the march both to and from the hunting grounds would be supervised and that every measure would be taken to help smaller children and that none came back empty-handed.

Other members of the committee in charge are Wesley Sherman, Andrew Irwin, Jack Crider, Bruce Cooley, George Woerth and Jack Greenwood.

House Stamps Approval on ERP Fund

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\$32,000 'Kidnap' Said Hoax

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., April 12-(AP)—Five-year-old Joey Goodman is back home after a reported \$32,000 kidnapping, but Police Chief C. H. Anderson said there was a "lot of doubt" today about: (a) the \$32,000; and (b) the kidnapping.

The boy's father, Joseph Goodman, was arrested, and Chief Anderson said the abduction "looks like a hoax and smells bad."

Goodman, 39, was booked on suspicion of grand theft in connection with a \$400 wrist watch robbery. But he was being questioned mainly about the alleged kidnapping.

The boy was released unharmed and in secrecy yesterday after his mother, Mrs. Mary Goodman, said she handed two envelopes to a man in a Los Angeles building. Goodman said there was \$33,000 in the envelopes, reported Anderson, adding, however, that Mrs. Goodman said she never opened them after getting them from a bank safety deposit vault on Goodman's instruction.

When she picked up the boy, Mrs. Goodman said, he had an envelope with \$1,000 in his hand. Chief Anderson said that Goodman, once arrested with Gambler Mickey Cohen, apparently was trying to get publicity to "satisfy his gambling debtors he couldn't meet their demands for money."

"We have no way of knowing how much was in the payoff envelope," said the chief. "I guess it has to be what Goodman says it was. But that \$1,000 change deal smells bad."

The boy was missing from home only a few hours, it was reported. His mother said he told her: "They were real nice to me. They gave me a yoyo and milk."

Cloudless Sky Lets Area See Lunar Eclipse

The weathermen had a change of heart Tuesday night and gave Salem residents an almost unobstructed view of the total eclipse of the moon.

A few thin clouds spoiled early shots of amateur photographers, but as the moon climbed higher into the sky excellent observation was possible.

Though the moon remained eclipsed by the shadow of the earth for 1 1/2 hours, a dull, reddish glow was always visible to area observers. Scientists explained that the glow was caused by a little sunlight which bounces into the moon from the atmosphere around the earth.

East coast observers reported the phenomenon was perhaps a once-in-a-century "black eclipse" as viewed from that section of the country. The last "black eclipse" was recorded in 1844.

The shadow of the earth touched the moon at 6:28 p. m. (PST), and darkened it so 7:28 p. m. The moon began to emerge again at 8:54 p. m.

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Pension Bill Sent to Governor by Senate

Drastic Traffic Changes in Salem 'Distant'

State Highway Board Talks to City Delegates

Drastic traffic changes are not in Salem's immediate future, a local delegation was assured Tuesday in Portland by the state highway commission.

Commissioners also told Salem city councilmen and others that construction of a new Willamette river bridge here does not depend upon the city's acceptance of a one-way street system for through traffic, as proposed in the Baldock plan for long-range bridge and highway development estimated to cost eventually \$7,600,000.

"But Not Approved"

The commission emphasized that it has received, but not approved, the far-reaching plan prepared by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock. Chairman T. H. Banfield said the highway commission could not commit itself to a full program of that expense "because we cannot bind future commissions to it."

The long-range plan for a system of by-passes and one-way streets, however, is "feasible and practical," Banfield added.

David O'Hara, mayor pro tem, headed a delegation of six Salem aldermen and City Manager J. L. Franzen. Representatives of north and south Salem business sections also attended the meeting.

O'Hara informed the commission that strong opposition has grown in Salem to suggestions for new traffic routes through residential areas.

Alderman Howard Maple questioned the Baldock estimate of cost for widening South Commercial street, declaring they felt consideration should be given a south Salem suggestion for converting Commercial to four lanes of traffic plus parallel parking at an estimated cost of \$30,000. The state estimate for South Commercial widening noted \$1,200,000 for right-of-way, figuring an additional 20 feet on both sides of the street. Business men of the area maintain a comparable result could be obtained by acquiring only five feet on either side.

Told Advice Welcomed

The Salem council members were told by the commission their advice would be welcomed at any time.

The commission reiterated that the bridge is the priority project within the Salem traffic plan. No definite action was taken by the commission, but it was expected that the Salem council will file a complete report at the May commission meeting.

City Manager J. L. Franzen explained a Pine street alternate route which the city council has considered, and emphasized before the commission that public support runs high in Salem for a bypass route east of the city.

Aldermen Daniel J. Fry, Albert H. Gille, James Nicholson, Tom Armstrong, Maple and O'Hara attended the meeting.

WREATH ON FDR'S GRAVE

HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 12-(AP)—A representative of President Truman placed a wreath on the grave of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt today—fourth anniversary of his death.

Men Just 'Can't Take' Silence, Tests Reveal

FORT MONMOUTH, N. J., April 12-(AP)—If your wife talks too much and the baby cries too often, be grateful.

If the noise of a pneumatic hammer or the drip of a faucet bothers you, just relax.

Army Signal Corps engineers say you're lucky. They tried silence and said they couldn't stand it.

The tests were made in a new "silent chamber" perfected by the Signal Corps to help reduce the noise of military equipment.

And 30 minutes of absolute silence was just about all anyone could stand.

The army said it was not thinking of building noiseless block-busters or of teaching the troops to march on tiptoe.

But officers said that the noise of even a small electric generator in the field was enough to reveal the position of the operator and endanger his life.

Now the exact amount of noise made by the generator can be measured in the soundproof chamber, so that engineers can quiet it enough to prevent detection.

Engineers who helped build the chamber found they could not endure the silence very long without becoming uncomfortable.

After about 30 minutes they became uneasy, and after a few hours, the army said, the dead silence produced "pronounced adverse psychological effects."

The president submitted the mutual defense agreement for senate ratification only eight days after the historic document was signed here by Secretary of State Acheson and the foreign ministers of 11 other nations.

The giving away of tickets by merchants which entitle the ticket holder to a chance at a free prize constitutes a lottery, said District Attorney E. O. Stadler, Jr. Tuesday.

"I have received several inquiries on the question of prizes offered by merchants as inducement for the sale of goods. . . . In Oregon the subject was carefully digested and held illegal by an attorney general's opinion in 1921. . . . It is also a crime to advertise a lottery ticket," Stadler said.

A recent demonstration of mass ticket giving occurred during the spring opening when Salem merchants gave away tickets which were chances on store prizes.

Garver Given Death Sentence

PORTLAND, April 12-(AP)—Robert E. Garver, 24, took a death sentence today with a smile.

He appeared unworried as Circuit Judge James R. Bain imposed the sentence for the slaying of Ansel Abbott, janitor shot on a street here in a bidup attempt Jan. 3.

Bain set June 10 for the execution in the lethal gas chamber at Salem.

Garver's attorney announced, "There certainly will be an appeal."

Senate in Path Of House Plan To End Session

By Lester F. Coar

Staff Writer, The Statesman

The senate voted 19 to 10 Tuesday to send to the governor a house-approved bill which proponents guarantee will give Oregon's aged persons the \$50-a-month minimum pension approved by the voters last November.

The approval came after a bitter, 60-minute debate in which democrats accused the republican-dominated legislature of "selling Oregon's old people down the river." They objected strenuously but unsuccessfully to a provision which will give the state prior claims on the estates of deceased pensioners, and said the bill failed to definitely guarantee the \$50 minimum pension.

Democrats Lose

The democrats lost 20 to 9 an effort to substitute a bill by the house social welfare committee which specifically called for a \$50 minimum pension and did not contain the prior claim clause.

The pension bill was included in a general welfare bill which is appropriation for the present biennium. The pension itself will cost the state and counties \$33,000,000 during the next two years. The federal government will appropriate about \$19,000,000 to match state funds for welfare and pensions.

Protest Lien

Voting against the pension proposal, largely in protest to the provision, were Sens. Bain, Bull, Carson, Gardner, Hilton, Holmes, Mahoney, Musa, Neuberger, and Thompson. All but Carson are democrats.

With the pension problem disposed of, the legislature over a big adjournment hurdle. The house, before adjourning at 1:15 p. m., approved a resolution to end the record-long 45th session at 6 p. m. this Thursday. But leading senators thought it probably would run three or four days more.

This session is already 10 days longer than the record 84-day session of 1947.

Solves Big Headache

The house solved the last big headache when it voted to act at 10:30 today on the main tax program, which last week was tabled. The senate-house conference committee on tax bills agreed on the plan late Monday. Acceptance is believed certain.

While representatives (who finished their day's calendar) took in the baseball opener in Portland Tuesday afternoon, the senate worked late, defeating a bill which would have blocked construction of the proposed \$12,000,000 power dam on the Deschutes river near Madras for at least two years.

The senators also refused a ways and means recommendation to limit the circuit judges' salary boost to \$500 a year, voting for a \$1,000 increase. They also gave final approval to a bill boosting the salary of supreme court justices from \$8,500 to \$9,500 a year. Circuit judges will get \$8,500 instead of \$7,500.

Validate Expenses

Bills introduced in the senate would validate interim committee expense funds appropriated by resolution and appropriate \$50,000 for the legislative interim committee to study highway problems during the next two years. The validating act would legalize the \$106,000 spent by the 1947 highway interim committee created by resolution. The attorney general this week ruled earmarked funds cannot be appropriated by resolution.

Gives Final Ok

Meanwhile, the house Tuesday, in addition to tentatively deciding to end the 45th session at 6 p. m. Thursday, gave final approval to the senate-approved bill allowing cities to finance off-street parking facilities and made short work of passing and sending to the senate 10 appropriation bills totalling nearly \$4,000,000 for OSC experimental work and various state departments.

The house also passed and sent to the senate a bill allowing the smaller cities (under 2500 population) to borrow state funds for sewage disposal facilities, and a measure providing for an administrator for the state commission for the blind.

From a sub-group of the ways and means committee Tuesday came a recommendation for a 12-year, \$42,000,000 building program for state institutions and college campuses. Part would be financed by the general fund, the remainder by a cigarette tax.

Both houses resume at 9:30 a. m. today.

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\$5 Billion Figure Survives

WASHINGTON, April 12-(AP)—By a vote of 354 to 48, the house today passed a \$5,380,000,000 bill to continue the Marshall plan of European recovery for another 18 months.

The vote came after 13 hours of debate. It took the senate 13 days to pass a similar measure setting a \$5,580,000,000 limit on the spending. The senate vote was 70 to 7.

The democratic-controlled house, with some republican support, beat down every attempt to strike millions of dollars from the bill or write in other major changes.

The house measure would authorize continued U. S. aid until July 1, 1950, subject to possible later cuts by the senate and house appropriations committees. It also provides \$274,000,000 to encourage American private business to invest in recovery projects abroad. Such investments would be guaranteed against loss by confiscation of property overseas.

To Joint Conference

Differences between the senate and house versions—a matter of \$200,000,000 plus some minor amendments—will now go to a joint conference.

The compromise version will then be sent to a new vote in each chamber.

At the next step, the appropriations committees will recommend the actual money bill for approval by both houses.

Final passage came 4 1/2 hours after the house met at 11 a. m. A steady barrage of criticism arose from the republican side of the house as the debate went in the showdown.

Debate Limited

Limited to five minutes each, republicans by the dozens marched to the loudspeakers on the chamber floor to utter cuts ranging from 7 to nearly 80 per cent. Across the aisle, a few economy-minded democrats joined in demanding at least modest slashes in the billions-for-Europe program.

The lopsided final vote came after Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass.) pleaded against a GOP-led economy drive with a warning that the world is looking "either to Washington or the Kremlin."

On the passage vote, 125 republicans joined 229 democrats in favor of the bill. Against it were 10 democrats, 37 republicans and one American laborer, Rep. Marcantonio of New York.

School Board Sells Bonds, Interest Drops

Salem district school board sold a \$1,500,000 bond issue at 2.088 per cent interest Tuesday night.

The \$1,500,000 bond issue for school expansion was awarded on a low bid basis to a syndicate of financial firms offering a \$6,310 premium and interest rate of 4 per cent for bonds maturing from 1953 through 1958. Total interest would cost the school district approximately \$330,000, the effective rate being 2.088 per cent.

Combining on the low bid were First National Bank of Chicago, Mercantile - Commerce Bank of St. Louis, California Bank and Schwabacher Co. Second was a group of five bidders was a group including First National Bank of Portland, whose effective interest rate was 2.13.

Last November the school board had rejected a lone bid when Blyth & Co. and others entered a bid at interest ranging from 2 1/4 to 3 per cent. The same combine bid at 2.21 per cent interest this time.

Representatives of the bidders present noted that the interest rate of the accepted bid here was the lowest obtained recently by schools in this area. Eugene recently accepted 2.16 per cent and Medford 2.28 for school bonds.

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Sen. Taylor to Seek Re-Election

BOISE, Idaho, April 12-(AP)—Sen. Glen H. Taylor's announcement that he would seek the democratic nomination for U. S. senator in 1950 today touched off predictions among Idahoans that he would be defeated.

In Washington, D. C., Taylor said "I never felt that I left the democratic party." Taylor ran for vice president of the progressive ticket last fall.

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