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"Play Ball!"

That's the call Salem ball fans are waiting for; and weather permitting that's what they'll hear tonight at Waters field.

The 1949 baseball season has its opener here tonight when the Salem Senators will play Vancouver. Off to a good start after games at Tacoma and Bremerton the Senators will show their stuff on the home diamond tonight for the first time, giving local fans a chance to size them up.

There'll be a big crowd on hand tonight; but league baseball calls for good attendance all through the season. So don't quit going to ball games after the opening night—and don't quit if the home team comes up with the short end of the score for a share of the time. By keeping up good attendance Salem can do much to support the Senators.

Myth of Flying Saucers

The way the air force release on Project Saucer reads one would think there is some basis for the reports of flying miscellany that have dotted the news columns for some two years. It says they are not jokes, but it proceeds to explain away 60 per cent of the aerial visitors and leave 40 per cent unidentified. Of the 60 per cent half were conventional objects and the other half celestial phenomena—meteorites, the planet Venus, etc. But the air force gives no foundation to theories that the flying discs are enemy apparatus or migrants from Mars.

Coincident with the press release from the air force appears the first installment of a two-piece contribution on the subject of flying saucers, written by Sidney Shalett, in the Saturday Evening Post. Shalett gives a far more complete report than the newspaper summary of what the air force gives out. He has had access to air force investigations and has done considerable sleuthing on his own. He reports:

"I have found that if there is a scrap of bona fide evidence to support the notion that our inventive geniuses or any potential enemy, on this or any other planet, is speewing saucers over America, the air force has been unable to locate it."

That is a satisfying summary, much better than the comment that the saucers are not jokes. They may not be jokes, but if real they are objects, like weather balloons with training gear, sent aloft for observation purposes, or they may be objects like the planet Venus which was visible in daylight about the time the saucer-talk was most common. And it is safe to say that a good many were just optical illusions.

The flying disc alarm is not new. As Shalett records:

"Dating as far back as the 18th century, and possibly earlier, the annals of our race bulge with solemn reports of queer things seen undulating through the sky. Except in publications devoted frankly to fantasy, American literature and journalism have until recently been relatively free of such frightening accounts. But the Great Flying Saucer Scare, coming like a long-delayed and violent reaction, showed us to be, when frightened, as credulous as anyone else."

This paper has always taken a "show me" attitude on the saucer business. If the flying plates

were genuine they would certainly come to earth some time, some place. When they did and were picked up and examined then we could decide what they were. That was the case with the Japanese war balloons. They landed, were gathered up and examined. Belatedly the people were warned against them.

Reports of rockets and V-weapons and flying missiles got us all on edge; but our fears of them are greatly exaggerated. Only when concentrated on large and populous targets can they do much damage. And if our statesman are wise enough to keep us out of war none of them will be turned loose. We earthbound mortals should keep our eyes on auto traffic rather than flying saucers if we want to stay alive.

Pick Your Hobby

Since this retire-at-65 business got started men have come to realize that they'll need something to occupy their time when their names pass from the payroll to the pension roll. Lucky then is the guy who has developed a hobby. It can be gardening, fishing, hunting, hiking; or working with hand tools, weaving, painting, playing an instrument, collecting stamps or etchings.

The Rotary club, which has a lot of members pushing 65 (or looking back at that age) is sponsoring a three-day hobby show at the armory this week end. If you want to see what avocations many folk have developed, come out and see this show. You may get an idea of what you can do when the calendar turns up 65.

The country will lose a very able senator when Sen. Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut leaves to take a judicial position in his home state. Baldwin was three times elected governor before going to the senate. He is a member of the younger republican group and distinguished himself for his eagerness to keep his party abreast of the times. A few years ago Baldwin was in Oregon, speaking before the legislature and later before a party gathering in Portland. He made an excellent impression, and has been considered good material for higher political honors. The bench with its assurance of permanence and its quieter atmosphere has a lure for lawyers, so Baldwin is probably "lost" to politics.

Our confidence in continued peace is bolstered by the recurrence of stunts to attract public attention. One chap has locked himself in a car on a bet he can stay in it for a year and is touring the country as a spectacle. A pair of aviators grounded in California after spending 1008 hours in the air, breaking previous records. When people go off on the silly end they aren't worrying about war.

Uncle Sam had to pungle up \$200 million to support prices on the 1948 potato crop, an average of \$5.457 for each farmer getting benefits. Rhode Island farmers averaged \$20,000. No longer can we scoff at New England farming. Maybe the government's next move will be to pay farmers for not raising spuds; but that should include permission to spend winters in Florida or California.

End of Blockade Won't Halt Trouble

By J. M. Roberts, Jr.
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Lifting of the Berlin blockade will not mean that everything is beer and skittles for the allies. Talk that it may lead to the end of the cold war is highly tenuous.

Every manifestation of Russian policy in the past points to the prospect that, if the blockade is lifted, it will be done in order that the battle for Germany may be rejoined on other fronts.

Russia has been losing this battle. The allies have just put the Ruhr under international control without giving Moscow any say in its administration. A government for western Germany is rapidly taking shape. Germans who are not under the coercion of red occupation show no desire to compromise with communism. Germans in the Russian zone are complaining about the trade squeeze to which Russian policies have subjected them, and there are multitudinous reports of a similar reaction among the satellite countries of eastern Europe.

The allies, in the case of the blockade, have met force with force, an easy thing requiring little mental nimbleness. With the end of the blockade the need for extreme diplomatic skill will return.

First, Moscow will take credit for a great peace move, adding it to the broad propaganda campaign they have been conducting for some time in an effort to convince people that the west, not Russia, is the prospective aggressor.

But there will undoubtedly be more concrete efforts if the foreign ministers resume the broad negotiations over German problems which ended in deadlock in December 1947.

Russia can be expected to renew her plea for German unity, but will be careful to demand what it takes a form opening a broad path for communist in-

filtration. This is expected to be accompanied by a proposal that, once a central government is formed, all occupation troops should withdraw and a peace treaty be signed.

This would be reminiscent of her actions in Korea, where she withdrew unilaterally, but left a strong communist political and military organization to seek domination of the whole country.

Such proposals, would, of course, sound good to many Germans. The noise they would make would probably drown out Russia's concurrent demand for a resumption in reparations pay-

ments from the western zone. The communists have successfully blanketed this problem in the Balkan countries which fought beside Germany. Control of Germany is a historical necessity, both politically and economically, for anyone seeking control of Europe. The battle for this control has been stalemated as long as it centered in the blockade. There is every evidence that the activity is now about to shift to a different front, one which will contain less threat of an incident leading to open war, but where the campaign will be conducted none the less vigorously.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. Rogers
THE EVENING AND THE MORNING, by Virginia Sorenson (Harcourt, Brace; \$3)

Mother, daughter and granddaughter... Kate, Dessie and Jean, in that order... are the women in this novel about women and the men with whom they try to work out their lives.

They are Mormons. Kate has come back to visit her family home in Utah. With the beginning of the novel we have the beginning of three parallel stories: Kate herself, now, aging, and recalling her disturbed life; Dessie, worrying about her husband like; and Jean, a youngster about 10, lovable difficult, a throwback to her grandmother, who had passed on to the child her venturesome, independent nature.

Her own daughter Dessie would have seemed a more likely heir to this nature, for Dessie is a love child, fathered by fiddler Peter, not by Kate's husband Karl. The polygamist habit, which presumably is not exclusively Mormon, had persisted in Karl though the church had outlawed it; he made love to Kate's

own sister Verna. Catching him at it, Kate felt thus freed, as she might not have felt otherwise, to yield to Peter.

Out of what seems to their suspicious little town a weakness, out of what is actually a great strength, come consequences which extend down through the generations, and which widen out to include friends and other relatives. Dessie, for instance, who was cared for by her aunts, is the serious-minded sober-sided who intervenes between the wilder natures of her mother and her daughter; her husband and his friend are freer souls, for whom her mother's upbringing might have prepared her, as her aunts did not.

This is an unusually well-wrought novel; these people have an impact on us because they have an impact on one another, they are woven together in a tight fabric to which each contributes an essential part. But it is also a very understanding novel; Kate and the members of her broad circle are small enough to be human, big enough to be interesting, and their problems are common enough to be important.

At Salem Schools

By James Cooke
Statesman School Correspondent

Barbara Zumwalt, editor of the Salem high Clarion, and Bob Jones, sports editor, were chosen this week as "outstanding journalists" from the high school. Theta Sigma Phi and Sigma Delta Chi, journalism fraternities at the University of Oregon will honor the pair at Oregon next fall with a special training session.

Jo Ann DeWitt is in charge of a Clarion-Viking banquet to be given May 12 for students who worked on the school newspaper and annual. Committees have not yet been appointed to complete the program planning. Crescendo Club Elects

Jack Nelson was elected president of Crescendo music club at the high school Thursday. Other officers elected include: Vice president, Eleanor Sikorra; secretary, Betty Jo Davenport; treasurer, Alice Lehman; historian, Joyce Armstrong; sergeant at arms, Charles Hargrave; membership

IT SEEMS TO ME

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talked too much and played too much party politics they showed a keen concern for good government.

This element of the democratic party is backing William L. Josselin, Portland lawyer, for state chairman of the party. Josselin served as secretary to the late Governor Charles H. Martin. His loyalty to his party has been unswerving and his personal and professional standing are high.

A late but nonetheless real contender for the office is Mike DeCicco, Portland tie dealer. DeCicco has played around in politics for years and has been soundly beaten whenever he ran for office himself. His latest venture is that of sponsor and backer of Mike Elliott the democratic sheriff who made false claims to a war record as a marine and to his educational qualifications. When bonding companies hesitated to write a bond for Elliott, DeCicco came to his rescue, and put over what deal was required for Elliott to obtain the bond. Now he holds the sheriff's office in pawn. That activity pretty well stamps a label on DeCicco.

The democratic party is showing resurgence in this state and pointing its drive to 1950 elections. It becomes then a matter of concern to all the people of the state what element is in control of the democratic party. If the grafters and the chiselers seize control of the party and then get control of the legislature or the board of control then Lord help Oregon.

This is why the meeting of the state democratic committee Saturday is of general importance. Friends of recent government over the state, in both parties, certainly will prefer to see Josselin chosen state chairman over DeCicco. I note among Josselin's supporters persons like ex-Governor Walter Pierce, Henry R. Crawford, former postmaster, Bruce Spaulding, Edward H. Bailey of Eugene, William H. Hedlund, George W. Friede, Harvey G. Starkweather, Mr. and Mrs. Verne Dusenberry of Portland. Josselin is in good company with democrats of that type.

Better English

By D. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The two brothers both were there."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "every"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Anonymous, annuity, antecede.

4. What does the word "abrasion" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with sh that means visionary?

ANSWERS
1. Omit both. 2. Pronounce ev-er-I, not ev-ri. 3. Anonymous. 4. The act of wearing, or rubbing off; the wearing away by friction. "Time had caused an abrasion of the coins." 5. Chimerical.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"You're not just buying an ordinary radio... you're buying a golden opportunity to win a home, furniture, automobile, money, trips..."

4, adding that satisfactory employees were not always available for short-term jobs.

Mileage Increased

The committee also increased from 5 to 6 cents per mile the mileage fee paid for privately owned cars used on official county business. This followed rejection of a request by the surveyor for an item of \$1,850 for purchase of a pickup truck.

Under miscellaneous expenditures, the committee raised the current \$1,340 to \$1,600 for predatory animal control, following an appeal Wednesday by stockmen; allowed \$10,000 for securing a new south Marion county garbage disposal site, from which \$5,000 is expected to return from sale of a portion of the land; and learned that the county's industrial accident experience rating cut its contribution down one-third from \$1,500.

Welfare Budget
The welfare budget, specified principally by legislative enactment, will include \$47,733 for aid to dependent children, \$3,034 for aid to blind, \$63,600 for general assistance (up from the current \$50,400 but down from earlier estimated \$85,000), \$116,611 for old age assistance, \$1,000 for indigent soldiers and \$2,500 for county committed children. The total is \$234,478, an increase from \$211,106.

The task of expenditure-allocating was abetted when County Judge Grant Murphy offered a boosted estimate of \$410,000. Instead of \$225,000, as the county's share in state motor and gasoline taxes. Expenditures in this fund were totaled at \$531,820, compared to the present \$475,000. No levy will be required, although a tax of \$147,800 had been expected.

Market Roads Cut
Market roads, however, suffered a cut of approximately \$20,000 to \$185,000, compared to the present \$158,000.

Other departments and their approved expenditures for next year include the treasurer at \$7,156; veterans' service office, \$5,970; recorder, \$28,875; county superintendent, \$18,959; county school fund, \$228,860; county library fund, \$2,228.60; courthouse, \$75,000; juvenile court, \$10,385; 4-H club agent, \$4,550.

Request for addition of a second home demonstration agent, for whom the county would have paid expenses and the state her salary, was rejected. The approved budget is \$3,000.

Levies which will result from the budget, subject to formal computation by officials, will be approximately as follows: general fund, \$521,986; school, \$228,860;

Salem Obituaries

SITZ
Dorothy F. Sitz, late resident of Drewsey, Ore., at a local hospital, April 22 at the age of 13 years. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Sitz, Drewsey; and a brother, Gerald Sitz, Drewsey. Shipment has been made to Burns for services and interment by the Howell-Edwards company.

O'HERN
Jacqueline Frances O'Hern, late resident of Salem route 4, at a local hospital, April 22 at the age of 13 years. Survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis M. O'Hern, Salem; sisters, Jeanine O'Hern and Janice O'Hern, both of Salem; brother, Wayne O'Hern.

school library, \$2,288.60; courthouse construction, \$75,000 and the \$200,000 outside the limitation; market roads, \$194,000.

The committee estimated \$1,393, 888 in revenues in sight outside of the tax levy.

Public budget hearing was not set Thursday, but will be in early June.



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Salem; grandmothers, Mrs. Clara Erickson, Salem, and Mrs. Michael O'Hern, Tacoma. Services will be held Saturday, April 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards chapel. Interment in Belcrest Memorial park.

JACUA
Mrs. Lillian Rose Jacua, at the residence, 1384 Marion st., April 22 at the age of 82 years. Survived by son, C. E. Jacua, Salem; sister, Mrs. John Hoover, Portland, and four grandchildren. Member of the Presbyterian church. Services will be held Friday, April 23, at 3 p.m. in the Howell-Edwards chapel with the Rev. John Goodenberger officiating. Shipment will be made to Medford for interment.

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