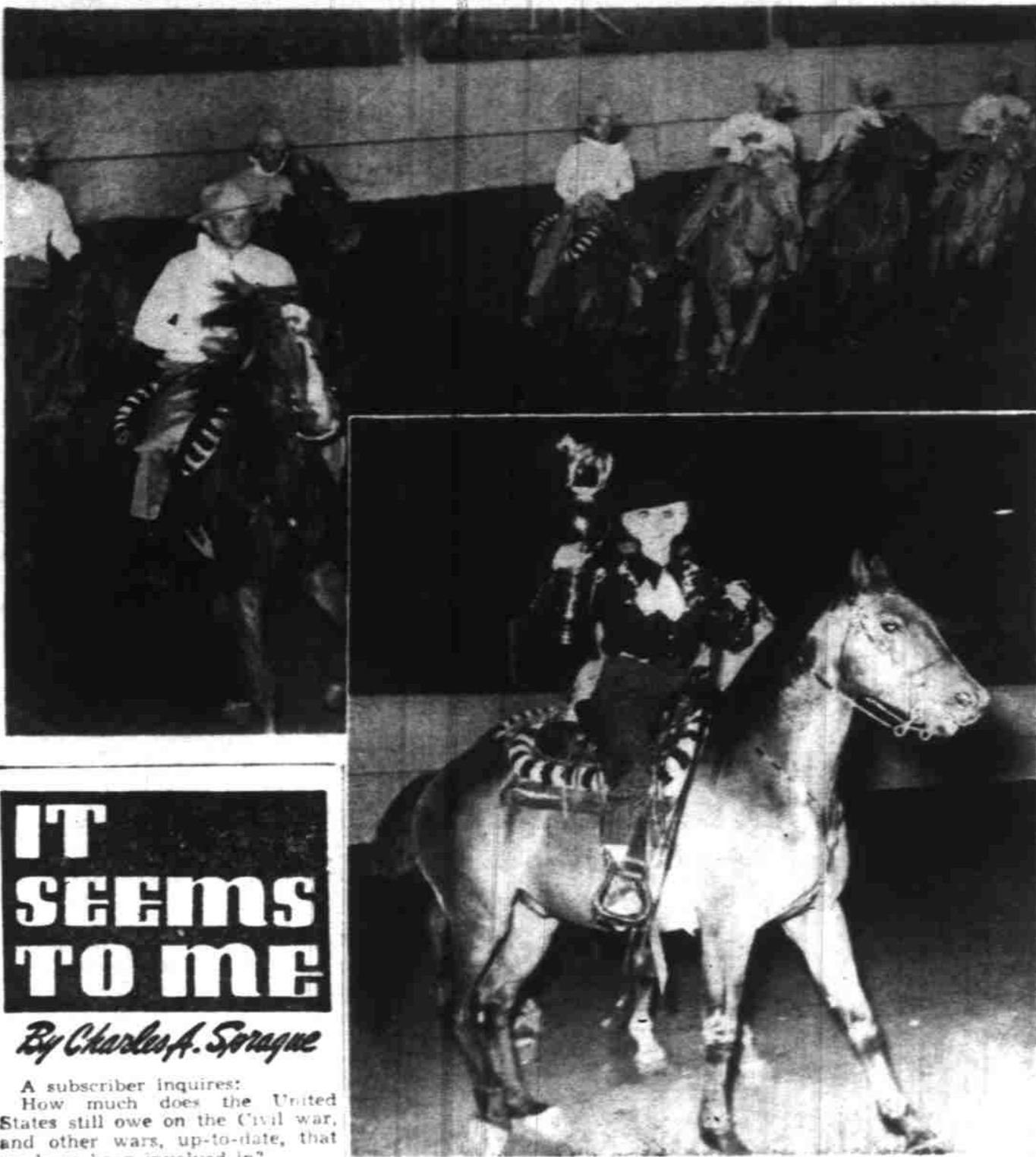


## Riders Show Precision Drill at Horse Show



### IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

A subscriber inquires: How much does the United States still owe on the Civil war, and other wars, up-to-date, that we have been involved in?

Do we still owe on the Revolutionary war?

I'll answer the last question first. No, we do not owe anything on the debt of the Revolutionary war or the war of 1812. By the time Andrew Jackson was president (1823-47) revenues including proceeds of sales of public lands were sufficient to retire all the government debt and leave a treasury surplus. The panic of 1837 reversed conditions and the government got in debt again.

The government doesn't keep its debts allocated to wars, but it is safe to say the Civil war debt has been paid off, though the country has never been out of debt since. The peak debt was \$2,673,000,000 in 1865 (wars were cheap in those days) and the decline continued to a low of \$691,000,000 in 1893. Again "hard times" hit the treasury and the debt rose. The Spanish war of 1898 was "cheap," the total debt in 1899 being only \$1,437,000,000. In spite of building the Panama canal our debt had been pulled down to \$1,225,000,000 in 1916.

Then came the first world war, and the public debt skyrocketed to \$25,482,000,000. Cal Coolidge and Andy Mellon whittled it down until the total was only \$16,185,000,000 in 1930. The depression of the 1930s and the spending policies of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Hopkins pushed the debt up to \$42,968,000,000 in 1940, amid republican and Liberty league cries that the country was being ruined.

The second world war really "shot the works" though, and when it ended the gross debt in 1945 was \$269,422,000,000. It has been reduced some since then, and now is around \$250,000,000,000. Again congress is spending more money than the treasury is taking in so the debt will rise unless new taxes are levied.

The summary is that we still are paying on the debts of the first and second world wars, and will be on the latter for a long, long time. And the moral is: to avoid debt, avoid war.

## CHATEAU NEEDS REPAIRS

PARIS, May 8-(AP)—The famous chateau of Versailles, which was restored with Rockefeller millions after World War I, again needs repairs, according to the Paris newspaper "Figaro". Many of the rooms are said to have suffered from damp because they were insufficiently heated during the occupation years and a part of the ceiling moulding has collapsed in the famous Hall of Mirrors, where the Treaty of Versailles was signed.

Salem Saddle club riders are wheeling their horses in one of the many drills put on during the Western horse show at the fair grounds stadium Saturday night. The show was sponsored by the Willamette Valley Horsemen's association. Other photo is of Mrs. Van Weider just after winning the Lee Everly perpetual trophy for pleasure horses while riding her horse Laddie. This is the second year she has won the trophy. (Statesman photos.) (Story on Sports page.)

## 3 Military Governors to Rule on Reich Document

BONN, Germany, May 8-(AP)—A constituent assembly approved tonight a democratic constitution for a West German republic—opposed by both the Soviet Union and German communists.

The vote in the Western German constituent assembly was 53 to 12. It came at 11:55 p. m. German time, only five minutes before close of the fourth anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe—V-E day.

## Acid Tossed at Police in India

BOMBAY, India, May 8-(AP)—Communist rioting in which acid-filled light bulbs were hurled at police broke out tonight. Twenty-four persons were wounded, three by gunfire. Among the injured were 11 police.

About 800 demonstrators met to demand better treatment for 165 communists on a hunger strike in the Bombay jail. The rioting broke out when police asked the demonstrators not to hold a parade.

## AGOUTI TWINS FOR LONDON

LONDON, May 8-(AP)—Twin agoutis have been born at the London Zoo. An agouti is a buck-toothed Latin American animal about the size of a rabbit.

## R-LAX AS YOU READ

Henry McLemore's Column

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Oregon Statesman

## Truman May Stall Disputed Bills Until '50

WASHINGTON, May 8-(AP)—The Truman administration may decide to let some of its controversial bills wait in congress until next year, it was indicated today.

Democratic leaders in interviews said the chances now seem slim for passage in this session of measures to broaden the base of social security benefits and to put into effect a proposed universal medical care program.

There is also extreme doubt that the new farm subsidy payment plan offered by Secretary of Agriculture Brannan can be pushed to a test vote before congress adjourns, possibly in early August.

To their way of thinking, there might be a political advantage in having congress working on these measures in the spring and early summer of 1950, when voters are beginning to form their decisions on the November congressional

elections. The present session is expected to give final approval to bills providing out a part of the president's 1948 campaign pledges.

In this class are measures restoring the reciprocal trade program to its original form, providing \$300,000,000 annual aid to education and launching a long-range housing program.

However, strong efforts to amend these measures are in the making. In the house, the education bill which has just passed the senate was up against opposition which may mean alteration.

By next year, some democrats think the issues involved in these measures largely will be forgotten by the voters. It might not be too wise, these party members contend, to try to wrap up too early in the form of approved legislation every one of Mr. Truman's 1948 promises.

There are some practical considerations also.

If congress quits in August, it won't have time to consider many of the bills that have been put before it by the administration.

A log-jam of legislation is piling up in the senate, where debate has been lengthy on every major bill which has been brought up.

Thus far the senate has not passed any of the routine money bills for government departments and an economy fight seems likely to delay them further.

It is just getting ready to debate the reciprocal trade agreements bill. It hasn't even scheduled action on the administration's substitute for the Taft-Hartley act.

It soon will have before it, with the approval of its foreign relations committee, the North Atlantic Security treaty, upon which the house does not act.

Behind the treaty will come the administration's proposal to make \$1,450,000,000 available for furnishing arms to treaty signers and other foreign nations.

These issues, civil rights bills such as the proposal to increase the number of displaced persons that can be admitted to this country, seem likely to keep the senate busy through July. Any attempt by the administration to bring up controversial civil rights bills probably would be met by a filibuster prolonging the session indefinitely.

Congress doesn't like staying around Washington in August, despite the fact that the capitol building is air conditioned. Of course, if the lawmakers decided to go home then, President Truman could call them back in the fall. But few think Mr. Truman has any present idea of calling a special session even if part of his program is left untouched.

# The Oregon Statesman

## Traffic Plan Faces Council Test Tonight

### Rift Over New Time Forecast

A highly controversial session looms for the city council tonight with an agenda of accumulated business due for spring house-cleaning.

Some of the broom waving will be aimed at the Baldock highway plan, a daylight saving time proposal, a civil service commission appointment, a barber shop regulatory bill and a zone change asked for a north Salem subdivision. The council will meet at 7:30 p. m. in city hall.

Mayor R. L. Elstrom, after an absence of three council meetings, has sounded the call for final disposition of the proposed state highway plan for a Marion street bridge across the Willamette one-way streets and a highway bypass. In general, the mayor favors adoption of the Baldock plan.

Whether the aldermen will unite in recommending the city's answer to the state highway commission remained in doubt Sunday night, but whatever the council members finally do for the record, will probably be done before a council chamber packed with the various spokesmen for affected Salem districts, most of them on record for amending the Baldock plan.

The city council would have to agree to intracity traffic routings (especially the one-way street system) before the state can proceed with changes in Pacific highway traffic handling.

### Theatre Men Oppose

Daylight saving time, proposed by Alderman Albert H. Gille and endorsed informally by the mayor, may also be due for considerable argument. The bill sponsor said Sunday night he had not heard a single adverse comment on his proposal to switch to faster time, but other aldermen said opposition has arisen from theatre men and other business operators. Alderman Tom Armstrong noted that a month remains of school, and for one would have a hard time getting many school-age kids to bed in broad daylight.

Some other controversies expected to figure in tonight's council meeting concern: Appointment to civil service commission, deferred from last meeting when neither candidate Kenneth Perry nor Monroe Chubb received the required five votes. Vacancy on the three-man commission arose when Lyle J. Page resigned last month.

Regulate Barbershops

A bill to regulate barbershop hours of business, recommended by some union shops and protested by some barbers as an unwarranted city interference in their business.

A public hearing on a requested zone change to permit Portland General Electric Co. to erect a new substation along Oregon Electric tracks near 5th street, opposed by some residents of the area and subject of contradictory petitions, remonstrances and withdrawals of signature from either.

Adoption of the constitution paved the way for general elections in the three western zones for members of parliament. The target date for the new government to take office is July 15.

Choice of a capital city was delayed until later in the week. The chief contestants are Frankfurt and Bonn.

The assembly went on record favoring ratification of the constitution by state legislatures of the three western zones rather than by popular plebiscite.

## THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	74	50	trace
Portland	76	53	90
San Francisco	68	41	00
New York	70	52	00

WYUMLAC river 4.5 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Mostly cloudy this morning, clearing considerably in the afternoon. High today 78; low tonight 44. Weather will be favorable for fair to rain work today.

## SALEM PRECIPITATION

(From Sept. 1 to May 31)

This Year	Last Year	Average
79.94	64.01	34.26

## 2 Criminal Ward Inmates Escape State Hospital, Caught in Portland.

### Chinese Fight 17 Miles from Shanghai Area

By Tom Lambert

SHANGHAI, Monday, May 9-(AP)—Sporadic fighting is going on at Kiating, 17 miles northwest of Shanghai, the nationalist garrison command said today.

The garrison's communique did not mention Kashing, which the communist radio at Peiping announced last night had been taken by the Reds. Kashing is 62 miles by rail southwest of Shanghai.

The communique said the communists were continuing a two-pronged drive in Kwangsi and Chekiang provinces deeper to the southwest of Shanghai.

(Additional details on page 2)

### Dysentery at Fairview Home 'Under Control'

The outbreak of dysentery which claimed two lives in the past three weeks at Oregon's Fairview home for the feeble-minded was apparently under control Sunday.

Dr. Irving B. Hill, hospital superintendent, reported the remaining seven patients being treated for the infection were "definitely improved."

Approximately 50 patients at the 1300-patient institution were ill. A 12-year-old Portland boy died from the infection about three weeks ago, and a 14-month-old girl succumbed Friday night.

Dr. Hill emphasized that the outbreak is not unusual for an institution the size of the Fairview home. He pointed out that both patients who died were already in ill health because of natural infirmities.

The state board of health was called in by Dr. Hill after the Portland boy's death. Subsequent tests failed to disclose any dysentery in the home's water system or food.

The story of the outbreak reached the press, Dr. Hill said, through employees at the home who were warned to exercise extreme care to prevent spread of the infection.

### Many Dogs Eat Better Than Humans

CHICAGO, May 8-(AP)—What's this? Dogs eat better than people?

Dr. C. E. Poling, a nutritionist, says a lot of dogs do. He puts it this way:

"Dogs that eat commercially prepared dog food eat better than a nutrition standpoint than humans do." Dr. Poling recently made a scientific test of both kinds of vittles.

One was a typical meal for a man. It included half a grapefruit, a four ounce slice of ham, mashed potatoes, peas, a slice of bread, butter, lettuce, pear and cream cheese salad, coffee with cream and sugar, and ice cream. It weighed one and a third pounds.

The other was a one-pound can of dog food. It contained meat by-products such as hearts and kidneys, cereals, legumes, minerals and vitamin supplements.

The serving of "ham and so" came out ahead in four classifications—calories, fat, carbohydrates and Vitamin A. The dog's grub rated higher in seven—the essential proteins, calcium, phosphorus, iron, thiamin, riboflavin and niacin.

One nutrient, Vitamin C, was in the human dinner but not in the dog's lunch. Dogs don't need it in their diet. They manufacture it in their bodies.

"I tested several other typical menus," he said. "The results were about the same."

### Shovels Money From Street

PITTSBURGH, May 8-(AP)—John Dwellit shoveled money off the street today—\$300 worth.

John has been filling a five-gallon whiskey bottle with pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters for three years. A burglar snatched the bottle early today and ran to the street.

The jug slipped from his finger with a crash and coins flew in all directions. The butter-fingered thief ran. John went to work with a shovel, a broom and a dustpan.

### Police Open Fire On Italian Reds

BARI, Italy, May 8-(AP)—Several persons were wounded tonight at Minervino Murge, near Bari in southeastern Italy, when police broke up an unauthorized communist parade.

The parade had been vetoed by Bari police for "motives of public order." When asked to disperse, the communists stoned the police.

When the police returned with reinforcements the communists resumed their stoning. The police then opened fire.

### A Great Bazaar

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### Ford Refuses to Accept Walkout Mediation Bid

DETROIT, May 8-(AP)—Ford Motor Co. today rejected offers of mediation in the four-day strike of 65,000 workers.

John S. Bugas, vice president in charge of industrial relations, said the union contract provides for arbitration in such disputes.

Therefore, he said, the union's charge of a speed-up at two plants should be processed by that means.

His reply followed offers by two municipal governments.

Mayor Orville L. Hubbard of suburban Dearborn, where Ford's Rouge plant is situated, invited both parties to a meeting Thursday.

Shortly afterwards, acting Mayor George Edwards of Detroit offered the services of the city's labor-management-citizens committee.

The CIO United Auto Workers said they were willing to accept Hubbard's proposal.

### Halsey Boy Drowns as Creek Bank Collapses

HALSEY, May 8-(Special)—William Harding, 10, drowned today in Muddy Creek, 1 1/2 miles west of here, when the creek bank collapsed beneath him.

The accident was witnessed by Phillip Villaneuva and Dick Lucas, 10-year-old Halsey boys, who were playing with young Harding. Neither could swim and were unable to pull their companion from the stream.

The boys said Harding had taken off his clothes preparing to swim when the ledge gave way. They said he bobbed to the surface twice before sinking into the muddy water. Searchers, hampered by darkness and silt-filled water, were still grappling for the body late tonight.

The victim was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding, who were at the nearby farm of Cecil Harris attending a family reunion when the tragedy occurred. The boys left the gathering to hike along the creek. Lucas and Villaneuva ran to the farm for help when they were unable to help their companion.

Other survivors are a brother, Bobby, his grandparents, of Halsey, several uncles, and an aunt, Mrs. Alice Wilson of Salem.

### Discreet Story

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Watson had escaped the hospital once before. He was recommitted July a few days after participating in a holdup and forfeiture of a motor court owner near Portland. Barnes was convicted of a holdup last October.

### Cough Drop Magnate Dies

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 8-(AP)—William H. Luden, 90, originator of the menthol candy cough drop, died today of a heart attack at his beachfront home.

As a youngster, Luden made penny candies with his own hands in his mother's kitchen and peddled them to offices and mills in his home town.

Fifty years later, he was head of a manufacturing concern that shipped candy products throughout most of the world.

### Farm Areas to Ask Salem Council to Avoid New Time

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Petitions are being circulated and reportedly finding good response. Outlying districts have requested permission to take the petitions to their friends and neighbors for signatures. The farmers especially look upon the proposed change with disfavor.

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### Bars Sawed by Pair; Sheets Used as Rope

Two criminal ward inmates who escaped from Oregon state hospital in Salem early Sunday by sawing ward bars with hacksaw blades were captured in Portland later in the day.

The escapees, Marion Watson, 21, and Floyd Barnes, 19, told Portland detectives of sawing window bars on the third floor of the hospital. They slid to the ground by using a bed sheet for a rope.

Portland Detective Harry Goltz said the men claimed they were provided the hacksaw blades by a hospital attendant, but that they refused to disclose his name.

Dr. Charles E. Bates, hospital superintendent, however, said Sunday night that the pair fare merely by attempting to shift the blame to an innocent party. He said the guard supposedly involved was taking his regular week end off when the blades were passed to Watson and Barnes.

Bates also pointed out that Watson had talked with a woman visitor Saturday night. He said it would have been possible for the visitor to slip him the blades, although an attendant was standing outside the visiting room door at the time.

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### Memorial Hospital to Exhibit Improvements at Open House

Plans for an open house on Sunday, May 22, at Salem Memorial hospital, to exhibit recent improvements funded from Salem Hospital Development program, were announced Saturday by Mal Rudd, chairman of the hospital board.

The entire hospital will be open to the public from 3 to 5 p. m. that day.

Improvements to be viewed include the recently completed obstetrics and nursery department, major and minor surgery rooms, physiotherapy room, urology room, doctors' locker room, public and aides' wash rooms. A new laboratory in process of being installed

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Rudd said the entire hospital had been redecorated in pastel shades and that the lobby and offices have been modernized. The exterior, painted last year, will receive its final coat of paint before the open house.

Oak street adjacent to the hospital on the north has been paved and the area just back of the building has been landscaped, including paving for ambulance loading area.

Rudd reminded Saturday that more modernization and service-improving projects are still to be provided in the near future at the institution.

### Baseball Scores

Western International

At Bremerton 4-3, Victoria 9-1

At Tacoma 1-3, Vancouver 14-5

At Yakima 9-11, Spokane 4-4

### Baseball Scores

Coast League

At Portland 2-5, Seattle 1-6

At Oakland 7-5, San Francisco 9-1

At San Diego 5-3, Sacramento 6-3

At Hollywood 6-10, Los Angeles 1-4

### Baseball Scores

American League

At Cleveland 2-6, Washington 7-2

At Chicago 11-2, Philadelphia 2-8

At Detroit 6, New York 12-1

At St. Louis 4-3, Boston 10-4

### Baseball Scores

National League

At New York 10, Chicago 1

At Brooklyn 8, St. Louis 7

At Boston 2-4, Pittsburgh 8-11

At Philadelphia 7-4, Cincinnati 14-1