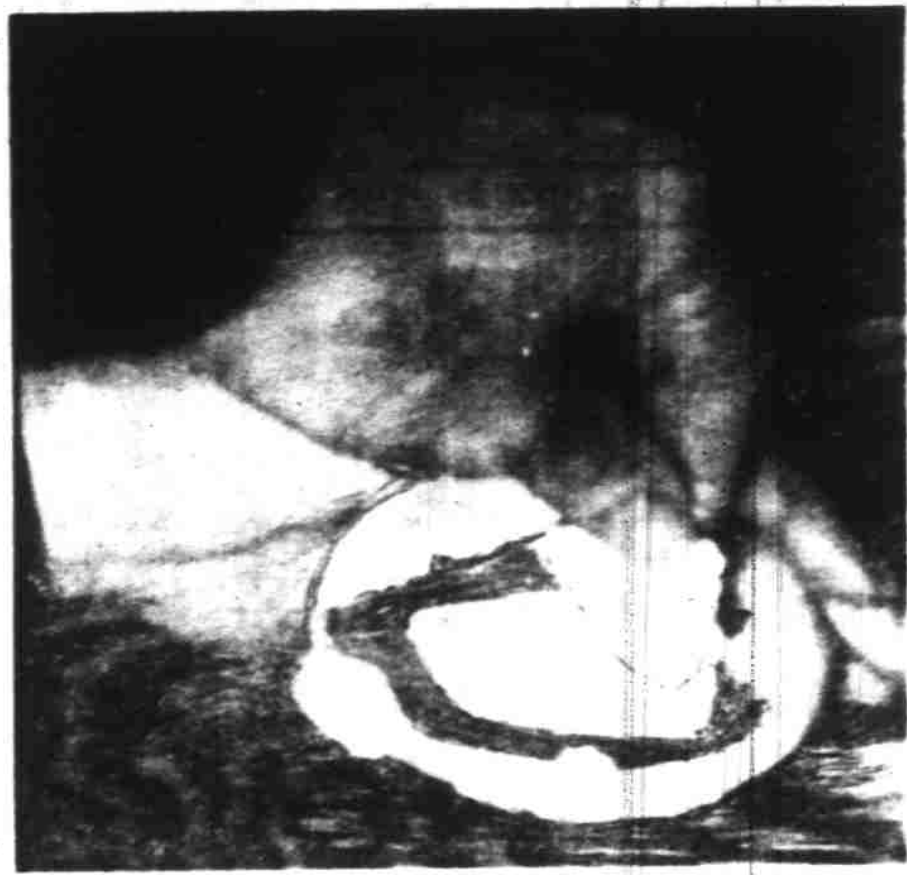


Egg Hqd Double Everything



The photo shows a barnyard oddity—a turkey egg inside a turkey egg. The 10 1/2-inch egg is a product of the George Rhoden farm in the Roberts district. Rhoden's children gathered the egg early this week and cracked a small hole in the shell when they noticed it was unusually heavy. Inside they found a perfectly formed egg, slightly larger than a large chicken egg, floating in a separate yolk and white. Mrs. Frank Bales, 437 S. Liberty st., held the egg for the photographer. (Statesman photo.)

Campus Editor Selected



Eric P. Bergman, Salem, left, and Ellen R. Montague, present and future editors respectively, of the Willamette University Collegian weekly, look over prize winning safety issue of the paper. Miss Montague, 20, is a senior from Newberg. (Statesman photo.)

Talent Wins Her a Scholarship



Demonstrating some of the skill which won her a year's art scholarship is Darlene Engdahl, 17, Salem high school senior. Miss Engdahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Engdahl, 1743 Park ave., won the scholarship to the Rudolph Schaeffer school of design in San Francisco, with her art and design entries in the Scholastic magazine contest in competition with students from over the nation. (Statesman photo.)

Four Corners Firm Open in New Location



FOUR CORNERS—New quarters for the Four Corners Hardware and Sporting Goods store are being finished this month, although the store is now open for business. Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bales, who have had the hardware store in Four Corners for the past two years, the new building is at 155 S. Lancaster dr., just across from the old location. A complete line of hardware and sporting goods is carried, and Homer Bales has an automotive supply department in the same building. (Statesman photo.)

Rain Tomorrow? Weather Prophets May Disagree But Odds Say It's Good Gamble

By Thomas G. Wright

Will it rain tomorrow? The farmer is keenly interested, and so is the golfer. Baseball management has a big stake involved and takes a heavy loss when the day turns up dripping wet. It's safe to say that at least half the people are affected by rainy weather one way or another. And that's discounting the many who are slightly inconvenienced or disgruntled by jupe pluvius's antics.

Weather forecasting for that reason has become big business throughout the world and long ago left the guess game level. It's easy for the man in the street to say that the boys in the harness, meters, balloons and a hundred other contraptions still don't know what they are talking about. But the same man will be surprised to find out how close the weatherman is when all the scores are tallied up.

There are more ways to predicting the weather than days in the year, but most of them don't come closer than 50 per cent. If the sun sets red, it has water in its eye, goes one old saying; and conversely, red sunset in the morning, sailors take evening red sunset at night, sailors delight. Or if there is a halo around the moon or the sun or there is not a halo around the moon or the sun, rain is on the way.

If the smoke drifts to the ground, it will be a rainy day tomorrow. If you see mirages, heat waves on the highway, that is another sure sign. If the birds feed late or early, it's a sure sign of approaching storm. And the moon has a tremendous effect, 'tis claimed, just by the position it is in the sky. If the are is on its back, no rain will spill out and if it's tipped, rain is on the way. The same goes for the big dipper.

Every man, woman and child with a trace of superstition can tell instantly whether rain is coming, they can feel it in their bones. There is no end to easy but not so sure fire ways of predicting tomorrow's weather, but for Salem and vicinity the problem is a cinch.

First there is the interested but trustworthy weather bureau which will turn up a better than two-thirds chance in predicting what the sky will give us in the fall. And there is the weather bureau, the dependable odds.

For an entire season the odds are just about even that it will rain tomorrow. On the average Salem will have 138 days this year when rain will fall. That gives you a 1-3 chance of being right if you say "it's going to rain tomorrow." But to help out a bit you can figure the odds for any one month and better your chances. And too, there are enough days in addition to the 138 when just a trace of rain will fall to bring that yearly basis up to about 50-50.

The odds are 6-5 that it will rain on any given day in January. The same applies for February and March. Odds slip to 3-5 in April and May and drop all the way down to 1-15 by July and August. From there they start climbing again until November and December give you a 6-5 edge again. Will it be clear tomorrow? Don't bet on it, you're on the short end of a 1-3 gamble if you do.

Reds Report Hankow Drive

By the Associated Press

Crack Chinese communist troops from Manchuria were reported Wednesday to have opened an offensive against Hankow.

Reliable reports to Canton said the troops had driven to Hwangpei, 22 miles north of that big government base in central China. Gen. Pai Chung-Hsi, defender of Hankow, was in Canton. He is said to have demanded more air support for his troops.

Pai's chief of staff, Gen. Huang Hu-Hua, declared in Canton that Hankow would be defended.

This was in spite of the fact that another fast moving communist column had reached Kinki, 240 air miles to the southeast.

Fire District Officers Elected at Gates

GATES — Directors of the proposed Gates rural fire protection district were elected in a meeting at the school last week.

They are Hollis Turnidge, Glen Hennessy, Oswald Hirtle, Elmer Klutke and Harold Heath. The group will meet again in about three weeks.

Field Narrows In WU Student Election Race

Willamette university student body election's turned into an elimination race Tuesday and Wednesday at the campus with all offices still open to contention, though the field was narrowed to two candidates per office. Runoff elections will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Candidates to run next week are Russell Tripp, Albany and Chuck Patterson, Burlingame, Calif., for student body president (loser will automatically become representative at large on the student council); Roger Adams, Milbrae, Calif., and William Olson, Depoe Bay, first vice president; Burnell Ambrose, Gresham, and Arthur Dimond, Portland, second vice president; Fred Howard, Burlingame, Calif., and Maxine Muckle, Portland, secretary.

For class representatives are Richard Huntley, Salem and Gordon Pratt, Portland, senior; Jack Gunn, Monmouth and Margie Powell, Beaverton, junior; Rodney Beale, Salem and David Place, Hood River, sophomore.

Vet's Services To Get Raise In State Funds

Twenty Oregon counties employing veterans' service officials including Marion county will receive a 10 per cent increase in state contributions starting July 1 to help finance these operations, Director William F. Gaarenstroom of the state veterans affairs department announced Wednesday.

Currently the state veterans' agency is defraying 30 per cent of the counties' cost of maintaining veterans' service centers, to a maximum of \$1,200 per county. An amended budget permits the department to increase the amount for the 1949-50 fiscal year to 40 per cent and a \$1600 maximum.

A total of \$43,560 is set aside for county aid for the next biennium.

The question of maintaining the 40 per cent level over the second year of the biennium hinges on whether additional counties qualify to receive state funds by establishing service offices, officials said.

The department's assistance to counties was established by administrative policy nearly two years ago in order to encourage home town counseling and aid in processing veterans' benefit claims to Oregon ex-servicemen.

Court Ruling To Determine Tax Legality

Officials Wednesday indicated a suit in the courts may be necessary to determine whether a 1 cent of the recent legislature increasing the state gasoline tax one cent a gallon becomes operative July 1 or July 16.

The bill, as approved by the legislature and signed by Gov. Douglas McKay, provides that the additional one-cent gasoline tax shall become effective July 1 but the law itself does not become operative until July 16. The emergency clause was omitted from the measure. The question has arisen as to whether payment of the tax can be made mandatory before the law providing for such a tax is effective.

The additional tax was recommended by the 1947 legislative interim committee on state highway development which filed its report with the 1949 legislature. Funds derived from the additional tax would be credited to the state highway commission and be used for road construction and maintenance.

David O'Hara, in charge of the state elections bureau, said there is a serious question as to whether the gasoline tax can be made retroactive to a date before the law providing for such a tax is operative.

F-82 FIGHTER CRASHES

MOSES LAKE, Wash., May 11 (AP)—An F-82 twin Mustang fighter crashed tonight about five miles from the air force base here shortly after taking off. There were two men aboard.

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Lee Scott Led to Jail Cell



ROANOKE, Va., May 11—Lee Scott (left), his face scratched, is led to a jail cell last night after Detective Capt. Frank H. Webb, (center) announced Scott had been charged with the church kitchen murder of Dana Marie Weaver, 16-year-old schoolmate. Other officer is Detective Jack Mitchell. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)



SEALED SHIP—Young Andrew Gilroy studies a colored glass ship that floats in a sealed water container, made in 1840, and exhibited by Ralph M. Meyer in the Chicago Antique show.

Wade Urges Protests Against Medical Bills

Warning that federal health program bills now in congress "would result in a broad socialistic program affecting free enterprise" similarly to results in Britain and New Zealand was voiced Wednesday at Salem Optimist club by Glen Wade, public relations counsel of Northwest Medical-Dental bureau.

Wade urged public protests and action quickly to prevent the possibility of such action in congress.

Rangers Snare Marion B Toga

STAYTON, May 11—(Special)—Aumsville's Rangers captured the Marion County B League baseball crown tonight as they edged Sublimity, 2-1, in a nine inning overtime playoff game. Eldon Russell of Aumsville gave five blows and fanned 17 men. Albus of the losers whiffed 13 in seven innings.

Sublimity: 000 001 000-1 5 0
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Albus, Giersbacher (7) and T. Highberger, Russell and Hayes.

The brain of a newly born child is about one third of its ultimate size.

TO INSPECT PLANT
OREGON CITY, May 11—(AP)—Members of the Oregon Livestock cooperative will inspect their new meat processing plant at a barbecue outing May 21. Secretary Jack Kassner said buying and marketing will be discussed by industry spokesmen at the plant located near Clackamas.

LOCAL GAL WINS
PORTLAND, May 11—(Special)—The Jany Florists girls softball team of Salem opened its season tonight with an 8-2 victory over Jantzen Knitting Mills as LaVonna Shottwell came through with a four-hit mound job.

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Public Playgrounds Program Given Booster by Civic Clubs

Public playgrounds properly equipped will become a reality in Salem through the sponsorship of the Salem Junior Womens club with the cooperation of seven of the city's service clubs, it was decided Wednesday evening when the plan was discussed at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Representatives from the clubs heard proposed details of the project from Mrs. Sam Caldwell, pres., Mrs. Ralph Atwood, 1st vp. and Mrs. E. E. Woodson, of the womens club.

Organizations represented at the meeting included the Kiwanis club, Rotary club, Lions club, 20-30 club, Optimists, Cherrians and Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The women presented a prospectus showing the city had five parks and two playgrounds. The playgrounds are owned by the Salem school district and are equipped with devices designed to give exercise. Mrs. Campbell told

heard proposed details of the project assembled group that what the city needed was fully equipped playgrounds where children would play for recreation.

Only the Highland park site, Mrs. Campbell said, was really fully developed for equipment to be installed now.

The group finally approved plans for the project and at the suggestion of J. D. Burroughs, Lions club representative, agreed to finance the Highland park grounds on the basis of proportional membership.

Cost of equipping one playground with large swings, kindergarten swings, merry-go-round, horizontal bar and a 16-foot wave slide, the women pointed out, would be \$784.

Development of the Highland park playgrounds will be the start toward creating playgrounds in Marion Square, Kan Park, Pringle Park, Bush's Pasture and at playgrounds at 15th and Mill streets and 22nd and Lee streets.

Before placing the projects before the city's civic organizations the womens club presented copies of their prospectus to George Putnam of the Capital Journal, Chairman A. Sprague, The Oregon Statesman, Mayor R. L. Elstrom, City Manager J. L. Franzen and Clay Cochran, manager of the Chamber of Commerce and had each give signature approval of the project.

If the play ground movement takes hold as the women believe it will they plan to organize special celebrations at prospective playground sites in an endeavor to finance further equipment purchases.

Club President George Schmitt extended thanks to the co-sponsors for donating uniforms for the Mt. Angel team.

Fred J. Schwab reported that the Flax Festival committee has signed for concessions for children during the annual celebration from July 29 to 31.

Frank Hettwer, in reporting on the dinner meeting with the Portland Chamber of Commerce, said he considered it an exciting well spent, that everyone seemed well pleased and that the Portland group had presented very able speakers.

Father Damian, returned from a week's stay in a Portland hospital, explained that the reason the boys of St. Mary's school were not permitted to play baseball during school hours was simply to avoid accident, to the other 400 pupils using the playground at the same time.

Weather Blamed for Rattlesnake Invasion

LEWISTON, Ida., May 11—P. O. Oldham, Idaho, blaming the early 94-degree temperatures for the appearance of rattlesnakes inside the city limits for the first time in years.

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