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NEW YORK, May 13—Debris litters the Holland Tunnel's east bound tube today following explosion of drums of chemicals on a truck. Explosion was touched off when truck (center) caught fire near the New Jersey end of the tunnel. Flames spread to other trucks and the underpass highway was filled with carbon disulphide fumes. Firemen wearing gas masks brought the fire under control. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Business Women Convene in Salem

State Delegates to Hear Judge Hughes

By Maxine Baren
Statesman Women's Editor

Delegates from 48 Business and Professional Women's clubs of Oregon are convening in Salem for a three-day state convention this weekend.

Special guest and main speaker for tonight's banquet is Judge Sarah J. Hughes of Dallas, Tex., first vice-president of the national Federation of Business and Professional Women's clubs who arrived by plane Friday afternoon.

Registration (picture on page 8) and routine reports of committees opened the session on Friday with "Gypsy Fun Night" at the Chamber of Commerce, the concluding event of the day.

The 226 club presidents, state board members and delegates and the 37 registered alternates will get down to business this morning with the formal opening of the convention at the First Methodist church at 8:30. Mrs. Arthur Weddle, Salem, state president, will preside at the session.

Judge Hughes will be the main speaker at the meeting which follows the banquet tonight. The evening meeting is set for 8 o'clock at the armory; banquet guests will be served at the Marion hotel and Legion club.

Judge Hughes in her address, will touch on the opportunities for women in business, the professions and education and how they are meeting the challenge. She will discuss particularly the chance women have in serving the public through jury duty. She titles her address "Women's Challenge in Today's World."

Election of state officers will take place during the afternoon, with installation at the breakfast meeting Sunday.

(Additional details on Society page and page 8).

Wasn't the Real McCoy

The Salem car salesman sold a \$1,400 Ford to a customer named McCoy, but it wasn't the real McCoy. The \$1,400 check, that is.

As a result, local police are on the lookout for a man using the name of Bert McCoy, who is subject of a felony warrant charging obtaining money by false pretenses.

Police reported that George Reicher, 2295 Brevan st., sold a 1947 Ford coach, maroon colored with Oregon license plates 201-312, to a man who explained he was having his money transferred from an Alaskan bank to Salem. The \$1,400 check bounced, police said.

MORE TIME CHANGES
LEBANON, May 13—(AP)—Sweet home and Lebanon mayors decided today to proclaim daylight on daylight time at 12:01 a. m. saving time. Sweet home will go Monday, and Lebanon at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday.

Salem Men's Garden Club to Open Spring Show at YM Today

By Little L. Madsen
Garden Editor, The Statesman

Plans for the Salem Men's Garden club spring show which will be held in the Salem YMCA today and Sunday. The show will close with an auction sale of plant material at 7:30 Sunday night. Hours are from 10:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. Saturday and from 10 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

W. P. McKinney, chairman of the show, says its purpose is to stimulate amateur gardening and that anyone is invited to exhibit in the classes provided. There are no entrance fees. Each exhibitor may enter as many exhibits in each division as desired but only one in each class. All exhibits must be in by 11:30 Saturday forenoon. Later entries cannot be entered for judging, McKinney says. He asks that the name and telephone number of address of the exhibitor be taped on the bottom of the

containers. Proceeds of the Sunday night plant sale take the place of entry fees; and any receipts above expenses will go into the club's YMCA building fund.

The show has been divided into five divisions, annuals and perennials; bulbs and allied plants, flowering arrangements; flowering trees, shrubs, and vines, and potted plants.

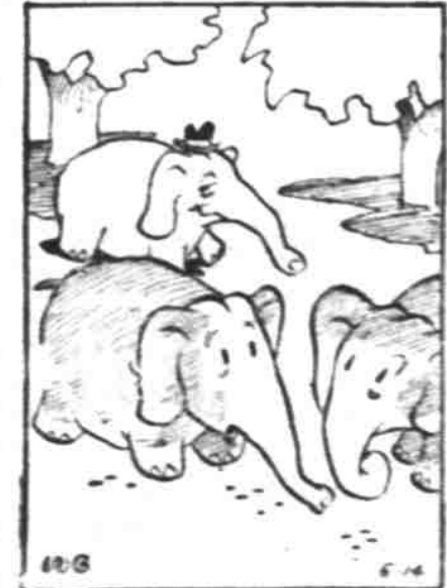
Flower arrangements are divided into classes for garden clubs, individuals, juniors under 14, non-competitive floral arrangements and an arrangement by the Men's Garden club.

Division 4 includes azaleas, clusters of rhododendron, three sprays of lilacs of one kind, and one or more sprays of any tree, shrub or vine, not mentioned.

Potted plants include potted plants in bloom, ferns, foliage plants, cacti.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"What do you do when you're stuck with a white elephant?"

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Tornado Twists at Klamath

Continued warm weather is forecast for the Willamette valley during the next several days but weather forecasters indicated little danger of floods in snow-fed streams here.

Clouds Friday held the mercury down eight degrees below an anticipated 90. A maximum temperature today of about 85 degrees was predicted by the U. S. weather bureau at McNary field early this morning.

The Willamette river is expected to rise only slightly during the next two days. The river gauge read 5.8 feet Friday as the sun caused a gradual run-off of snow waters in the surrounding mountains.

A small tornado appeared 25 miles north of Klamath Falls but did little damage. A few forest fires burst out in the Beaver creek burn on the Umpqua national forest and a 120-acre slashing blaze that started earlier this week near Forest Grove was brought under control.

Threatened floods near Union and in central Oregon vanished. The Kootenai river in northern Idaho burst its dikes and flooded 250 acres of farm land Friday. While the Snake and middle Columbia rivers continued to rise slowly, forecasters said a flood of last year's proportions is almost impossible on the Columbia.

Pension Bill Referendum Petition Filed

Preliminary petition for referendum of the so-called \$50 a month old age pension law of the recent legislature was filed in the state elections bureau Friday.

The petition was signed by Opal L. Howk, and Henry C. Menasco, both of Portland, and Carson U. Harbaugh, of Salem. Joe Dunne, Portland, delivered the petition to the state department.

The law under attack acknowledges the need for a minimum \$50 a month old age pension but provides that such an amount shall be paid only if funds are available. Most opposition to the legislative bill centered on a section giving the state first claim against the estates of old age assistance beneficiaries, subject to certain exemptions, up to the amount the old age assistance beneficiaries had received.

In event completed petitions containing 15,226 signatures of qualified voters are filed by July 15 of this year, a referendum measure will be on the ballot at the general election in 1950.

Independence To Switch Time

INDEPENDENCE, May 13—(Special)—Following the lead of Salem, the city of Independence will go on daylight saving time Monday. Mayor Ralph Spencer, after contacting members of the city council this week, announced that Independence clocks will be set ahead Sunday night and residents of this area will awake an hour earlier than usual on Monday morning.

"With Salem adopting faster time we couldn't do anything but follow suit," Mayor Spencer declared. "For us to stay on standard time would only make for confusion."

Baseball Scores

Western International
At Vancouver 4, Salem 1
At Victoria 8, Wenatchee 7
At Yakima 8, Tacoma 6
At Spokane 4, Bremerton 8

Coast League
At Portland 4, Hollywood 9
At Seattle 3, Oakland 9
At San Francisco 3, Sacramento 9
At Los Angeles 9, San Diego 1

National League
At New York 9, Philadelphia 1
At Boston 6, Brooklyn 3 (10 in.)
At Pittsburgh 3, St. Louis 2
At Cincinnati 7, Chicago 9

American League
At St. Louis 2, Detroit 7
At Chicago 11, Cleveland 19
Only games scheduled.

Our Senators



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Armed Forces Pay Hike Advances

Captain May Take Eisler to Poland

Police Arrest Wife of Fleeing Red Leader

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—U. S. efforts to recapture Gerhart Eisler tonight appeared likely to be thwarted by the captain of a Polish ship on which the communist fugitive stowed away.

A radio report from the vessel quoted the captain, Jan Cwiklinski, as saying: "I will land him in Gdynia."

That is the Polish port where the Batory is headed after it puts into Southampton.

The Polish mariner gave that reply to CBS Correspondent Richard Yaffee who is aboard the Batory. Yaffee reported to his New York office that he asked the captain what he would do "if the United States requests delivery of Eisler at Southampton?" He said the Pole answered:

"The United States authorities must take that up with the Polish diplomatic service. I can do nothing without permission from my line and our own diplomatic authorities."

Leaving his wife behind, Eisler fled as a stowaway aboard the Polish liner on May 6. The ship is due off Southampton, England, tomorrow en route to Gdynia, Poland.

The justice department announced that Mrs. Eisler, 37, a native of Poland, was re-arrested in New York this morning and held for deportation.

The FBI had asked Britain's famed Scotland Yard to meet the Batory and take Eisler into custody as a "stowaway."

Wallace Asks De Cicco to Quit

PORTLAND, May 13—(AP)—Lew Wallace, former democratic national committeeman, appealed today to Mike De Cicco to resign as party treasurer "in the interests of party harmony."

Wallace wrote De Cicco that, while the laws did not appear to make possible his forcible removal, "in the interest of party harmony * * * you should resign at once and clear the atmosphere. You would be doing a public service by resigning at once."

Democratic officials who seek to oust De Cicco were reported planning to ask Attorney General George Neuner whether they could legally do so.

SILVERTON TO MOVE CLOCKS

SILVERTON, May 13—(AP)—Citizens here will move their clocks an hour ahead Monday to conform with the change to daylight saving time in surrounding towns. The city council voted to go onto the faster time schedule at a meeting here tonight.

FETE TO ADD DANCING

LEBANON, May 13—(AP)—A square dancing exhibition will feature the Lebanon Strawberry Festival for the first time this year. The festival, to be held June 3, has always been chiefly famous for its 5,000 pound strawberry shortcake.

To Inherit Unification Problem



OMAHA, Nebr., May 13—Francis P. Matthews is shown in his law office today following announcement of his appointment as Secretary of the Navy to succeed John L. Sullivan, who resigned recently. (AP Wirephoto to The Statesman). (Story on page 2).

Salem High's Musicians Win 11 Superior Ratings

KLAMATH FALLS, May 13—(Special)—A total of eleven superior ratings and over 20 second ratings were won by Salem high school music students in the opening session today of the 2nd annual Oregon State music contest.

The 110 students from Salem senior and Parrish and Leslie high schools competed with over 3,100 other contestants. The Salem musicians sold tags to the public on Salem streets to raise money for their trip.

The musical festival, drawing the cream of Oregon's high school music talent, is being held on the Oregon Technical Institute campus just outside the city. It is the former U. S. marine hospital now turned into a vacation school.

Today's individual efforts ended with a band and orchestra contest tonight, at which the Salem high school's band and orchestra each won a first place. The contest will end Saturday.

(Additional details on page 2)

Hofstetter Chairman Of June Dairy Month

Hans Hofstetter of Curly's dairy, Salem, has been appointed June Dairy Month committee chairman for the Marion county area, Lyle Hammock, state chairman for June Dairy months, reports.

The program, says Hammock, is planned to acquaint consumers with all phases of the dairy industry, "the largest of all agricultural industries."

Economy Drive Clamor Ignored By Committee

WASHINGTON, May 13—(AP)—A \$406,000,000 pay hike for the nation's armed forces won unanimous approval of the house armed services committee today despite rising congressional clamor for government economy.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) said all 28 committee members voted for the measure after he read a letter of endorsement from Secretary of Defense Johnson who also said the budget bureau reported President Truman himself had no objections.

If approved by congress, it will provide the first general pay rise for officers since 1908, boosting the basic monthly income of generals and admirals, for instance, almost 50 per cent. But all military personnel would get more money except the bottom grade enlisted man, with the increases averaging about 14 per cent.

The new pay bill would apply not only to active members of the armed services, but also to reserve branches, the national guard, the air national guard and to the coast guard, public health service and the coast and geodetic survey.

Here are some examples of the increases: (Although these are figures for army personnel they apply to equivalent ranks in the other services):

	Present Monthly Basic Pay	Proposed Monthly Basic Pay
Maj. Generals and above \$733	\$816 to \$1,008	
Brig. General 530	\$616 to \$729	
Colonel 438	\$567 to \$670	
Maj 354	\$462 to \$546	
Captain 270	\$378 to \$450	
1st Lieutenant 200	\$282 to \$337	
2nd Lieutenant 162	\$225 to \$270	

The enlisted scale would go up more gradually, with the sixth grade man getting \$2 more and the first grade enlisted man receiving \$3 additional.

This is how it would operate: A second lieutenant, or navy ensign, would enter the service at \$225 a month. As long as he kept that rank he would get automatic increases until reaching the top pay of \$530 at the end of 14 years.

Then, to get more money, he would have to be promoted.

This plan would abolish the present system of giving officers and enlisted personnel a bonus of five per cent of their base pay for every three years of service.

Laborites Lose In City Ballots

LONDON, May 13—(AP)—British voters handed the ruling labor party another setback in returns today from city council elections. Winston Churchill's conservatives scored big gains.

In all the 420 Boroughs voting yesterday, conservatives showed a net gain of 895 seats, while the laborites had a net loss of 715, the British Press association reported.

Final figures showed the conservatives held 1,856 seats throughout England and Wales and the laborites 1,778. A labor spokesman said his party suffered a net loss of 646, of which 263 were in London.

China Reds in New Province

SHANGHAI, Saturday, May 14—(AP)—The Chinese communists declared yesterday they had thrust into Fukien, the southeast province opposite Formosa.

The communist radio broadcast came as Red forces drove toward Shanghai's last air and sea links with the world—Longwa airport and the Wusung harbor entrance.

The Reds asserted they had "liberated" Chungking. This is the frontier town of northern Fukien province to which the Nationalists said they sent reinforcements several days ago.

THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	81	57	0.0
Portland	81	57	0.0
San Francisco	80	54	trace
Chicago	88	65	0.0
New York	88	67	0.0

Willamette river 5.8 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem) Partly cloudy today and tonight. Highest temperature today near 85 degrees; low tonight near 53. Conditions favorable for all farm activities.

SALEM PRECIPITATION

	This Year	Last Year	Normal
(Sept. 1 to May 14)	24.94	44.00	34.68



SILVERTON—Fourteen foxes in one day is quite a catch, even for a government trapper, believes Victor Howard, Marion county predator trapper. He is shown here at right with his catch of Wednesday. The mother fox at the extreme left was trapped and her nine kits dug out of the den. The other four were taken from a nearby den of seven, three of which had been killed by farmers earlier. Surrounding the den was a litter of turkey legs, a lamb carcass, and scores of chicken and rabbit bones. At the right is Johnny Maulding, former Silverton Hills farmer, now retired to Silverton, who assisted Howard in the take. (Statesman Farm Photo.)