

Salem School District Budget, Consolidations Pass

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Recall of Newbry, Pearson Advocated

Road Tax Killed by Ex-Solon Suggests Campaign

DALLAS, May 20.—(Special)—A 10-mill road tax levy was defeated by more than 2 to 1 in voting throughout Polk county today.

With 33 of the county's 35 precincts reported at midnight, the unofficial count showed 1,321 voters opposed to the levy and 395 in favor.

The special levy was proposed to raise \$480,000 over a three-year period for general improvement of county roads, most of which suffered heavily in the severe weather last winter.

Some of the amount will become available despite the adverse vote as rural taxpayers will continue to pay their 6.3-mill road tax. Under the ballot proposal these taxpayers would have paid an additional 3.7 mills and the city taxpayers the full 10 mills.

Sherrill T. B. Hooker said the voting was especially heavy against the tax in southern Polk county including the Mount-Independence area. The margin against the tax was considerably less in Dallas, he said, and all but three of four precincts voted against the proposal.

The winning precincts are South Falls, City and McCoy.

Possibility of a move to recall Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry and State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson was suggested in the comment of Hector MacPherson, former professor at Oregon State college and former member of the legislature from Linn county (1927-29-31 and 1939 sessions).

MacPherson expressed his strong opposition to the replacement of Earl Fisher and Wallace S. Wharton as members of the state tax commission and indicated his readiness to devote time and some money in an effort to block the appointment of successors through recall of Pearson and Newbry if necessary.

MacPherson said he thought of this as the only thing he thought of to do to invoke the recall.

MacPherson who operates a dairy farm in Linn county near Corvallis, said he would press this matter for a decision if that fails a recall could be considered.

As professor of political science at OSC MacPherson taught courses in taxation and as legislator and citizen continued his interest in the subject.

He voiced high praise of Earl Fisher, veteran member of the commission, saying he not only understood the economics of taxation but was thoroughly informed on tax questions in Oregon and always ready to assist in solving them.

Before a recall election may be ordered petitions signed by registered voters in number equal to 25 per cent of the total number voting for all candidates for supreme court justice for the district in which the greatest number of votes were cast at the last general election.

BERLIN TRUCKS MOVE
BERLIN, May 20.—(P)—The Russians allowed West German truck traffic to flow along the Autobahn from Heilmstedt to Berlin today without the forecast interruptions today.

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Senate Adds \$3 Million To Detroit Dam Funds

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(AP)—The senate today approved an \$11,300,000 appropriation for the Detroit reservoir on the North Santiam river.

The house had previously voted only \$8,185,000 for this project. The bill will now be returned to a joint committee of both houses to reach a compromise.

The senate economy block suffered its fourth-smashing defeat as the chamber passed the overall flood control and waterways bill which totals \$751,440,000. The entire bill contains \$158,000,000 more than the house voted.

The bill includes appropriations for projects in Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho. Oregon projects include \$710,700 for Willamette river bank protection, \$140,000 for the Cottage Grove reservoir and \$208,000 for the Fern Ridge reservoir.

It was a stiff blow to a republican-democratic coalition which has demanded slashes in federal spending so as to avoid a deficit or a big tax increase. Efforts to slash 5 to 40 per cent off the total were butted down.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—(P)—The house public works committee listened for nearly five hours today to testimony on a proposed Columbia River development that it is not officially considering.

The hearing developed a sharp difference of opinion between Gov. Arthur Langlie of Washington and his state's two democratic house members, Reps. Jackson and Mitchell, over the administration's proposal to set up a Columbia Valley Administration to take over development of the river.

Langlie said he and his state favored development of the river being carried on under the coordinated program of the engineers and the reclamation bureau.

Mitchell, in a statement filed with the committee, said the coordinated program is being used as a "sounding board for one-sided criticism and opposition" to the administration's CVA bill.

Gov. Douglas McKay of Oregon joined with Langlie in support of the coordinated program and especially of projects in the Willamette river valley in Oregon.

McKay, asserting that the state needed more power and needed it at once from the coordinated program, urged that construction of the Willamette valley projects be expedited to provide flood control and irrigation as well as power.

Meanwhile, Chairman Chavez (D-NM) of the senate public works committee, indicated congress will take no action on proposed Columbia Valley Administration bills this session.

He said his committee will start hearings May 27 but he added later in a statement:

"Members of the committee will hold hearings in the Columbia area. It may be summer, and after a recess of the congress, before hearings can be had."

CONTEST TO SELECT NAME
UMATILLA, May 20.—(AP)—Oregon will have a new place name soon. The area between Umatilla and McNary is going to pick a name for itself in a merchant-sponsored "name our town" contest. The winner will be announced at a community dance May 28.

HOUSEWIFE MOVES
FURNITURE TOO OFTEN
ONTARIO, May 20.—(AP)—Like many women, Mrs. Gene Stewart likes to move her furniture around. She shifted things about in the living room the other day.

Now her husband has a \$1,000 fire damage bill. Mrs. Stewart moved the davenport over a new furnace outlet, and it got so hot it caught fire.

BERRY CROP DAMAGED
MEDFORD, May 20.—(AP)—Sixty per cent of the strawberry crop in this area was reported a loss today, because of freezing weather last month. Damage to about half the boysenberry and nectarberry crops was also reported.

BASEBALL SCORES
Western International
At Salem-Weatnatchee rain
At Vancouver 6, Victoria 9
At Bremerton 10, Tacoma 2
At Spokane 1, Yakima 2

Coast League
At Portland-Oakland rain
At Los Angeles 8-3, Sacramento 3-2
At Seattle 7, Hollywood 6

American League
At Philadelphia 2, Detroit 1 (10 inn.)
At St. Louis 3, Boston 2
At New York-Chicago rain
At Boston-Cleveland rain

National League
At Pittsburgh 2, Boston 1
At Cincinnati 6, New York 5
At St. Louis 6, Brooklyn 2
At Chicago-Philadelphia, cool weather

Smiling Farewell for Acheson



WASHINGTON, May 20.—President Truman (left) bids Secretary of State Dean Acheson a smiling farewell at National airport today before the cabinet member took off for Paris and the foreign ministers' meeting. Mrs. Acheson (center) accompanied her husband. (AP Wirephoto to the Statesman.)

Berlin Railway Workers Strike Against Russians

BERLIN, Saturday, May 21.—(AP)—West Berlin railway workers started a brawling strike against their Russian bosses at one minute past midnight paralyzing vital rail traffic from western Germany and stalling elevated passenger trains wherever they stood.

Soviet-controlled railway police and strikers battled with fists and stones in the American-occupied Tempelhof district in the early morning hours.

A group of strikers uncoupled a locomotive from a freight train in a railway yard and drove it onto a key switch to block traffic. The strikers said they would fight any attempt to run the trains.

The west sector union (WGO), numbering some 13,000, voted two weeks ago to strike for full payment of wages in west marks, which they say they need for rent and food.

South Salem Progress Club Raps C. of C.

Salem Chamber of Commerce came in for criticism at a meeting of the South Salem Progress club Friday night for not "taking a vote of its membership before taking sides" in the recent controversies over the one-way street system for Salem and the daylight saving time issue.

At the business session members also praised "Councilman Armstrong and O'Hara for their honest representation of the people at the last city council meeting."

The meeting condemned "one-way streets and daylight savings time and those who forced them on us."

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	64	46	37
Portland	62	46	36
San Francisco	57	42	30
Chicago	57	42	30
New York	68	51	52

FORECAST from U.S. weather bureau: Mostly cloudy, with occasional showers this morning, clearing considerably this afternoon and tonight. High today near 70. Low tonight near 48. Farm outlook conditions generally poor for farm activities today.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 10 to May 21)
This Year 40.34 Last Year 45.97 Average 35.21

Conflicting Picking Schedules Seen As Threat to Harvest Labor Situation

By Conrad G. Prange Staff Writer, The Statesman
The Dillamette valley stood on the threshold of its 1949 strawberry harvest Friday with an uncertain field labor situation on hand.

An acute labor shortage within a month was feared by Salem state employment officials while several growers indicated they could see no critical shortage of workers.

The Salem employment office showed concern over these two developments.

\$717,475 Extra Tax Favored

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman
A \$2,085,000 school budget was approved and consolidation of Salem Heights and Pleasant Point with the Salem school district effected Friday in district elections.

Salem district electors approved the budget by voting 434 to 358 in favor of a tax levy \$717,475 in excess of the 6 per cent limitation. This was approximately at 60 per cent favorable vote.

In the consolidation elections, Salem Heights voted 130 to 20 in favor, Pleasant Point 20 to 2 in favor of consolidation.

The schools thus annexed to the Salem district are both just south of present school district boundaries. Salem Heights has 223 pupils this year and Pleasant Point 13. Both already send ninth graders and high school pupils to Salem.

Opposed Rurally
Three of the four voting precincts favored the tax levy in the Salem district vote, with the eastern section, predominantly rural, opposing the levy by 63 to 50 votes.

West Salem voters in the district favored the levy 42 to 28, south Salem 112 to 71 and North Salem, all north of Mission street, within city limits) by 230 to 186.

Although the east precinct voted against the budget, it approved consolidation by a 97 to 42 vote. In other areas consolidation was approved as follows: North, 206 to 136, south, 113 to 67 and west, 52 to 25.

17 Teachers Added
Salem's school budget as prepared by the school board and budget committee includes a general fund 19 per cent higher than last year's, with principal extra amounts for 17 additional teachers and long-deferred maintenance and modernization of school buildings.

The vote last night was considered fairly heavy for a budget election although it fell short of the 1948 vote which favored a levy by 623 to 492 votes. A \$1,500,000 bond issue for new school construction was on the same ballot.

In a 1947 school consolidation vote, Salem Heights consolidated with the Salem district when a tie vote defeated the proposal. Several other suburban districts joined Salem school system at that time.

Cars Collide Minus Drivers

Two "parked" cars collided in Salem Friday, and there wasn't a soul in either car.

City police reported a car owned by F. L. Stevens, 1055 Market st., rolled from a curb parking space on South Liberty street near the Mill creek, crossed the street and bumped into the parked car of Ralph E. Weaver, 1430 Lee st. Damage was slight.

Newberg Principal Named State High School Supervisor

Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam announced Friday the appointment of William H. Bear, Newberg Union High school principal, as a state high school supervisor.

Bear will assume his new duties with the state department of education on July 1. A native of Oregon, Bear graduated from Albany college, attended University of Washington, was for five years a high school teacher and has had nine years' experience as a high school principal.

Women's Club Finishing Work on Detroit Library

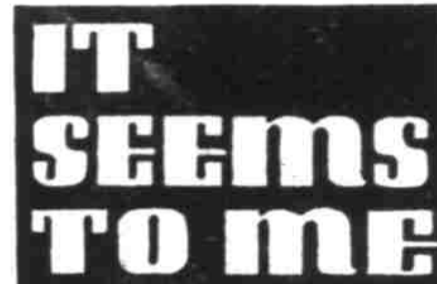
DETROIT, May 20.—(Special)—Plans to continue furnishing and redecorating the library, and to open it next Tuesday, were made this week by the Women's Civic club. Hours will be from 2 to 4 p.m. daily plus from 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays.

The club met at the home of Mrs. Jane Weisberger, with Mrs. Paul Clute as assisting hostess. Mrs. Ray Johnson presided.

SIGNATURES ACCUMULATE

PORTLAND, May 20.—(P)—The Oregon tax council said today it expected to accumulate the necessary 13,262 signatures to forestall Portland's new income and profits tax. If the signatures are obtained by 5 p.m. Saturday, the ordinance will have to be submitted to referendum.

All Set for Vacation?
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By Charles A. Sprague

Having seen the death of lead and copper and zinc turn to an excess, the output of steel catch up with demand and the premium on automobiles come off I am not as positive as some that our supply of electric energy will prove insufficient before dams under construction are completed.

Yesterday President Truman pressed a button to start the tenth generator at Grand Coulee. It adds 108,000 kilowatts in Coulee's generating capacity. Another is to come into production in August, another in September. There is space in the powerhouse for six more units whose installation will follow. Each side of the river has a powerhouse to accommodate nine units each.

When river conditions are unfavorable as in periods of low water or high water production will be cut down from the capacity of 108,000 kilowatts, each. But Coulee is now the largest hydroelectric plant in the world.

National reports show that electric power consumption is now leveling off to that of a year ago. The "plus" figures on comparative statistics are running out and by the end of May "minus" signs are expected to appear. The northwest may not dip into the minus side, but consumption here will taper off too.

The brownout of last winter was due not to lack of generating capacity so much as to severe winter conditions which caused water-flow to drop below levels giving the maximum production of energy. Normal weather in the winters ahead, if we get it, will avert similar loss of power. The northwest will continue to grow and demand for electric.

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Greyhounds Not Used to Carrying Any Passengers

PORTLAND, May 20.—(P)—Mrs. R. W. McComb, who raises greyhound dogs, answered her telephone.

"Do you have greyhounds there?" asked the voice.

"Yes," said Mrs. McComb. "When does the next one leave for Salem?" asked the voice.

"It doesn't," Mrs. McComb said, startled.

A few confused moments later she discovered the voice intended to call the Greyhound bus line.

Stayton Garden Club to Tour Silvertown Gardens

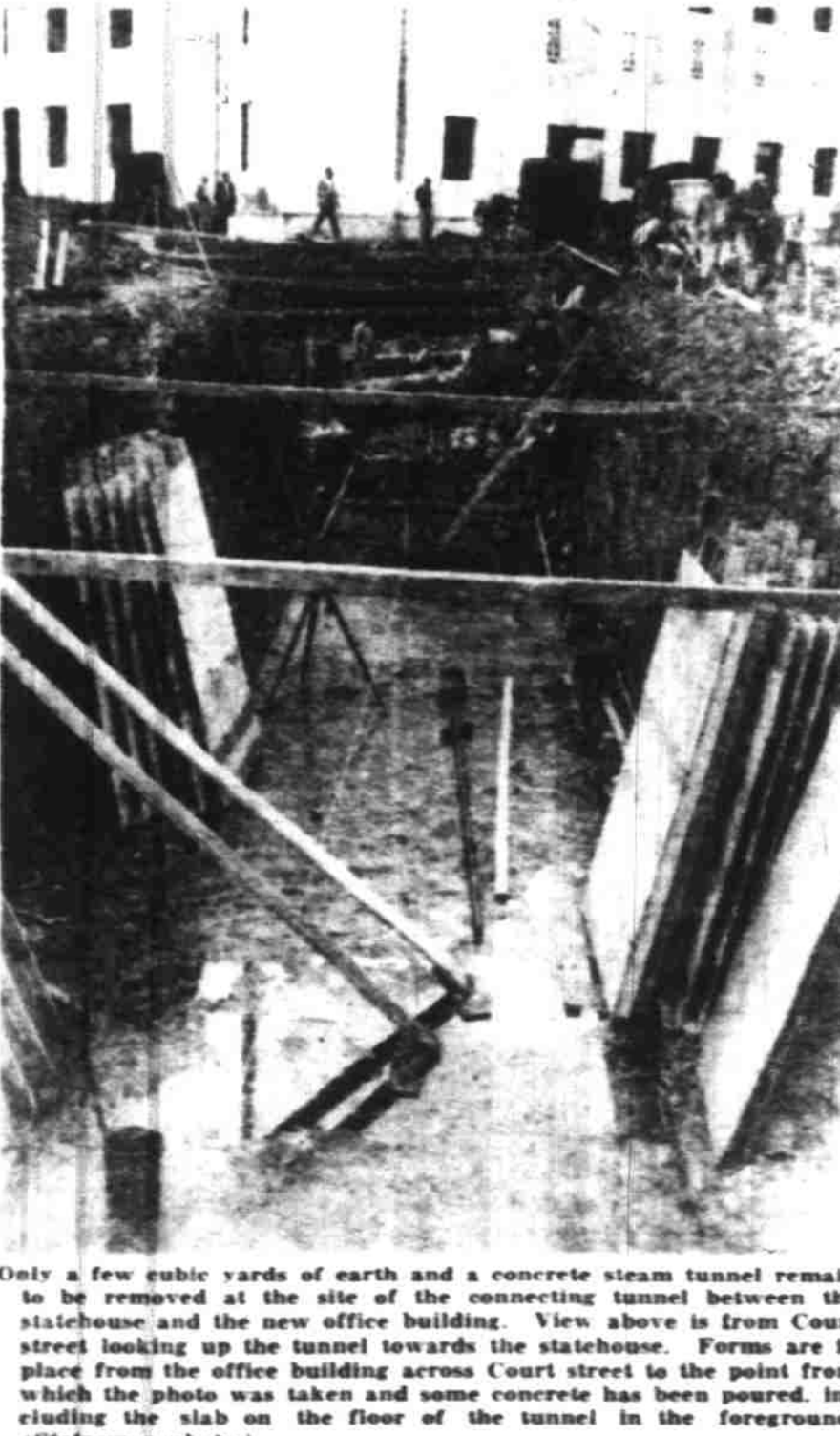
STAYTON, May 20.—(Special)—Stayton Garden club is planning a tour of Silvertown gardens Saturday. Cars will leave from the Church of Christ at 1 p.m.

Included in the tour will be the iris gardens and others. Those having cars or in need of transportation to Silvertown are asked to call Mrs. Nettie Downing at Stayton 275.



By Warren Goodrich
"Hmmm, interesting."

Tunnel Work Progressing



Only a few cubic yards of earth and a concrete steam tunnel remain to be removed at the site of the connecting tunnel between the statehouse and the new office building. View above is from Court street looking up the tunnel towards the statehouse. Forms are in place from the office building across Court street to the point from which the photo was taken and some concrete has been poured, including the slab on the floor of the tunnel in the foreground. (Statesman photo.)