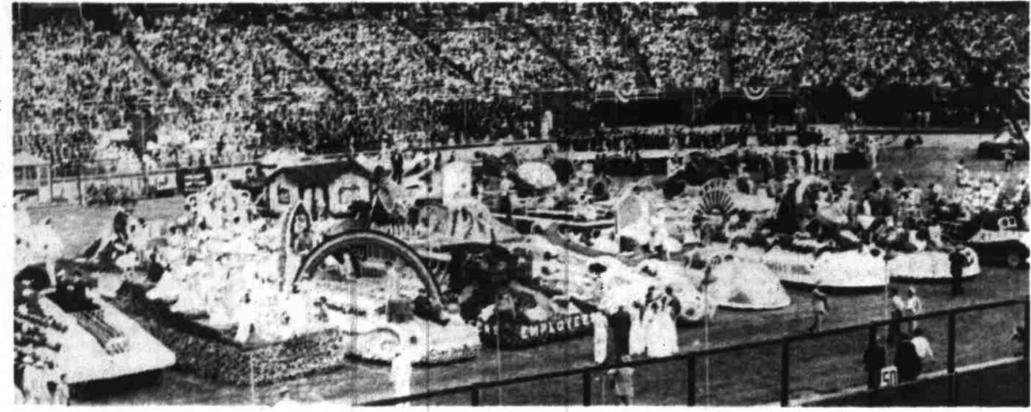


Salem's Rose Fete Float Urges 'Come to the Fair' City Plans



PORTLAND, June 10 (Special)—Fair skies with only scattered clouds befriended the annual Portland rose festival parade and its scores of flower-bedecked floats Friday. Above is a line-up of floats in the Multnomah civic stadium preceding the parade. (All photos by Don Dill, Statesman—Staff Photographer.)

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Sprague

Bernard DeVoto wrote a book entitled "1846, A Year of Decision." If he were to write a book about 1949 he would surely have to label it A Year of Indecision.

Here we are five months along in the year, with nothing much decided except in China where the Reds have it.

At Paris the foreign ministers are meeting again, so far again in futility, with nothing decided. The Russians announced resumption of railway traffic at Berlin, but a workers' strike has tied up operations, so the airlift continues to do the freighting.

The 81st congress is strictly a do-nothing congress to date. It refuses to vote up or down the important measures which are before that body. Time is consumed in hearings and arguments; but congress avoids making decisions.

The appropriations committee of the house has approved an appropriation of \$62,200,000 for paying the expenses of congress in the next fiscal year. This is \$666,000 more than was spent this year, but \$11,697,000 less than the budget asked for. In view of the blank record of congress people may wonder if the country is getting its money's worth from this great legislative body.

Business is indecisive too. There is a falling off in production because buyers hold off purchasing—indecision prompted by fear of the future.

Of course indecision is decision, of a negative character. Holding off voting means a bill isn't passed, which has an effect similar to a roll-call defeat. Standing on the sidelines in business is a negative too.

This paralysis is just a temporary condition (though with congress it seems to be getting chronic). Action is the normal human inclination. The can't-make-up-their-mind folk are in a minority. When leaders get a "fix" so they can chart a course and gain courage to set out the decisions will come. If they fail new leadership erupts and points arrows in new directions. We can look for that if congress continues to hang itself up on the sidelines.

Light Quakes Keep California Shaking

BERKELEY, Calif., June 10 (AP)—A third light earthquake in 20 hours was recorded on the University of California seismograph at 2:47.37 p.m. (PST) today. It continued two and a half minutes.

A "very small" quake was registered at 1:23.18 p.m. (PST) today. No damage was reported in any of the shocks.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



PORTLAND, June 10 (Special)—Salem's float carried out the Portland rose festival musical theme with "Heigh! Ho!—Come To The Fair," showing a flowery steer, turkey, horse heads, cherries, flax and other agricultural products topping a base of white-painted fern trimmed in beautiful roses. Riding the float were 4H club members from Marion county. Seated in front are (left to right) Doris Lane, Salem route 9; and Donna Wiederkir, Jefferson. In back (left to right) are Jerry Wipper, Turner; Lois Eggers, 1948 Cherry Festival queen; and Floyd Fox, Silvertown. The float was driven by Henry Hanson, 4145 McCleary st.



PORTLAND, June 10 (Special)—Led by the Salem band (in foreground), the Salem Cherrians float is shown just rounding the turn at the packed Multnomah Civic stadium during Rose festival activities today. The Cherrians themselves (almost hidden by the band) also were in the line of march. Two cars carrying the royal court of the Salem Cherriana festival are shown just pulling out toward the track, preceded by the Salem police escort.

Salem Delegation Joins Rose Parade

PORTLAND, June 10 (AP)—of cities outside of Portland. (Special to the Oregon Statesman)—Salem goodwill ambassadors to the land of Rosaria held a lead position in the famed Portland rose festival parade today and won acclaim with their prize-winning float, smart stepping band and the Cherriana royal court led by marching Cherrians.

The colorful float with its bright flowers, wholesome looking 4-H club members and the 1948 Cherriana Queen Lois Eggers carried out the festival parade theme of "Heigh! Ho!—Come To The Fair" to win fourth place in its division

vertibles carried the 1949 Salem Cherriana court in the parade, driven by Cherrians Claude Bird and Joe Randall. Riding in the cars were Princesses Jeannie Bentley, Stavton; Dorothy Neufeld, Dallas; Grace Kirk, St. Paul; Katherine Specht, Jefferson; and Pat O'Connor, Salem; and Chaperone Mrs. Arthur Weddle. Preceding the cars on motorcycles were Patrolmen O. O. White and Robert Keefe. Leading the court and float were the Salem senior high school band and a marching unit of the Salem Cherrians. (Additional details on page 2)

War on 'Skeeters'

The city of Salem will fight the scrappy mosquito today at his favorite breeding grounds, weather permitting.

Aerial war of extermination will be waged this morning unless too strong a wind blows, it was disclosed last night by City Manager J. L. Franzen.

He said Ace Flying service has been commissioned to spray DDT from a plane on the Willamette slough and adjacent areas as far north and east as the cemetery area. This is the biggest area for mosquito mass production.

Franzen said a super-time solution in light oil will be laid down from the air. He noted that last year's attempts at hand spraying did not get the result desired, and citizens' complaints to the city already have come to his attention this year.

Taxpayers to Pay 80.9 Mill Rate in Salem

Taxpayers in the city of Salem will be assessed at the rate of 80.9 mills in the coming year, it was estimated Friday by City Treasurer Paul Hauser on the basis of tentative city budget plus already-approved school and county budgets.

This would compare with the current 73.5 mills and with 69.2 mills in 1947-48.

The city budget, if approved by the budget committee and council Monday night, will total \$1,658,355.

Of this amount an estimated \$572,320 is to be raised by taxation, as against \$457,250 for the current year and \$473,267 in 1947-48.

Of the total levy, an estimated \$326,094 will be levied from the general fund, compared with \$307,636 for the current budget and \$290,218 last year.

Assessed valuation of Salem property is estimated at \$25,800,000. This compares with \$22,352,447 for 1948-49 and \$21,168,891 for 1947-48.

The city tax for the coming fiscal year is computed at 22.2 mills. Currently it is 20.5 mills and last year it was 22.5 mills. School tax for district 24 will be 41.7 mills, compared with 36 this year and 29.7 last year. County tax is to be 17 mills. It is 17 mills now and was 17.1 last year.

Truman to Give 'Major' Speech

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., June 10 (AP)—President Truman came to Ark. s today to join old comrades of the 35th division in their annual reunion and to deliver an important foreign policy address.

The "Capt. Harry" of battery D of the 129th field artillery brought along a gold-headed ebony cane—the gift of his old battery buddies—to swing as he marches in the reunion parade tomorrow morning.

His speech, which the White House has called a "major" address, is to be delivered tomorrow afternoon in dedicating a war memorial park.

Escapee Back at State Pen—Sailing Around in Pool

One of the escapees from the state penitentiary was returned Friday and was apparently pleased to be under Warden George Alexander's jurisdiction again.

O. B. Chapman, Salem route 6, said he found the escapee unhappy and hungry near the Bethel school four miles east of here and returned him to the state's care.

The white swan, missing from the penitentiary ground for some time, was today happily sailing about the pen pond and wondering why he ever flew the coop.

CHINA REDS SEEK TRADE

SHANGHAI, June 10 (AP)—The communists set up foreign exchange control and invited tariff-free imports of cotton today.

THE WEATHER

City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	58	50	0.00
Portland	58	50	0.00
San Francisco	63	51	0.00
Chicago	64	55	0.00
New York	71	57	0.00

Willamette river 4 of a foot.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Except for some morning cloudiness, generally fair weather will prevail today and Sunday. High today near 65, low tonight near 50. Agriculture outlook: Generally fair for most activities today and Sunday.

Low Cherry Price Levels Bring Growers' Threats Of 'Leave Crop on Trees'

Preston Tucker, Aides Face Federal Charges

CHICAGO, June 10 (AP)—Preston T. Tucker, would-be mass producer of rear engine autos, was indicted on federal charges today. Seven of his associates, one an ex-convict, also were accused.

The charges were mail fraud, violating regulations of the securities and exchange commission, and conspiracy.

Tucker answered the federal grand jury with a statement declaring "I don't intend to take it lying down." He said he'll ask the senate to investigate.

The grand jury's 31-count indictment came after 54 days of viewing documents and listening to testimony about the organization, financing and operations of the Tucker Corp.

Although Tucker was reported in Michigan, his son-in-law, R.

W. Parsons, distributed the statement here and said the 46-year-old corporation founder prepared it.

It said the Tucker corp had been a victim of "wrecking tactics of the SEC." He reiterated his claim that the firm has assets of \$14,000,000 and debts of only \$1,600,000.

The indictment named with Tucker:

Harold A. Karsten, 58, former Minneapolis lawyer who was disbarred and served three years in the Illinois state penitentiary for fraud. Karsten, who once used the name Abraham Karatz, lives in North Hollywood, Calif.

It also named Floyd D. Cerf, 60, Chicago; Robert Pierce, 50, Detroit; Fred Rockelman, 63, Chicago; Mitchell W. Dulan, 55, Oak Park, Ill.; and Otis Radford, 43, Evergreen Park, Ill.

Wall Street Stocks Skid Again to Two-Year Low

NEW YORK, June 10 (AP)—The stock market dropped to a two-year low today in a fresh display of weakness.

Key issues lost fractions to as much as 2 points or so although most declines were a point or less. Despite a slight show of resistance late in the day, final prices in numerous cases were at the lows of the session.

Another batch of unfavorable business and labor reports helped to stifle demand.

Trading activity increased to 800,000 shares from 590,000 yesterday—one of the slowest days of the year—but, at that, wasn't enough to get Wall Street excited.

Today's decline more than wiped out the gains pointedly scored on Tuesday and Wednesday and put the general run of prices a bit below Monday. On Monday the market needed to what was then a two-year low.

The Associated Press average of 60 stocks dropped 6 of one point to 59.2, with the railroad and industrial groups the heaviest losers. Not since May 20, 1947, when the average hit 58.7 (low for that year) has the market been lower.

The latest spell of weakness has driven prices back into the critical price territory toward which the market has been heading for the past month. A large bloc of opinion in Wall Street holds that the market will crack below this area despite the fact that a decisive breakthrough was averted in 1946, 1947 and 1948.

Solon Cusses Wallace Man

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace's campaign manager was called a G.D.S.O.B. by a senator today, only the senator used the epithet in full.

The fighting words were tossed by Senator Eastland (D-Miss) at C. B. Baldwin, secretary-treasurer of Wallace's Progressive party, at a hearing on legislation to curb communists.

Just previously, Baldwin had been curtly dismissed from the witness stand for failing to say whether or not he was a communist. He accused Eastland of "fighting against Negro rights" and it was then that Eastland applied the strong language to him.

Sturgeon Didn't Need Much Urgin'

OREGON CITY, June 10 (AP)—A B. Sannon and his 12-year-old grand-daughter, Wilma Jean McNamara, Bend, decided to go fishing, but they didn't care where. They dropped a light line with a small hook into the Willamette river right in downtown Oregon City.

Then something hit the hook and all Sannon and Wilma Jean could do was hold on. Finally a passerby helped them land a 21½ pound sturgeon.

Ex-GI from Oregon Fails in Try To Visit Wife, Child in Germany

FRANKFURT, Germany, June 10 (AP)—Daniel Little, former GI from Portland, Ore., who stowed away on an army transport to see his wife and child in Germany, was in a Bremerhaven jail tonight.

Little had almost reached his wife's home. But it looked as if the army would send him back to New York before he could see either the wife or their 15-month-old son.

The army said Little had stowed away on the General Maurice Rose when that transport left New York about 10 days ago. Little became hungry and gave himself up to the ship's captain when the transport was three days out in the Atlantic.

When the ship reached Bremerhaven yesterday, Little was turned over to U.S. military government authorities.

Brought to court today on a charge of entering Germany illegally, Little—a husky, curly-

Association to Harvest Crop Despite Price

Some Willamette valley cherry growers may leave their 1949 crops on the trees if prices fail to levels already reported in their cherry producing areas, it was indicated here Friday.

At Newberg several growers said they would hire no crews, picking only as much as they could themselves.

But members of the Willamette Cherry Growers association, whose 3,500 acres make up about 85 per cent of the crop around Salem, will harvest and pack their crop as usual, Robert Shinn, manager of the association, said Friday night.

"Prices have developed only in other areas," said Shinn. "Naturally our growers are disappointed in the prices reported elsewhere, but there is nothing to be alarmed about."

Business have indicated they would pay five to six cents a pound for Royal Annes and down to 4½ cents for other varieties, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Portland. At Lewiston, Idaho, Friday, the buying price of fresh cherries for binning was lowered for the second time in two days. A frozen feed firm there announced it would pay 4½ and 5 cents a pound for black and white cherries respectively.

1948 Price High

These prices compare with 12 to 15¢ a pound in Salem for 1948's bumper crop. Light crops in the Willamette valley the past two seasons have brought about 11¢ a pound.

A grower in this area, Mrs. Otter Gould, Genes route 1 said Friday that she didn't see how anyone could afford to pick their crops at the prices quoted elsewhere. Picking rates generally have been so at 2½ cents.

Hoffman Told To Resign by Sen. McKellar

WASHINGTON, June 10 (AP)—Senator McKellar (D-Tenn) got his dander up against Paul Hoffman today, bluntly telling the Marshall Plan boss "The sooner you resign, the better it will be for the United States."

Then as Hoffman vainly tried to break in, McKellar shouted that the ECA chief was using resignation "threats" in an effort to keep the senate appropriations committee from cutting European recovery funds.

"You have undertaken to do it before," he stormed at Hoffman. But he added, "You are not going to do it this time."

Hoffman finally managed to get a word in.

"Nothing I said implied any threat," he told McKellar. "I said I came to the conclusion I could not administer the program successfully then would resign."

The exchange came as a follow-up to Hoffman's testimony yesterday that he believes the foreign aid program cannot be carried on successfully on less than \$4,000,000,000 for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The House, however, voted only \$3,568,470,000, with authority to spend that amount in 10½ months if necessary.

Hoffman told the senate group yesterday that if it makes a deeper cut than the House did it would "wreck" the recovery program and that he "wouldn't want the responsibility" for carrying on the job in such circumstances.

100 to Join in Dam Site Tour

Approximately 100 men and women will tour the Willamette valley dam and reservoir projects today and tomorrow, under guidance of the U. S. army engineers.

The party will leave in about 25 cars from the state house at 7:30 a.m. today, stop at Detroit for inspection of work there and continue to several other projects.

Most are planning to stay at Eugene tonight and continue the tour Sunday.

Besides Salem representatives and engineer guides, the party will include carloads from Oregon City, Silvertown and several other communities.

Bible School Census Tops 1,000-Mark

Daily vacation Bible schools in Salem reached the 1,007-pupil mark in enrollment during the first week this year, reports disclosed Friday. While most of the programs will continue through next week, one school closes today and another will get under way Monday.

Closing demonstration programs are slated for most of the schools on Friday evening.

The one-week school of First Presbyterian-St. Paul's Episcopal churches had an enrollment of 90. Closing program will be taught at St. Paul's Jean Quickenden, St. Paul's youth worker, was director, aided by the Rev. John Goodenberger, assistant First Presbyterian pastor.

Other enrollments were Bethel Baptist 43, Evangelistic Tabernacle 123, First-Hayesville Baptist 117, Court Street Christian 94, Christian Missionary Alliance 30, Calvary Chapel 35, St. John's Lutheran 54, St. Mark Lutheran 62, First Nazarene 123, Kinwood Bible 130, First United Brethren 8.

Pupils may still enroll in the morning classes. A new school will start Monday at Christ Lutheran church. (Additional church news page 12)

Committee to Study County-Portland Consolidation Plan

PORTLAND, June 10—Senate President William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, will appoint a legislative interim committee to study consolidation of Portland and Multnomah county within a week. That's what he told the Oregonian today. Walsh added that he first must confer with Frank J. Van Dyke, speaker of the House. They attended a state board of control meeting in Salem together yesterday, but had no time to talk.

The interim committee was authorized by the legislature, April 1 on a memorial submitted by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland. Its appointment, Walsh said, has been delayed by other pressing matters.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Victoria 5, Salem 7
At Vancouver 2, Tacoma 14
At Tacoma 5, Spokane 7 (15 inn.)
At Bremont 5, Wenatchee 3

Coast League
At Portland 9, San Francisco 1
At Seattle 2, Los Angeles 3
At Oakland 3, Sacramento 2
At Hollywood 5, San Diego 3

National League
At New York 1, Pittsburgh 6
At Boston 6, Chicago 2
At Brooklyn 10, Cincinnati 5
At Philadelphia 3, St. Louis 2

American League
At Cleveland 2, New York 3
At Chicago 4, Boston 2
At St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain
Only games scheduled.