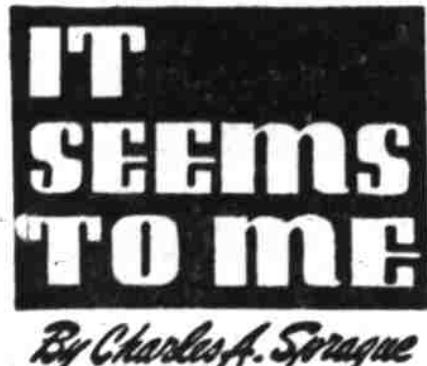


# West Salem Vote on Merger Slated Soon

West Salem probably will vote within the next six weeks on whether it wishes to merge with Salem, it appeared today. Mayor Walter Musgrave of West Salem said an official announcement of plans at this time would have to come from the city council, but confirmed these reports. Petitions will be presented to the council July 6 asking for a special election and carrying the signatures of at least 5 per cent of those who voted at the last general election, as required by law. Persons interested in the merger are asking that everyone eligible register sometime prior to June 26. (Registrations must be effected 30 days prior to the election.)

# Salem Bank Figures Show Gain over '48

PORTLAND, June 13—(AP)—Bank debits of Salem banks registered a 14 per cent gain in May over the same month the year previous, the federal reserve bank reported today. The business index showed the gain in the first five months of the Salem financial institutions was 7 per cent over 1948.



Commenting on the "mass un-concern" over national affairs indicated by popular polls on the recommendations of the Hoover commission the Portland (Me.) Express expresses the view that the bulk of the population "has had its eyes on gaudier attractions" the passing show, its ears attuned to those sounds which make no demands upon the listener's ability to think. It considers "a sad commentary on the present state of civic-consciousness" the effort of the committee to drum up support for the Hoover program by sprinkling gags in the script of radio comedians and the comic strips about the Hoover plan. Perhaps the Express is expecting too much of the general public. The amount of newspaper and news magazine space given to the commissioner's recommendations has been too small to excite much public curiosity or enthusiasm—though it must be admitted that much of the material does not lend itself readily to newspaper style—too lengthy, too heavily loaded with facts or arguments. In general I would say however that such is the reputation of ex-President Hoover and his assistants that the public is inclined to accept the commissioner's recommendations without much argument. It is not the people, it is the congress which is laggard. The public is well acquainted with government red tape, with government waste in spending. It doesn't understand why congress doesn't do something about it all. Ignorant of the fact that big government

# Stock Market Prices Fall to 4 1/2-Year Low

NEW YORK, June 13—(AP)—The stock market plunged to a 4 1/2-year low today. Resistance to one of the worst declines of the year was tissue-paper thin. The market value of all stocks listed on the exchange was chopped down more than \$1,000,000,000. Individual stocks lost fractions to more than 2 points—one as much as 7 1/2—and many sold at their post-war lows. The market headed downward only a few minutes after the opening bell sounded and stayed on the downward slope to the close of trading. No since January, 1945, has the general level of stock prices declined so low. Trading activity stepped up sharply as prices sagged, an ominous sign to those optimists still left in Wall Street who have figured that most of the "important" selling was a reason for the current decline. Sales of 1,340,000 shares, one of the largest totals of the year, compared with 800,000 Friday. Breaks Through The market, on average, broke through its 1947 low around midday and kept on going down. At the close of the price level was a mere breath above the 1945 low. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks dropped 1.2 points to 58. Only one stock rose this year, on May 31, has the market taken a steeper dive. The size of the decline was matched once, on Feb. 5. At 38.0 the average had to lose only 2 of a point to equal the 1945 low which was established on January 24 that year.

# Oppenheimer Defends U.S. Atom Security

WASHINGTON, June 13—(AP)—Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, who helped develop the A-bomb, testified today that the atomic energy commission has "sweated blood" to safeguard the nation's atomic secrets. "And it has come up with about as good an answer as is obtainable," the scientist told a senate-house investigating committee. Joining in the defense of AEC Chairman David E. Lilienthal, the AEC's nine-man scientific advisory committee praised Lilienthal's regime as having produced "a sound and forward-looking program." In his testimony today, Dr. Oppenheimer said he "certainly" can reassure the American people that no risk is involved in shipping atom-bombarded isotopes aboard. He said even if the isotopes fell into Russian hands, "I know of no way" in which the Soviets could use them to make weapons.

# Radioactive Bars Stolen

PRINCETON, N. J., June 13—(AP)—Princeton university reported to police today the theft of 12 or 15 lead bars, one of which contained dangerously radioactive cobalt. Frederick Osborne of the university public relations staff said the lead bars were taken from two laboratory classrooms, in the Palmer physical laboratory over the alumni reunion week end. The lead and radioactive cobalt were valued at only about \$150, Osborne said, and it is believed they may be sold for salvage material. Osborne warned that the material is dangerous to anyone approaching within a radius of five feet.

# Phil Sheridan Days Celebration To Open with Parade on Friday

SHERIDAN, June 13—(Special)—The annual three day Phil Sheridan days celebration will get underway here Friday. The festivities will open with the children's parade at 1 p.m. An entertainment program featuring local talent will follow in the city park. Patricia Ryan will be crowned junior queen. Her court includes Princesses Judy Atwood, Sally Brandt, Ina Mae Kunzler, Myrna Grosser, Bonnie Judd, Barbara Hughes and Darleen Smith. Mrs. Lulu Chapin of Bevlue and her court, Mrs. Kate Mendonhall, Sheridan; Mrs. Alice Godsey, Grand Ronde; Mrs. Belle Smith, Gopher Valley, and Mrs.

# Break in Main Cuts off Kingwood Heights Water

## Crews at Work to Plug Leak

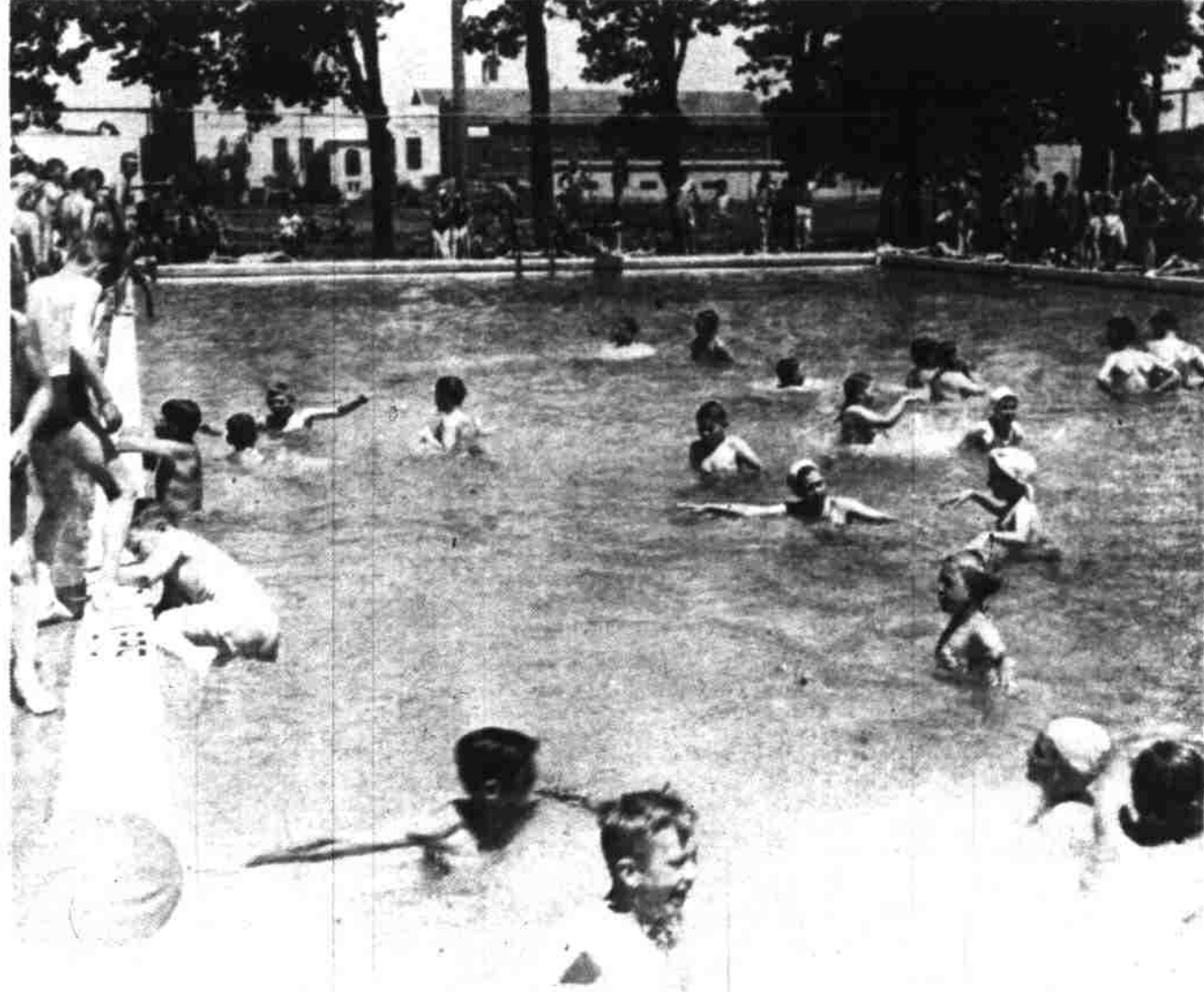
Residents of the Kingwood Heights area in West Salem may find themselves short of tap water this morning due to a break in the Salem-West Salem main late Monday night. West Salem city crews were working at a fast clip early this morning to locate leak in the 8-inch main which buckled pavement at the intersection of Wallace road and Edgewater street. "Water bubbled up out of cracks in the pavement at about 9 p.m.," said West Salem Mayor Walter Musgrave. "The line is the same one installed two years ago from Salem to West Salem."

# Wrangling Marks Passage of City Budget

## Petitions Cite Opposition to Freeing Rent

Possible removal of rent controls will be considered at a public hearing June 27 at city hall, it was decided by Salem's city council Monday night. Rent decontrol was suggested earlier in June by the Salem Board of Realtors and the Home Property Owners association. City Attorney Christ Kowitz, who had studied their petitions, reported that current federal rent legislation requires that a public hearing must demonstrate that no shortage of rental accommodations exists before a city governing body can recommend decontrol. Any such recommendation by a city must be endorsed by the state's governor before action can be taken by the federal housing expediter. Two petitions to the council opposed rent decontrol, one signed by 232 Salem citizens and the other representing the local meat cutters union. The rent hearing will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 27, coinciding with the next regular council session.

## Water Cool But 200 Greet Pool Opening



Hundreds of Salem's youngsters took their first dips of the summer Monday when the city's two public swimming pools opened at Olinger and Leslie playgrounds. About 200 youngsters were either paddling or warming up under a bright sun when this picture was snapped at Olinger pool. The water was just a little chilly, but park officials said it will warm up in a few days. (Statesman photo). (Story on page 2).

# Police-Firemen Salary Issue Tops Disputes

By Robert E. Gangware, City Editor, The Statesman. A Salem city budget of some \$1,658,000 won the approval of the city budget committee Monday night the hard way. After a committee split over comparability of police and fire department salaries most major budget items envisioned wrangling followed by divided votes. But the basic budget as recommended originally by City Manager J. L. Franzen and backed by Mayor R. L. Elstrom emerged with little substantial change. City policemen's salaries are earmarked generally for \$20 raises in the budget as approved, while firemen's salaries remain about the same as at present. The provision which secured approval of this provision that further changes should be made in the salary schedules when final city legislation on the budget is considered, if further study indicates that the salary schedule is inequitable. More Paid for Firemen The amount in question of a \$20 salary differential was the issue which split open the 14-man budget committee. The mayor's contention is that the pay addition for policemen establishes parity because the city pays more toward the firemen's pension plan. This view was opposed hotly by the special subcommittee on salaries—Chairman Albert H. Gille, Daniel J. Fry and J. W. Simons. Both sides aimed statistics to prove their position. Mayor Elstrom emphasized the total cost to the city of salary and retirement funds. Fry and his fellow subcommittee members maintained that comparisons should be on the basis of personnel only and that if firemen were under the state retirement plan which covers the police, the cost to the city would be over \$5,000 more than at present. Labeled "Subterfuge" The compromise motion which passed with assent of all but the subcommittee trio was labeled by Gille as "a subterfuge" to push the police raise through. Fry earlier had asserted that the move appeared to be a force to get firemen into the state plan instead of their local retirement plan. Principal difficulty in comparison is the fact that 19 of the firemen have more than 20 years' service and the police force has fewer "old-timers." Fire Chief W. F. Rable and Fire Capt. Ellsworth Smith told the budgeters that morale on the fire force would suffer if police received raises and firemen didn't. Gille's subcommittee had recommended cuts in the recommended 1949-50 budget amounting to \$11,908 to permit increasing the firemen's salaries (\$10,908) and salaries of three key figures in the city recorder's office (\$780).

## Man, 64, to Meet Horse in 150-Mile Race

LEBANON, June 13—(Special)—Paul Smith, 64, Mill City's "walking man," was matched with a horse he contends he can outwalk in a non-stop 150-mile race at the Lebanon Meadows track. Linn County Coroner Glenn Huston put his horse up against the durable Smith, who placed fifth some years ago in a walking marathon from New York to Los Angeles. The race was tentatively set for July 17 at the half-mile oval. Smith, a nine-mile-an-hour pacer, says he thinks he'll beat the horse "because a horse can't walk 150 miles without resting and eating and I can." "Huston says he has a horse that can outwalk me," Smith observed. "Well, I don't think any horse can, and I hope he puts his nag up against me. I'd like to find out on July 17."

# Cherry Crop Harvest Help Call Due, Orchardists Scoff at 'Italian Imports'

Importations of Italian cherries to any great extent has not yet become an actuality and may never be a threat to local growers, some cherry men in the Salem area said today. This was stated in response to an Associated Press wire story Monday night in which Rep. Horan (R-Wash.) was reported as saying "imports of Italian cherries threaten disaster for thousands of American farmers" in a speech before the house of representatives in Washington, D. C. Monday. He said that unless the government removes "the sword of cheap Italian imports which hangs over the heads of American cherry growers," they will permit their fruit to "rot on the trees."

## Head-On Wreck Kills 2, Sends 6 to Hospital

McMINNVILLE, June 13—(AP)—Two persons were killed tonight in a head-on auto collision that sent six others to hospitals here. Killed in one car was Thomas Drabeck, Winner, S.W., who had in his car Frank F. Speker, also of Winner, and John Wiebe, also of S. D. The second victim was Fay Riggs White, 28, Grand Ronde, who was a passenger in the second car owned by Ray Arnold McNutt, Grand Ronde. Injured in the McNutt auto were McNutt, who was believed to be the driver, and Mildred Kilby, Otis Junction, and two others police had not been able to identify immediately. All are in the McMinnville hospital or the General hospital here. Yamhill County Coroner Glenn Masey said the cars came together on a gentle curve on state highway 18 near Rose Lodge, 15 miles west of Willamina.

# Pro-Italian Party Sweeps Trieste Ballot

TRIESTE, Free Territory, Tuesday, June 14—(AP)—Parties favoring the return of Trieste to Italy swept the Free city's first municipal election Sunday. Official returns early today gave the pro-Italian candidates 40 of the 60 city council seats. The six pro-Italian parties received a total of 106,973 votes, to 61,126 for parties wanting to keep Trieste independent or place it under Yugoslavia. The election held yesterday to pick a 60-man city council was the first free balloting here in 27 years. It was not a plebiscite on the international status of Trieste but it assumed that flavor in the campaign. The council will pick a mayor and executive committee. Trieste is now occupied by British and American forces. There was no election in the portion of the Free territory occupied by Yugoslavs. The Christian democrats led the pro-Italian parties with 75,229 votes. The pro-conform communist party, favoring an independent Trieste, got 39,163 votes. The Italo-Slav popular front, which supports Marshal Tito and favors putting Trieste under Yugoslav rule, won only 4,020 votes.

# Lewis, Mine Owners Talk

PHILADELPHIA, June 13—(AP)—A weeklong holiday began today for the nation's 480,000 coal miners and John L. Lewis, their mushy-browed boss spent the day telling coal operators what he wants in a new contract. Contract talks at the Bellevue-Stratford hotel here today were between Lewis and Harry Moses, president of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., coal-producing subsidiary of U. S. Steel Corp. Moses issued this brief statement at the conclusion of the meeting: "We have spent these sessions today talking about necessary preliminaries for negotiation of a new contract."

# Connie Cross Named to Vie in Beauty Contest

Selection of Connie Cross, 21-year-old Salem girl, as this city's representative in Miss Oregon competition at Seaside, was announced Monday by Salem Chamber of Commerce. She will compete for the Miss Oregon title of the annual Miss America competition throughout most states, in festivities July 21-23 at the coast resort city. Miss Cross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Cross, 2370 Fairgrounds rd., stands 5 feet 6 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. She likes swimming, reading and a vegetable diet. She is employed at Miller Mercantile Co.'s local store. Her sponsor the Salem Chamber, will be aided by the Salem Cherrians and the Salem Cherry Festival association in publicizing Salem in connection with the contest.

# Midnight Tomorrow!

That's the initial deadline in The Oregon Statesman's six-week Summer Photo contest for amateurs. The weekly winners in each of three classifications (children-animals, portrait-character study and pictorial-scenery) will receive \$7.50, winners of grand prizes in each classification \$20.00. Prints must be no smaller than 5x7, on glossy paper, in good focus, and have a sheet pasted on the back detailing the name of the contestant, the subject matter, and data on the camera, film, etc. Pictures must have been taken since Jan. 1, 1949, and professional photographers are barred. Winners of the first week's contest will be published next Sunday in Oregon Statesman.

# German Economy Deadlock Returned To Big 4 Ministers

BERLIN, June 13—(AP)—Germany's east-west economic deadlock was handed back to the foreign ministers council today after weekend talks here failed to produce a draft for a four-power trade and transport pact. Economic experts of the four occupying powers broke up and sent separate reports of the talks to their diplomatic chiefs in Paris. A Russian source said the experts made considerable progress toward agreement, but a western expert told newsmen the reports to Paris would show about 90 per cent agreement on small matters and 100 per cent disagreement on the big ones.

# Steelworkers to Seek Pay Raise

CHICAGO, June 13—(AP)—CIO President Phillip Murray said today his steelworkers union will seek higher wages and a better pension system. The wage increase he said, should be "sufficient to meet the present day needs of the workers." Addressing the annual convention of the communications workers of America (CIO), Murray added that "We will insist upon the institution of an adequate pension and social insurance program."

### THE WEATHER

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	82	63	.00
Portland	80	60	.00
San Francisco	79	53	.00
Chicago	84	71	.00
New York	81	68	.00

Willamette river 1 of a foot. FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Clear today, tonight and Wednesday. Highest temperature today, from 85 to 87 degrees, and 87-90 degrees Wednesday. Lowest tonight near 50. Excellent weather for all farm activities.

### SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to June 14)

This Year	Last Year	Normal
40.77	45.91	36.27

# Animal Crackers



### BASEBALL

Western International League  
At Salem 4, Vancouver 7  
(Only game scheduled)

Coast League  
(No games scheduled)

American League  
(No games scheduled)

National League  
(No games scheduled)