

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles Sprague

It is now ten years since the department of parole and probation was established in Oregon. There had been a parole board for many years, consisting of the secretary to the governor and two appointed members. But during the administration of Governor Martin a commission was appointed to make a study of the parole problem and recommend changes. Sen. Wayne L. Morse, then dean of U. of O. law school, was chairman. I believe, and W. L. Jossin, the governor's secretary, was an active member. The legislation recommended by the commission was passed in 1939 and in June the reorganized department set up, with Paul Kelly, chairman and Gerald Mason, who had been a member of the old board, and Roy S. Keene, members.

This board gave very careful thought to the performance of its duties, moving cautiously in the selection of a staff and adoption of policies. Fred Finsley was its choice as director and Irl S. McSherry as deputy director. A small staff of parole officers was chosen and the work launched.

Right here it would be well to explain the difference between parole and probation. A person convicted of a crime may be put "on probation" which means he is released from custody under certain conditions, violation of which would terminate the probation and require him to serve his sentence.

A parole is issued to a person serving a prison sentence and permits him to return to society under certain conditions. So long as he does not violate the conditions he is free to live a normal life. A breach of the conditions or commission of another offense would lead to revocation of the parole and his return to prison to serve out his sentence.

The work of the board is to study the cases of those who have

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Man Dies After Street Fight, Students Held

PORTLAND, July 2 (AP)—Mark O. Ward, 35, Milwaukee, died today of injuries suffered in an early morning street fight. Two college students were booked on manslaughter charges.

The students, both veterans, were Harold Robert Scott, 26, University of Portland, and Thomas A. Coyne, 27, Willamette university. Both are Portlanders.

Detective Bard Purcell said Scott and Coyne told of meeting Ward and his companion, Harold L. Ferrari, in a night club last night. Purcell said they admitted having several drinks together, and then getting into a fight as the four walked down the street toward another club about 2 a. m. Ward died in a hospital this afternoon of injuries suffered in a fall against a concrete building. Purcell said it had not been determined who struck the blow that caused the fatal fall. Ferrari was not injured.

Bond on Scott and Coyne was set at \$3000 each.

2 Men Hurt in Auto-Train Crash in Salem

A car-train crash at the crossing at Center and 12th streets injured two Myrtle Point men at 12:30 a. m. today.

They were John Such and Marvin Healy. At Salem General hospital their condition was not believed to be critical.

They were accompanied by their wives when the accident happened. The Southern Pacific passenger train was southbound and the auto was headed east.

It was the only accident reported in the Salem area as the Fourth-of-July week end swung into its first full day. Traffic was reported light by state police who said that patrols had been doubled on major highways in the vicinity. The Salem weatherman renewed his forecast for fair weather in this area for today and Monday.

Digs Grave Just in Time

ASSARIA, Kas., July 2 (AP)—John (Happy) Swenson barely got his grave dug in time.

The 77-year-old bachelor was buried yesterday in the tomb he himself had prepared only a few days earlier.

THE WEATHER

| | Max. | Min. | Precep. |
|---------------|------|------|---------|
| Salem | 81 | 43 | .00 |
| Portland | 76 | 48 | .00 |
| San Francisco | 63 | 49 | trace |
| Chicago | 74 | 76 | .00 |
| New York | 90 | 67 | .00 |

FORECAST (from U. S. weather bureau, McMary field, Salem): Fair today, tonight and tomorrow high today near 85, low tonight 47. Agriculture outlook: conditions favorable for next 48 hours; expect for moderate winds, which will hinder dusting from mid-morning.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to July 3)

| Year | last year | average |
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| this year | 41.81 | 48.80 |

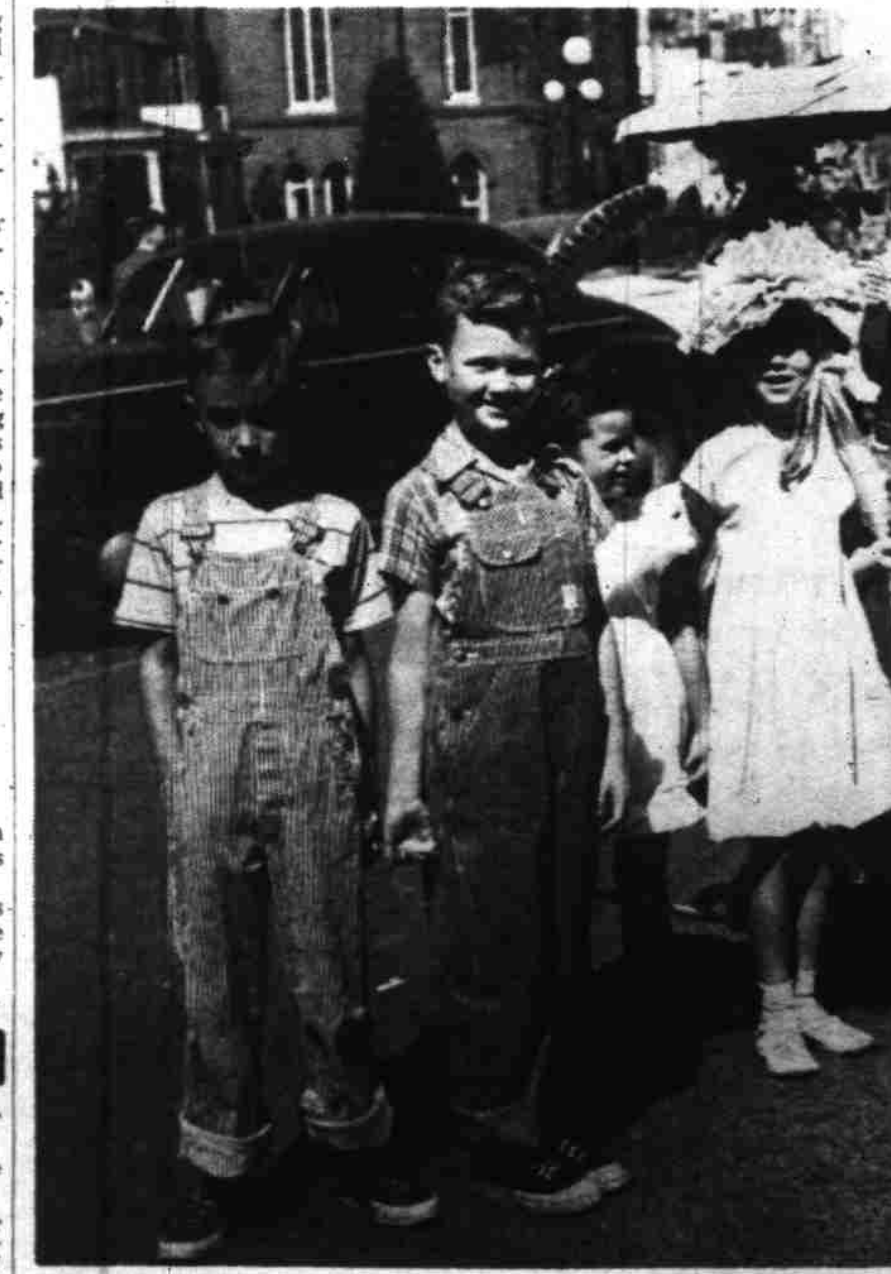
Junior Paraders Talented



First prize in the costume division of Saturday's Cherryland junior parade went to this young couple dressed as the first King Bing of the Salem Cherryland when they organized in 1913, and the first cherry festival queen back in 1903. At left is John Wesley, III, age 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wesley, 1289 N. 18th st., escorting Toyie Fay Esch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Vern Esch, 1045 Cedar way.



A guitar-strumming owl and a black pussycat won first place in the parade's float division. Joan Horneffer, 12, 630 Hood st., did all the pulling, dressed as the pussycat, while Gail Cartwright, 10, 4310 Durbin ave., posed as the owl in the familiar nursery rhyme about the owl and pussycat who went to sea in the pea green boat.



"Ding, dong bell! Pussycat-in-the-well!" wasn't sad for the group of youngsters who won first place in the pet division and the gold cup sweet stakes award for the entire Cherryland festival junior parade. Using the nursery rhyme theme for their float the children had a miniature well float with a pet kitten in the bucket. Pulling the float were Philip Klaus, 1045 N. 19th st., and Willis

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House Left in Middle of Street at Quitting Time

PORTLAND, Ore., July 2 (AP)—A city bus was going along its regular route in east Portland, when suddenly passengers were jolted as the brakes were jammed. A house was in the way.

It sat squarely across the street. Everyone got out of the bus to investigate. Pedestrians swarmed around. Horns honked as cars piled up behind. Someone called the police.

There was no one with the house, which sat on blocks, to explain things. Finally police learned that a work crew had

been moving the structure, when quitting time came. So the crew let the house down and went home.

Just as police were going to call the contractor, someone discovered a state ruling that prevents movement of houses during weekends and holidays. So the street, one of east Portland's main arteries (Gilsan street), between 81st and 82nd streets is still blocked—and apparently will remain that way until Tuesday.

145 Accident Deaths Mar Week End Start

At least 145 persons who started out on a carefree Fourth of July weekend will never see another holiday.

As vacationers took to the highways and beaches, death followed. Traffic fatalities mounted to 83 Saturday; 48 drownings were reported and 14 persons died in miscellaneous accidents.

Four persons died in a single traffic accident in New Haven, Conn., and another highway crash took four lives in Texas.

The National Safety council has estimated that the traffic toll for the week end will reach 290. It figured that some 33,000,000 automobiles will carry vacationers to beaches and resorts.

Last year's three-day Fourth of July weekend took more than 500 lives, of which almost 300 were traffic fatalities. In the Pacific northwest, Washington recorded four traffic deaths. There were none in Oregon.

Dyer Named To VA Board

Appointment of William C. Dyer, jr., Salem, as a member of the advisory committee to the director of veterans affairs was announced by Gov. Douglas McKay Saturday. His commission covers a four-year term.

Dyer succeeds William F. Toomey, Portland, who has resigned. Dyer will represent World War II veterans on the advisory committee. He served as combat infantryman during the war with the 104th division in the European theatre of operations.

Dr. A. R. Hedges, Medford, was reappointed to the naturopathic board of examiners for a three year term while Ralph McEwen, Haines, was reappointed a member of the Oregon wheat commission for a five-year term.

Con Wounded, Captured After Dash from Pen

James Wren, 27, state prison convict, was wounded and recaptured Saturday morning a few minutes after he made a dash for freedom from a work crew on the new prison wall.

Several shots were fired by penitentiary guards, and a rifle bullet pierced Wren's right leg. Prison officials credited the shot to Guard John D. Smith and described the convict's wound as more painful than serious.

Wren fled through brush along Mill creek through the guards' fire, but put up no resistance to State Police Capt. R. G. Howard when the latter chased him to a rock wall along the creek at the forestry building grounds. Capt. Howard was approaching the nearby state police headquarters in his car at about 7 a. m. when he heard shots, caught sight of the fleeing prisoner and jumped from his car in pursuit.

Convict Wren was carrying a knife when he surrendered himself to Capt. Howard. The work crew Wren had fled from was just reporting to duty under an armed guard.

Wren has been in prison here since 1946 when he was received from Lake county after conviction of assault with intent to rob and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Portland Drill Team Wins Contest as Curtain Falls on Cherryland Festival

Salem rang down the curtain on its 1949 Cherryland festival Saturday night with 3,000 spectators in the state fairgrounds grandstand to watch spirited competition among drill teams and drum corps.

The ladies' drill team of the

Portland Eagles lodge captured the new governor's trophy as grand winner of the drill team contest, and Salem Eagles junior drum and bugle corps took first honors for drum corps. (Details on page 3.)

Crowds of Salem folk and visit-

Slovak Peasants Protect Priests Against Commies; Bulgaria's Dimitrov Dies

Reds Mourn Revolutionary Leader's Death

By Dimiter Mishev
SOFIA, Bulgaria, July 2 (AP)—The death of Premier Georgi Dimitrov, internationally known revolutionary leader, was mourned tonight by communists the world over.

The Bulgarian communist party's central committee announced tonight the death in a sanatorium near Moscow, where Dimitrov had been under treatment for diabetes and liver ailments since April. He was 67 years old.

The Kremlin itself set the pace in expressing grief at the death. A guard of honor was placed over the bier at Moscow. Stalin is a member of the honor guard.

Dimitrov had been premier since Nov. 22, 1946. He was a close and trusted friend of Josef Stalin for 30 years.

The swarthy Dimitrov, with bushy eyebrows and a heavy black mustache, was exiled from Bulgaria for 22 years because of his early communist activities. He remained an obscure figure until 1933 when the Hitler clique in Germany accused him of engineering the Reichstag fire conspiracy. From then on he was known to the world.

Dimitrov, refusing an attorney, defended himself and so out-foxed the Nazi judges that he won acquittal. After the trial Dimitrov went to Russia, where he became general secretary of the communist party.

In March, 1945, with world war II over, Dimitrov surrendered his Russian citizenship and membership in the soviet parliament and returned to his native Bulgaria. He soon was made premier. His regime was described by his enemies as "the iron broom."

Ticket Collector Given \$35 Fine

COOS BAY, July 2 (AP)—Coos Bay police are checking up now to see how many people haven't paid their back parking tickets.

An officer stopped to tag an overpacked car and discovered 26 other tickets piled up inside.

The car owner, Wally Sandin, Coos Bay, was fined \$35.

Premier Dies



SOFIA, Bulgaria, July 2 (AP)—Bulgaria's Premier Georgi Dimitrov, who died today, his body was taken to Moscow where it is lying in state.

Villagers Use Scythes, Clubs As Weapons

By Richard Kasiechka
PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, July 2 (AP)—Slovak peasants armed with scythes, pitchforks and clubs stand guard around their Roman Catholic priests to shield them from communist police.

This was the picture given tonight by reliable Slovak sources to responsible church circles and diplomats as this nation, torn by state-church conflict, embarked on a long week end of religious holidays marked by pilgrimages to places famed in early Christian history.

It was difficult, if not impossible, for westerners to go to the intensely Catholic eastern province to have a personal look at the situation because of travel restrictions suddenly announced by the government for diplomatic personnel.

Little Iron Curtain

These restrictions for the time being appeared to have sealed off troubled Slovakia with a little iron curtain.

The best possible sources of information in Slovakia reported villagers up in arms in various part of the province, however, to prevent a repetition of the riotous scenes of last week end.

At that time—according to reports from these informants and which since have been confirmed by reliable Czechs here—enraged Slovaks clashed with police who attempted to intimidate and arrest priests who were loyal to Archbishop Josef Beran, the nation's primate.

These reports said at least two policemen were fatally beaten and an undetermined number of persons injured.

Meanwhile, a communist-controlled newspaper hinted that Catholic Archbishop Josef Beran would not be imprisoned for his defiant stand against government control of the church.

Paper Takes Stand

This view was expressed by Jiri Sila, editor-in-chief of the trade unions daily Prace, in a front page article for Sunday's edition.

Sila wrote:

"There will be no persecution. Untouched also will remain the archbishop although it is said he already has his prison garb ironed and his head ready for the martyr's crown."

"It is not the style of the peoples republic to burn at the stake. But it also is not its policy to help anybody out of a political pickle into which he has got himself by blind obstinacy and who, because he now does not know which way to turn, would only welcome it if the state were to release him from responsibility for further developments."

Color Allergy Clouds Youth's School Loyalty

ECCLESALL, Eng., July 2 (AP)—Ian Rodgers, 11, wanted a school with colors he could cheer for, but not break out in a rash over.

When he gets too close to the colors blue or green he does just that—break out into a rough red rash. And four of the six schools in his area have those hues in their ties and blazers.

So he was happy today when Northern Edge grammar school—colors brown and black—accepted his entrance examination.

Teachers at Ian's elementary school must seat him well away from girls in blue or green dresses and his home features paintwork and decorations from the opposite end of the spectrum.

Doctors say Ian may get over the allergy when he's 14.

AIR RAID ON SHANGHAI

SHANGHAI, Sunday, July 3 (AP)—Nationalist fighter planes struck at Shanghai today in the second government air raid in as many days.

BASEBALL

Western International
At Salem 5, Yellina 7
At Vancouver 10, Tacoma 8
At Wenatchee 9, Spokane 0
At Victoria 9, Bremerton 7

Coast League
At Portland 1, Sacramento 0
At San Francisco 3, Los Angeles 8
At Seattle 1, San Diego 13
At Hollywood 4, Oakland 2

American League
At Cleveland 2, St. Louis 4
At Philadelphia 3, Boston 1
At Washington 2, New York 10
At Detroit 7, Chicago 6 (11 inn.)

National League
At Chicago 3, Pittsburgh 8
At St. Louis 6, Brooklyn 13
At Boston 2, Philadelphia 3
At St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 3

Rambo Wins on St. Paul Rodeo Opening Night

ST. PAUL, July 2 (Special)—A crowd of 7,000 watched the opening session of the St. Paul rodeo here Saturday night. Officials said it was the largest first-night attendance of all time.

The rodeo continues with afternoon and evening sessions Sunday, a parade Monday at 10 a. m., and a final session Monday afternoon.

Gov. Douglas McKay is expected to be here for the Sunday night show and the parade. Gene Rambo, all-around champion of last year's St. Paul rodeo, won two of the major events Saturday. The Los Angeles cowboy took first in bronc riding and won the steer bulldogging with a time of 9.3 seconds.

Jack Fry of Gatesville, Texas had the fastest time in calf-roping. It was 15.1 seconds. Bud Sletman of Los Angeles won the side-back riding event, and Jim Shouder of Tawhasko, Okla., took first in brahma bull riding.

Amity Census Shows Gains

AMITY—The census for Amity, completed last week, showed a gain of 164 over the 1940 census of 545. The tabulation for 1949 is 709. Mrs. Dudley Lee, Mrs. H. N. Wilcox and Mrs. Ernest Tamadge took the census this year.

'Torpedo' Type Of Fireworks Illegal in Oregon

The old-favorite fireworks type of "torpedo" which explodes when thrown onto a hard surface is illegal in Oregon.

This was cleared up Saturday, at the outset of the Independence day holidays, by Attorney General George Neuner whose official opinion was asked by Multnomah county authorities. The attorney general said such fireworks, like any other, would have to comply with the new 1949 state law which requires ignition by a lighted fuse.

Blaze Destroys Siletz Grange Hall

SILETZ, July 2 (AP)—This Lincoln county town lost its meeting place to fire today. A blaze of undetermined origin burned the Grange hall to the ground about 3:30 a. m.

The hall had been used for funerals, dances, meetings of all types and as a Methodist church. It had not been used in the two days previous to the fire.

Office Hours 1-6

The Statesman business office will be open from 1 to 6 p. m. both today and Monday. The holiday will occasion no interruption in publication.

Holscher, 1270 Nebraska ave., both at left; walking with the float with bells were, left to right, Nancy Rudin, Tigard; Connie Pawley, 2345 State st., June Lane, 2350 State st., Lou Ann Pawley, 2345 State st., and Becky Rudin, Tigard. (Festival parade photos above and on page 3 by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer).